



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

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

October 16, 2020

Sunday Readings:

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, and we will begin having two services of **Holy Eucharist** this Sunday morning.

At 9 a.m., we will have in-person worship **outside** in our Grove.

- **Masks and social distancing are required.**
- **Please bring your own lawn chair.**

Please monitor parish communications. We will cancel if the forecast shows a 60% or greater chance of rain during our hour of worship. **If the service is cancelled, we will notify the parish by 3 p.m. Saturday** via email, social media, and a message on our phone system. You may tune in to the livestream at 10:30 in lieu of the in-person service. No notification will be sent if the service is on as planned.

Our livestream will be at **10:30 a.m.** on our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/ststephensor>



VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR

[Zoom Coffee Hour](#) will at **11:30 a.m.** after our livestream worship.

Meeting ID: 827 0156 0814

Password: 018306

ACTS BIBLE STUDY CONCLUDES

October 17th, concludes our journey through the Book of Acts [YouTube Bible study](#). We hope that you have enjoyed this video series and expanded your knowledge of this amazing story! All bible study videos will remain on YouTube in the Acts playlist.

PASTORAL CARE

JOIN US AS WE PRAY THIS WEEK FOR:

Carol Slusher
Parker & Carolyn Stanley
Rob & Barbara Steele

Please include these people in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Dear friends, Every year we must plan a zero balance budget for our next year. In balancing that bottom line it is vitally important to have the best estimate possible of our potentially available funds. Times are not normal so please take your pledge seriously and get it in ASAP as best you can.

You can mail you pledge card in, drop it off, or use the **"Pledge"** button on our webpage to generate an email containing your pledge.

St. Stephen's is our home and we all need to support our community with our gifts and talents. Give till it feels right.

Rob Steele



We have all received our stewardship packets and experienced an excellent Annual Meeting which makes us grateful for our active parish. Like me, I hope you are looking forward to the coming year at St. Stephen's and praying how you may support it through your gifts and ministry. Thanks be to God

Judy DiGregorio,

Vestry Representative for Stewardship

WORKDAY THANKS

When people give of themselves, more can get done than a single Saturday morning permits! Thanks to Roni and Mike Boyd for trimming two large overgrown shrubs, over the course of a couple of evenings.

We are looking for someone who knows about pruning roses. We are told these are due a heavy pruning and that January is the best time. But we have no experience in this and would gladly defer to an expert.

Also, we are looking to train someone to convert fluorescent fixtures to LEDs, which we are doing slowly, as ballasts fail.

And a big pile of mulch is ready to be spread on a couple of flower beds.

Interested in further extending our workday with these or other tasks? Contact Nancy (865-548-6109) or Brent (865-607-7015).

HALLOWEEN HYMN-A-THON!

Starting at **9 a.m. on October 31, 2020**, organists Simon Ballintoy, Cathy Whitten and Karl Jacob will play their way through **ALL 720 hymns** of the 1982 Hymnal. Each organist will play the first verse. For each hymn that receives a minimum cumulative amount of \$100, the entire hymn will be played! Sponsor a hymn in memory of a loved one for All Saint's Sunday (November 1st), or simply bid for your favorite using the electronic form below.

You are invited to watch via livestream on our YouTube channel. Parishioners are welcome to spend some time in the grounds of St. Stephen's. Bring your own chair or blanket, wander the labyrinth or bring a picnic. We request that you wear a mask and maintain social distance. Nave windows will be open to allow the music to be heard.

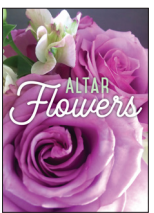
[HYMN SPONSORSHIP FORM](#)

Donations can be mailed to the church office, or electronically on the parish website at www.ststephensor.com/contributions.html using PayPal or Realm. Please put 'Hymn Marathon' in the memo of your donation. We ask that donations towards sponsored hymns are received by noon on **Friday October 30, 2020**.

All donations will be gratefully received and will go to benefit the St. Stephen's music department and other church programs.

ALTAR FLOWERS & AMBRY CANDLE

Just two Sundays remain open for Altar Flower dedications: November 8, and 15, 2020. If you would you like to make a donation, please contact the Parish Secretary to reserve your spot! Altar Flowers are \$40.



And, since we are now livestreaming from our Nave, there are plenty of open dates for Ambry Candle dedications. If you would like to give thanks, the Ambry Candle is only \$5. Simply email Elizabeth at secretary@ststephensor.org with your date. Thank you!