

September 6, 2024

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### SERVICES

SUN 8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I  
SUN 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Live streamed on YouTube  
TUE 11:30 AM – Holy Eucharist Rite I and  
Healing Service in St. Alban's Chapel

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Beginning Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM**

**Catechesis (Pre-K 3 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade)**

We are proud to continue offering the enriching program Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our little ones. Catechesis is a Montessori-based curriculum that allows children to learn the faith through exploring their environment and enrichment of the senses. We are proud to say that we have been offering Catechesis at St. Stephen's for over 25 years! Catechesis is led by Linda Twohig and meets in the Catechesis classroom (room 108) right by the elevator on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

**Tween Study (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Our older elementary and early middle school kids will be engaged in a lively conversation based on the lessons for each Sunday. This class is led by Brittany and Josh Tipton and will meet in room 204 on the second floor just past the Pollard Room.

**Middle/High School Study (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Our older kids will also be engaged in conversation on the Sunday lessons, but they will be focused more on discussing things in the light of current events. This class is led by Craig Brent and will meet in the EYF room (202) on the second floor.



### Lemonade in the Grove

This Sunday marks the final day for Lemonade in the Grove. We will resume Coffee and Conversation after the 10:30 service on September 29th. See you again next Spring!

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

· Sunday School Begins – Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

### ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

- Sunday · Coffee, Treats, Fellowship  
Parish Hall – Post 8:00 AM Service
- Lectionary Study for Adults  
Pollard Room 9:30 AM
- Lemonade in the Grove (Weather  
Permitting) – After 10:30 AM Service
- 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

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### **MINISTRY OF THE WEEK!**

**Altar Guild** is the ministry of caring for everything that relates to the Altar (the table on which Holy Eucharist is celebrated). The duties of the Guild involve preparation for church services on weekdays and Sundays, festival days and special occasions (including weddings, funerals and baptisms), and "closing" (cleanup) after each service. Other Altar Guild responsibilities include:

Caring for the linens and vessels used in all services as well as brass furnishings and paragon (altar frontals, hangings, banners, etc.)

Caring for vestments and other liturgical garments

Arranging for flowers

Replenishing the supply of wafers, bread, wine and candles

Our work goes on quietly behind the scenes and is often unnoticed, since worshipers do not ordinarily think about the usual furnishings of the altar and sanctuary, or who has put them out or who cares for them. However, Altar Guild members are faithfully on duty year round. There is room for anyone who would like to serve.

We would love to have you join us in this rewarding ministry! Interested?? Please contact Roni Boyd at [MikeRoni2@comcast.net](mailto:MikeRoni2@comcast.net)



**This Month's Open Offering** recipient is **Together Podemos**

**Together Podemos** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was established in April of this year. Our mission is to ensure that the Hispanic community has fair access to the resources available in the area. In addition, we provide workshops and programs that offer knowledge in social, civic, legal, and financial matters, as well as an understanding of the distinctive factors of the community, to encourage adaptability, empowerment, and integration to the community.

Although we are newly formed, Together Podemos has already made a significant impact. We were able to assist approximately 22 families and 62 individuals, providing them with the necessary resources and knowledge to improve their well-being.

Additionally, we have worked in collaboration with other organizations to aid two families facing homelessness. For the second year in a row, we partnered with the Anderson County School system during registration day to assist Hispanic families with the registration process by bridging the language barrier.

We have also established strong partnerships with The Oak Ridge Family Justice Center, TORCH, Ecumenical Storehouse, KARM, YWCA, Centro Hispano de East TN, and the Catholic Charities of East TN. Alliances that have significantly expanded our reach and impact, highlighting the strength and effectiveness that comes from working together as a community.

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Please consider giving generously to Together Podemos. Your support will enable us to continue our vital work in alleviating the distress faced by the Hispanic community. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact. Together, we can create a brighter future.



### **Free Ice Cream!**

Lolli and Bobo's Ice Cream Truck will pay us a visit Sunday the 15th after the 10:30 service in the Grove. (If we have inclement weather, they will serve from under the portico.) The first scoop is free, with non-dairy options also available. If you want another scoop, it will be \$2.50 each. Come and celebrate the last Sunday of Summer with us!



### **Blessing of the Pilgrims**

On Sunday, September 22nd during the 10:30 service, the eight members of our congregation who are walking the "final push" of the Camino will be receiving a blessing prior to their departure on the 28th. They will return home on October 7th.



### **It's Fall Y'all!**

Our next Parish Potluck will be following the 10:30 service on September 22<sup>nd</sup> – which is the first day of Fall. We will be having an Italian-themed Potluck, so bring out plenty of your favorite lasagna, pasta dishes, antipasti, salads, breads and desserts to share!



### **PARISH DIRECTORIES!**

If you would like an electronic version (**PDF**), please contact the parish office (865-483-8497) and we will send one to you via email. If you would like a paper copy, we will have them available on request from the hospitality volunteers during office hours.



The **Blessing Box Requested Items** this week are: **canned/pouched chicken, beef or tuna and canned fruit.**



### ***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](mailto:editor@ststephensor.org) by NOON on Wednesday. Content for The Messenger is determined in consultation with clergy and staff