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eNews for June 27, 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)

Jun 29	Parish Potluck
Jun 29	Financial Workshop Class
Jul 6	As American As Pie
Jul 26	PJs and Pancakes

ONGOING CHURCH EVENTS

Sun 9:30 AM
Lectionary Study for Adults · Pollard Room
Tue 10:00 AM · Bible Study · Pollard Room
Wed 8:30 AM · Men's Group · Pollard Room
Thu 4:00 PM · Contemplative Prayer · Via Zoom

Women's Bible Study Summer

REST: From Eden to Eternity- A Women's Bible Study

Are you feeling weary and overwhelmed? You're not alone. In our fast-paced lives filled with work, stress, and endless to-do lists, we all long for true rest. The good news? God offers us a rest that goes far deeper than a good night's sleep — a rest that satisfies our souls.

Join us for a 6-week women's Bible study as we explore REST: From Eden to Eternity. Together, we'll:

- Trace the beautiful theme of rest from Genesis to Revelation
- Learn what it means to truly rest in Jesus Christ
- Discover the everlasting rest God promises His people

Classes are Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM, on Zoom (last session will be in person- more info to come!)

To sign up and receive Zoom login info, email Sherry at: mommaburch@gmail.com

To order your study book (not needed for the first session), visit: <https://thedailygraceco.com/products/rest-eden-to-eternity>

Monthly Potluck

Our Monthly Parish Potluck will be at 11:45 prior to the Planned Giving Presentation. Oven-fried Chicken tenders will be the main dish. Please plan to bring a side-dish that will go with this picnic-themed food! Lemonade in the Grove is incorporated. Come join in the fun!

Lectionary Study

Lectionary Study meets each Sunday at 9:30AM in the Pollard Room to discuss the gospel from the days insert. Discussion is light but informative. Each class is led by a class member who volunteers. Volunteer leaders have included Jim Rousey, Emily Doane, Brittany Shassere, Roger Johnson, Pastor Steve Damos, Lola Estes and Fr. Bailey. Come experience how enriching this Lectionary class can be to your Bible study and understanding.

As American As Pie!

July 6th is our 3rd Annual "As American As Pie" day. Start dusting off your favorite pie recipes to share with your parish family! We have had many wonderful pies over the last two years provided by parishioners young and not-so-young, both men and women! Will Ashley Hillis win the Pie Tasting Contest for the third year in a row? Contact Parish Life Chairman Leah Bailey (leah.bailey@ststephensor.org) to let her know if you are willing to make a pie!

Evangelism Committee Invitation

Looking for a way to get involved at St. Stephen's? The Evangelism Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Our mission is to create events that invite, welcome, and connect—strengthening relationships within both the St. Stephen's family and the greater Oak Ridge community. Interested in joining? Come to our next meeting on July 1st at 6:00PM or contact Brittany Shassere at brittany.shassere@knoxschools.org for more information. All are welcome!

Clearfork Learning Camp 2025:

A week of Discovery, Fun, and Friendship.

Join us from July 7th to the 11th for the exciting 2025 Clearfork Learning Camp! We always welcome volunteers and support. Campers will dive into creative arts, explore fun science experiments, and enjoy a variety of outdoor games while making new friendships every day. It's going to be a week packed with fun and hands-on learning!

St. Stephen's is proud to participate in this annual outreach event. Our volunteers and staff work together with the community to create a welcoming environment where children can thrive. It's an excellent opportunity for us to support young learners – we can't wait to see what this year's campers will create, explore, and share.

Here's to a week full of laughter, learning, and friendship. – With joy and gratitude, The St. Stephen's Clearfork Outreach Team.

A Special Request from Ecumenical Storehouse

Following our recent Ecumenical Storehouse board meeting, we are reaching out to fulfill a request made by the board. Many of the donated items we receive require minor repairs to ensure they are safe and functional for our clients, and we are looking for volunteers.

Our Ecumenical Storehouse is more than just a place where items are exchanged—it's a lifeline for families in need.

Many of the donations we receive require repairs, and without help, those items may never reach the people who need them most. That's where you come in.

We are in desperate need of volunteers who can offer their time and skills to:

- Repair furniture that could provide comfort to a family
- Clean and restore upholstery, ensuring dignity and usability
- Rewire lamps so a child has light to study
- Sew cushions back together so a single parent has a place to rest after a long day.
- Fix electronics that could help someone stay connected.

This is about more than just fixing things—it's about restoring dignity, hope, and opportunity. This would be a donation of time and expertise, with no charge for repairs. Many of these items could be picked up and repaired/cleaned at home and then returned to the Storehouse. Your help would make a meaningful difference in ensuring that these items can be properly used by those in need.

We also urgently need help on Saturdays to pick up donated items and assist clients in loading their much-needed goods.

If you've ever wondered how to make a direct, meaningful difference in someone's life, this is your chance. A few hours of your time can change someone's world. Please consider stepping up and being part of something bigger than yourself. Our community depends on it.

Thank you for caring and for making a difference.

Please contact Kathie Shearer (865-660-0681) if you can volunteer to help in any way.

PJs and Pancakes

Saturday, July 26th at 5:30, Parish Life will be hosting "PJ's and Pancakes" prior to the first full week of school! Come in your favorite pajamas and enjoy pancakes, and other breakfast-for-dinner dishes. S'Mores will follow in the Grove! This event will take the place of the July Monthly Potluck and is open to all.

Loose Plate Offering

Isaiah 117 House is the Recipient of the Loose Offering for June

A new ministry opened in our area on July 28th, 2024 - The Isaiah 117 House!

The Isaiah 117 House, located in Clinton, is a non-profit organization that provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their safety, they are usually brought to a child welfare services office to await placement. This wait can be a few hours to several days. These children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing. There are 170 children in the foster care system in Anderson County alone, and only 36 open foster homes. Isaiah 117 provides a comforting home where these children instead can be brought to wait – a place that is safe, with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement. The mission of Isaiah 117 House is threefold:

- reduce trauma for children awaiting placement
- lighten the load for child welfare services
- ease the transition for foster families

In 2024, Isaiah 117 House had 29 open homes in 12 states staffed primarily by over 6,000 volunteers who shared over 110,000 hours and served 4,058 children. Children who come to an Isaiah 117 House get their immediate needs met, which include their favorite meals, warm baths or showers, and brand-new clothes, in addition to lavish love. It costs about \$300 per child - included in this cost are food, new clothes, new shoes, hygiene products and a new bag to carry it all.

Please give generously to this wonderful and much needed ministry. If writing a check or donating online, please designate that it is for the Isaiah 117 House. For more information, visit <https://isaiah117house.com/anderson-county-tn>

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, Canned Tuna and Chef Boy-r-Dee. They can be placed in the little red wagon in the narthex.

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 by NOON on Wednesday. Content for the eNews is determined in consultation with clergy and staff.