



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

January 11, 2019

Adult Bible Class

ABRAHAM

 This Sunday, we see in a movie God telling Abraham to "leave his family and homeland and go, childless, to a land that He will guide him to . . . and He will make him the father of a great nation". This movie is considered factual and features Richard Harris and Barbara Hershey. Another resource for the class is a small commentary booklet, "Shepherd's Notes for Genesis". There is much to learn and discuss about Abraham and you're invited to join us this Sunday at 10:00 am in Rm. 209.

EYF

This week, we are going bowling! We will eat lunch at church, go bowl, and be back at 3:15pm for pick-up. Please bring socks, preferably funky ones! Next weekend is Winter Session at Grace Point for high schoolers! Be sure to register at <https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/1c1bpAg6VxI>

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Pastoral Care

JOIN US THIS WEEK AS WE PRAY FOR

Nancy & Jim Anderson;
Peggy Babineau; Leah & Matt Bailey;
Derek, Liz & Noah Baker, Jacob
Anthony, Gabe Ledford; Jo Ann Baker.
Please add these names to your prayer list.

Adult Forum

What a good start to our January study last week. The room was full and everyone seemed to contribute. We will begin by asking the questions from last week. What did you learn that you didn't already know? What surprised you? Then we will look at the beginning of Episcopal Migration Ministries. We will explore eugenics just briefly. Have you heard of Ada Juke? We will cover a lot of ground. Come join us in the Parish Hall at 10:10.



Caring for the Caregiver

Caring for loved ones can be rewarding, but also challenging. Non-stop caregiving will drain a person of their energy and take a toll on them physically, mentally and emotionally. The goal of St. Stephen's Respite Ministry is to reach out and offer support for the well-being of the family caregiver. If you wish to contribute to your church community in a way that is both satisfying and meaningful, please consider volunteering as a Respite Sitter. The only qualification needed is a willingness to offer companionship to a person so that the family caregiver can enjoy 2 hours off to attend to their needs. No medical skills needed. To find out more, join us this coming **Wednesday, January 16th, 2019** at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



Sermon

How many of you were taught the "children's prayer" when you were young? It begins, "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild..." It is actually the first verse of a hymn by that name, written by Charles Wesley. No, I will not be preaching on Methodist doctrine for Sunday. We will celebrate the baptism of our Lord. This will be one of those Sundays when we get to renew our baptismal covenant. We need to be reminded regularly of those promises we made, or were made on our behalf. The sermon title I have chosen is "Dip Repeatedly." Come see how this all fits together. See you Sunday.
† Fr. Lovett

Outreach

It's a new year! The 2019 Outreach Committee will have a formative meeting on **Friday, January 18, 2019 at 11:30 am in the Pollard Room**. New members are more than welcome to join the team! The Outreach ministries include our food baskets that support multiple families here in Oak Ridge, the Clearfork Reading Camp, and St. John the Evangelist Medical Clinic in Haiti. We work with local ministry partners, like ADFAC and TORCH, to help alleviate poverty, hunger and homelessness in Oak Ridge. Come be a part of this dynamic ministry!

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