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Sixth Sunday of Easter



Summer Worship Schedule

We are gearing up for a change!

Our Summer Worship Schedule **begins on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28th.** We will all worship at 10am either in the Sanctuary or in the Garden Chapel area. Father David is exploring ways to shield those of us on the epistle side from the direct sun this year, any ideas would be appreciated?

Our 10am worship services this summer will often be followed by parish fellowship events.

It will be so nice to see other parishioners again in a social setting!

Pentacost Sunday will kick this off. Our famous Chili Cook off at 11:00am in the Parish Hall will follow our first Summer worship service. Please dust off the cookbooks and lets have an epicurean delight for Pentacost!

May's Social Lunch Bunch will be this Thursday, 5/17/23 11:30am at Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant, in Lakeside Village. Please call Lila to let her know you are coming at 863-701-3416 or email at lpeddycoart6@gmail.com



Summer Fun

A yellow sun icon with rays, positioned between the words "Summer" and "Fun".

Summer is upon us & we're looking forward to fellowship opportunities every Sunday.

If you or your group of people would like to sponsor a fellowship event please let us know.

It does not have to involve food but must involve fun!

*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



ALTAR FLOWERS

2023 Altar Flowers Needed

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.)



Troy DeMan is working on a **Kairos** weekend the week of May 18th and is asking for some donations of packaged cookies or money to support the program and of course, our prayers.

For those who don't know, **Kairos** is similar to Cursillo but ministers to Prison inmates seeking a closer relationship with God. The weekend creates Christian communities inside prisons that can transform lives, decrease prison violence, and reduce recidivism and it's just plain good for us and them.



Calling All 2023 Graduates!!

Is someone in your household graduating this year?

Please let us know your graduate's name and what level of school they are completing.

We would like to honor our graduates from preschool, elementary school, middle school, high school and college on Sunday, May 28th, so get your name to us soon.

Just email ststoffice@gmail.com, or call the church office, or slip us a note.



Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment Celebration is 6:30 pm Monday May 15 at First Presbyterian in Lakeland. Network members and others who attended its Nehemiah Action and want to keep supporting PEACE are welcome. Dinner, testimonies, song/dance and the chance to further this justice ministry through financial investment.



PEACE

POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION
COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT

This Month's Holy Hikes will be as follows:

- 5/4/23 Circle B-Bar Reserve**
 - 5/11/23 Lake Hollingsworth (paved)**
 - 5/18/23 Lakeland Highland Scrub**
 - 5/25/23 Bonnet Springs (paved)**
- Pre-Hike Prayer & Prep @ 9:00am,
Please come join Us!**



May 7, 2023 Attendance

9:00am	51
11:00am	57
Total	108

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



Our very own "Christmas Bazaar", "Yard Sale" Ninja Michele pulled it off again for us. By 2:00pm Saturday afternoon all the remaining product was removed and Sharon had cleaned the Worship Center and set the chairs up.

The yard sale generated approximately \$1700 to go toward activities at St. Stephen's Church and, for the most part, a good time was had by all.

upcoming
EVENTS

- 5/14/23 Mother's Day**
- 5/14/23 Mother's Day Brunch**
- 5/28/23 Summer Worship Schedule begins**
- 5/28/23 Pentacost Chili Cookoff 11:00am**
- 5/29/23 Memorial Day**
- 6/6/23 VBS Spaghetti Dinner**
- 6/18/23 Father's Day**
- 6/26-30 VBS**

Verse of the Week:

John 14:15

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands."



*Flowers on the Altar are given by Trudi Lithgow in
Memory of Dick Lithgow*



May Birthdays

- 1 Pat Dayton
- 2 Megan Stoddard
- 5 Melissa Eijo
Elizabeth Koshi
- 7 Charlie Bradford
- 8 Brian Brink
- 9 Michael Englert
Aiden Westberry
Sally Flanagan
- 10 Kevin Shelton
- 13 Michael Platt
- 14 Robert Chilton
K.C. Eapen
Kaelynn Hiber
- 15 Jim Heal
- 16 Ed Knox
Carla Sauve
- 17 Jim Schmidt
- 18 Betty Calhoun
- 19 Marcia Heath
Sierra Steadman-Jones
- 21 Rick Rahn
- 23 Bruce Goers
Janice Olson
- 24 Dan Howes
- 29 Bill Monts de Oca

May Anniversaries

- 1 Curtis & Janice Olsen
- 8 Roger & Mary Statzer
- 12 Bill & Geneann Thompson
- 15 Ken & Judy Horne
- 21 Brian & Erica Brink
- 25 Robert & Annette Chilton
Bill & Jackie Monts de Oca
- 27 Tim & Mary Trimbath

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), Elizabeth Bradford (**Charlie Bradford's** sister) **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 (**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** Brother 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**, Lenora Troup (**Abigail Lankford's** Mother) **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 Lindquist (**Dugan & Judy Wilder's** granddaughter)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:00am Sunday School for all ages 10:00am Mother's Day Breakfast 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Worship Center	15 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	16 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	17 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary 12noon Book Study, PH 5:30pm Soup & Study PH 8pm Online Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Hike 11:30am Lunch Bunch @ Abuelo's Mexican Restaurant 8pm Online Compline	19 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	20
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