St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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FYI 2024

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3rd Sunday After Epiphany





January 27, 2024 All Saints, Winter Park

Holy Hikes are back on! Check with Father Rob or Sharon for the location.

Pre-Hike Prayer & Prep @ 9:00am,

Please come join Us!





Coming Up on February 4th!

Annual Meeting & Soup Cookoff

Following a Combined Worship Service
at 10am

Please let one of the clergy know if you are interested in being a **candidate for one of the four vestry slots** we have to fill in 2024. We can give or send you details about this important work of the church.

Please consider bringing a **potful of your favorite homemade soup** for our Soup Cookoff. Find those old recipes or make up something new. You could be this year's soup cookoff prize winner! (If you're not making soup, we also need some bread to go with the soup.)



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



If you are interested in playing Scrabble, you don't have to be good, just enjoy company. We meet on Thursdays at 11:30 in the Parish Hall, please come by and check it out.

If you are interested contact: Marilyn Hall at 863-450-6550.

Edwardo F. Morrell passed away at 60 years old on January 24, 2023 in Lakeland and is the brother of our parishioner **Gonzalo Morrell**. Gonzalo asked that we remember his brother and keep his family in our prayers as they approach this anniversary of Edwardo's passing. He was a lawyer, cattleman and cowboy, volunteer and active member of the Lakeland Civic community and and extended Cuban Family. He will be sorely missed.







Dedication forms are available at each service to give flowers in honor of a loved one or event. We will also be accepting Easter Flower dedications in the coming weeks.



Thank you note from Valleyview Elementary

Dear Congregation of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church,

My name is Stacy Weaver and I am a school counselor at Valleyview Elem. We received your generous donation of hygiene items and pants prior to the Christmas Break and wanted to thank you personally. You are truly making a difference and Valleyview values your support tremendously. Gifts from congregations like your in our community are so special. I would like to thank each of you personally for thinking about our precious student families and being the hands and feet of Jesus and touching so many lives with your support. Each donation truly makes a difference. I hope you all have a very blessed 2024

Sincerely, Stacy Weaver

The Youth Group—Grades 6-12

Put a reminder in your phone—Tonight at 6:00pm—7:30pm is our Youth Group meeting.

Middle and High School youth are invited to attend. We start wiht supper together and then the fun and action begin!

Any questions, see Mrs. Lula Peoples, 954-579-1446 or Ms. Rachel Workman, 863-701-3437 or Missy Sabine, 863-608-1179.





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 last year and they had an overwhelming turnout so Life Line is back! To Register call 877-792-8479.



One of our Scout Masters has to return to England for 2 months on an emergency and needs someone to watch his Aussiedoodle for him. He is about 60 lbs and is great with other dogs and kids. Please let the office know it you

Welcome to our Church

January 14, 2024 Attendance

Santuary 9:00am 52 Worship Center 11:00am 67 Total 119

upcoming EVENTS

1/28/24 Vestry Nominations

2/4/24 Annual Meeting and Souper

Sunday Lunch

2/11/24 Scout Sunday & 2nd Sunday

Breakfast

2/13/24 Shrove Tuesday Pancake

Dinner

2/14/24 Ash Wednesday

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 <a href="mailto:state

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: Mark 1:17
"Come, follow me," Jesus said,
"and I will send you out to fish for people."



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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
- 2/3 Abigail Lankford

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), Lynn Staffier (from Kathy Leahy), Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Bryan Stockwell (Marge Stockwell's son), Marge Stockwell, Gloria Thomason, Bill Thompson, Leora Troup (Abigail Lankford's Mother) Dailia Walker, Doris Wise (homeschool group), **Lindsay Zielinski.**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary 9:45am Bible Study, Sanctuary 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	
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