

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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1st Sunday After Epiphany



As this year comes to a close it is time for us to look back and count our blessings and recognize our losses. 2023 had us say goodbye to 7 of our St. Stephen's family members.

Many of us had connections on a personal level with these loved ones, but they will be missed by us all.

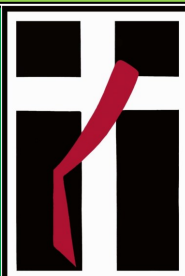
◆ Dawn Flynn	9/7/1950	1/2/2023
◆ Ginny Hiber	11/22/1947	1/8/2023
◆ Eileen Fox	9/4/1943	2/6/2023
◆ Dan Howes	5/24/2023	2/11/2023
◆ Betty Woodward	4/6/1930	5/10/2023
◆ Wayne Anderson	2/9/1932	6/11/2023
◆ Carol Vonesh	10/6/1948	11/8/2023

Epiphany Covered Dish Dinner

If you are able, we will need help after the 11:00 service to set up the Worship Center for the dinner tonight. Also, hospitality is looking for people to help clean up and tear down after the event.



***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



**Save Your REAL Christmas Trees
for our Bonfire**

When you take them down, please bring your leftover real Christmas trees to the field behind the Worship Center for our **Sunday, January 7th Epiphany bonfire**. Call the church office if you need someone to transport your tree.

Also a potluck dinner and 12th night festivities will begin at 5:00pm.

As we have done in the past (prior to the Cuban dinners) we will have a potluck dinner followed by the King Cakes with a surprise to person who gets the baby Jesus.

Chicken and Rolls will be provided. We ask that you bring dishes based on your last name

A-I Starch

J-R Vegetable or salad

S-Z Dessert

The hospitality people can always use extra hands for this event so please speak to Marcia Heath or Carol Reynolds if you can help.



LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

Getting screened is simple!

Screenings provide *Peace of Mind* or *Early Detection...* both are a good thing.

Life Line Screening will be at St. Stephen's on January 23, 2024. We offered this earlier this year and they had an overwhelming turnout so Life Line is back! To Register call 877-792-8479.

Wednesday Mid-Week Mass and Study

Father Rob will restart the mid-week service, study and social this Wednesday, January 10. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 863-646-6115.



Welcome to our Church

December 31, 2023 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	46
Worship Center	11:00am	41

upcoming

EVENTS

01/07/24 **Epiphany Sunday Pot luck Dinner and Bon Fire**

1/15/24 **Staff Meeting**

1/15/24 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

1/16/24 **Vestry Meeting**

Pastoral Ministry

From time-to-time parishioners are infirmed or in need and would appreciate pastoral visits. To improve communication, I would like to propose the following:

Anyone requesting Pastoral visits should contact the office as soon as possible in one of the following ways:

- Call the office and speak to someone or leave a message at 863-645-6115**
- Email the office at stsoffice@gmail.com**
- Text or call Charlie at 305-744-8600**

So that we can track needs and communicate them to the Clergy please use only these contact methods going forward. You may still contact the Clergy directly; of course, however, please also inform the office using one of the ways listed above.

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 By Tom Hiber in Loving Memory of Ginny Hiber's Passing Last Year

January Birthdays

- 2 Sandy Gibson
- 3 Erin Wenham
- 8 Ernest Palmer
Betty Pratt
Philip Thomas
- 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: Lou Alers, Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Bryan Biery (**Judy Elam's** Friend) Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), **Jim Bowen, 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,** Joe Elam & Lillian Elam (**Judy Elam's** Brother & Mother) **Sandy Gibson, Morgan Goers,** Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), Pam Grimes (**Sam Rosenberger's** daughter) **Jim Heal,** Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), Edith Hughes (**Tom Hiber's** friend), **Kevin Jackimowicz,** Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), , 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), Barbara McMahan (**Judy Elam's** Cousin) Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Eric Holter **Trudi Lithgow, Janell & Walter Repsher, Roy Reynolds,** 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), **Art & Bonnie Rowbotham** Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), **Ed Silveira (David Dresser's** Cousin), Ken (**Harry Solloway's** friend) Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling, Marion Stewart,** Bryan Stockwell (**Marge Stockwell's** son), **Marge Stockwell, Bill Thompson,** Leora Troup (**Abigail Lankford's** Mother) **Dailia Walker,** Doris Wise (homeschool group), **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
7 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center 5:00pm Covered Dish Supper and Epiphany Bonfire	8 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	9 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	10 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary 8pm Online Compline	11 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	12 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	13
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