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12 Days of Christmas



In our culture, "Christmas" is over by about 4pm on Christmas Day. The "Christmas season" means the season that leads up to Christmas—the season in which we do the shopping and make the preparations and (most significantly of course) spend the money. Once the last present is opened, the holiday is over.

In contrast, the Church celebrates Christmas for twelve days, the approximate amount of time it took the three wise men to travel to Bethlehem. The Church does not recognize the "post-Christmas let-down," but enjoins us to feast and rejoice till Twelfth Night, just before Epiphany, the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Savior and Son of God.

Happy 3rd Day of Christmas!

Epiphany Bonfire January 10th, 6pm

Because of present circumstances we will not need your donation of Christmas trees for the bonfire, but we will still celebrate Epiphany with a small but beautiful bonfire and marshmallow roasting. We hope to see you there!



Our Christmas Blessing Tree



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

John F. Flanagan 1936-2020

We are sad to report the December 18th death of Dr. John F. "Jack" Flanagan. Our hearts go out to Jack's wife, Sally and his four



children, grandchildren and extended family. There will be a private service. Memorials can be made to the church and condolences may be sent to Sally's home or to the family at <u>www.heathfuneralchapel.com</u>.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.



Thanks for participating in this year's Cookie Exchange!

We were able to have enough cookies for everyone and still have a few left for future coffee hours.

The Chronicles of Narnia C. S. LEWIS THE LAST BATTLE



The Last Battle 10am Daily on Facebook and YouTube

Just in time for school holidays, Father David has begun airing the final chapters of the final Narnia book. Catch up and then tune in daily to hear the Chronicles conclude.

This comes highly recommended. "Everything we've read, every adventure we've shared, it all comes down to this!"

If you missed the other Narnia books they are all available online, too. We've had people we don't even know who have been listening. One teacher asked her whole class to listen!

New Vestry Members for 2021

If you are interested in possibly serving on the Vestry for a 3-year term, please let us know in the office and we can send you information about this important work of the church.





Verse of the Week—John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



January 1	Happy New Year!
January 6	Epiphany
January 10	6pm Epiphany Bonfire
	with marshmallow
	roasting
January 12	5pm Talbot House Chili
	Night
January 19	6:30pm Zoom Vestry
	Meeting

Altar Flowers 2021

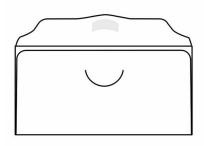
If you want to sign up for flowers on a special date in 2021 and don't have a form, please call or email me at <u>ststlinda@gmail.com</u> and I'll get you signed up or send you a form.



Offering Envelopes for 2021

Monthly offering envelopes are available in each worship area

for your convenience. We have a couple of them in the office as well. Please know that your offering is counted whether or not you place it in a special envelope.





"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."

December 20, 2020

Attendance:	9am:	16
	10am:	24
	11am:	<u>26</u>
Total:		66

Drive-Thru Communion: 25

Total Offerings: \$11,395.00

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

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NO TUESDAY CIRCLE B ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK—THEY RESUME JANUARY 5TH

NO WEDNESDAY MORNING EUCHARIST OR BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK—THEY RESUME JANUARY 6TH

NO WEDNESDAY NOON BOOK STUDY THIS WEEK—STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 6TH



Christmas Flowers have been given by the Parish of St. Stephen's in celebration of the birth of Christ



December Birthdays

- 1 Kim Jackimowicz
- Fr. Rob Moses
 Henry Chilton Carol Harris Rick Yenney
- 7 Linda France Jessie Gomez Ian Millican
- 9 Tim Irwin Ellen Simms
- 10 John MacGilvray Dale Reinert
- 12 Mariela Brink
- 13 Victoria Naples
- 17 Missy Sabine
- 19 Enid Alers Melissa Getman-Powell
- 21 Suzanne Rosenberger Marty Tallent
- 23 Marianne Hodges Maggie Latham Nathan Peoples
- 24 Michele Giberson
- 26 Jennifer Latham
- 28 Peggy Nicholson
- 29 Susan MacGilvray Nancy Wenham
- 30 Ella Chilton
- 31 Walter Thomas



December Anniversaries

- 8 Kevin & Kim Jackimowicz
- 11 Scott & Carla Sauve
- 15 Lou & Enid Alers
- 31 Judy Elam & Jim Cook

St. Stephen's Prayer List (Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs:

Kevin Ames (David Dresser's cousin), Shannon Black (from Kathy Leahy), Stephen Calhoun, Roger Doyle, Laurie Dresser (David Dresser's sister), Evalyn Duncan, Kit Duncan, former member Pat Dupont, Eileen Fox, Michele Giberson, John Gove, Bill Heath, Lauren Hunt (Michael Englert's friend), Nicole Hernnkind (Karen Spiller's sister), Dan Howes, Kevin Jackimowicz, Sadee Jackimowicz (Kim Jackimowicz's daughter-in-law), Dorothy Jensen (Bob Martin's sister), Scott Johnson (Judy Horne's brother), Ken & Clair Jones (friends of Roger Doyle), Jason & Kim Knox (son of Ed & Dianne Knox), Fronnie LeBlanc (Morgan Goers' sister-in-law), Pat Martin, Charlie Meade, Mary Katherine Nevels (Morgan Goers' sister), Roy Reynolds, Donna Roberts (David Dresser's sister), Mike Robinson (Kai Richardi's grandfather), Marion Stewart, Marge Stockwell, Carol Vonesh, Dahlia Walker, Juliana Walker, Mavis Walker, Bill Warneke.

Pregnant:

Tyler & Sadee Jackimowicz (Kim Jackimowicz's son)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:

Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Tom Crawford, Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Carmen Kight, Rick Rahn, Rick Roach, Mavis Walker, Jo Willey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9am Worship, WCtr & online 10am Worship, Sanct 10am Sunday School 11am Worship, WCtr	288am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	29 8am OnlineMorning Prayer NO CIRCLE B WORSHIP OR BIBLE STUDY 8pm Online Compline	30 Bam Online Morning Prayer NO MORNING WORSHIP OR BIBLE STUDY NO NOON BOOK STUDY 8pm Online Compline	31	1 PY EAR	2
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