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## eNews for March 7, 2025

### SERVICES

Sun 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
Sun 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II \*  
Tue 11:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I and Healing  
Service in St. Alban's Chapel

\* Live streamed on YouTube™

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

(see stories below for more details)

Mar 9 – Art As Prayer Class  
Mar 9 – Celtic Service @ Chapel-on-the-Hill  
Mar 12 – Wednesday Lenten Simple Soup Suppers  
Mar 30 – Caribbean Dinner  
Apr 5 – Bunco Night  
Apr 18 – Seven Last Words Service

### ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

Sun *After Both Services* · Coffee and Conversation  
Parish Hall  
Sun 9:30 AM  
Lectionary Study for Adults · Pollard Room  
Sunday School · Aged Rooms  
Art as Prayer Class · Parish Hall  
Tue 10:00 AM · Bible Study · Pollard Room  
Wed 8:30 AM · Men's Group · Pollard Room  
Wed 6:45 PM · Choir Practice · Nave  
Thu 4:00 PM · Contemplative Prayer · Via Zoom

## SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!! - SPRING FORWARD

### Celtic Service Has New Location

This month's Celtic Service will be held at Chapel-On-The-Hill, THIS Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Please join us!

### Daughters of the King Meeting

The Daughters of the King (DOK) will be meeting THIS Sunday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup>, from 12-1 pm in the Pollard Library. All Daughters are encouraged to wear blue and sit in one of the reserved pews in the front of the nave. All women are invited to be involved with the Daughters and meetings are open to all. If you would like to learn more about the ministry of DOK or consider becoming a part of the order, please contact either of their co-chairs - Rebecca Cavender ([rebecca.m.cavender@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.m.cavender@gmail.com)) or Beth Reed ([brussellreed@yahoo.com](mailto:brussellreed@yahoo.com)).

### The Living Compass 2025 - A Lenten Devotional

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church invites you to embark on a transformative spiritual journey with our new Lenten Class, rooted in The Living Compass 2025 Lenten Devotional, this Lenten season. This class will allow you to reflect on and cultivate the Fruits of the Spirit while exploring how every dimension of your life—heart, soul, strength, and mind—interconnects in the pursuit of balance and well-being. Children will have their own group to explore these same themes while, of course, having lots of fun!

For more information, visit the Living Compass page on our website: [www.ststephensor.org/livingcompass2025](http://www.ststephensor.org/livingcompass2025)

### Mite Boxes for Lent

This Lenten season, we invite all the people of St. Stephen's, young and young at heart, to collect coins in a mite box. The Outreach Committee and the Christian Education Committee voted that the proceeds go to Gift of Life, a subsidiary of the The Episcopal Relief Fund. Mite boxes will be available for pick up at any of the in-person worship services and during communion delivery during Lent. Mite boxes will also be available in the hospitality area during the week. Children and adults are asked to collect coins throughout the season of Lent and return the boxes as an offering on Easter Sunday or during the week following Easter.

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### **Art As Prayer**

Beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>, Jamey Kennedy will be hosting sessions on art as prayer. Come write, sing, dance, etc., your way closer to God. Each session will begin with a brief meditation to which you will be invited to respond as your artistic self-desires... or to simply sit in quiet reflection. If desired, you may share what you created with the group. Art supplies and paper/pens will be provided. Bring your own instruments and dance attire. We will meet in the parish hall between Sunday services. Look forward to seeing you there.

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### **Lectionary Class**

The Lectionary Class at St. Stephen's is unique in that it is a discussion each Sunday about the Gospel that is in that Sunday's bulletin insert. It is also unique in that the class is led each Sunday by a member of the class. Recent leaders have been Roger Johnson, Steve Damos, Emily Doane, Gary Dreier, Mary Ellen Klots, Joseph Womble and Father Bailey. If you'd like a better understanding of the Bible (who doesn't), come to a Lectionary class on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Pollard library.

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### **Haiti Update and Caribbean Dinner**

VOUDOU practices will not be a focus topic at the Caribbean Dinner on Sunday, March 30 following the 10:30 service. The focus will be the clinic at Petit Harpon, Haiti that St. Stephen's has supported from its inception. We will be joined by guests from Haiti who have been very involved in our ministries to the community of Petit Harpon. They, along with Dr. Clary and Cameron Ellis of St. Stephen's, will share our calling to this beautiful part of God's kingdom on earth. For more information, please see this month's Evangel.

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### **Loose Plate Offering**

For the rest of the month goes to: **Clearfork Reading Camp.**

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### **Wednesday Lenten Simple Soup Suppers**

From 5:30 - 6:30, beginning on March 12<sup>th</sup>, we will again sponsor our FREE simple soup suppers which will consist of two soup choices--one of which will be vegetarian, bread and/or crackers, fruit, and a beverage. Please come and join us for some delicious soup and great fellowship. If you would like to make a soup for one of our April dinners, please contact Leah Bailey (leah.bailey@ststephensor.org).

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### **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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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### **Bunco Night**

Attention all ladies – Mark Your Calendars! Parish Life and Daughters of the King are teaming up to sponsor Bunco Night on April 5th! Bunco is a fast-moving dice game that requires no skill, and promotes conversation and fun!

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### **Seven Last Words - Request for Meditations**

The '*Seven Last Words*' service is one of our Holy Week traditions. We gather on Good Friday (April 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 PM) to meditate on the seven last words of Christ. We are looking for parishioners to offer short meditations on each of these words. If you are interested, please contact the Fr. Bailey, or the parish office for more info.

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### **Blessing Box Requested Items**

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the Blessing Box! Please remember the Blessing Box when you shop. This week, we are requesting donations of **Canned Chicken, Tuna and Beef. *Preferably those that do NOT need a can opener.*** Many of those in need do not have access to a can opener. If you are purchasing canned items, please check to see if your item can be bought with a pop-off lid. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

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