



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

September 23, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

September 25 is the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Links to this week's service bulletins are below. *Please see page 2 for more information on this week's bulletins.*

[7:45 a.m. Spoken Service](#)

[10:00 a.m. Choral Service](#)

ADOLF KING MEMORIAL SERVICE SEPTEMBER 24

A Celebration of Life service for longtime parishioner Dr. Adolf Albourn King will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 24, 2022, at St. Stephen's.

Adolf's obituary can be found at this link in the [Oak Ridger](#).

PASTORAL EMERGENCY CONTACT

Fr. Ashton Sims will serve as the contact for Pastoral emergencies until further notice. You may reach him at 334-730-2132.

Please do not call the church offices for an emergency outside business hours, 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Sharon Pinner

Lisa Plante

Ruth and Blynn Prince

James and Beth Reed, Alexandra Green, Tucker

Please include these people in your prayers

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Nursery volunteers are urgently needed for October 16 and 30 and December 4.

Our wonderful Nursery Supervisor, Maggie Dudman, does all the heavy lifting and takes care of all the "smelly business." The volunteer serves as a second pair of eyes to be compliant with Safe Church/Safe Community.

We must comply in order to offer Nursery care. Please call Sherry at 865-661-9413 to schedule your volunteer time.

ALL SHALL BE WELL: A WORD ABOUT GRACE AND CHANGE

As Father Bailey Norman said in his recent letter about his absence, a strength of the St. Stephen's and the Episcopal Church is that

"When one stumbles, others come alongside and lift us up. I have seen you do this with and for one another time and time again in my time with you. I trust that this time will be no different."

Throughout this edition of E-News, you will see opportunities for fulfilling that trust: Showing grace and flexibility about things that will change, and steadfastly continuing with our worship, prayer, praise, and outreach.

Over the next few weeks, you can expect schedule changes as Father Ashton works with parishioners and representatives of the Diocese of East Tennessee to assist with services and other events. Changes we

know about are shown in the article below.

During this time, the biggest gift we can provide will be to extend extra grace to those who are working on moving dates and times around and be patient when the answer to your question is "I don't know."

It is also important to keep up with changes by following the E-News, taking note of Sunday's

announcements, and checking your email for messages from the church.

In last week's Anglican Heartland forum, participants discussed St. Julian of Norwich who more than 800 years ago wrote words that we should keep in mind this fall: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

Full text of Father Bailey's September 20 letter on Page 3

IMPORTANT CALENDAR UPDATES

Be alert to cancellations and schedule changes over the next few weeks by taking note of announcements during Sunday Services, and by checking upcoming editions of E-News and church emails for additional changes.

If you miss the Sunday announcements or want to review them, you can find previous services on the St. Stephen's YouTube channel.

Here's what we know so far:

Sunday, October 2 Annual Meeting and Lunch Postponed

The meeting includes reports on our missions and election of the Vestry followed by a parish lunch. The Church will announce a new date soon.

Barbecue Sale Still Set for October 2

The barbecue sale is currently planned to continue as planned. See page 2 for more information.

October 8 Blessing of the Animals Now a Drive-Through Event

The Blessing of the Animals will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. and will

be a drive-through event. Participants are asked to keep their animals in their vehicles for the blessing.

The event is planned for the parking area near the Labyrinth. In case of rain, it will be moved to the portico outside the Church office doors.

No Sunday School on October 2 and 9

Due to the Oak Ridge City School's fall break, Sunday School is canceled for those dates.

Daughters of the King Meeting Planned for October 9

See page 2 for more information on this event.

See page 2 for additional information on these and other activities including plans for Sunday School room upgrades.

If you have an article or announcement for the St. Stephen's weekly E-News, please send it to secretary@ststephensor.org before 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. Please also include a contact name, phone number and/or email for more information.



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

September 23, 2022 | Page 2

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS WEEK'S SERVICE BULLETINS

Due to the hectic pace of activity this week, volunteers were unable to complete the detailed Service Bulletins. Instead, you will find the condensed version of the bulletins that require using a Book of Common Prayer to follow the service.

Please be patient as the linked bulletins are formatted for printing and pages are not in order.

Don't have a Book of Common Prayer available?

Fortunately, there are versions of the BCP online. After testing several, we recommend the version at the link below at BCPonline.org. It has an easy-to-use, clickable table of contents that stays on the screen as you navigate through the book and is aligned with the page numbers in the printed BCP. It provides good visual clarity but some may need to zoom in on the text so that it is readable.

[Online Book of Common Prayer](#)

Our tester recommended taking a couple of minutes to acquaint yourself with the online version before you use it to follow a service.

PARISH BARBECUE SALE SET FOR OCTOBER 2

Adam Cavender and the Parish Life team will be cooking Boston butts to order for people to take home on October 2. The cost for the barbecue is \$15/pound.

To ensure enough for all who want it, you need to pre-order your barbecue no later than Tuesday, September 27.

Order forms are available in the bulletins this Sunday at church. You may also order online at [this link](#) or call the church during business hours to place an order.

You may pay in advance or at the time of pick-up.

Please designate "Barbecue" on your payment.

