

October 25, 2024

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SERVICES

Sunday 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II

Live streamed on YouTube

Sunday School will be at regular time

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 27th · Holy Boo-Charist (see below)

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

- Sunday · Coffee and Conversation
Parish Hall · *After Both Services*
- Sunday · Lectionary Study for Adults
Pollard Room 9:30 AM
- Sunday · Storytelling for Adults in the
Parish Hall 9:30 AM
- Sunday · Sunday School · 9:30 AM
- Tuesday · Bible Study
Pollard Room 10:00 AM
- Wednesday · Men's Group
Pollard Room 8:30 AM
- Thursday · Contemplative Prayer
Via Zoom 4:00 PM

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE THIS WEEK

Sunday school will be at regular time and the Tuesday Service will return next week!



Holy Boo-Charist 🎃 and MORE!

This Sunday, we will have our 2nd Annual Holy Boo-Charist. Young and not-so-young are encouraged to wear their costumes to the service.

We will also have our **Annual Parish Meeting**. We will have only one service at 10:30 AM followed immediately by the Parish Meeting. Afterwards, please come to the Parish Hall for our Monthly Potluck. Plan to bring a dish or two that will be enough to share with your parish family. Food may be dropped off prior to the service in the kitchen.

But that's not all! We will have our **Monthly Parish Potluck** after the Annual Meeting. Even if you are unable to bring a dish to share, please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall for good food and great fellowship. There will be plenty!



More Fun Next Week!

The fun continues Next Sunday, November 3rd, Parish Life and Christian Education are partnering to sponsor a family-friendly Fireside Weenie Roast followed by S'mores at 5:00 in the Grove. The dogs, buns, condiments, and beverages, along with the fixings for the s'mores will be provided. Bring your own camp chairs and come join in the fun!

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This month, the **Open Offering** goes to the **Our Ministry in Haiti**.



City-wide Prayer Vigil

There will be a city-wide prayer vigil at the Oak Ridge Peace Bell on Sunday, November 3rd at 4:30 PM in anticipation of the upcoming election. Faith communities all over Oak Ridge are invited to gather to lift up our country and local community during this season. The prayer gathering will be an invitation to resist the increasing amount of hatred and toxic vitriol that is becoming too common these days. No RSVP is needed; just show up.



Thanksgiving Dinner - RSVP!!!

St. Stephen's will once again host a parish/community Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10 AM with the meal following at 11. As you start making your plans for the holiday season, please consider joining us and your fellow parishioners for this feast. The main courses (turkey and ham) will be provided. Each participant will be invited to bring a side dish to share. A link to RSVP and sign up for side dishes will be sent out later this month.

In addition, please feel free to invite anyone who is not a member of St. Stephen's to join us. This meal is an outreach opportunity to include those who may be hungry, grieving, or lonely this holiday season. We simply ask that you RSVP on their behalf so that we make sure we have enough food.



A Conversation with the Camino Pilgrims

After the 10:30 service on Sunday November 17th, our pilgrims will have a short presentation about their week spent in Spain walking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela. Beverages and Tarta de Santiago (St. James' Cake) will be served. Please come be a part of our Camino conversation.



INTERESTED IN JOINING ST. STEPHEN'S?

As our parish continues to grow, we have a large number of new folks who have blessed us with their presence over the past year. Bishop Cole will be here for his annual visitation on Dec. 22 this year. Leading up to that, Fr. Bailey will be offering classes beginning in November for those who are considering confirmation and/or joining St. Stephen's. You do not have to make that commitment just yet, but if you have any interest in this or simply learning more about our parish and the Episcopal Church, please let Fr. Bailey know at rector@ststephensor.org. This applies as well to any members who are looking for a refresher in their faith!

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SUPPORT HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

While there are numerous ways to help those devastated by Helene's winds and rain, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is an organization that is trustworthy and effective in assisting communities in need. If you would like your dollars to go directly to the work on the ground, please go to www.episcopalrelief.org and click on DONATE!



The **Blessing Box Requested Items** this week are: **Dish & Laundry Detergent.**



Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephens's Messenger (e-News)?

Please send fully edited articles with all pertinent information, including dates, times, location(s), and contact information, to editor@ststephensor.org by **NOON** on **WEDNESDAY**. Content for The Messenger is determined in consultation with clergy and staff.