

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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**January 2, 2022 Volume 20 Issue 1
The Second Sunday after Christmas**



**9am Traditional Worship
in the Sanctuary**

10am Sunday School for all ages

**11am Contemporary Worship
in the Worship Center**

(all services are livestreamed)

Epiphany Party Next Sunday, January 9th at 5pm

**Please join us in this celebration of light,
including a bonfire and dinner!**



Richard Eijo & Charlie Bradford are coordinating a Cuban dinner for us. The menu is: Picadillo, black beans and rice, plantains, Cuban bread, and a dessert of three cakes for the three kings .

The Bonfire will be in the field behind our Worship Center (please bring your leftover real Christmas trees) following the meal.



2022 Altar Flowers Needed

We especially need your **January** flower dedications. Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones in 2022. (Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance.)



***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

Feast of Epiphany is January 6th



On January 6th western Christians celebrate the feast of Epiphany, which takes its name from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, meaning disclosure, manifestation, unveiling or appearance. At the simplest level, on Epiphany Christians commemorate the "appearance" of the *magi* from the east.

The wise men, whose visit to Jesus is recorded in Matthew were most likely three members of the priestly caste of Zoroastrianism, noted for their study of the stars as part of their religion. The Western Christian Church has assigned them the names Melchior (Babylonian scholar), Caspar (Persian scholar), and Balthazar (an Arab scholar). Their gifts are ordinary gifts one would offer to a king: gold has great value; frankincense is a perfume; and myrrh is a common anointing oil. The gifts have symbolic significance in light of the identity of the baby to whom they are given. Gold is a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (used for incense) is a symbol of deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) is a symbol of death.



***This week's Holy Hike
is Thursday, January 6, 2022
at Circle B Bar Reserve***

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

**Thanks for your clergy
Christmas gifts—we
appreciate your
generosity!**



**Father David
Father Rob &
Deacon Doug**



TORNADO RELIEF

Ways to Donate to Tornado Relief

As relief efforts continue for recent tornado victims across the American South and Midwest regions, our diocese invites us to show our generosity to those most in need:

Check payable to "Diocese of Central Florida"
Memo: Tornado relief
Mail to: Diocese of Central Florida
1017 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32801

Online credit/debit card
go to www.cfdiocese.org & click on "donations"
Select "DR:Tornado Relief Fd" from menu

MILLER'S ALE HOUSE®

**January Social Lunch Bunch is
11:30am on Thursday, January 20th
at
Miller's Ale House
5650 S. Florida Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33813**

All are welcome to join us! Please let Lyla Peddycoart know if you want to be included, 863-682-2745 (landline), lylapeddycoart@aol.com

Get Involved in Ministry!

Fill out a bright green Ministry Volunteer form today and place it in the collection plate or bring/mail it to the church office. There's a job for everyone and it's a great opportunity to use your time and talents while getting to know your fellow parishioners.



Name Tags and Mailboxes

During the pandemic we have not regularly used name tags or mailboxes. After compiling and printing our new directory, we will also be re-alphabetizing mailboxes and printing new name tags for those who need them.



Please let us know if you wish to have a new mailbox or name tag – there is a sign-up in your worship area.



NO SPAGHETTI DINNER IN JANUARY

VBS Spaghetti Dinner will resume on February 1st, 5-7pm

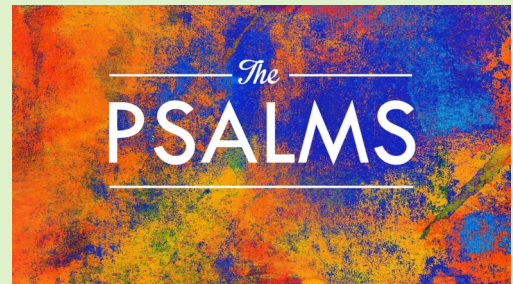


Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

December 24th, 25th and 26th statistics were not available for our early printing of this issue of the FYI.

We will update you next week.

Month of Nov. Income	\$35,562.87
Month of Nov. Expenses	31,381.04



**Weekly Chanting the Psalms
Tuesday, January 4th, 4pm
at Drane Park on S. Lakeside Ave.
(adjacent to Fla. Presbyterian Homes)
led by John LeMond**

Join us in this ancient practice and make use of these beautiful passages as a source for mediation and reflection.

Verse of the Week—Ephesians 1:18

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.

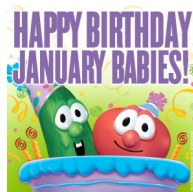


*The flowers on the altar have been
given by the parish of St. Stephen's*



January Birthdays

- 2 Sandy Gibson
- 3 Erin Wenham
- 8 Ernest Palmer
Betty Pratt
Philip Thomas
- 9 John Gove
- 10 Annette Chilton
- 11 Judy Elam
- 12 Savannah Dillon
Carol Reynolds
- 15 Brittany Sale
Gabby Tobgui
- 17 Landon Binnion
- 18 Bonnie Rowbotham
- 20 Lou Alers
Saint Jones
- 21 Robert Dillon
- 23 Mary Lankford
- 25 Steve Meyer
Yolanda Howes,
Karolyn Wagner
- 28 Katherine Leahy



January Anniversaries

- 1 Roy & Carol Reynolds
- 7 Jim & Penny Schmidt
- 10 Charles & Debbie Bradford
Tom & Marion Stewart
- 13 Brouck & Joanie Boyd
- 31 Michael & Kathy Platt

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: 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), Elisa Cross (**Jim Cross's** daughter-in-law), Clare Cusato (**Sally Flanagan's** daughter), **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, Sandy Gibson, Morgan Goers, John Gove**, Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Heal**, Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Ginny Hiber, Ken Horne, Dan Howes**, Aubrey Hutson (Fr. Rob's friend), **Kevin Jackimowicz**, Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), **David Leahy, John McArthur**, Sandra Mewborn (from Tropical Doll Study Club), **Steve Meyer**, Cassandra & Hannah Ortner (**Nancy Moses'** cousins), Cindy Racette (from Tropical Doll Study Club), Lou Ann Reckord (from **Trudi Lithgow**), **Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds**, Melody Richardi (**Kai Richardi's** mother), Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), Stacey Santiago (**Dresser** family friend), Mark Schultz (**Harry Solloway's** friend), Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Marion Stewart**, Bryan Stockwell (**Marge Stockwell's** son), **Marge Stockwell, Bill Thompson, Carol Vonesh, Dailia Walker, Juliana Walker**, Richard Welch (**Marge Stockwell's** brother).

Pregnancy: Eric & Brooke Wortman (**Phil & Gail Wortman's** grandson)

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary, FB/YouTube 10:00am Sunday Schl. 11:00am Contemporary Worship, Worship Center, FB/YouTube 6:30pm Youth Group	3 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	28 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	5 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary NO WED NOON BOOK STUDY 6:30pm Bible Study, SGR 8pm Online Compline	6 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Holy Hike at Circle B 8pm Online Compline	7 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8
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