If anyone is interested in helping Adam cook or becoming part of the barbecue team, please contact him at acav80@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATING CLASSROOMS

The Christian Education Committee is very excited to be updating two rooms in the church over the next few months. These updates will involve little or no cost to the church.

The rooms will be painted and updated to be brighter and more engaging, and we hope you will join us in the effort!

We will need volunteers to paint and

will be sharing a list of specific items that may be purchased.

Very gently used items from the list may also be donated. Please contact Heather Hartman for details on the Nursery and Sherry Burchfield for the Intermediate classroom.

The lists will be made available online via Signup Genius on October 1st.

ANGLICAN HEARTLAND SERIES CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY,

The Anglican Heartland Series takes up the life of Richard Hooker at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, September 25 in the Parish Hall.

Born near the beginning of the short, tumultuous reign of Queen Mary, Richard Hooker became one of the most important theologians of the early Church of England in the 16th century.

He is regarded by some as the originator of the middle way between Anglicanism and Roman Catholicism, studying and teasing apart the multitude of doctrines and reforms that marked the post Reformation. He preached for moderation in a time when many gravitated toward extremes.

He was a prolific preacher with assignments at multiple churches, and he was hired as a private tutor; one of his students was George Cranmer, the great nephew of Archbishop Thomas

Cranmer.

One of Hooker's first major works, *Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity*, was a critique of the Puritans and their requests for reform in the Church of England and of the Book of Common Prayer.

Although he is viewed as an architect of Anglicanism with tremendous influence on generations of Anglican theologians, the word "Anglican" appears nowhere in his writing and was not in common use until the reign of Charles I.

James I of England said of him "I observe there is in Mr. Hooker no affected language; but a grave, comprehensive, clear manifestation of reason, and that backed with the authority of the Scriptures, the fathers and schoolmen, and with all law both sacred and civil."

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEETS OCTOBER 9

Please join us for our October Daughters of the King meeting on Sunday, October 9th from 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall for an afternoon of laughter with our very own author and humorist Judy DiGregorio.

All Parish members are invited to come, bring a friend or two, and listen as Judy shares some of her humorous stories and tidbits of wisdom. This is an opportunity not to be missed, so mark your calendar and make your plans to attend!



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

September 23, 2022 | Page 3

TEXT OF FATHER BAILEY'S LETTER TO THE CHURCH

September 20, 2022

Friends -

I want to give you an update on my health. Some of you may have noticed that I had to leave in the middle of the 10 AM service this past Sunday. I was struggling with my speech earlier that morning, but after I labored giving the announcements at 10 AM, I suddenly lost the ability to speak at all.

I had my family come and take me to the ER at Ft Sanders. They admitted me and, as of the moment of this writing, are still running tests and keeping me under observation.

The good news is that I am of sound mind (or as sound as I usually am!). I am able to write and type messages. However, while I've been able to mouth a few words, essentially I remain unable to speak. We are still coming to understand what the tests reveal, but it has become clear that a full recovery will take time, including a fair amount of rest.

As such, I will need to be out of the office fully focused on my healing and recovery until at least October 3.

One of the reasons I am an Episcopalian is that our church lives out its claim to be a part of a wider body of Christ. When one stumbles, others come alongside and lift us up. I have seen you do this with and for one another time and time again in my time with you. I trust that this time will be no different.

All of us know Fr. Ashton to be a capable and compassionate priest, but it is also best practice to serve in this work together. To that end, Bishop Brian Cole and Canon Michelle Bolt have both visited with me since

Sunday and offered their compassionate support to me, to my family, as well as to the people of St. Stephens.

This Saturday, our friend Rev. Claire Keene will serve as assisting clergy for the funeral of Adolf King. The Rev. Christopher Hogin, Priest Associate at Ascension, will preach both services this Sunday. Canon Michelle W. Bolt will be with Ashton to serve on Sunday, October 2. Due to my absence, we will postpone the Annual Parish Meeting until a later date. You are in excellent hands with Fr. Ashton and this group of clergy who, along with Bishop Cole, will care for you and pray for me as I take time to recuperate.

St. Stephen's has risen through a lot of adversity here lately precisely because of the abundance of faithful people who have stepped up and offered themselves in ministry. I am beyond appreciative for the dozens of you who have reached out by phone, text, or email. In the coming weeks, I may not be able to respond, but your prayers and compassion give our family strength. I am grateful for you and for the good work that God continues to carry out through you.

I know that you will want to support Sara and James Henry and our family. Please keep us in your prayers. For those who have offered help to us, an announcement will be made about ways in which you may do that.

Our parish is strong and will continue to do its work. And I'm grateful for the fantastic support that Bishop Cole and his office are providing to remind us of how God provides and how we are never alone in this work.

Christ's Peace,

Bailey

WE PRAY FOR THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF ST. STEPHEN'S AND THEIR FAMILIES

We pray for the recovery and health of

Father Bailey Norman, our Priest in Charge

Pastor Steve Damos, our Pastoral Associate

Elizabeth Pack, our Church Secretary

We pray for Father Ashton Sims as he shoulders unexpected responsibilities.

We pray for their families: Sara and James Henry Norman, Mary Ann Damos, James and Philip Pack, Anna Davis.