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4th Sunday in Lent



NEEDED: CANDY (NOT CHOCOLATE) AND VOLUNTEERS TO STUFF EASTER CANDY BAGS March 27th

We will meet Wednesday, March 27th, 10am in the Small Group Room to stuff Easter candy bags and assemble plastic eggs for the Easter morning egg hunt. If you're interested in participating, just call or email the office to volunteer!



Easter Flowers Dedication Sheets in Your Worship Area

Look for forms marked "Easter Flowers" and fill out a form with your dedication. Your attached \$20 payment may be placed in the collection plate or sent to the church office. Please have your form turned in by Palm Sunday, March 24th in order to have your dedication in the Easter FYI. Flowers will be planted on the church grounds afterward to beautify our property.



We are back to last year's rotation for the Hikes:

- 3/7/24 Circle B-Bar Reserve
- 3/14/24 Lake Hollingsworth (paved)
- 3/21/24 Lakeland Highlands Scrub
- 3/28/24 Bonnet Springs (paved)

Pre-hike prayer & prep @ 9:00am

Please come join us!

Prayers Needed

Janet Casini called to let us know that Italo is doing better after a successful cardiac procedure in Atlanta. As many of you know, Italo had a heart attack in the Atlanta Airport returning from Italy last week. Your continued prayers are welcome.

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God
Answers
Prayers

St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor



2024-Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers

2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight, Karen Spiller-Sr. Warden

2026-Betty Pratt, Liz Barham, Juliana Walker,

Treasurer: Bruce Goers

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



The Art of Recovery

*Mondays 1-3pm
Beginning February 19th*

*Free therapeutic art time
PTSD, Depression, Addiction, Grief
ALL ARE WELCOME*

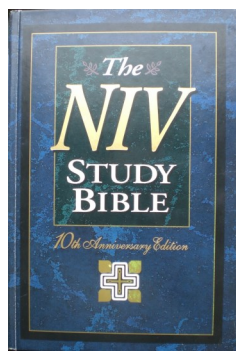
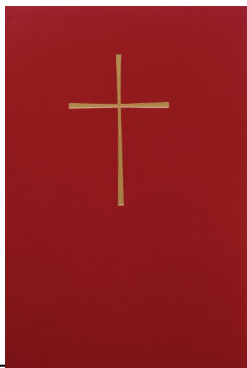
*Aldersgate House
722 E Walnut St,
Lakeland, FL 33801*

This is an offering from the Lakeland Arts Association and will be held at the Methodist Church on the corner of Lake Morton Dr & E. Walnut St. and is open to all!

Busy Wednesdays

- 9:00am** **Communion in the Sanctuary**
- 9:45am** **Bible Study in the Sanctuary**
- 12:00m** **Study of the Book of James in the Parish Hall**
- 5:00pm** **Stations of the Cross**
- 6:00pm** **The Chosen viewing & discussion**

Please come out and join us for some or all of our weekly offering.



Simple Stretching
Wednesday and Thursday
10 - 10:30



Yoga Stretching and Tai Chi

Stretching classes will resume on Wednesday & Thursday mornings at 10:00am in the 1st classroom on the right. Also, Meg will be offering Tai Chi again on both mornings at 10:45am. Please just show up if you are interested in participating.

Tai Chi
Wednesday and Thursday
10:45 - 11:15



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 with 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.



Interest in a Care Giver/Grief Support Group

I have been asked to see if there is any interest in starting a Grief Support Group at St. Stephen's. Sometimes the weight of being alone for the first time in many years due to the loss of a loved one can be lessened by sharing time with others walking your path. If you would be interested in participating please contact the office at 863-646-6115 or by email at ststoffice@gmail.com.



February 25, 2024 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	38
Worship Center	11:00am	60
Total		98

Troy DeMan is asking for our prayers and help for the upcoming Kairos

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour. Kairos Prison Ministry will be taking the Gospel to inmates at the Avon Park Correctional Institution on the weekend of April 18-21 2024. Please be in prayer on our upcoming APCI Weekend #57. Here is the link and QR code to our Prayer Vigil page for our Weekend. We would be grateful if you would sign up for 1 or more 30-minute slots to be in prayer for us and the inmates during the weekend. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA72AA7F4C61-47914341-avon>



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/10/24 Daylight Savings Time
- 3/10/24 2nd Sunday Breakfast
- 3/19/24 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 3/21/24 Lunch Bunch Fred's 11:30am
- 3/23/24 Campus Work Day 9:00am
- 3/24/24 Palm Sunday 10:00am
- 3/24/24 Passover Dinner/Seder 5:00pm

New Lenten Programs



Each Wednesday in Lent, we will be offering a program packed full of liturgy, fellowship and the Gospel.

Father David will begin with a discussion of the Book of James for the Noon Book Study. At 5:00pm, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary followed by a soup dinner and a viewing of an episode of The Chosen. Following the viewing, we will be discussing **The Chosen** episode.

Father David will be joining our evening program to offer a contextual explanation of **The Chosen** episode.

Verse of the Week: Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.



The Flowers on the Altar can be dedicated to a loved one or event by completing one of the forms available at each service



March Birthdays

- 1 Celeste Cooper
Michael Ferguson, Sam Jerome
- 2 Scott Sauve, Abigail Lankford
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples
- 8 MaryLou Taylor
Evalyn Duncan
Gloria Thomason
- 11 MaryLou Garland
- 14 Dennis Flynn
- 16 Bill Heath
- 22 Richard Eijo, Shirley Rumpel
- 23 Jerry Jerome
- 24 Bill Shaal
- 25 Joe Adams
- 29 Mary Trimbath

March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson

St. Stephen's Prayer List

(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Janson (Homeschool group) **Robin Adams, Lou Alers,** Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), Elizabeth Bradford (**Charlie Bradford's** sister), Bryan Biery (**Judy Elam's** Friend), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's** daughter-in-law), **Jim Bowen, Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Italo & Janet Casini,** Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's** friend), Julie Cornish (friends of **Michael & Stacy Englert**) **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,** Bob & Kay Henry (friends fo Betty Calhoun) Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister),**Kevin Jackimowicz,** Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Karen Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) David Kight (**Major Kight's** brother) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister) **David Leahy,** , 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, Carla Sauve,** Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's** Cousin), Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Glenda Taylor (Fr Jim Taylor's Wife) Gloria Thomason, Bill Thompson, 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**

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