



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

...Where God is seen, love is felt, lives are changed!

April 13, 2018

Good Book Club

Adult Forum continues our journey with the Good Book Club. This week we have read about the faith community having "all things in common." We have heard of a couple who tried to hold out on the community and the result of that action. We also have heard of the first church dispute. Can you imagine? Come share your insights into the readings you have done. We will learn together.

Clearfork Planning

We held our planning meeting on Tuesday to add a little more meat to the bones of the outline for the week at Clearfork. One of the things we realized was how many opportunities there are for people to be a part of the Reading Camp even if you never drive up to Claiborne County. We always send home snacks with the campers each day. These can be organized here and those who go up each morning can take them. We are planning a community dinner for the parents to see what their children have been doing during the week. You may want to just assist with that one aspect. There are some of the staff who stay in Clearfork for the week. They need a meal at the end of the day. Maybe you would want to prepare something for one of the nights. Eleanor Stevens, Linda Twohig, Cameron Ellis, and others will direct you to what you can do to be a part of this summer ministry.

Pastoral Care

JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR Carolyn Fox; Mary Jeanne French; Arthur & Sharon Frost, III; Richard & Christine Gammage; Carol & Walt Gardner.

Please add these names to your prayer list.

Adult Bible Class



In Acts, Ch. 20, Paul continues to follow Jesus' instructions to go and take Christianity to all nations, traveling to Macedonia, Greece, Philippi and Miletus – taking him into Turkey as well as Europe. Paul met with the elders of the church of Ephesus, a town where he'd been preaching for three years, and made a tearful farewell, telling them that they would not see him again. Join us this Sunday to follow Paul's harrowing efforts to bring Christianity to "all nations". Jack Campbell will lead this session.

DOK Quiet Day

The Daughters of the King will have a Quiet Day led by Fr. Minter at St. Stephen's on Saturday, April 21 from 9 am until noon. There will be opportunities to meditate, quietly talk with others and walk the labyrinth. Refreshments will be offered. The day is open to all men and women of the parish, so won't you join the Daughters of the King in continuing a joyous Easter season in a prayerful morning with a Quiet Day? You may RSVP, dpclary3@aol.com. 865-567-1091, ASAP please.

Episcopal Church Women

Collection deadline extended until April 30. ECW is holding a bra drive to collect new and gently used bras to be distributed to Free the Girls, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps sex trafficking survivors make a living by selling the bras in secondhand clothing markets. For more information go to freethegirls.org. Cash donations are also welcome. Please make checks *payable to ECW* and place in the offering plate.

Safeguarding

We have a date! **Sunday, May 20, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Please give your name to the office so you can be assured of your seat.

Sermon



Alleluia! Christ is risen! How do we know? There are numerous eye-witness accounts in our scriptures. It is not just the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene, Salome, Mary mother of James, Peter, Cleopas, "doubting" Thomas, the list goes on. Not only do these accounts speak of seeing Jesus, the Gospel for this Sunday tells of him eating a meal with the disciples. Resurrection is a fact! Resurrection continues! Come hear the story.

Building Security

The simplest way to keep our building secure for all who come to worship, study, work, and pray is to lock the doors that are supposed to be locked. If you are here in the evening doing Altar Guild duties you want to know that the last people out of the building locked the doors behind them. If you unlock a door to get into the building, re-lock it. Thank you.

Peace & Justice

There will be a Holocaust remembrance service at 3:00 PM Sunday, April 15, at the Jewish Congregation on 101 W. Madison Lane. It is offered as an ecumenical event. An announcement can be seen on their website: <http://www.jcor.info/>. Please join Fr. Larry, Fr. David and Cameron Ellis for this outreach program. Thanks!

Nursery Help Needed

Our ministry to the nursery age children is an opportunity to show the love of God in the most basic of ways. If you can help in the **Nursery once every two months**, please call Sharon Thomas, 765-6146 or meplusfiveplusfive80@bellsouth.net.

