

**St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church**

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# FYI 2021

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**DRIVE-THRU**



**Drive-Thru Communion This  
Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12-12:30pm**

If you are still worshipping at home, please come to our parking lot Sunday, 12:00-12:30pm and let one of our clergy bring communion to your car. Our Drive-thru Communion will continue on the 1st Sunday of each month.

**Crazy Days VBS:**

**Where is God When the World Feels Upside Down?**

**June 21-25, 2021, 5:30-8:00pm**

Registration is now open

Kindergarten thru completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Also accepting volunteer registrations from middle school thru adults

**Our 2021 Vacation Bible School  
In Light of the Pandemic,  
A Re-Worked and Re-Organized  
Week of Faith and Hope  
With Snacks, Crafts, Games  
And Lots of MESSY Fun  
Outside and At a Distance!  
FREE, but Limited to 50 Kids**

**JUNE 21-25**  
**5:30pm-8:00pm**  
Elementary ages (K-5th)



Call the church office, 863-646-6115 or email [ststlinda@gmail.com](mailto:ststlinda@gmail.com) to register – online registration will open Monday at [centralfloridachurch.com/vbs2021](http://centralfloridachurch.com/vbs2021).

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



2021-Liz Barham, David Dresser, Debbie Powell  
2022-Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine  
2023-Karen Beasley, Richard Eijo, Carol Reynolds  
Treasurer: Charles Bradford  
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

# SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We are gearing up for a change!

Our Summer Worship Schedule **begins on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd**. We will all worship at 10am in the Sanctuary, with an overflow service in the Garden Chapel area.

Our 10am worship services this summer will often be followed by parish fellowship events. It will be so nice to see other parishioners again in a social setting! Pentecost Sunday will kick this off with a Chili lunch following our first Summer worship service.

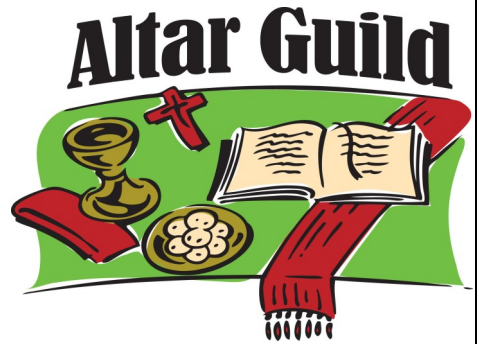


## Altar Guild Reorganizes

With increased attendance there is a need for extra hands to help set up, clean and put away the

familiar items used at our worship services – altar linens, banners, communion supplies, seasonal items, etc. If you are interested in participating on an Altar Guild team, whether as a newbie or an experienced member, please let **Deacon Doug Jump (863-514-0620)** know.

A huge “thank you” to Betty Pratt, Judy Wilder and Deacon Doug Jump for continuing to serve as our parish’s Altar Guild throughout the pandemic as we reopened for in-person worship. We appreciate your faithfulness and diligence.



## YOUTH GROUP MEETING 6:30PM TONIGHT



### **Next Holy Hike at Peterson Park & Three Parks Trail Thursday, May 6th**

**Meet at 9am in the back of the park by the enclosed picnic area  
For Pre-Hike Prayer & Prep  
(.25-mile, .50-mile & 3.6-mile trails available)**



### **Calling All 2021 Graduates!!**

Is someone in your household graduating this year?

Please let us know your graduate’s name and what level of school they are completing.

We would like to honor our graduates from preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school and college on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd, so get your name to us soon.

Just email [ststlinda@gmail.com](mailto:ststlinda@gmail.com), call the church office, or slip us a note.

## Verse of the Week—John 15:5

**I am the vine; you are the branches.  
If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;  
apart from me you can do nothing.**

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar



- May 9**            **Mother's Day**
- May 11**        **5pm Talbot House Chili Night**
- May 18**        **6pm Vestry Meeting in Parish Hall**
- May 23**        **Pentecost Sunday**  
**10:00am Summer Worship in Sanctuary/Garden Chapel & Chili Lunch following**
- May 30**        **DOK Meeting**
- May 31**        **Memorial Day**
- June 6**         **Drive-Thru Communion**
- June 20**       **Father's Day**
- June 21-23** **VBS 5:30-8pm**



***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."***

**April 25, 2021**

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>29</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>80</b>

**Total Offerings:                    \$3,235.00**

*Thank you for your continued faithfulness*

## Food Box Update

We have given out several boxes of shelf stable food in the past week or two. Since these do not include fresh meat or other perishables, we have also given gift cards to supplement the boxes of food.



