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St. Stephen's Stats for 6-26-22 (last weekend)

Attendance 34
Pledge, Plate, + Online Offering \$2,641.03



THE WEEKLY NEWS

July 3, 2022 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Sharing God's love and bringing hope through ministry and service.

Welcome to St. Stephen's—Severn Parish

We extend a warm welcome and invite you to celebrate the redemptive love that Jesus Christ offers to all people by joining us for worship, fellowship, service, the support of pastoral care, Christian Education, and the discovery and exercise of your gifts for ministry. If this interests you, please fill out the registration form that can be found on the back cover. You may give it to an usher or just leave it in the narthex.

Join us in fellowship after the service.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF July 3—July 10

Sunday, July 3— 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Monday, July 4—Independence Day Office Closed

Wednesday, July 6

11:00 a.m. Funeral for Roberta Machande

Sunday, July 10— 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

TAKING CARE OF OUR LITTLE ONES

The Nursery is available for infants and toddlers during the 9:00 a.m. service today. It is located in the church undercroft (turn right at the bottom of the stairs.)



Check out our new website:

www.StStephensmd.org

for schedules and updates and Father Hailey's blog,

"Severn Musings"

Announcements



During July & August, we gratefully welcome The Rev. Dr. Linda Kapurch ("Rev. Linda") as Supply Clergy for St. Stephen's.

URGENT!! GENERAL CONVENTION

Bishop Sutton has been asking for your help to welcome and assist attendees of the 80th General Convention **THIS WEEK**—July 7-11, in Baltimore. **Sign up to volunteer** on the Convention's website:**gceighty.org**.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Rev. Linda has recommended that it is her preference and the preference of the Diocese that churches not offer wine by intinction. Therefore, beginning this coming Sunday, July 3, St. Stephen's will offer wine only in the Common Cup. There will be no intinction; chalice and communicants will not be allowed to dip the Communion wafer into the Common Cup. **Please note** that it is a full Communion to consume the bread only.

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

The My Brother's Keeper Ministry is collecting shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap (any size) to distribute to the homeless. There is a box in the narthex for these items. If anyone would like to help work on quilted sleeping bags for the homeless, feel free to join this group on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Contact Melissa Bednarik with any questions.

ICE TEA AND LEMONADE

In the summer, we transition from Coffee Hour after the Sunday Service to Ice Tea & Lemonade. A sign up sheet is ready in the narthex for anyone who would like to sponsor a Sunday.

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE

The collection of medical supplies remains ongoing. Please pick up a flyer in the narthex for a list of items most needed. There is a collection box in the narthex for these products.



BOOK STUDY

Make sure you have a copy of **THE WAY OF LOVE A Practical Guide to Following Jesus** by Scott Gunn. For *our* part in Sabbatical Summer, we are being asked to examine and renew our commitments to God, the church, and each other.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Acolyte David Lockard

Altar Guild Carole Day, Wendy Chambers

Refreshments Marsha Thompson, Dave Langdon,

Leland Kiang

LEM Ben Brown
Lector Patty Larsen

Tellers Doug Sykes, Scott Vining
Ushers Joan Fields, Marcel Bernard

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J Music Notes

It comes as a surprise to many that the Episcopal calendar of saints includes a feast day for John and Charles Wesley. I have a particular devotion to the Wesley brothers, having been raised and ordained as a pastor in the United Methodist Church, prior to my confirmation as an Episcopalian some twenty years ago. The Wesley brothers were the sons of an Anglican rector and remained faithful priests themselves until their deaths. The Methodist movement was intended to be a renewal of faith within the Church of England. John had a genius for organization, and a passion for issues of social justice combined with a high view of the sacraments and a religion of personal transformation. Charles is remembered especially for his hymns, of which he wrote over 6,000.

As tomorrow is marked in this country as Independence Day, the prelude is *Variations on* **America**. It is arranged in the form known as a "theme and variations". You will hear the familiar melody simply stated at the beginning. The variations that follow manipulate and adapt the melody in a variety of ways giving it musical interest. Listen to see if you can hear the melody embedded within each variation. At the end you will hear the melody restated a final time, but with a bit more vigor. This set was originally published not for the American text we know as "My country 'tis of thee" (to a tune we know as America), but was originally entitled God Save the King (the English tune published first in 1744). In the US the tune was set to many texts, including "God save America," "God save George Washington," and "God save the Thirteen States."

The composer of these variations is Charles Wesley... but wait, not *that* Charles Wesley. Like the Bach family in Lutheran Germany, the Wesley family in England represented a musical and religious dynasty over generations. Many were noted composers and organists who remained loyal to the Church of England. Among these was Charles Wesley (1757-1834), son of the co-founder of Methodism (Charles "senior") and nephew of John Wesley... and composer of today's prelude.

The Rev. Dr. David Kerr Park, Director of Music