

**St. Stephen's
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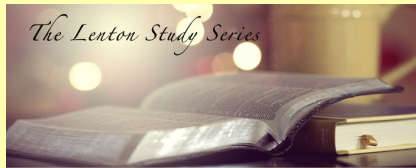
The First Sunday in Lent



**STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 9TH, 5:30PM
LENTEN SOUP & STUDY**

- March 9—The Lord's Prayer
- March 16—The Transfiguration
- March 23—Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples
- March 30—The Garden of Gethsemane
- April 6—Jesus on the Cross

A deep dive into praying with Jesus for our Lenten journey! Each week will focus on a moment of prayer and teaching about prayer through the prayer life of our mediator and advocate, Jesus Christ.



SHARE THE love



**Card Writers Now Wanted
for Worship in Action**

Instead of a Worship in Action Sunday again this year we will be writing cards of love and encouragement to fellow parishioners, residents of two long-term care and rehab facilities, and your choice of other persons who need a little extra care right now.



We have 5-packs of blank church greeting cards ready for a season of spreading God's love to others! If you are unsure of what to write to a stranger in a nursing home, your notes may include your favorite Scripture verse, a note that you have prayed for the recipient, or any other note that makes the recipient feel loved by you and by our God.

Invitation to a Holy Lent



The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

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



2022—Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine

2023—Karen Beasley, Carol Reynolds

2024—Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers,

Karen Spiller

Treasurer: Charles Bradford

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

**Coming Next Sunday!
Daylight Saving Time
Breakfast**

Join us for breakfast and fellowship next Sunday at 10am. Bring your appetite and get to know your fellow parishioners.



**Daily Thoughts,
Scriptures, and
Prayers
to Guide You
Through Lent**



Pick up a pack of devotion cards today and get an extra for a friend. We made these easy to use and included one card for each day in Lent. Check online daily at 10am for 90-second Lenten sermons based on this devotional material.

**Updates for your
October 2021 Directory**

Gibson, Sandy (*moved*)
922 Woodmont Ln.
Lakeland, FL 33813

Nesbeth, Laverne
4112 Sunnyland Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33813
Home: 863-646-7170
Cell: 863-255-1232
Laverne.nesbeth@verizon.net
Birthdate: April 14th



March Food Box Collection

We keep boxes of shelf-stable food in our office to help those in need. In recent months, we have given away quite a bit of food and need to restock our shelves. During your shopping trips, please pick up some of the following:

- Bags of rice
- Dried beans
- Peanut butter
- Canned goods
- Cereal
- Shelf stable milk
- Fruit cups and applesauce
- Small bottles of cooking oil
- Paper towels and toilet paper
- Gift cards to Publix or Walmart



Remember to take advantage of BOGO offers. Thanks for your help!



**Talbot House
Chili Nights
Continue**

We continue to make chili and deliver it to Talbot House Ministries the second

Tuesday of each month during their kitchen renovations. When renovations are completed and serving of the meals can resume we will ask for volunteers.

We at St. Stephen's support Talbot House, which, through food, shelter, recovery programs, and training, restores hope and empowers homeless men and women in Polk County to achieve self-sufficiency.

**Rides to 11am Worship
Needed for the
McArthurs**



Daughters of the King is coordinating rides for John & Pete, who live at Lake Morton Plaza on the corner of S. Fla Ave. & Lime Street. Please contact Karen Beasley, 863-838-3028, mrsbea4@aol.com if you would like to be added to the schedule. Thanks for helping a sweet couple get to church regularly.

upcoming EVENTS



- March 7 6:30pm PEACE Drive-in Rally at Hurst Chapel AME, 875 Ave O NE, W.Hvn.**
- March 8 Talbot House Chili Night**
- March 9 5:30pm Wednesday Lenten Soup & Study begins, Parish Hall**
- March 13 10:00am Daylight Saving Time Breakfast, Parish Hall**
- March 15 6:00pm Vestry Meeting, PH**
- April 10 PALM SUNDAY**
 - 9:00am Combined Outdoor Worship**
 - 5:00pm Supper & Passover Seder**
- April 11 7:00pm Lenten Quiet Svc, WC**
- April 12 7:00pm Chanting the Psalms, Sanctuary**
- April 13 7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Sanctuary**
- April 14 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary**
- April 15 12noon Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary**
 - 1:00pm Crosswalk, Outdoors**
 - 7:00pm Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary**



February 27, 2022 Attendance

9:00am	50
11:00am	56
	106

Year-to-date Income:	\$66,488.49
Year-to-date Expenses:	67,810.07

Project costs outside of budget:	
Irrigation	\$1,650.00
Campus Development	1,070.00
Mulch	220.00
Electrical Repair	3,980.00

Buck\$ 4 Building



Look for the bright yellow envelopes to receive your donation for our out-of-budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

This week's Holy Hike is Thursday, March 10th at Lakeland Highlands Scrub



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

**Verse of the Week—Romans 10:13
Every one who calls upon
the name of the Lord will be saved.**



**The flowers on the altar have been
given by Janet Casini
in memory of Nicky Turner**



March Birthdays

- 1 Celeste Cooper
Michael Ferguson, Sam Jerome
- 2 Scott Sauve, Abigail Lankford
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples
- 4 Connie Befus
- 8 MaryLou Taylor
- 10 Samantha Denstedt
Evalyn Duncan
Gloria Thomason
- 11 MaryLou Garland
- 12 Christopher Steadman
-Jones
- 14 Dennis Flynn
- 15 Luna Denstedt
- 16 Cameron Abbey, Bill Heath
- 20 Deb Brock
- 22 Richard Eijo, Shirley Rumpel
- 23 Jerry Jerome
- 25 Joe Adams, Schuyler Denstedt
- 29 Mary Trimbath
- 30 Adyline Dillon



March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson

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), **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 Herunkind (**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**, Cindy Racette (from Tropical Doll Study Club), Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), 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: Joseph & Amanda Nolette, (**Ed & Dianne Knox's** granddaughter)

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
6 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:00am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Worship Center 6:30pm Youth Group	7 8am Online Morning Prayer 6:30pm PEACE Drive-in Rally at Hurst Chapel AME, Winter Haven 8pm Online Compline	8 8am Online Morning Prayer 4pm Psalm Chanting at Drane Park 8pm Online Compline	9 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary 12noon Book Study, PH 5:30pm Lenten Soup & Study, PH 8pm Online Compline	10 8am Online Morning Prayer 9am Holy Hike at Lakeland Highlands Scrub 8pm Online Compline	11 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline OFFICE CLOSED	12
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