

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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FYI 2023

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1st Sunday After the Epiphany



Resumption of Wednesday Activities

- 9:00am** Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary
- 9:45am** Bible Study following the Holy Eucharist
- 12:01pm** Book Study TBA
- 5:30pm** Soup and Study, World Religions in the Parish Hall

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

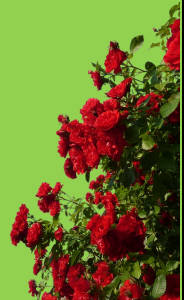
All are welcome to join us! Please let Lyla Peddycoart know if you want to be included, 863-682-2745 (landline), lylapeddycoart@aol.com

Isn't it comforting to know that God's permanent address is always at the end of your rope.



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.)



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



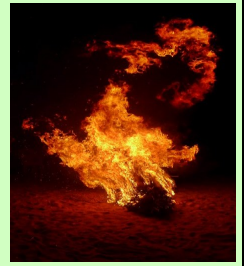
2022- Jr. Warden-Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine
2023-Karen Beasley, Carol Reynolds, Sr. Warden-Karen Spiller
2024-Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers
Treasurer: David Dresser
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



Flowers on the Altar are given by Louis Bloodworth in Memory of his Sister, Mary Register Martin



Epiphany Party This Sunday, January 8th at 5pm



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

We are coordinating a Cuban dinner for us. The menu is: Ropa Vieja, black beans and rice, plantains, Cuban bread, and a dessert of three cakes for the three kings .

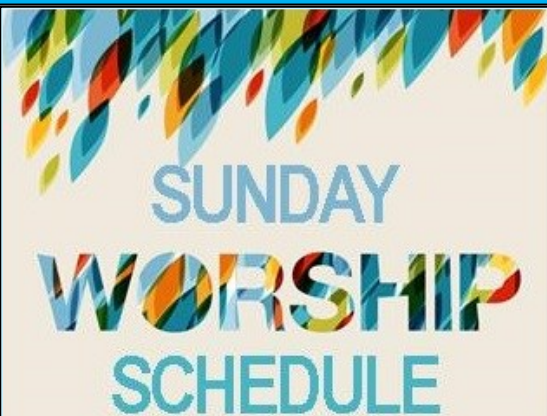
The Bonfire will be in the field behind our Worship Center (please bring your leftover real Christmas trees) following the meal.



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.



Our Sunday morning schedule now includes

Sunday School for all ages

Start the new year right by digging into God's Word!

9:00am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:00am Sunday School

11:00am Contemporary Worship in the Worship

upcoming EVENTS



- 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**
- 1/16/23 **Staff Meeting 10–12**
- 1/17/23 **Vestry Meeting**
- 1/29/23 **Vestry Nominations**
- 2/5/23 **Annual Meeting**
- 2/5/23 **Soup Sunday Cook off**
- 2/11/23 **Campus Garden Work Day**



January 1, 2023 Attendance

9:00pm	39
11:00am	43
Total	82

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

SAVE THE DATES!

I was remiss this month by not noticing the Campus Work Day in January but please make note of the February and March Saturdays and come out and help Beverly and Nancy beautify our campus.

Saturday campus work days

January 7, February 11, March 25

Any questions email ststgarden@gmail.com



PEACE

POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION
COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT

Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment's St. Stephen's PEACE

network meeting will be 1/22/23 at 12:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. Light lunch will be served. This is for St. Stephen's members in the network and other parishioners who would like an update on PEACE's ongoing research into unnecessary local adult arrests and substandard living conditions. We'll be preparing for the upcoming Nehemiah Action.



Verse of the Week Psalm 29:2
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.



**Flowers on the Altar are given by Jack & Carol Vonesh in honor
of the Vonesh and Creager Families**



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
8 9:00am Worship, Sanctuary , also FB/ YouTube 11:00am Contemporary Service in Worship Center 5:00pm Latin Dinner and Epiphany Bonfire 8:00pm Online Compline	9 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	10 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 4:00pm Psalm Chanting at Drane Park 8:00pm Online Compline	11 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, 5:30 pm Soup & Study 8:00pm Online Compline	12 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	13 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	14
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