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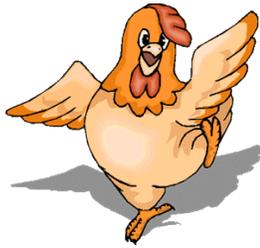
# FYI 2018

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The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love**

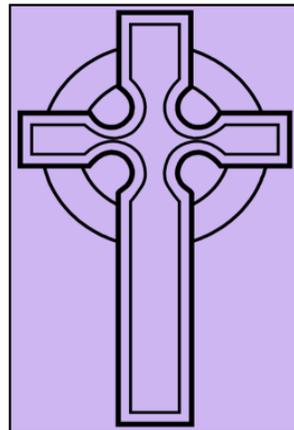
**the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above**



**Next Sunday, October  
28th at 12:30pm**

**Join us for fried chicken  
and delicious home-made  
sides and desserts.**  
*Donations greatly  
appreciated.*

**All proceeds go to the Campus  
Development Committee and support  
maintenance of our beautiful grounds.  
We'll once again have many wonderful  
raffle items. This is a FREE event and  
everyone is welcome. Come, be part of the  
fun and help us continue to make our  
grounds a beautiful spot for all!**



**Please notice that  
there are 2 wooden  
trays on a table in  
each worship area. In  
one of those trays  
there is a stack of  
colored paper with  
crosses on them.  
Write the name  
of each person you  
would like to have  
remembered on All  
Saints' Day and place  
it in the empty tray.**

**Please put one name per sheet. On All  
Saints' Sunday, November 4th, the crosses  
will be displayed in both worship areas with  
the names of the faithfully departed.**



**Our Youth Group is making Blessing Bags again. There are  
bins in both Worship areas for donations. The bags will be  
given out in December at Talbot House and around Lakeland.**

**The items needed for this project are :**  
**Shampoo, Conditioner, Wash Cloths, Soap, Tooth Paste,  
Tooth Brushes, Floss, Combs, Deodorant, Hand Lotion,  
Band Aids, Hard Candies or Mints, Crackers,  
Breakfast Bars, Razors, Chap Stick, Water,  
Socks, Blankets, Rain Coats, Bug Spray**

**St. Stephen's ...  
To Love and Serve  
God and Neighbor**



**OUR  
VESTRY**

2018- Karen Spiller, Walter Thomas, Buster Brown  
2019- Richard Eijo, Karen Beasley, Marcia Heath  
2020- Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Ben Cochran  
Treasurer: Bruce Goers  
Book keeper: Cathy Zielinski

# **"The tie that binds"**

***Sunday, October 21st: The Theme – Blest Be the Tie That Binds.***

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" was chosen as the theme for this year's Stewardship Campaign many months ago, and long before the past events had occurred resulting in the need to open our "hearts in Christian love" to those in need of a place to continue to worship. "Blest be the ties that bind..." What a wonderful thought as we think about who we are, what we're doing, and what is our future. The words remind us that we are all one, bound together in Christian love here on an earth that has been given to us by God. With that gift, God has given us the responsibility to care and nurture his gifts.

We are the ones who are accountable to develop our lives, our family, our community and our church with a "fellowship of kindred minds" that "is like to that above."

The earth and all that is in it is God's. We are the stewards of all that we've been given to enjoy. The word "steward" implies that we must manage those gifts – our time, talents, wisdom, relationships and finances – according to his desires and purposes.

Admittedly, it's a little awkward to talk about stewardship when we are in the initial steps of welcoming our "kindred minds" into the family of St. Stephen's. But this is the time of year that we examine our stewardship responsibilities. It is incumbent on each of us to prayerfully consider how we will participate in this year's stewardship effort.

The next several months and the coming year will be unlike anything any of us have ever experienced. We will be in a constant state of change as we assess what we should do to ensure that the mundane tasks are all being taken care of in a prudent manner, and how we will respond to the new opportunities recognizing that "our fears, our hopes, our aims are one" ... to serve the Lord and spread the word of Jesus Christ.

As we come together "before our Father's throne," let us remember our charge as stewards of all God has given us and begin to assess how we will share in the support and continuation of the works of St. Stephen's. As we leave today, let us share in the "hope to meet again" in worship and service to God in a living and vibrant church.

## **Stewardship – Factually Speaking**

A church is funded by the congregation's financial stewardship of their personal funds. Annually a stewardship program is conducted as part of the financial support process.

Some of the preferred methods of financial stewardship are:

- **Annual Pledge.** The pledge card is a tangible commitment made to provide support for the works of St. Stephen's. It enables the church to plan ahead and construct a prudent fiscal budget for the coming year. Pledging is a preferred manner of financial stewardship as it is the basis for financial stability.
- **Monthly/Weekly Support.** Some prefer to be "givers of record," not completing a pledge card but making regular monthly or weekly offerings for the financial support of the church.
- **Special Gifts.** At times there are special times or occasions that provide the opportunity to give a special offering to St. Stephen's.

"The tie that binds" vignettes tied to our stewardship theme and hymn will appear in the upcoming FYIs to help lead us through our stewardship program. Pledge cards will be distributed in your church mail boxes and will be available in the narthex beginning Sunday, October 28th and will be due to be returned on Sunday, November 18th.

But regardless of whether you pledge or are a "giver of record" it is your support that makes or ministries, programs and worship services of St. Stephen's possible.

## **Verse of the Week - Mark 10:45**

**For the Son of man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many.**

TALBOT HOUSE MINISTRIES  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU

THURS  
25  
OCT  
2018

TOGETHER WE CAN PLANT

# Seeds of Hope

15TH ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

TALBOT  
HOUSE  
MINISTRIES



Each year Talbot House has a Banquet in the fall. St. Stephen's usually reserves two tables for this event. Please see or call Sharon Crosdale at 863-797-6029 if you would like to go. Join us at the RP Funding Center on Thursday, October 25th. Auction begins at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm. Dinner is free. Reservations must be made in advance. Program includes an opportunity for you to give and be part of the success story of Talbot House.

