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The Sunday of the Passion



Today is called both "Palm Sunday" and "Passion Sunday." The first name comes from the fact that it commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (Mark 1:1-11). The palms today are blessed so that they can be carried in the procession and they should then be taken home where they will serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ which was celebrated in today's procession. The second name comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read on this Sunday (it otherwise wouldn't be read on a Sunday, since the next Sunday is about the Resurrection).
Holy Week begins today on "Palm & Passion Sunday"



Family Passover and Seder

Our (now)yearly Passover/ Seder meal was a great success. Over 100 people came and enjoyed a great meal of Lamb, Beef, roasted potatoes, carrots, peas, beans, and fruit salad. After dinner we all participated in a Seder. Like a real family everyone pitched in and helped make last Sunday wonderful.



**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



Last Thursday dear Grace Ledwith died. She lived to be 101 and now is spending eternity in the presence of God. A funeral service for Grace will held at St. Stephen's on Saturday, April 14th, at 1:00pm and there will be a reception afterwards.

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



EASTER EVENTS

EASTER RECEPTION FOOD

There will be a reception on Easter after the 6:30 service and after the 9:00 service. We will need help from the congregation to make this a beautiful and sumptuous event. Please consider bringing: * coffee cake; pastry *cut up fruit *donuts; bagels *anything else that your heart desires. Please have your food gift to the parish hall in plenty of time, prior to either service.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Each year on Easter morning we have an egg hunt for the children of our church. This takes place at 10:00am on the play ground area. This year each child will get a colored bag and they will hunt for only the eggs that mach their bag color. The Easter Bunny needs your help. We will be collecting "filled" plastic Easter eggs again this year for the Easter Egg hunt. Please bring your eggs to each worship area or the church.

Thank You

EASTER BONNET CONTEST

Calling all Children...Following the egg hunt the children will go into the worship center and have their Easter bonnets judged. Don't forget to bring your homemade Easter Bonnets to church on Easter Morning



**Save The Date
Saturday,
April 28, 2018**

The 2018 Flip Flop Ball will feature dancing, food, live music and a live auction.

**Hosted by -
Wesley & Ashley Barnett
3830 Gaines Court.,
Winter Haven**

**Tickets are:
\$75/person,
\$125/couple
Please see Richard
Eijo for tickets or
more information.**

+++Verse of the Week, +++Philippians 2:10

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.



Bible Book Summary of the Week

Joel

(Second of the twelve Minor Prophets
and lover of Locusts)

Please let the office know if you need any
copies to make your collection complete.



***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."***

March 11, 2018

Attendance: 168

Income: \$5094.00

Bucks for our Buildings: \$121.00

March 18, 2018

Attendance: 134

Income: \$1898.10

Bucks for our Buildings: \$62.00



**The St. Stephen's Youth Group and
Choir will be hosting the annual
craft fair.**

**This event will be held on Saturday,
April 7th, from 9am until 2pm., here at
St. Stephen's. If you are interested in
having a table the cost is \$25.00 with
a limit of two spaces per business.**

**More information is available by
contacting Rachel Workman at
863-701-3437 or by email at
freshwaterlife@msn.com.**



Beach Weekend??

**This year instead of going to Cocoa Beach for
the first week end in May we are going to have
a Beach Day on the West Coast of Florida. We
are still working out the details but please set
aside May 5th to spend the day at the beach
with your Church family. As we get more
information we will get it out to you.**



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



March 25th: Palm Sunday ONE SERVICE@ 10

March 28th: Priscilla gets a Hair cut

March 29th: Maundy Thursday Service@ 7:00pm

March 30th: Good Friday Services @ Noon and 7pm

March 30th: Cross Walk at 12:30pm

March 31st: Easter Setup

April 1st: Easter Day Services @6:30,9:00 and 11:00

April 3rd: Spaghetti Dinner

April 7th: Spring Fling



Please don't forget to sign up for Easter Flowers.

Each year at Easter we ask for special donations for flowers and plants to help us decorate and celebrate the Risen Christ. Your gift can be given in Memory of, in Honor of or in Thanksgiving of someone or something special. Please put your request in the alms basin and they will be printed in the Easter Bulletin.

March Birthdays

- 2 Scott Sauve**
- 3 Jessica Peoples
Glenn Brown**
- 10 Gloria Thomason
Samantha Denstedt**
- 11 Mary Lou Garland**
- 12 Christopher Steadman**
- 14 Dennis Flynn**
- 15 Luna Denstedt**
- 16 Bill Heath**
- 22 Shirley Rumpel
Richard Eijo,
Fran Auclair**
- 25 Schuyler Denstedt**



March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo**
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox**
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman**
- 21 Major & Priscilla Kight**
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney**
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson**
- 28 Alan & Barbara Yeaple**

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: **Pat Martin**, Multiple Health Issues. Scott Johnson, (**Judy Horne's** brother, Myelofibrosis) **Jim Watkins, Sally Templeton**, (heart),**Rick Rahn** (prostate cancer)**Liz Barham**, Major surgery **Janell Repsher**, lung problems, **Scott Barham** Heart Surgery Recovery, Jimmy Turner (**Janet Casini's brother**), Loriane Turner (knee injury) Jaime Morris (**Robi Leibecki's daughter**) **Robi Leibecki**, Lars & Jade Andersson (**Brigitte Garcia's niece and nephew**), **Bill Warneke** vision , **Tony Barfield, Trudi Lithgow** back problem, **Roy Reynolds** heart problems, **Pat Dupont** back problems, **Ken Horne**, A-Fib ,**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, **daughter-in-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, Kelly Burk, recovery from auto accident, **Mavis Walker**, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, Stroke, Melissa Conti, Eye, Ron Cain, Sea Scout, cancer

Pregnant: **Savannah and Robert**, Kevin and Matilda, John and Tiffany, Kyle and Rachel Blackwell. Obdulia Wences

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Palm Sunday One Service 10:00am Quiet Service 7:00pm	26 No Staff Meeting	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm	30 Good Friday Noon & 7 Cross Walk 12:30	31 Holy Saturday
1 EASTER 6:30am Holy Eucharist Brunch 9:00am Holy Eucharist Brunch Easter Egg Hunt Easter Bonnet Contest 11:00am Holy Eucharist	2 No Staff Meeting	3 Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-7:00	4 No Noon Service Or Book Study's	5	6	7 Spring Fling Craft Fair 9am-2pm