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eNews for January 17, 2025

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

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday · *After Both Services* · Coffee and Conversation
Parish Hall
Sunday · 9:30 AM
Lectionary Study for Adults · Pollard Room
Advent Study · Room 209
Sunday School · Aged Rooms
Tuesday · 10:00 AM · Bible Study · Pollard Room
Wednesday · 8:30 AM · Men's Group · Pollard Room
Thursday · 4:00 PM · Contemplative Prayer · Via Zoom

New Adult Ed - Instructed Eucharist Class

We will continue our wonderful Lectionary Study each Sunday! As an alternative, Fr. Bailey will be offering an extended Instructed Eucharist class beginning this Sunday at 9:30 in the chapel. What is an Instructed Eucharist? In years past, St. Stephen's has offered an "extended" Eucharist during regular service in which the priest pauses to teach and explain certain parts of the service and why we do things the way we do. In this class, we will take a piece of the Eucharist service each week, carry it out together, and then talk about the origins and meaning behind each part. Toward the end of the class (closer to Lent), we will host a Eucharist one evening with a dinner following that will emphasize what we have learned.

This class is open to everyone, especially to those newer to the Episcopal tradition. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Bailey at rector@ststephensor.org.

Feast of the Three Kings!

January 19th we will celebrate the Feast of the Three Kings in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. We will be serving the traditional New Orleans' style Kings Cake, a French Galette des Rois and a Mexican Rosca de Reyes. There will be crowns to decorate as well. Come and join us as we begin the season of Epiphany!

Our first Monthly Parish Potluck of the year will be the following Sunday, January 26th after the 10:30 service. Please bring one or two of your favorite potluck dishes to share with the parish family.

Spring Fun Run!

St. Stephen's Parishioners are invited to support Oak Ridge Civic Music Association at their 2nd annual Spring Fun Run at A.K. Bissell Park on March 29th. Stroll at your own pace, a one-mile loop around the Civic Center, while enjoying uplifting springtime classical music along the way. All proceeds support ORCMA's youth programs, including their Free Family Concert and Adolf Summer Strings Program. Come in your favorite costume and make it a festive celebration! If you are interested in participating, please contact Brittany Shassere at Brittany.Shassere@knoxschools.org by January 31th in order to receive the early bird special.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 20 –**ST. STEPHENS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MLK**
Jan 19&20 - Persisting in Unity and Respect - The Legacy of
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.
4:00 pm
Oak Valley Baptist Church
194 Hampton Rd., Oak Ridge
Jan 20 - MLK celebration and awards, 9:45 AM
Historic Grove Theater, 123 Randolph Rd.
Jan 21 – Evangelism Committee Meeting 5PM Parish Hall
Jan 26 – First Monthly Parish Potluck of 2025
Jan 31 – Spring Fun Run Early Sign-Up Deadline (see below)
Feb 11 – Evangelism Committee Meeting 6PM Parish Hall
Feb 16 – Sweetheart Dance 5:30 – 7:30 Parish Hall

St. Stephen's Support Group

We are exploring whether there is sufficient interest to begin a grief support group at St. Stephen's later this month. The group is intended for anyone who has experienced the recent, or not-so-recent, death of a loved one. The group will be structured similarly to the group held at St. Stephen's last summer. Participants would meet at the church for 90 minutes weekly on Tuesday afternoons for 7 weeks, from January 28 through March 11. As with the summer 2024 group, the group would be led by Steve Herbes, MSSW. Steve is a retired grief therapist who has led about 40 grief support groups during the past 25 years. Many persons find a support group to be very helpful as one grieves the loss of a loved one. If you think you might be interested in attending or have questions, please contact either Fr. Norman or Steve, either via email (stephen.herbes@yahoo.com) or by text (865-250-9123).

Loose Plate Offering

For January, the Open Offering goes to Brysonn's Closet Food Pantry. Some of you may be unfamiliar with Brysonn's Closet, located in the old Anderson's Hilltop Market at the corner of West Outer Drive and Illinois Avenue. In the back of the Brysonn's Closet Thrift Store is a small food bank that serves over 100 individuals a month from Anderson, Roane and Morgan Counties. The folks who come to Brysonn's are some of the poorest of the poor. After meeting with a caring worker, essential food items as well as pet food (if needed) and hygiene/cleaning items are given to the family. Brysonn's Closet is a non-profit totally supported by donations. All donations will be used by several Outreach members to purchase food, hygiene items, pet food, and cleaning supplies. These will then be taken to the Brysonn's Closet Food Pantry for distribution. We hope you will support this wonderful ministry. If donating by check, please designate in the left-hand corner: Brysonn's Food Pantry

Flower and Ambry Candle Charts

The 2025 flower and ambry candle charts are now posted on the bulletin board outside of the parish office. You may now sign up for the new year. Flower costs for two arrangements is \$85.00. The cost for ambry candle is \$5.00. This is a lovely way to contribute to our worship services.

Ecumenical Storehouse In January

It is St. Stephen's time again to volunteer at the Ecumenical Storehouse. The Storehouse volunteers will be needed again after the reopening on January 18, 21, 23 and 25. We have most shifts covered but always need reserve volunteers for service when someone is ill or otherwise unable to make their sign-up date. If you would like to volunteer on any of these dates, please contact Kathie Shearer at 865-660-0861.

Parish Pool Party

Please join us for a Free Parish Pool Party on Saturday, February 8th at the Civic Center Pool. We will gather in the Parish Hall at 5:00 for pizza and then head over to the pool to swim from 6:00-8:00. While only 50 can be in the water at a time, all are welcome! Lifeguards will be provided.

Blessing Box Requested Items

This week's requested items are: Oatmeal/Cream of Wheat Packets, Ramen Noodles, and *things that WON'T FREEZE in the box*.

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

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 eNews is determined in consultation with clergy and staff.