

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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FYI 2020

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The Second Sunday in Lent



Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour
Saturday Night and avoid the walk of shame
Sunday Morning.



St. Stephen's Inquirer's class begins on today
during the education hour. Grab some
breakfast served by the Girl Scouts and join
us in the small group room. The class will be
led by Fr. Rob.

This offering is especially helpful for anyone
seeking Confirmation, Reception,
Reaffirmation or a deeper knowledge of the
Episcopal Church. Bishop Brewer will be here
on June 7th to preside at the services of
Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation.



Girl Scout Sunday takes place during Girl
Scout Week. The week revolves around March
12, the birthday of Girl Scouting. Girl Scout
Sunday is the first Sunday before March 12.
Today we are happy to welcome members of
the Girl Scout Troops that meet here at St.
Stephen's. The girls will provide breakfast for
us between 9&11am services.
Please stay late or come early and get to
know our Girl Scouts.

Talbot House Chili Night is Tuesday, March 10th



On the second Tuesday of each
month, St. Stephen's takes a
yummy Chili dinner complete
with Homemade bread to Talbot
House. Talbot House provides
men and women who would
otherwise be on the streets a
place of safe refuge and basic
needs. If you want more
information please speak to
Sharon Crosdale.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING
@6:30pm**

**STAFF MEETING
MONDAY @10:30**

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



OUR VESTRY

2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Carol Reynolds
2021- David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell
2022- Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine
Treasurer: Bruce Goers
Book keeper: Cathy Zielinski

Virus Season and Lent at St. Stephen's

As the flu season continues, and amid growing concerns about the possible spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, now is a good time to remind everyone about best practices for hygiene during Eucharist and other services.

- During Lent this year we will forgo the use of pottery for communion and continue to use our silver vessels.
- Parishioners who are coughing or sneezing should refrain from handshaking during the Peace. Fist bumps, elbow bumps, friendly waves, and peace signs are all acceptable substitutes.
- Avoid intinction (the dipping of the bread into the wine). Intinction does little to avoid the spread of disease and may actually increase the spread, as the bread or wafer spends more time in the (possibly unclean) hand before being dipped in the wine. There has never been much evidence of risk of disease associated with the shared communion cup, but of course each parishioner must make up their own minds about its use.

This flu season has been a particularly hard one and we want to remain a safe a healthy place to worship.



Hospitality Committee Members Wanted

We need lots of volunteers to help food-involved events. There is a sign-up including such things as laundry, cooking, serving, set-up and shopping. No matter what your specific skills and abilities are, we can use your help.

Please check this out and consider volunteering.



Easter Flower donation forms are available today in your box. Place your form in the alms basin after you fill it out.

Thank You

Check Your Mailbox



New church directories are in your box. The mailboxes in the Sanctuary have been alphabetized again. Please follow the arrow by your name to find your box location.

PEACE Nehemiah Action
Tuesday, March 31, 7 pm
at Resurrection Catholic Church
333 Terrace Way
Lakeland



PEACE

POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION
COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT

Join with Christian congregations from throughout Polk County as we engage with public officials in the creation of more just and equitable systems in the community. This year, in particular, we will be addressing issues related to affordable housing and mental health.

When PEACE shows up, Justice Reigns.

Verse of the Week Psalm 121:1&2

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

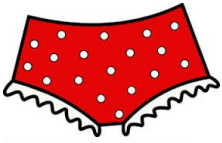


DON'T FORGET YOUR UNDERWEAR!

The Daughters of the King are collecting men and women's underwear and socks for next four weeks for Talbot House.

Please be a part of this project.

There will be boxes in each worship are to receive your donations.
Thank You



CORRECTION

For the first time in recent memory I made a mistake in the FYI. The Adult Fellowship group will continue to meet every Tuesday at 1:00pm. I am deeply sorry for any confusion last week's article may have caused. The Hand and Foot card players are looking for folks to join them.



Talbot House Ministries Auxiliary Rose Tea

Come dressed in your high tea best, bring your own special tea cup and join the hat parade at the Talbot House Auxiliary Rose Tea on March 15th @ 2:00.

A Scout family member has purchased a table for 8 for this event. If you would be interested in attending this event please call the office @863-646-6115. We would like to fill this table and support Talbot House.