Now we are in need of a few items to help with this important ministry to those in need.

### **Certain items needed:**

- **\$20-25 gift cards to Publix or Walmart**
- **Bags of rice**
- **Dried beans**
- **Peanut butter**

If you are able to provide these items, please see Father Rob or bring them to the office or to church with you.

## Weekdays on Facebook

8am Morning Prayer

8pm Compline

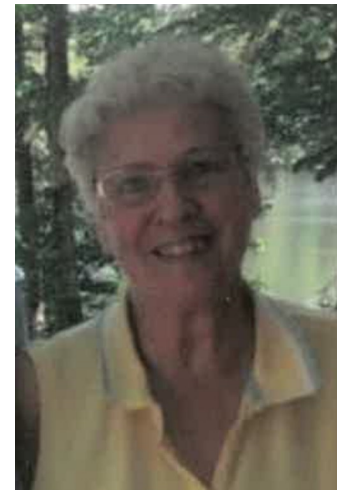
**WORSHIP**  
**WITH US**

## Patricia Riley Steeves

**1945-2021**

We have heard from Trudi Lithgow that former winter parishioner Pat Steeves died on March 14, 2021 following a five-year battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. Condolences may be sent to her husband: Jack Steeves

154 Bear Rock Rd.  
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*Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord;  
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*



*The flowers on the altar have been  
given by Louis Bloodworth  
in memory of his mother, Frances Bloodworth*



### May Birthdays

- 1 Pat Dayton, Abbi Pratt
- 2 Megan Stoddard
- 5 Melissa Eijo  
Elizabeth Koshi
- 7 Charles Bradford  
Althea Nye
- 8 Brian Brink
- 9 Michael Englert  
Aiden Westberry
- 10 Kevin Shelton
- 13 \*Joanie Boyd  
Michael Platt
- 14 Robert Chilton  
K.C. Eapen  
Kaelynn Hiber
- 15 Jim Heal
- 16 Ed Knox  
Carla Sauve
- 17 Jim Schmidt
- 18 Betty Calhoun
- 19 Marcia Heath  
Tom Rittenour  
Sierra Steadman-Jones
- 21 Rick Rahn
- 23 Bruce Goers  
Janice Olson
- 24 Dan Howes
- 29 Bill Monts de Oca



### May Anniversaries

- 8 Roger & Mary Statzer
- 12 Bill & Geneann Thompson
- 15 Ken & Judy Horne
- 21 Brian & Erica Brink  
Bob & Pat Martin
- 25 Robert & Annette Chilton  
Bill & Jackie Monts de Oca
- 27 Tim & Mary Trimbath

### St. Stephen's Prayer List (Parish Members are in Bold)

**Prayer Needs:** Kevin Ames (**David Dresser's** cousin), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), **Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun**, Tomasso Casini (son of **Janet & Italo Casini**), **Deborah Cole, Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (granddaughter of **David & Patricia Dresser**), **Evalyn Duncan, Kit Duncan**, former member Pat Dupont, **Eileen Fox, Michele Giberson, John Gove**, Lana Guisinger (**Linda France's** sister) **Bill Heath**, Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Dan Howes, Kevin Jackimowicz**, Dorothy Jensen (**Bob Martin's** sister), Scott Johnson (**Judy Horne's** brother), Ken & Clair Jones (friends of **Roger Doyle**), Fronnie LeBlanc (**Morgan Goers'** sister-in-law), Pat Martin, Charlie Meade, **Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), **Marion Stewart, Marge Stockwell**, family of **Marty Tallent's** great niece, **Bill Thompson, Carol Vonesh, Dahlia Walker, Juliana Walker, Bill Warneke.**

**Pregnant:** Akeythia Goers (granddaughter of **Jim & Penny Schmidt** and **Bruce & Morgan Goers**), Sereck & Missy Peterson (grandson of **Linda France**)

**Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:** Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Carmen Kight, Rick Rahn, Mavis Walker, Jo Willey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> 9:00am Worship . WC & FB/YouTube 10:00am Worship, Sanct. & FB/YouTube 10:00am Sunday Schl for all ages 11:00am Worship, WCtr & FB/YouTube 12-12:30 Drive-thru Communion	<b>3</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>4</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>5</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Euch, Sanct 9:45am Bible Study, Sanct. 12noo Book Study, WCtr 6pm Bible Study in Worship Ctr. 8pm Online Compline	<b>6</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>7</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	<b>8</b>
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