

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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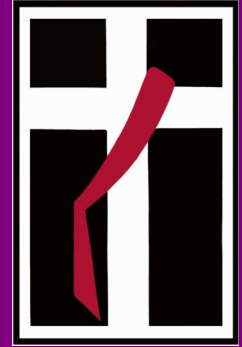
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1st Sunday of Christmas



Resume Wednesday Activities

- 9:00am** **Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary**
- 9:45am** **Bible Study following the Holy Eucharist**
- 5:30pm** **Soup and Study, World Religions in the Parish Hall**



NO SPAGHETTI DINNER IN JANUARY

**VBS Spaghetti Dinner will resume on
February 7th, 5-7pm**

As this year comes to a close it is time for us to look back and count our blessings and recognize our losses. 2022 had us say goodbye to 5 of our St Stephen's family members. Many of us had connections on a personal level with these loved ones, but they will be missed by us all.

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| •Carolyn Phillips | 6/2/1934 | 7/12/2022 |
| •Thomas Haney | 6/16/1942 | 7/29/2022 |
| •John McArthur | 11/14/1936 | 10/7/2022 |
| •Mavis Walker | 4/13/1932 | 10/21/2022 |
| •Christopher (Kit) Duncan | 4/5/1935 | 11/19/2022 |



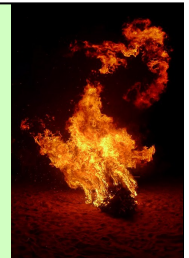
***St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor***



2022- Jr. Warden-Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine
2023-Karen Beasley, Carol Reynolds, Sr. Warden-Karen Spiller
2024-Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers
Treasurer: David Dresser
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



Epiphany Party Next Sunday, January 8th at 5pm



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

are coordinating a Cuban dinner for us. The menu is: Picadillo, or Ropa Vieja (depending on the Chef's choice) 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.

2023 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 2023. (Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance.)



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.

MILLER'S ALE HOUSE

January Social Lunch Bunch is 11:30am on Thursday, January 19th 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),

This week in History

The YMCA is organized in 1851 in Boston Massachusetts





- 12/24** **Christmas Eve Services 7 & 10:30**
- 12/25** **Christmas Day Service 10:00am (outside)**
- 1/8/23** **No 2nd Sunday Breakfast**
- 1/8/23** **Epiphany Bon Fire**
- 1/8/23** **Annual Latin American Dinner**
- 1/16/23** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 1/29/23** **Vestry Nominations**
- 2/4/23** **Campus Garden Work Day**



December 24-25, 2022 Attendance

7:00pm	84
10:30pm	57
10:00am	29
Total	170

Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

STAFF MEETING

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2nd
@ 10:30am in the Parish Hall**



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

**Father David
Father Rob &
Deacon Doug**



Save Your REAL Christmas Trees for our Bonfire

When you take them down, please bring your leftover real Christmas trees to the field behind the Worship Center for our Sunday, January 8th Epiphany bonfire. Call the church office if you need someone to transport your tree.



Save the date—**Sunday, January 8th, 5pm**. We're in the process of planning a dinner and 12th night festivities.

Verse of the Week Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you: The LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you: The LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.



Flowers on the Altar are given by Marion and Tom Stewart for their many blessings



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: the Asmann family—Tony, Gustaf, Claudia & Thomas (**Italo & Janet Casini's** friends) Nathan Baker (**Judy Elam's** friend), Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), Elizabeth Bradford (**Charlie Bradford's** sister) **Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Janet Casini,** 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, Eileen Fox, Sandy Gibson, Morgan Goers,** Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Heal,** Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Ginny Hiber, Dan Howes,** Edith Hughes (**Ginny Hiber's** friend), **Kevin Jackimowicz,** Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Kay Jordan (**Judy Elam's** friend) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) **David Leahy,** (Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Lou Ann Reckord (**Trudi Lithgow**), **Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds,** Melody Richardi (**Kai Richardi's** mother), Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), Shannon Rover, (**Judy and Ken Horne's** friend) Sheryl Short(Tropical Doll Club), **Harry Solloway,** Patti Soper (**Major Kight's** sister), Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Marion Stewart,** Bryan Stockwell (**Marge Stockwell's** son), **Marge Stockwell, Bill Thompson, Carol Vonesh, Dailia Walker, Lindsay Zielinski.**

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Dawn Flynn, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Ginny Hiber, Eileen Fox

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Worship, Sanctuary , also FB/ YouTube 11:00am Contemporary Service in Worship Center 8:00pm Online Compline	2 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 10:00 Staff Meeting 8:00pm Online Compline	3 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 4:00pm Psalm Chanting at Drane Park 8:00pm Online Compline	4 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall 5:30 pm Soup & Study 8:00pm Online Compline	5 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	6 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	7
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