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The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Please join us for a Passover (Easter) Dinner and a Seder Meal Today at 5:00pm

This event will take place in the Parish Hall. Prior to the Seder meal a lovely full dinner with either Lamb or Roast Beef , vegetables and fruit salad will be served.

After dinner we will have a symbolic representation from the story in the old testament book of Exodus of how God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. For thousands of years Jewish people have used these symbols to remember and teach what God has done for them. The Last meal Jesus shared with his disciples was a Seder.



This Tuesday, April 9th, is "Chili Night" at Talbot House. If you wonder what this is all about please speak to Sharon Crosdale or call the office. We will meet at 5:00pm to serve chili, home baked bread, and juice. The address for Talbot House is 814 N Kentucky Ave, Lakeland, FL 33801. We can always use extra hands, so please come and help serve some of Lakeland's hungry people.



Our last Wednesday Night Lenten Supper will be this week. Soup and bread is served at 6:30 and Bible study on the book of James follows.



There will be a Church Staff meeting on Monday at 10:30am

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



OUR VESTRY

2019-Richard Eijo, Karen Beasley, Marcia Heath
2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Ben Cochran
2021- David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell
Treasurer: Bruce Goers
Book keeper: Cathy Zielinski

EASTER EVENTS HELP NEEDED

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 match their bag color. The Easter Bunny decided to only hide empty eggs this year. When they have found all the eggs in their special color they will bring their bag and swap it out for a bag of candy. The Easter Bunny Needs small bags of candy to fill the bags. Please bring your candy to the church office or worship area.

EASTER BONNET CONTEST FOR ALL AGES

This year our Easter Bonnet is for Adults and Children so have fun and make a special hat for Easter. Following the egg hunt everyone 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.

EASTER ALLELUIA BELLS

Each year we ask folks to bring bells from home to Ring in the Easter Alleluia's, so start looking for your bells now. (If you don't have a bell we will have bells available Easter Morning)

ATTENTION ALL BEACH WEEKEND GOERS

DEADLINE.....DEADLINE.....DEADLINE!!!

We need all final payments for room and food into the church by this Sunday, April 6th. If you don't know your balance, please call Susan Barham at 863-712-7889 or email her at sdbarham7@tampabay.rr.com.

The food cost is \$15/person for ages seven and up.

If paying cash. please put in an envelope and mark for Beach Weekend with your name, final payment and food payment for how many.

Please mark the same information on your check memo area.

Also Please note that a detailed information sheet about our Beach Weekend will be put in your church boxes on April 22nd.

Thanks.....Your Beach Weekend Planning Committee

Verse of the Week: Isaiah

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

New St. Stephen's Tee Shirts are Available



St. Stephen's T-Shirts are available for purchase now. These shirts are lighter weight and we even have a women's style. The cost is \$10.00.

We have boxes in each worship area.



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 31st ,2019

Attendance: 172

Income: \$5795.00

Bucks for our Buildings:\$101.00



The Women's Fellowship Tea date has been changed. It will be held on Saturday, May 25th. Please see Lula Peoples for more information about this event

Bible Book Summary for this week



"John"

John's Gospel is the most quoted Gospel at American Sport's events.

Copies of the Bible Summaries are available in each worship Area.

Thank You!

We would like to thank all the people who helped make it possible for us to be on the team for Cursillo #128. Our weekend was wonderful and we feel so blessed to have been able to serve God through Cursillo.

De Colores!

Sharon Crosdale and Rachel Workman



The VBS crew is asking us to save our empty paper towel rolls for a project. They will need 130 rolls so start saving!



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.

April Birthdays

- 4 Hilda Knowles
Jackie Monts de Oca
- 5 Kit Duncan
- 9 Ryker Dillon
- 11 Jim Dayton
- 12 Benny Binnion, Emma Moses
- 13 Sally Flanagan, Mavis Walker
- 18 Gail Wortman
- 17 Maria Peoples
- 19 Bill Brink
- 22 Roger Statzer
- 23 Juliana Walker
- 24 Nathan Irwin
- 25 Jenna Walker
- 27 Levi Butler, Mary Gillan
Lincoln Grandone
- 28 Sam Rosenberger, Barbara Yeaple
- 29 Bill Thompson
- 30 Mahlon Sale



April Anniversaries

- 4 Jim & Karen Beasley
- 6 Ernest & Melissa Palmer
- 14 Melissa & Debra Powell

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Bill Warneke, (upcoming Pacemaker surgery and vision issues) , Richard and Bonnie Morrison (cancer), **Michael & Stacy Englert's Aunt & Uncle**, Pam Pflam, (Tongue Cancer), Patricia Williams, (Lung Cancer) Jessica Sherotski, breast cancer, Jacob Leahy, Shannon Black, **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, David Dresser**, Severe Back issues, **Pat Martin**, Multiple Health Issues. Scott Johnson, **(Judy Horne's brother, Myelofibrosis) Sally Templeton**, (heart),**Rick Rahn** (prostate cancer)**Janell Repsher**, lung problems, **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, **Mavis Walker**, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, Stroke, Ron Cain, Sea Scout, cancer, Whitney Hand, multiple illnesses, Ali Smith, Mr. Havlett, Maria Figueroa Rodriguez, friend of Jim Heal, Cindy and Family, George and Alice

Pregnant: Jerney and Colleen **(Pat Dupont's grandnephew)**, Gretchen and Eric, **(Ginny Martin's granddaughter)**, Sam & Donna **(Bob & Pat Martin's grandson)**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Children's Church 11:00am Holy Eucharist SEDER MEAL 5:00pm	8 Staff Meeting @ 10:30	9 Talbot House 5:00	10 MP/Communion & Bible Study 9am Noon Eucharist Lenten Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:30pm	11 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	12 Office Closed	13
14 10:00am Holy Eucharist PALM/PASSION SUNDAY 7:00pm Lenten Candlelight Quiet Service	15 Staff Meeting @ 10:30	16	17 MP/Communion & Bible Study 9am Noon Eucharist Lenten Soup Supper and Bible Study 6:30pm	18 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	19 Office Closed	20