

November 8, 2024

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SERVICES

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

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 10 · Celtic Service 5PM · (see below)
- Nov. 17 · A Conversations with the Camino Pilgrims · After 10:30 service

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

Inquirers Class Continues This Sunday!

Inquirers classes continue this Sunday at 9:30 in the chapel. Whether you are a newcomer to St. Stephen's or looking for a refresher in your faith, the class is open to all to attend! BEFORE YOU COME - Please watch the video titled "Why Episcopalian?" that is now up on our YouTube channel. It is an overview of some of the content we will be covering on Sunday. We will use this video as a springboard for discussion in our class on Sunday, so it will be extremely helpful for you to have watched or listened to the video (which is about 20 minutes long).



DOK Meeting

Daughters of the King will be meeting this Sunday, November 10th, at noon. We would love for everyone to wear blue and sit together. Your family is welcome to sit with us. Any woman who is interested in DOK is always welcome to attend our meeting.



Celtic Service Sunday

Join us in the nave on Sunday at 5:00 PM for our Celtic service, hosted in collaboration with First United Methodist Church. Music will be provided by Cathy Whitten, Robyn James and Ashton Ardnt.



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

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Tarta de Santiago (St. James' Cake) will be served. Please come be a part of our Camino conversation.



Offerings for the remainder of November will go to **Blanket+**. Our special Outreach project has a two-part focus: Firstly, funding the Blankets+ Campaign conducted by Church Women United for Church World Service (CWS), and secondly, collecting new or clean gently used bedding for the Ecumenical Storehouse in Oak Ridge.

For over 70 years, St. Stephen's has supported CWS in providing blankets and other relief to victims of disaster and displacement around the world. Blankets can be used as bedding, cloaks, totes to carry belongings, overhead shelter, privacy curtains, and even floor covering. Following hurricanes Helene and Milton, CWS quickly delivered 3750 blankets, in addition to 4196 emergency cleanup buckets, 7480 hygiene kits, and 500 menstrual hygiene kits in Florida and North Carolina.

Every \$10 will buy a specially made large, durable blanket suitable for the recipients' climate. Collection plates on the second, third, and fourth Sundays will be dedicated to the Blankets+ campaign. You may also donate online (StStephensOR.org) or send a check to St. Stephen's through November; either way, please include the memo "For Blankets."

In addition, we are collecting blankets and clean bedding for Ecumenical Storehouse. Marked containers will be found in the Narthex and the hospitality area.



THANKSGIVING DINNER - RSVP!!!

St. Stephen's will once again host a parish/community Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th. We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10:00 AM with the meal following at 11:00. 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. This meal is also an outreach opportunity to include those who may be hungry, grieving, or lonely this holiday season. Please feel free to invite anyone who is not a member of St. Stephen's to join us. We simply ask that you RSVP on their behalf so that we make sure we have enough food. A link to RSVP and sign up for side dishes is on our website.



The **Blessing Box Requested Items** this week are: **Personal Hygiene Items, such as: soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene, etc.**



Do you have news for an upcoming issue of The St. Stephen'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.