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# FYI 2023

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**17th Sunday after Pentecost**



## 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 classes have new times at 10:30—11:30 Tuesday and Thursday and Yoga on Wednesday 10:30—11:30. We currently have openings for a few more so come on out and join the fun!

# Tai Chi



**The Altar Guild Installation is this Sunday, the members to be installed are:**

Betty Calhoun	Rita Yenney
Joyce Brock	Betty Pratt
Judy Wilder	Sally Flanagan
Gail Baldrige	Joanne Gunner
Lula Peoples	Maria Peoples
Karen Spiller	

**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

**The DOK Meeting will be this Sunday after the 9:00am services at 10:00am. The meeting will be held in the Scout room.**



We also thank the Daughters of the King for making Brownies for the Talbot House Dinners



*Thank you*

**The Youth Group had a "day at the beach" to close out the hot summer with a return to trip to Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs that included fun, sun, water, fellowship and great Greek Food.**



**Unraveling Homelessness  
Fundraising Banquet  
Thursday, October 19th  
5:30-8:30pm  
RP Funding Center  
701 W Lime St, Lakeland, FL 33815**

Make plans to join us at the St. Stephen's table as we empower the homeless to reach new heights. Funds raised will sustain Talbot House's transformational mission of feeding, sheltering, and sharing God's love with Polk County's homeless.

Please call/email Charlie Bradford at 863-646-6115 or email at [ststoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststoffice@gmail.com) **by Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>st</sup>** to let him know you would like to attend or donate to this worthwhile event.

### **Shoe Drive Fundraiser for the George Jenkins High School Band**

Please bring your new and gently used shoes into the Church and place them in the boxes in both the Sanctuary and the Worship Center.

These shoes will make a difference in someones life who needs them and will raise funds for a worthy cause.



This Sunday we will be treated to a surprise breakfast by the Cub Scout Pack. They are having a campout in our backyard and would like to show their appreciation with a breakfast at 10:00am. Please make plans to either stay after church or come early to enjoy this gift.





## 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.



The Stress Management workshop will be held on Saturday October 21st at 10:30am and will be moderated by Krystyna DuBose, Licensed Mental Health Counselor at no cost to us. Refreshments will be provided.



### September 17, 2023 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	43
Worship Center	11:00am	51
<b>Total</b>		<b>94</b>

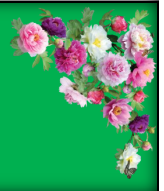
Look for the bright yellow BUCK \$ 4 BUILDING envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

## upcoming EVENTS

- 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
- 10/16/23 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 10/17/23 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 10/29/23 All Saints Sunday
- 10/30/23 Halloween Trunk or Treat

### Verse of the Week Psalm 105:1

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
make known his deeds among the people.



## Flowers on the Altar are Given by Robin & Joe Adams in memory of their Parents & Grandparents

### 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 Richardi's** brother) Bea Naples, (**Victoria Naples' Mother in Law**)Melody Richardi (**Kai Richardi's** mother), Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's** sister), Mike & Tracey Robinson (**Kai Richardi's** grandfather), Shannon Rover, (**Judy and Ken Horne's** friend), Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), **Ed Silveira (David Dresser's** Cousin) 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
<b>24</b> 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary  11:00am Contemporary Worship Center  8pm Online Compline	<b>25</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>26</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>27</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary  9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary  5:30pm Soup & Study PH  8pm Online Compline	<b>28</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>29</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>30</b>
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