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The 3rd Sunday of Lent



**March Social Lunch Bunch is 11:30am
this Thursday, March 16th at Miller's
Ale House**

Please call or email Lyla Peddycoart, 863-682-2745 (landline), lpeddycoart6@gmail.com
Please let us know if you are coming we need to let the restaurant know our number and lately RSVPs have been rare. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**MILLER'S
ALE HOUSE®**



**DON'T MISS OUR DAILY
90-SECOND SERMONS ON FACEBOOK AT
10AM TO GO WITH YOUR LENTEN
DEVOTIONAL CARDS**



**Calling all Women of Prayer, Service
and Evangelism. You are invited to
come to a "pre-training" group at
Marylou Garland's home, 612 Avery
Ln., Lakeland, FL 33803 on Monday
March 20th at 11:00AM, Please Come!**

SAVE THE DATE!

The Campus Work Day in March is Saturday,
March 25th, please come out and help Beverly
and Nancy beautify our campus and get us
ready for Lent and Easter

9:00—Noon Any questions
email ststgarden@gmail.com



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



2023—Karen Beasley, Carol Reynolds, Sr. Warden—Karen Spiller
2024—Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers
2025—Nancy Wenham, Nancy March, Jr. Warden Major Kight

Treasurer: David Dresser

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

VBS Spaghetti Dinner workers on March 7, 2023. Next Spaghetti Dinner will be May 2, 2023.

This Month's Holy Hikes will be as follows:

- 3/2/23 Circle B-Bar Reserve**
- 3/9/23 Lake Hollingsworth (paved)**
- 3/16/23 Lakeland Highland Scrub**
- 3/23/23 Bonnet Springs (paved)**
- 3/30/23 Seven Wetlands (Loyce E. Harpe Park)**

Pre-Hike Prayer & Prep @ 9:00am, Please come join Us!



Holy Week

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| April 2 | 10:00am | PALM SUNDAY/HOLY WEEK
Combined Outdoor Worship |
| | 5:00pm | Passover Dinner & Seder Meal |
| April 3 | 7:00pm | Lenten Quiet Svc, WCtr |
| April 4 | 7:00pm | Chanting the Psalms, Sanctuary |
| April 5 | 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| April 6 | 7:00pm | MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship, Sanctuary |
| April 7 | | GOOD FRIDAY |
| | 12noon | Worship, Sanctuary |
| | 1:00pm | Crosswalk, Outdoors |
| | 7:00pm | Worship, Sanctuary |
| April 8 | 12noon | Holy Saturday Liturgy, Online |
| April 9 | | EASTER |
| | 6:30am | Easter Vigil |
| | 9:00am | Easter Worship, Sanctuary |
| | 10:00am | Easter Egg Hunt |
| | 10:15am | Easter Bonnet Contest |
| | 11:00am | Easter Worship, Worship Center |
| | | BRUNCH AFTER EACH SERVICE |



upcoming EVENTS



- 3/12/23 Daylight Saving Time Ends**
- 3/12/23 2nd Sunday Incredible Brunch**
- 3/13/23 Spring Break for Schools**
- 3/20/23 Staff Meeting 10:00–12:00**
- 3/21/23 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm**
- 3/25/23 Campus Yard Work Day 9-12**
- 3/28/23 PEACE Nehemiah Action**



March 5, 2023 Attendance

9:00am	53
11:00am	65
Total	118

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

Plea from PEACE

Join us in Christian action at Nehemiah Action, the culmination of months of research, prayer and persuasion by members of Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment. This event, 6:30 p.m. March 28 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Lakeland, is in the tradition of Nehemiah. He rallied the people to seek relief from unjust rulers. In the tradition of the widow who finally got relief from a judge because she remained persistent in her requests (demands?) for help.

The two keys are strength in numbers and not giving up in the face of adversity. This is why members of your PEACE team at St. Stephens – and teams at other member churches – urge you to come to the March 28 Nehemiah action. We need to show up in large number to show support for the goals of PEACE:

Continuing the ongoing effort to expand supplies of affordable housing. We will praise past response by Lakeland and Winter Haven officials, but ask them to continue to do more. Some 4,000 children in Polk remain homeless.

Seeking ways to give renters the help they need in getting substandard accommodations repaired without fear of eviction. This is a health issue, linked to the very real dangers of mold, poor ventilation and other risks.

Convincing law enforcement officials to use and expand existing provisions for pre-trial diversion to give people second chances for minor offenses.

Diversion does impose requirements, holding people accountable, but without an arrest record that can hamper their ability to get a job.

At a motivational rally March 6, attended by 330, we heard examples of how a traffic ticket or expired tag someone can't afford or forgets to pay can escalate into a cascade of costs and other difficulties.

PEACE asks that local law enforcement add minor traffic offenses of that type to the pre-diversion program. Not DUI, not criminal offenses involving a crash.

To get officials to work with us, we need you to attend. Strength in numbers.

Please contact Father Rob Moses, Dianne Knox, Karen Beasley, Robin Adams or anyone else you know is a PEACE member to ask questions and commit to attend.

Verse of the Week: Exodus 5:13

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.



*Flowers on the Altar are 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: 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, **Roger Doyle,** Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), **Evalyn Duncan, Sandy Gibson, Morgan Goers,** Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Heal,** Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), 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,** Tom MacGilvray (**Susan MacGilvray's** Brothe in Law) 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**), **John Starling, 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, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:00am Worship, Sanctuary , also FB/YouTube 2nd Sunday Incredible Breakfast 11:00am Contemporary Service in the Worship Center 8:00pm Online Compline	13 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	14 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 4:00-5:30pm Talbot House Chili Dinner 8:00pm Online Compline	15 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, 12:00m Book Study-The Screwtape Letters 5:30 pm Soup & Study 8:00pm Online Compline	16 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:30am Socal Brunch at Miller's Ale House 8:00pm Online Compline	17 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8:00pm Online Compline	18
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