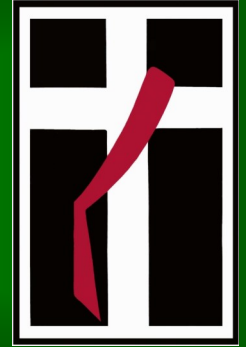


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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

**The Kight/Bradford Family Commemorates
Priscilla Kight's Birthday
With Her Favorite Snacks
following Today's 10am Worship
in the Sanctuary & Garden Chapel. Join us!**



Social Lunch Bunch for August

Next Lunch Bunch is **Thursday, August 19th**
11:30am at **Fred's Market**
2120 Harden Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33803.



Please call or email **Lyla Peddycoart**,
863-682-2745 (landline),
lylapeddycoart@aol.com if you
would like to be included in the Lunch
Bunch for August. Everyone is
welcome. We had fun last month—
hope to see you this month!



Next Sunday, August 8th!

**Students & Teachers, please remember to
bring your backpacks & totes to church
and have them blessed for the upcoming
school year.**

**We will have a few back-to-school gifts to
get you started!**

***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



**Next Holy Hike is at
Circle B Bar Reserve
Thursday, August 5th
Join us!**

**Meet at 9am in the parking lot
for Pre-Hike Prayer & Prep**



**Altar
Guild**

Altar Guild Corner

Altar Guild will meet this Wednesday, August 4th at 4pm in the Sanctuary to help tidy up the Sacristy.

Anyone interested in joining Altar Guild, please see Karen Spiller 863-458-0981 (jazzyteach2@yahoo.com), Deacon Doug Jump or Father

Rob. Regular scheduling will begin this month. We need people to set up the Sunday altar, take down the Sunday altar, and wash or iron linens. There is a monthly job for everyone!

Next Sunday is Back to S'COOL Sunday!

Kick off the school year with a COOL treat after worship!



UPDATE FROM POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT

by Robin Williams Adams

The PEACE Network's persistent lobbying for affordable housing is paying off in Lakeland.

First, the Lakeland City Commission agreed in April to allocate \$75 million in next year's budget for affordable housing after some of its commissioners participated in the PEACE Nehemiah Action this spring.

At which St. Stephens Episcopal was among the churches with members proudly participating. Your prayers, your conversations and your actions helped make that happen.

Then, on July 13, Lakeland city commissioners dedicated \$1 million more for affordable housing. That additional batch of funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act. Cities have until the end of December 2026 to spend the federal money.

"This is a very exciting development for our city and happened because of the hard work our PEACE network has put into this issue over the past year," PEACE House Steering Committee members said.

They also shared this exchange:

Newly-elected Commissioner Mike Musick asked the question, "Why is affordable housing such a big priority for our city?"

Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley and Phillip Walker all stood up to explain why it is important to them that this housing is developed and prioritized.

We want to celebrate our officials for doing that and let them know PEACE is supportive and behind them every step of the way.

PEACE hasn't had similar results in Winter Haven yet, but we're awaiting the August presentation of their city commission's strategic plan.



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POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION
COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Please DO give in to the seasonal urge to buy school supplies! Your local store probably has lists of supplies that schools have requested, different lists for different grades in different schools. Any of these items can be put to good use.

This year's collection of supplies will be given to **Mi Escuela Montessori, Scott Lake Elementary, and Willow Oak Elementary** (new school which replaced Kingsford Elementary) to help students who are in need.

School starts August 10th—thanks for your contributions!



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."

July 25, 2021

Attendance:	Inside	62
	Outside	<u>26</u>
Total		88

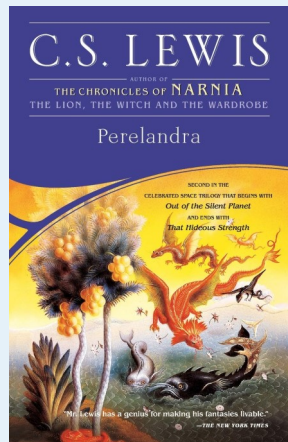
Month of June Income	\$48,458.87
Month of June Expenses	35,122.60

Please remember your pledge and offerings during the summer

Wednesday Noon Book Study Resumes late August/early September

Pick up your copy of *Perelandra* (\$10) in the narthex and get ready for the adventurous second book in C.S. Lewis's Space Trilogy.

We will update you on a start date for the new study.



Cards & Fellowship
Tuesdays, 1pm
in the Parish Hall
Join Us!

Verse of the Week—John 6:35

I am the bread of life.

**Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.**

*The flowers on the altar have been given by
Susan Cardman, Judy Horne & Kay Madden
in memory of Priscilla Kight*

August Birthdays

2 Michael Simms
5 Roger Doyle
6 Jan Benware
10 Mary Ann Corbin
Cecilia Kilpatrick
12 Leila Enriquez
13 Joyce Brock
14 Rita Yenney
18 Inga Rutledge
19 Jim Beasley
Ray Spiller
George Tobgui
20 Art Rowbotham
21 Janelle Kalle
22 Pete Wesley
25 Bill Baggett
28 Christopher Trimbath
Cathy Zielinski
29 Trudi Lithgow
30 Rick Tallent
31 Deacon Doug Jump



August Anniversaries

3 Fr. David & Lula Peoples
9 John & Susan MacGilvray
Jake & Julie Petterson
11 Italo & Janet Casini
16 David & Katherine Leahy

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

Prayer Needs: Kevin Ames (**David Dresser's** cousin), Terry Avery (**Joe & Robin Adams'** friend), Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), **Betty Calhoun**, **Stephen Calhoun**, Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's** friend) **Annie Delling**, Martha G. Duncan (**Susan MacGilvray's** neighbor) **Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), **Evalyn Duncan**, **Kit Duncan**, **Eileen Fox**, **John Gove**, Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Dan Howes**, **Kevin Jackimowicz**, Scott Johnson (**Judy Horne's** brother), Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Fronnie LeBlanc (**Morgan Goers'** sister-in-law), Derek Newberry (**Harry Solloway's** friend), Lou Ann Reckord (from **Trudi Lithgow**), **Janell Repsher**, **Roy Reynolds**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), Stacey Santiago (**Dresser** family friend), Mark Schultz (**Harry Solloway's** friend), **Marion Stewart**, **Marge Stockwell**, **Bill Thompson**, **Carol Vonesh**, **Dahlia Walker**, **Juliana Walker**, **Bill Warneke**.

Pregnant: Akeythia Goers (granddaughter of **Jim & Penny Schmidt** and **Bruce & Morgan Goers**)

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00am Worship, Sanctuary & Outdoors, also FB/YouTube followed by Priscilla's favorite snacks, sponsored by the Kight/Bradford family 	2 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	3 8am Online Morning Prayer 1pm Cards & Fellowship, PH 8pm Online Compline	4 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Euch, Sanct 9:45am Bible Study, Sm Grp Rm 12noon NO Book Study, Wctr 4pm Altar Guild, S 6:30pm Bible Study in Sm Grp Rm 8pm Onl. Compline	5 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Holy Hike at Circle B 8pm Online Compline	6 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	7
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