

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



**Drive-Thru Communion
Today 12-12:30pm
In the Parking Lot**

If you are still worshipping from your home but wish to receive communion, please drive into our parking lot between 12noon and 12:30pm today, August 23rd for our monthly drive-thru communion. Communion will be brought directly to your car by our clergy.

**Today,
Aug. 23rd!**



**Blessing
of the
Backpacks
Today!**

Blessings on our teachers and students starting a new school year! Bring your backpacks, bags or binders and receive a special blessing plus some school supply gifts to help you have a great start to a great new year!

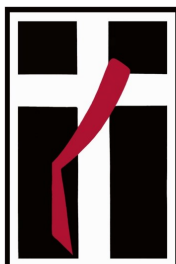
Pick up your backpack blessing bag at one of our worship services, 9am, 10am, or 11am—or pick up in the parking lot during drive-thru communion, 12-12:30pm.

Contributions Statements Available for the Asking

If you would like us to mail or email you a year-to-date contributions statement please email ststtreasurer@gmail.com or call the office at 863-646-6115. We want to make these available for those who are interested without sending to others who do not wish to receive them.



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



2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Carol Reynolds

2021-David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell

2022-Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine

Treasurer: Charles Bradford

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

Only One Week Left to Write a Letter to a Resident of Opis Highlands Lake Rehab Center



The Youth Group invites all parishioners to join us in writing letters to send cheer and encouragement to lonely residents of Opis Highlands Lake Rehab Center who cannot receive visitors due to Covid-19. Will you help remind someone that they are loved, special and not forgotten? Write a letter and drop it in the basket at your worship area or send/deliver it to the church office. Lula Peoples will deliver these to Highlands Lake at the end of August.

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear friend,

I wanted to write and let you know that you are not alone. This has been a hard time for the whole world, and I'm thinking of you, because you have had to be separated from friends and family. I have 5 kids, and I would be so sad if I couldn't see them. We have had lots of time together, so we can get on each others' nerves, but we have also had lots of uninterrupted time to reconnect.

This is one of my favorite scripture verses: "I will never leave you or forsake you." That is God's promise to us, that He is always with us. My hope for you and me is that we would find at least one thing to be grateful for or one good thing to remember each day. I pray that this day brings you joy and God's peace that passes all understanding. Remember, God will never leave you, and you have a friend praying for you.

Your friend,
Lula



TIPS FOR WRITING LETTERS:

- Write it by hand.
- Don't write the date (there may be a delay in delivery).
- Introduce yourself.
- Encourage and lift them up.
- For kids: Don't include your last name or address.

Verse of the Week—Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Today is the
Last Sunday for
Collecting
Back to School
Items for
Local School**



"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."

August 16, 2020

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| Attendance: | 9am: 16 |
| | 10am: 24 |
| | 11am: <u>17</u> |
| Total: | 57 |
| Income: | \$3,563.00 |

This year our collection will be sent to Kingsford Elementary at the beginning of school. Bins are set up in the Worship Center and Sanctuary.



4 ways to continue to give your pledge during a pandemic:

- **Mail your check to the church. We check the mailbox every day.**
- **Set up a bill pay request through your bank.**
- **Use the "donate" tab on our website at centralfloridachurch.com (you can use a debit or credit card)**
- **Drop your offering in the collection plate near the entrance to our in-person worship service**

If you have any questions please call the office & we'll try to help you figure it out, or email Cathy Zielinski at ststtreasurer@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness during this time of personal separation.



Bat houses for natural mosquito control built and installed on our western fenceline by David Sineath for his Eagle Project.

Did you Know there is a Good Samaritan Free Clinic at Talbot House?

A patient qualifies for free care if he or she is uninsured, has low or zero income and is a Polk County resident. Medical and emergency dental care is provided at Talbot House, 814 N. Kentucky Ave. Hours are as follows:
1st 2 weeks of the month Monday-Thursday 8am-4:30pm and Saturday 8am-1pm.
2nd 2 weeks of the month Monday-Thursday 8am-6:30pm.
Please call 863-226-4261 for an appointment.



