## St. Stephen's **Episcopal Church**

1820 County Road 540-A Lakeland, Florida, 33813 Office: 863-646-6115 ststoffice@gmail.com

# **FYI 2018**

February 4th, 2018

Volume 15 Issue 6

The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany



## The St. Stephen's Annual Meeting is Today



We will meet after the 10am service this morning in the Parish Hall. Before the meeting there will be a Yummy Soup lunch. The agenda for the Annual Meeting will include the election of 3 new Vestry members for 3 year terms, the presentation of the 2018 budget, and an overview of the past year and a Rededication of the DOK. Your attendance at this meeting is vital to the life of our church. Please come and be a part of the fellowship and the business portion of our Parish.

## **VBS SPAGHETTI DINNER IS THIS COMING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 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 2018 Vacation Bible Program. We always need help in the kitchen on Spaghetti night. Please call Karen Spiller, at 513-0035, if you can lend a hand.





Next Sunday we will be joined at both services with representatives from the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts. Help us welcome and honor these Scouts, and their families. There will be Scouts participating in both of our services and after the 11:00am service we will have a cook out lunch and play a game of Adults versus Kids Kick Ball!!

The office is in the process of publishing a new Parish Directory. In order to make sure that the information we have for you is correct we are asking that you check the current listings. A purple binder will be in each worship area with a cup of red pens to use for corrections. Please check your name as well as Birthdays and Anniversaries.



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



Our **VESTRY**  2017 - Ben Cochran

2018- Karen Spiller, Walter Thomas, Buster Brown 2019- Richard Eijo, Karen Beasley, Marcia Heath

**Treasurer: Bruce Goers** 

**Book keeper: Cathy Zielinski** 



On February 17th at 9:30 am the St. Stephen's Women's Fellowship Ministry will have their first Brunch of 2018. All women are invited and encouraged to invite a friend. Please join us for food and fellowship in the Worship Center where we are very excited to have as our speakers Deacon Sue McCaffrey who will be sharing her experiences of being with Mother Theresa and Sue Mcllrath speaking about the Daughters of the King. This Brunch will be hosted by Julianna & Tricia Walker and as usual we will have door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.



New St. Stephen's
T-Shirts are here.
These shirts are
lighter weight and we
even have a women's
style. The cost is
\$10.00. They will be
for sale Sunday.



Your last year's palm crosses and/or palms are needed to provide the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please deposit them in the baskets provided in each worship area.



This year our annual Worship in Action Sunday will be February 18th and we are looking for projects for this event. If you know of something or someone that could benefit from our help please let the office or Fr. David know.

# **Light for my Path**



Several years ago Fr. David wrote a book by book summary of the Bible and we got as far as Lamentations. There are black file boxes in each worship area with files of each book and folders for you to put them in. If you have any questions please see Priscilla Kight or call the office, 646-6115.

Roy Reynolds sister, Sharon, died on January 27th. She had been very ill. A memorial Service will be held for her at St. Stephen's on February 9th ay 11:30.

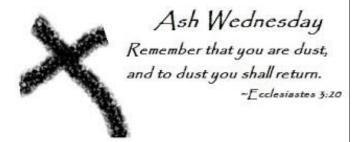
" Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon her."

+++Verse of the Week, Isaiah 40:31+++

They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.



Lent 2018 begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. To usher in those forty days (not including Sundays) we will have our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 13th. The dinner will be prepared by the men of the Parish under the leadership of Richard Eijo and all men are asked to help. Pancakes and sausages will be served from 5:30pm to 7:00pm and we will have a basket for donations to help defray the cost of the meal.



Ash Wednesday Services will be held in the church the next day at Noon and 7:00pm. Attending one of these services will help you prepare your heart and mind to observe the upcoming season of Lent.



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."

January 28, 2018 Attendance: 153 Income: \$2942.00

**Bucks for our Buildings: \$90.00** 



Valentine's Parents Night Out Saturday, February 10th, 5pm-10pm

Bring your children to us for a fun-filled evening while you get some time to enjoy an early Valentines celebration.

There will be games, movies, crafts and dinner!

\$15.00 donation for the first child and \$10.00 for each additional child.

All donations benefit various children's organizations in Kenya

Please call Brigitte Garcia by February 8th at 954-2614370 to register.



February 4th: Annual Meeting and Soup Luncheon

February 6th: Spaghetti Dinner @ 5:30

February 10th: Parents Night Out

February 11th: Scout Sunday

February 13th: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 14th: Ash Wednesday @noon and 7pm

February 15th: Lunch Bunch

February 17th: Women's Fellowship Brunch February 18th:Worship in Action Sunday



# The flowers on the Altar today have been given In Celebration of Virginia Marcinek's 97th birthday by Dugan and Judy Wilder And



In thanksgiving for received prayers by Betty Pratt

### **February Birthdays**

- 4 Elissia Eijo
- 5 Rachel Workman
- 7 Morgan Goers Virginia Marcinek
- 8 Brouck Boyd
- 15 DeAnn Brown
- 16 Carrie McNeill Dianne Knox Lenny Paradise
- 18 Carmen Kight
- 22 Victoria Paradise
- 25 Bob Martin
- 26 Glen Zielinski Lula Peoples
- 28 Bob Stockwell



#### **February Anniversaries**

- 11 Dale & Amy Ling
- 14 Tim & Ellen Irwin
- 27 Bill & Marcia Heath
- 28 Bruce & Morgan Goers

# St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Long Term Prayer Needs: Janell Repsher, lung problems, Scott Barham Heart Surgery Recovery, Kathleen and Jimmy Turner (Janet Casini's brother and sister in-law), Loriane Turner (knee injury) Jaime Morris (Robi Leibecki's daughter) Robi Leibecki, Lars & Jade Andersson (Brigitte Garcia's niece and nephew), John Fitzgerald (Sue Deman's dad), Bill Warneke eyes, Tony Barfield cancer, Trudi Lithgow back problem, Roy Reynolds heart problems (Carol Reynolds husband), Pat Dupont back problems, Ken Horne, Michele Giberson Autoimmune disorder, Bethany and Stetson Glass, prayers for successful adoption (Bob and 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, Karen Stockwell recovery from 2nd heart attack (Bob and Marge Stockwell's daughter-in-law), Yvonne Kimble, breast cancer (Betty Pratt's Niece), , Ben Cochran recovering from back surgery, Mary K breast cancer, Lindsay Zielinski autoimmune disorder, Bob **Stockwell** Esophageal cancer, JC and Heather Presley, multiple health issues,1st Lt Tyler Owens (a Platoon Leader deployed to Syria) and his Platoon, Kelly Burk, (injuries from a car accident), Mavis Walker, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, Stroke

<u>Pregnant</u>: Savannah and Robert, Kevin and Matilda, John and Tiffany, Kyle and Rachel Blackwell

<u>Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility</u>: Dawn Flynn , Tom Haney, Grace Ledwith, Nancy Bailey, Jim & Jo Willey, Carmen Kight, Susan Cardman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 10:00am Holy Eucharist  Annual Meeting Soup Lunch	5 Staff Meeting 10:30	Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00	7 Noon Service Book Study 7:00pm Book Study	7:00pm Choir Practice	9 Office Closed	Parent's Night Out 5:00-10:00
11 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist	Staff Meeting 10:30	13 Talbot House Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:30-7:00	ASH WEDNESDAY Noon& 7:00	7:00pm Choir Practice	Office Closed	Women's Fellowship Brunch 9:30