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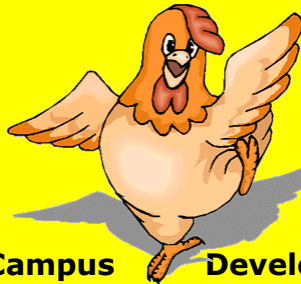
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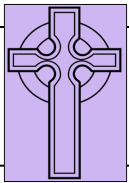
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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY!

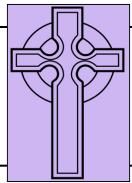


Join us at 12:30pm for fried
chicken and delicious home
-made sides and desserts.
*Donations greatly
appreciated.*

All proceeds go to the Campus Development Committee and support maintenance of our beautiful grounds. We'll once again have many wonderful raffle items. This is a FREE event and everyone is welcome. Come, be part of the fun and help us continue to make our grounds a beautiful spot for all!



**This Sunday is the LAST DAY to turn in Memorial Crosses
for All Saints. Please make sure you've turned in all
crosses to one of the worship spaces today.**



Our Youth Group is making Blessing Bags again. There are bins in both Worship areas for donations. The bags will be given out in December at Talbot House and around Lakeland.



**The items needed for
this are: Shampoo,
Conditioner, Wash
Cloths, Soap, Tooth
Paste, Tooth Brushes,
Floss, Combs,
Deodorant, Hand
Lotion, Band Aids,
Hard Candies or Mints,
Crackers, Breakfast
Bars, Razors, Chap
Stick, Water, Socks,
Blankets, Rain Coats,
Bug Spray**

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. He is hoping for a powerful night of evangelism, praise, music, and testimonies, and 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.



**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, October 28th: The Theme – Blest Be the Tie That Binds.

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not His own already." C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity.

God has given each of us the opportunity to be and do as we wish. We are free to use our talents and skills, our mind and thoughts, and money as we wish. God has placed what he has given us under our control. We can talk of our achievements, our successes and what we have done with our lives, but it is what we have been given by God that has enabled us to achieve what we have. We are the stewards of his blessings.

There is the old story of the traveling preacher and his son going to a little church to substitute for the regular preacher who had to be gone for that Sunday. The evening before the traveling preacher's son asked him if he was going to work on his sermon for the next day. The preacher responded, "No, I'm just going to talk off the top of my head. This is just a small church and it isn't that important."

As the Sunday worship progressed, the preacher rambled in his sermon and an offering was taken. The preacher had given his son a quarter and said that was all that was needed to be put in the offering plate.

After the service the deacon came over to the preacher, explained to the preacher that it was the custom of the church to give the contents of the offering plate to the visiting preacher, and handed the preacher the quarter. Looking at the quarter in his father's hand the son said, "Maybe if we had given more we would have gotten more." We have been given much. Above all, we have a loving God that has given us a "fellowship of kindred minds (that) is like to that above." We each come to worship bringing different blessings from God. We have the opportunity to share what we've been given, and that willingness to share with others is the foundation of being good stewards of His many blessings.

Let us not be like the traveling preacher, squandering his talents and giving less than he should. Let's share and be good stewards of our blessings, "our comforts and our cares" to sustain and grow God's house now and in the future.

Verse of the Week - Psalm 34:8

**Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

COMING SOON

November 4-16



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.



But don't worry, Fr. Rob will handle services on Sunday the 11th and between him and our deacons, there will be people available in the office, at our regular programming, and for pastoral care.



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 21st ,2018

Attendance: ?

Income: \$?

Bucks for our Buildings:\$?

New Nametags are Ready, and new mailboxes are here!

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE

Thank You

FOR ALL YOUR HELP

A big thanks to everyone for their support for me and my family after Allan's passing. All the love, hugs, cards, food, phone calls and visits were greatly appreciated. It was our Church family that helped us get through a difficult time. Allan was always thankful for his Church family and I am so thankful also. With love, Barbara Yeaple and family.

October 28th: Chicken Dinner @ 12:30pm

**October 31st: Morning Prayer with Communion and Bible Study
Holy Eucharist @Noon and Book Study
Book Study @7:00pm**

November 4th: All Saints Sunday

November 6th: Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm

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 By Sandy Gibson



October Birthdays

- 3 Lynn Whitt
- 6 Tom Hiber
- 8 Pat Martin
- 9 Phil Wortman
Geneann Thompson
- 10 Chase Grandone
- 11 Bethellen Reinert
- 14 Allan Yeaple
- 15 Ava Naples
- 17 Lyla Peddycoart
- 25 Mary Statzer
- 26 Marion Stewart
- 28 Michele Jump
- 29 David Ling
- 30 Major Kight, Lylah Denstedt
- 31 Kai Richardi



October Anniversaries

- 1 Nelson & Shirley Rumpel
- 17 K. C. & Susan Eapen
Mike & Lynn Whitt
- 18 Buster & DeAnn Brown
- 21 Kit & Evalyn Duncan
- 28 Matt & Trish Grandone
- 31 Robert & Savannah Dillon

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: 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
28 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:30pm CHICKEN DINNER 6:30pm Youth Group Halloween Party!	29 Staff Meeting 10:30	30	31 ALL HALLOW'S EVE MP/Communion and Bible Study 9am Noon Eucharist & Book Study Book Study 7pm	1 ALL SAINTS Choir Rehearsal 7pm	2 ALL SOULS Morning Prayer 8am Office Closed	3
4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15 Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist 6:30pm Youth Group Fly Away, Fr. David!	5 Staff Meeting 10:30	6	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