**Church Office Hours Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm
863-646-6115 * ststoffice@gmail.com or ststlinda@gmail.com**

The Flowers on the Altar have been given by John McArthur in honor of Pete's birthday



August Birthdays

- 2 Michael Simms
- 5 Roger Doyle
- 6 Jan Benware
- 8 Susan Barham
- 10 Mary Ann Corbin
Cecilia Kilpatrick
- 12 Leila Enriquez
- 14 Steven Sabine
Rita Yenney
- 18 Inga Rutledge
- 19 Jim Beasley
Scott Barham
Ray Spiller
George Tobgui
- 20 Art Rowbotham
- 21 Janelle Kalle
- 22 Pete Wesley McArthur
- 25 Bill Baggett
- 28 Christopher Trimbath
Cathy Zielinski
- 29 Trudi Lithgow
- 30 Rick Tallent
- 31 Deacon Doug Jump



August Anniversaries

- 3 Fr. David & Lula Peoples
- 9 John & Susan MacGilvray
- 11 Italo & Janet Casini
- 16 David & Katherine Leahy

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Sally Flanagan, Eugene Snyder (**Sam Rosenberger's** father-in-law), Mary Katherine Nevels (**Morgan Goers' sister**), **Bill Heath**, Wendy Herrera (**Bill & Marcia Heath's daughter**), Pat Steeves (former member), **Marge Stockwell, Jan Benware, Pat Dupont, Carol Vonesh, Steve Sabine, Roger Doyle, Kristin Ausmus, Marion Stewart, Carolyn Phillips, Michele Moore, Mary Castle, Tony Barfield, Jeeje Kelly, Ralph, John Gove, Celeste Cooper, Mel Conrad (Carol Reynolds' sister), Megan Stoddard, Susan Eapen, Anna Butler, Evie McCormick, Stephen Calhoun, Laurie Dresser (David Dresser's sister), Jackie Monts de Oca, Richard Welch (Marge Stockwell's brother), Evalyn Duncan, Bill Warneke, Richard & Bonnie Morrison (Michael & Stacy Englert's Aunt/Uncle), Jessica Sherotski, Shannon Black, Scott Barham, Bryan Stockwell (Marge Stockwell's son), Karen Stockwell, Peggy Taylor, Rick Roach, Regina Victoria, Ernie Palmer, David Dresser, Pat Martin, Scott Johnson (Judy Horne's brother), Rick Rahn, Janell Repsher, Trudi Lithgow, Roy Reynolds, Michele Giberson, Carol Kahlenberg (Evie McCormick's friend), Sandy Gibson, Salena & her family (Janet Casini's family), Kevin Jackimowicz (Kim's husband), Isabel Clayton (Evie McCormick's friend), Gene Dumaresq, Lindsay Zielinski, Mavis Walker, Dahlia Walker, Whitney Hand, Mr. Havlett, Cindy & family, Mike Bower, Nancy Misiasek, Christy O'Steen, Ken & Clair Jones (friends of Roger Doyle).**

Pregnant: Matt & Hilary Cyr (**Pat Dupont's grand niece**)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Carmen Kight, Susan Cardman, Tom Crawford, Alicia Weber, Jo Willey

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 23 9am Worship Center & online 10am Sanctuary 11am Worship Center 12-12:30pm Drive thru-Communion Back to School Backpack Blessings | 24 8am Morning Prayer 10am Narnia Series 8pm Compline | 25 8am Morning Prayer 10am Narnia Series 8pm Compline | 26 8am Morning Prayer 9am Eucharist 9:45am Bible Study 10am Narnia Series 8pm Compline | 27 8am Morning Prayer 10am Narnia Series 8pm Compline Office Closed | 28 8am Morning Prayer 10am Narnia Series 8pm Compline Office Closed | 29 |
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