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Sixth Sunday of EASTER



Congratulations

Calling All 2024 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 26th, so get your name to us soon.

Just email ststoffice@gmail.com, or call the church office at 863-646-6115, or slip us a note.



Caregivers and Grief Group

Our first meeting was held on 4/30/24 at 2:00pm in the Small Group room.

The intention in having this group is that people who either need support or can offer support can meet to share their experiences and possible coping mechanisms and to expand fellowship within St. Stephen's Church.

The next meeting will be 5/7/24 at 2:00pm



RIDES TO CHURCH

Marylou Garland needs rides to Church on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of each month,

MaryLou Garland

612 Avery Ln.,

Lakeland, FL 33803

859-324-5220

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



2024-Bill Baggett-Jr. Warden, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers

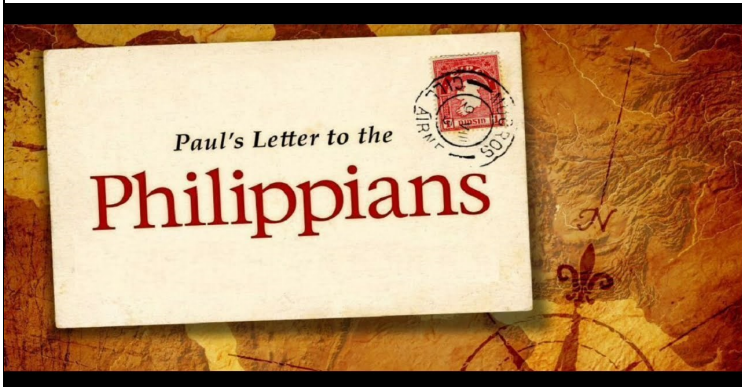
2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight, Liz Barham

2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller-Sr. Warden

Treasurer: Bruce Goers

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski

Father David will begin a new Noon Book Study on Wednesday 5/8/24. The topic will be Paul's letter to the Philippians, come join us!



**VBS Spaghetti Dinner
May 2nd
5-7pm
(\$7/each)**

Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner returns this week **5-7pm!**

For **\$7** you get a generous helping of spaghetti with meat sauce, a tossed salad, homemade garlic bread, and a cookie. Takeout available.

Please let Karen Spiller, 863-458-0981, know if you can help with packing or distributing meals.

Come out and support this fundraiser for our summer VBS program so it can continue to be free to all participants.

you're invited
to St. Stephen's

Spring Ladies Tea

Our Featured Speaker will be
Mary Peoples
in celebration of
All the Ladies of our Parish

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024
11 o'clock in the morning
St. Stephen's Parish Hall
1820 East County Road 540A, Lakeland
*reply to Debbie Bradford by 5/8
at 305.304.2548 (Call or Text)*




<p>Simple Yoga Stretch</p>  <p>Wed 10am Parish Hall First Classroom on Right</p>	<p>Easy Chair Yoga</p>  <p>Thurs 10am Parish Hall first classroom on right</p>	<p>Parish Hall Wed & Thurs 10:45am</p>  <p>Simple Form Tai Chi</p>
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Our simple yoga and chair yoga continue in the classrooms on Wednesday at 10:00am and Tai Chi is on Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 10:45am. Both of these forms are gentle enough for almost everyone and they are fun!



Summer Worship Schedule

May 19, Pentecost Sunday, we will have one service at 10:00am in the Sanctuary followed by the Annual Chili Cookoff at 11:00am in the Parish Hall.

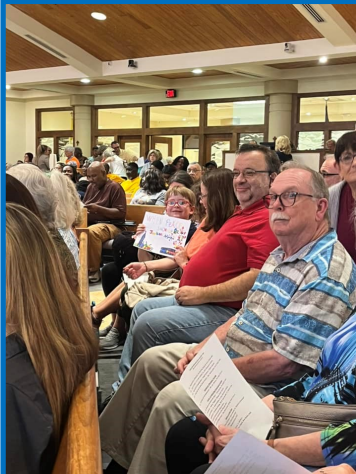
May 26, Memorial Day Weekend, 9:00am service in the Garden Chapel and 10:00am service in the Sanctuary followed by a Summertime Cookout with our brand-new griddle, in the Parish Hall and outdoor picnic area.

The 9:00am and 10:00am services will continue throughout the Summer and ending in the Fall at a date that has yet to be determined. In an effort to stay on time, we will need volunteers to help take down the Garden Chapel electronics so that Father David and Doug can begin the 10:00am.



April 28, 2024 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	55
Worship Center	11:00am	64
Total		119



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/7/24 VBS Spaghetti 5:00-7:00pm
- 5/11/24 Ladies Tea
- 5/12/24 Mother's Day Brunch
- 5/14/24 Talbot House Chili
- 5/16/24 Lunch Bunch
- 5/19/24 Pentecost/Chili Cookoff one Service in Sanctuary 10:00am
- 5/26/24 Summer Schedule begins with a 9:00am service in the Garden Chapel and a 10:00am service in the Sanctuary followed by a "Summertime Cookout" on our new incredibly cool Blackstone 36" Griddle



Nehemiah Action



St. Stephen's was well represented last Monday at the **PEACE** rally, we had 64 people from St. Stephen's there!



Verse of the Week

John 15:9

**As the Father has loved me,
so have I loved you; abide in my love.**



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR MOTHERS DAY CAN
BE DEDICATED BY PICKING UP A FORM AND NOTING
"MOTHERS DAY" ON FORM**



May Birthdays

- 1 Pat Dayton
- 2 Megan Stoddard
- 5 Melissa Eijo, Elizabeth Koshi
- 7 Charlie Bradford
- 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
- 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
- 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: **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), **Jim Cross,** Annie Delling, **Roger Doyle,** Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), 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) Beverly Gull (Matthew Gull's Mother) , **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**), **John & 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**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Worship Center</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon Book Study in the Parish Hall, Philippians</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>		<p>10</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ladies Tea</p> <p>11:00am—1:00pm Parish Hall</p> 
<p>12</p>  <p>9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary</p> <p>10:00am Mothers Day Brunch</p> <p>11:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Worship Center</p> <p>6:30pm Youth Group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm-7:00pm VBS Spaghetti Dinner</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary</p> <p>Noon Book Study in the Parish Hall, Philippians</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>18</p>