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All Saints Sunday



**DON'T
FORGET**

TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS **BACK**
ONE HOUR
THIS SUNDAY.



*Yippy we get an extra hour of sleep
this week!*

**Be sure to set all your clocks back one hour
before you go to bed on Saturday night.
If you forget and are an hour early for
church on Sunday we can put you work
pulling weeds.**

**VBS SPAGHETTI DINNER IS THIS COMING TUESDAY,
November 6th**

**Eat in or take out from 5:30 TO 7:00 p.m.
\$6 for spaghetti, salad, bread, drink & dessert.
All proceeds go to fund our annual Vacation Bible
Program. We always need help in the kitchen on
Spaghetti night. Please speak to Sharon Crosdale
if you can lend a hand.**



JERUSALEM
ISRAEL, PETRA & SINAI



**Fr. David is heading to THE HOLY LAND! A surprise and
amazing gift by his mother, Mary Peoples, means that the two
of them will be touring Israel for a week and a half. Fr. Rob
will handle services on Sunday the 11th and between him and
our deacons, and our staff there will be people available in
the office, at our regular programming, and for pastoral care.**

*"O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole
creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go;
Preserve those who travel, in particular David and Mary;
surround them with your loving care; protect them from
every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"*

Staff Meeting, Monday at 10:30am

*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

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love

the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above

"It Is His"

Sunday, November 4th: The Theme – "KISS"

When trying to explain the importance of being good stewards of God's gifts to us, sometimes we get involved in an in depth discussion of all the many factors surrounding the stewardship concept. It gets confusing, and the true message sometimes gets lost. Perhaps we could learn from this story of how a philosophy student utilized the KISS principle to ace an exam.

It was final exam time in a philosophy class. The professor explained to the class that their whole grade would come from a one-question exam. He then walked over and picked up a chair and plopped it on top of his desk, and wrote on the board, "Using everything we have learned this semester, prove to me that this chair doesn't exist."

The students, with furrowed brows and determination, began to write furiously. However, one student finished in under a minute, turned in his paper and left the class room.

When the grades were posted, his was the only A. His classmates were confused and asked to see his exam paper. On it he had written, "What chair?"

Good stewardship of God's blessings is the commitment to love and serve the Lord. Isn't that simple? We do what we should to provide the resources – human and financial – to do God's work.

Completing a pledge card is the best, simplest and most practical way to financially support St. Stephen's. It assists the vestry to properly plan and budget for 2019. If you haven't pledged before, please consider completing a pledge card this year.

Pledge cards have been placed in your personal boxes. Those who do not have a personal box may pick one up in the narthex.

We are so "blest by the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" here at St. Stephen's. We are a family church that "shares our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear"

... because we care – that is part of St. Stephen's DNA.

We have been given challenges and blessings over the past several months. We, as stewards of these blessings, have a special opportunity to grow God's house and sustain it for the future. Let's not let Him down.

Keeping it simple: Please prayerfully consider how you will return God's blessings to Him to assist St. Stephen's to continue to share the grace of God and love of Jesus with each other, our families, friends and others in our community.

Verse of the Week - Hebrews 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked for us.



Thank you so much for all the Blessing Bag donations. The youth Group will be assembling bags on Sunday evening to take out and distribute over the next few weeks.

Do you hate to wrap Christmas presents? The youth Group will be wrapping gifts for donations starting on November 25th. If you have any Christmas gift wrap you would like to get rid of they will be able to put it to good use.

The deadline for Beach Weekend has been extended until early 2019

If you haven't had the chance to register, pay a deposit, or are still thinking about going at all, the pressure is off! Any RSVPs or money would be gratefully accepted, but the resort won't need final numbers for several more weeks after all. Hope to see you all there!



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."

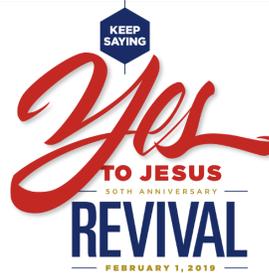
October 28th, 2018

Attendance: 202

Income: \$6414.00

Bucks for our Buildings: \$136.00

New Nametags are Ready, and new mailboxes are here!



The Diocesan Convention on February 1st will mark our 50th Anniversary as a diocese, and Bishop Brewer is planning a Special REVIVAL service featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to be held at First Baptist, Orlando.

This will be a powerful night of evangelism, praise, music, and testimonies, and the bishop is inviting anyone who'd like to learn more or be involved in the planning and logistics to attend a meeting **4:00pm Sunday, November 11th at St. Paul's in Winter Haven.** He is hoping to fill First Baptist and needs our help to run this event.

If you can attend this meeting, please call the church office @863-646-6115, and let us know. We can arrange to car pool over to St. Paul's.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



November 4th: All Saints Sunday

November 6th: Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm

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

November 9th: Morning Prayer 8am

November 11th: Convention Revival Planning Meeting at St. Paul's Winter Haven 4:00pm



The Flowers on the Altar today have been given
 In celebration of KC and Susan Eapen's
 Anniversary on October 17th



November Birthdays

- 4 Terry Millican, Mike Whitt
- 6 Anna Butler, Penny Schmidt
- 7 Allison Ling, Timmy Peoples
- 9 Sue Perica
- 11 Alexandra Peterson
- 13 Nancy Moses
- 14 Marley Binnion, John McArthur
Debbie Rattray
- 15 Jack Peterson, Kathy Platt
- 16 Susan Eapen, Lola Walker
- 17 Rosemarie Kaiser
Thomas Prokuski
- 19 David Dresser
- 20 Brandon Barham,
Paul Peterson
- 21 Jim Bosetti, Anabel Gomez
- 22 Karen Beasley, Janet Casini
Ginny Hiber, Eleanor Thomas
- 23 Ben Cochran, Tom Stewart
- 24 Barbara Gaston
- 27 Ginny Martin, Dugan Wilder
- 28 Trish Grandone



November Anniversaries

- 12 Dugan & Judy Wilder
- 30 Scott & Susan Barham

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: **Debbie Bradford**, Hip replacement, 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, Myelofibrosis)** **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 |
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| 4 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist <i>Fly Away, Fr. David!</i> 6:30pm Youth Group | 5 Staff Meeting 10:30 | 6 Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:30 | 7 MP/Communion and Bible Study 9am Noon Eucharist & Book Study Book Study 7pm | 8 Choir Rehearsal 7pm | 9 Morning Prayer 8am Office Closed | 10 |
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