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."

Ash Wednesday, 2020

Attendance: 102

Income: \$4422.00

Bucks for Our Buildings:\$175.00

Upcoming Events

March 8th: Daylight Savings Begins

Girl Scout Brunch

March 10th: Adult Fellowship @1:00pm

Talbot House@5:00pm

March 11th:9am HE & Bible Study

Noon HE& Book Study

7:00pm Bible Study

March 15th: Beach Weekend Sign Up

Talbot House Tea

March 16th: Staff Meeting@10:30

March 17th: Adult Fellowship@1:00

Vestry Meeting@6:00

March 18th:9am HE & Bible Study

Noon HE& Book Study

7:00pm Bible Study

March 19th: Lunch Bunch@11:30@ Freds



Church Office Hours are Monday–Thursday, 9:00am-3:00pm.

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Please do not hesitate to communicate with the us.

**The Flowers on the Altar have been given by
Roger Doyle in memory of Pat's birthday
And
The Stockwell Family in memory of Bob's birthday
And
Troy and Sue DeMan in memory of Deacon John Fitzgerald**

March Birthdays

- 1 Celeste Cooper, Sam Jerome
- 2 Scott Sauve
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples
- 8 Marylou Taylor
- 10 Samantha Denstedt,
Evalyn Duncan,
Gloria Thomason
- 11 Mary Lou Garland
- 12 Christopher Steadman-Jones
- 14 Dennis Flynn
- 15 Luna Denstedt
- 16 Cameron Abbey, Bill Heath
- 20 Deb Brock
- 22 Fran Auclair, Richard Eijo
Shirley Rumpel
- 23 Jerry Jerome
- 25 Joe Adams
Schuyler Denstedt
- 29 Mary Trimbath
- 30 Adyline Rae Dillon
- 31 Deborah Cole



March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman
- 19 Ken & Anna Butler
- 21 Major & Priscilla Kight
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Eleanor Thomas, Alicia Weber (Broken Pelvis), Pat Dupont (Bell's Palsy), Timmy Peoples (Broken ankle) Rob Dillon, Mel Conrad (Carol Reynolds sister) Megan Stoddard (Health Issues), Susan Epan (Heath Issues), Lung Cancer), Anna Butler (Cancer), Russ Smith (stroke and Heart attack), Evie McCormick, Stephen Calhoun, Laurie Dresser, stroke, (David Dresser's sister) Jackie Monts de Oca (Knee Surgery), Richard Welch, (Marge Stockwell's brother, lung cancer), Evalyn Duncan (various health issues), Bill Warneke, Richard and Bonnie Morrison (cancer), Michael & Stacy Englert's Aunt & Uncle, (Lung Cancer) Jessica Sherotski, breast cancer, Shannon Black, Scott Barham, Bryan Stockwell, chronic lymphatic leukemia, (Marge Stockwell's son), Karen Stockwell, stroke, Peggy Taylor, cancer (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, recovery from stem cell transplant), Rick Rahn (prostate cancer) Janell Repsher, Trudi Lithgow, Roy Reynolds, heart problems, Michele Giberson, autoimmune disorder, Carol Kahlenberg, mental illness (Evie McCormick's friend), 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, Lindsay Zielinski, autoimmune disorder, Mavis Walker, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, stroke, Whitney Hand, multiple illnesses, Mr. Havlett, Cindy and Family, Mike Bower, Michael Pierce, lung cancer, Nancy Misiazek, Christy O'Steen, breast cancer

Pregnant: Amanda and Joseph Nolette (Ed & Diane Knox's grand daughter), Matt and Autumn Gulley (Tom & Marion Stewart's granddaughter) Kevin and Samantha Leahy (David and Katherine Leahy's son and daughter in law)

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Carmen Kight, Susan Cardman, Tom Crawford , Alicia Weber

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Girl Scout Brunch 11:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Children's Church</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Youth Group@6:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Staff Meeting @ 10:30</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Adult Fellowship 1:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Talbot House 5:00pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">HE & Bible Study 9am</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Noon HE & Book Study</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Bible Study@ 7pm</p> <p style="color: black; font-weight: bold;">Choir Rehearsal 6pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Choir Rehearsal 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p>
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