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Let PEACE Hear From You This Month

The first Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment "house meeting" of the year for St. Stephen's was after the 11:00am service Sunday, September 10, in the Scout room. If you weren't able to make that one, you are warmly invited to attend another one being held after the 11:00am service Sunday, September 24, in the Scout room.

Each of these are the same script and format. Their purpose is to build stronger relationships and to hear about community problems. We're asking for short, personal stories of what problem is most worrying you or someone else in Polk County whom you know. We'll also explain what PEACE is all about.

These personal accounts are compiled and used to help PEACE determine problems to tackle in the coming year.

One of the most successful efforts recently - prompted by input from past house meetings - has been persuading Lakeland and Winter Haven officials to devote more funding to affordable housing.

Our house meetings are part of a larger effort countywide by 29 churches.



Tai Chi

**Tai Chi classes new time is 10:30—11:30
Tuesday and Thursday and Yoga on
Wednesday 10:30—11:30.**

**September's Lunch Bunch will be this
Thursday at 11:30am at Lings Buffet on
South Florida. We will be calling to con-
firm and it is helpful if you let us know
that you are coming to the luncheon.**



PEACE

POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION
COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT



*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

WELCOME BACK!

We started back to our 9:00am and 11:00am schedule on September 10th with a big breakfast feast. Everybody seemed to enjoy being back in our cooler months schedule.

Welcome Back!



The Coed Cursillo weekend is scheduled for September 22-24, 2023 at the Canterbury retreat center. Sharon is "Setup Chair," and Charlie is on the team too.

We are currently in need of Palanca. We need snacks (individually wrapped) for the candidates over the weekend, cash donations to buy the supplies for the candidates and most importantly, Palanca cards and letters. If you need a list of the candidates and team let me know. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

**Make a Friend
Be a Friend
Bring a Friend to Christ**





ALTAR FLOWERS

2023 Altar Flowers Needed

Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones in 2023. On the Sunday your flowers appear on the altar, please feel free to take them home with you after the 11:00 service. **We just ask that you leave our vases.**

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



Join the Choir... You'll Be Glad You Did!

If you are looking for a way to give back to St. Stephen's Church, Susie and the Choir are looking for new members. Just talk to Susie this Sunday and you are in.



In an effort to help all of us with a better life style, St. Stephen's will soon be offering a Stress Reduction Workshop . The workshop will be moderated by Krystyna DuBose, Licensed Mental Health Counselor at no cost to us. Stay tuned for details.



September 10, 2023 Attendance

Sanctury	9:00am	56
Worship Center	11:00am	47
Total		103

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

upcoming EVENTS

- 9/17/23 Sunday School Begins
- 9/18/23 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 9/19/23 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 9/21/23 Lunch Bunch Lings 11:30
- 9/22/23 Co-Ed Cursillo
- 9/24/23 Peace House Meeting 1:00pm
- 10/2/23 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 10/8/23 Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm
- 10/9/23 Columbus Day

Verse of the Week Romans 14:8

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

**Flowers on the Altar are Given by Tom & Marion Stewart in
Memory of Evelyn Stewart & Greg Harris**

September Birthdays

- 5 Frances Henry,
Judy Wilder
- 6 Susan Cardman
- 7 Robin Williams Adams
Alex Trimbath
- 9 Zander Denstedt
- 10 Steve Naples, Janell Repsher
- 11 Andrew Thompson
- 12 Janet Bingham
- 14 Sharon Crosdale, Troy DeMan
Kaitlyn Trimbath
- 16 Asher Binnion
Katy Campbell-Jerome
- 21 Stephen Calhoun
- 22 Donna Hunt
- 23 John Moses
- 24 Nelson Rumpel, Roy Reynolds
- 25 Briann Peterson,
- 26 Jarrett Sabine, BreAnna
Steadman-Jones
David Trimbath
- 28 Francisco Gomez
Frank Hodges
- 29 Julie Petterson

September Anniversaries

- 2 Doug & Michele Jump
- 5 Mike & Christine Ferguson
- 13 Walter & Eleanor Thomas
- 17 Steve & Victoria Naples
- 26 Rick & Ginger Rahn
- 27 Fr. Rob & Nancy Moses
Jack & Carol Vonesh

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: 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), **Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Janet Casini,** Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Cross,** 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 (**Tom Hiber's** friend), **Kevin Jackimowicz,** Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Kay Jordan (**Judy Elam's** friend), Karen Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) **David Leahy,** Allan MacGilvray (**Susan MacGilvray's** Brother in Law) Mary & Adrian McAleer (**Liz Barham's** sister & Brother in Law) Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Eric Holter **Trudi Lithgow, Janell & Walter Repsher, Roy Reynolds,** Lucus Murphy (**Kia Richard's** brother) Melody Richardi (**Kai Richard's** mother), Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike & Tracey Robinson (**Kai Richard's** grandfather), Shannon Rover, (**Judy and Ken Horne's** friend), Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), **Ed Silveira (David Dresser's** Cousin) **Harry Solloway,** Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling, Marion Stewart,** Bryan Stockwell (**Marge Stockwell's** son), **Marge Stockwell, Bill Thompson,** Lenora Troup (**Abigail Lankford's** Mother) Katherine Williamson (**Judy Elam's** friend) **Carol Vonesh, Dailia Walker, Lindsay Zielinski.**

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn

Expecting Babies: Claire & Phlip Lindquist, Chase & Maddy Wilder (**Dugan & Judy Wilder's** Great Grand Children)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 11:00am Contemporary Worship Center 8pm Online Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	19 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	20 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary 5:30pm Soup & Study PH 8pm Online Compline	21 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	22 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	23
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