**New Nametags are Ready,  
and new mailboxes  
are coming soon!**



If you are new to St. Stephen's please look for the lovely green envelopes, located in a grey cloth basket in each worship area. These envelopes contain the information forms we use in the office. When you have completed the forms you can just put them in the collection plate. If you have any questions please call the office@646-6115.



***Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."***

**October 14th ,2018**

**Attendance: 220**

**Income: \$5144.00**

**Bucks for our Buildings:\$94.00**

## Next Saturday!

# fall CRAFT FAIR

The St. Stephen's Youth Group will be hosting their annual Craft Fair **NEXT SATURDAY, October 27th**. The fun begins at 9am and ends at 2pm. There will be Woodworkers, Jewelry Artists, Glass Artwork, Natural and Handmade Products and many other vendors as well as a Pet Adoption drive sponsored by Polk County Animal Control. Lunch will cooking on the grill outside so come and take advantage of this fun event and do some early Christmas shopping.

**October 23rd: Colorist @1:00pm**

**October 24th: Morning Prayer with Communion and Bible Study  
Holy Eucharist @Noon  
Book Study @7:00pm**

**October 25th: Talbot House Banquet, 7pm**

**October 27th: Fall Craft Fair 9:00am-2:00pm**

**October 28th: Chicken Dinner, 12:30pm**

UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS





**The Flowers on the Altar today have been given  
In Celebration  
By Sandy Gibson**



**October Birthdays**

- 3 Lynn Whitt
- 6 Tom Hiber
- 8 Pat Martin
- 9 Phil Wortman  
Geneann Thompson
- 10 Chase Grandone
- 11 Bethellen Reinert
- 14 Allan Yeaple
- 15 Ava Naples
- 17 Lyla Peddycoart
- 25 Mary Statzer
- 26 Marion Stewart
- 28 Michele Jump
- 29 David Ling
- 30 Major Kight, Lylah Denstedt
- 31 Kai Richardi



**October Anniversaries**

- 1 Nelson & Shirley Rumpel
- 17 K. C. & Susan Eapen  
Mike & Lynn Whitt
- 18 Buster & DeAnn Brown
- 21 Kit & Evalyn Duncan
- 28 Matt & Trish Grandone
- 31 Robert & Savannah Dillon

**St. Stephen's Prayer List**

(Parish Members are in Bold)

**Prayer Needs:** Jacob Leahy, Shannon Black, **Jim Watkins**, Kidney failure, **Scott Barham**, Bryan Stockwell, chronic lymphatic leukemia, **(Marge Stockwell's son)**, Karen Stockwell, Stroke, Peggy Taylor, cancer surgery, (Fr. Jim Taylor's mother), **Rick Roach**, stroke, Regina Victoria, **Ernie Palmer, prostate cancer**, Steve Naples, **(Steve Naples dad)** severe heart problems, Daniel Whitt, **( Mike and Lynn Whitt's nephew), possible cancer, David Dresser**, Severe Back issues, **Pat Martin**, Multiple Health Issues. Scott Johnson, **(Judy Horne's brother, Myelofibrsis) Jim Watkins, Sally Templeton**, (heart ),**Rick Rahn** (prostate cancer )**Janell Repsher**, lung problems, **Bill Warneke** vision , **Trudi Lithgow, Roy Reynolds** heart problems, **Pat Dupont** back problems, **Ken Horne, Michele Giberson** Autoimmune disorder, Bethany and Stetson Glass, prayers for successful adoption **(Marge Stockwell's grand daughter)** Carol Kahlenberg mental illness **(Evie McCormick's friend), Susan Cardman** MS, **Sandy Gibson**, Salena and her family **(Janet Casini's family)** Kevin Jackimowicz back and hip **(Kim's husband)**, Isabel Clayton, RA **(Evie McCormick's friend), Gene Dumaresq** bladder cancer, Yvonne Kimble, breast cancer **(Betty Pratt's Niece)**, Mary K breast cancer, **Lindsay Zielinski** autoimmune disorder, JC and Heather Presley, multiple health issues, 1st Lt Tyler Owens (a Platoon Leader deployed to Syria) and his Platoon, **Mavis Walker**, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, Stroke, Ron Cain, Sea Scout, cancer, Nancy Cross, Kidney Cancer, Whitney Hand, multiple illnesses

**Pregnant:** Jose and Samantha Flores, Michael and Chelsea Fanelli,

**Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:** Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Nancy Bailey, Jim & Jo Willey, Carmen Kight, Susan Cardman, Roger & Pat Doyle

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>21</b> 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Breakfast 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist  6:30pm Youth Group	<b>22</b>  <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; background-color: #e0f0ff; font-weight: bold; color: blue;">NO STAFF MEETING</div>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Morning Prayer/ Communion and Bible Study 9am  NO Noon Eucharist  Book Study 7pm	<b>25</b> Talbot House Banquet 7pm  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>26</b> Morning Prayer 8am  Office Closed	<b>27</b> <div style="color: purple; font-weight: bold;">Fall Craft Fair 9am-2pm</div>
<b>28</b> 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15 Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">12:30pm Chicken Dinner</div> 6:30pm Youth Group	<b>29</b>  <div style="font-weight: bold;">Staff Meeting 10:30</div>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Morning Prayer/ Communion and Bible Study 9am  Noon Eucharist  Book Study 7pm	<b>1</b>  Choir Rehearsal 7pm	<b>2</b> Morning Prayer 8am  Office Closed	<b>3</b>