

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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1st Sunday in Lent



Our **Shrove Tuesday** Pancake Dinner was a great success and fed some 80 of us with homemade pancakes and sausage.
Thanks to all who dined and to Tom Hiber, Major Kight, Debbie Bradford, Marcia Heath, Bonnie Rowbothom, Carol Reynolds, Deacon Doug, Steve Meyer, Mike Whitt and Charlie Bradford.



PEACE
POLK ECUMENICAL ACTION
COUNCIL FOR EMPOWERMENT

Our Network Meeting is scheduled after the 11 AM service on February 25th. This is the time that we get together for an update from those working in research groups of the Elderly and Criminal Justice and to select names from our congregation to invite to the Nehemiah Action.

We want to make sure that each of you has a list of 8 people to contact to come to the Nehemiah Action, so that you will have at least 3 people come with you. However, you can start inviting them now and let me know if they have committed. I will mark them off of our list to choose from during our February meeting. If we do that, we will make our goal of 80 people counted for St. Stephen's and 1500 for the whole Action!!

We need to encourage each other to attend all meetings so that we can be the hands and feet of our Lord. Remember that we are called to do mercy and justice, as we walk humbly with our God.

Your participation helps countless other people in Polk County get the justice that they deserve!!!

When PEACE shows up...Justice reigns!!!

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



2024-Bill Baggett, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers

2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight

2026-Betty Pratt, Liz Barham, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller

Treasurer: Bruce Goers

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski




We Need You

ASA Service Dogs is looking for volunteers to help us make vests for our plush service dogs.

If you like to sew and would like to help an amazing organization, please scan the QR code below and email or message us on social media for more details.




Sit. Stay. Scan.




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.

Yoga and Tai Chi

Yoga and Stretching classes will resume this week on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am in the 1st classroom on the right. Also, Meg will begin offering Tai Chi again on Thursday mornings at 10:00am. Please call the office or just show up if you are interested in participating.



Tai Chi



February 11, 2024 Attendance Scout Sunday

Sanctuary	9:00am	79
Worship Center	11:00am	84
Total		163



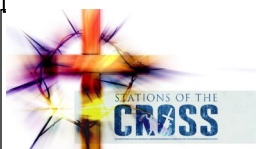
Are you looking for a way to kick up your biblical understanding this year? Do you find that you don't completely understand the application of the weekly readings and Gospel? Then we have a deal for you!

Each Sunday after the 9:00am service, we have Sunday School in the Small Group Room. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/19/24 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 2/19/24 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 2/21/24 Study of the Book of James 12 noon
- 2/21/24 Stations of the Cross 5:00pm followed by Soup & The Chosen episode

New Lenten Programs



Beginning on February 21, 2024 and continuing 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.

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

Verse of the Week: Mark 1:15

The kingdom of God has come near.
Repent and believe the good news!



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

February Birthdays

- 2 Abigail Lankford
- 4 Elissia Eijo
- 5 Rachel Workman
- 7 Morgan Goers
- 8 Brouck Boyd
- 9 Lindsey Zielinski
- 15 DeAnn Brown
Dianne Knox
- 16 Becky Schuster
- 21 Allison Westberry
- 25 James Bowen
Lula Peoples
Glen Zielinski



February Anniversaries

- 5 Scott Dickie & Jami Beasley
- 11 Dale & Amy Ling
- 27 Bill & Marcia Heath
- 28 Bruce & Morgan Goers

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, Janet Casini,** Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's** friend), Julie Cornish (friends of **Michael & Stacy Englert**) **Jim Cross,** Annie Delling, **Samantha & Schuyler Denstedt, 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) George & Mary Hannitan (**Stacy Englert's** friend), **Jim Heal,** Nicole Herinkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **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, Carla Sauve,** 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.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 9:00am Traditional Worship Service in Sanctuary 10:00am Sunday School for all ages 11:00am Contemporary Worship Service in Worship Center 6:30pm Youth Group	19 Presidents' Day Office Closed 8am Online Morning Prayer 6pm Vestry Meeting 8pm Online Compline	20 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	21 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall 5:00pm Stations of the Cross & The Chosen 8pm Online Compline	22 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	23 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Office Closed	24
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