October 11, 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

· October 13th · Celtic Service 5 PM @ FUMCOR

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

MINISTRY OF THE WEEK:

Communications Ministry

Ever wondered how you stay updated with all the church news, events, and stories? That's the magic of our Communications Ministry! This team ensures that every message, from Sunday services to community events, reaches our parish family and beyond. They handle everything from the bulletin to our social media, bringing our congregation closer together and keeping everyone informed. Their dedication to clear and inspiring communication strengthens our bonds and spreads our mission far and wide. If you have a knack for writing, social media, or simply love connecting people, consider joining this vibrant ministry!

Feel the call? Reach out and let's amplify our voices together! If you're interested, email us at editor@ststephensor.org!



ADULT LECTIONARY STUDY CONTINUES!!!

While Fr. Bailey's Storytelling class will continue to meet at 9:30 on Sundays in the Pollard Room. These are great conversations that go a little deeper into the gospel passage for that day. For these next two weeks, we welcome any kids or youth who would like to join us as well!

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The **Open Offering** this month goes to **Our Ministry in Haiti.**



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.



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! \sim

SUPPORT HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

While there are numerous ways to help those devastated by Helene's winds and rain, Episcopal Relief and Developent (ERD) is an organization that is trustworthy and effective in assisting communities in need. If you would like your dollares 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: **Canned or Cups Fruit, Bar Soap, Toilet Paper.**



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.