

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

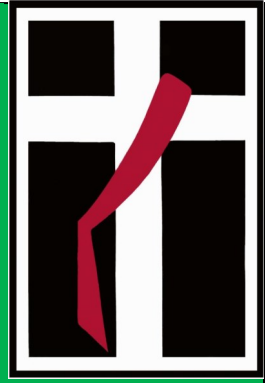
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3rd Sunday after Pentecost



VBS JUNE 24-28

6:00PM-8:30PM

UNLIKE ANY OTHER VBS IN TOWN!

K-5TH GRADE



REGISTER HERE

1820 E. COUNTY ROAD 540A

Call the St. Stephen's office for more info: (863) 646-6115

You can also REGISTER ONLINE: centralfloridachurch.com/VBS



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

Holy Hikes are being paused for the summer due to the heat. Check with Father Rob or Sharon in the Fall for the resumption .



After the 10:00am Church Service next week, 6/16/24 we are having a Father's Day Cook Out! Come over for some great Hamburgers and Hot Dogs to celebrate our Fathers!



COPING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS

Caregivers and Grief Group

Our Caregivers and Grief group is up and running and well attended. They meet at 2:00pm on Tuesdays 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. If you feel that you could benefit from this group, please just show up and participate.

The next meeting will be 6/10/24 at 2:00pm. Please come join us



PEACE CELEBRATION!

St. Stephen's had 18 people attending Monday's annual Celebration for Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment. We were among about 200 at the event held at First United Methodist Church. We celebrated successes, shared praise, honored achievers, had fun and looked forward to next year.

St. Stephen's congregation is one of five recognized for having met our financial goal for investing in PEACE last year. These members of our three teams were listed as having met the goal of You Plus Three - bring yourself and three others - at last month's Nehemiah Action: Robin/Joe Adams, Karen/Jim Beasley, Susan Campbell, MaryLou Garland, Joanne Gunner, Katy Campbell/Jerry Jerome; Dianne/Ed Knox; Pete Wesley McArthur and Kevin Shelton.



Save
the
Date

Celebrate Christian Faith at Tropicana Field on **Saturday, August 17** when the **Rays take on the Arizona Diamondbacks**

Wednesday Night Book Study and Soup returned this week at 5:00pm 6/5/24. We are looking for input on the selection of a book and we intend to begin with Forward Day by Day. Come and join us for some great soup and a good time.



Poem from a Feral Cat

I may never be a lap cat,
 or one who comes when called.
 I may resist the hand that tries to touch
 and some may think I'm flawed.
 I may prefer my freedom
 to your warm and cozy house
 I may reject a bowl of finest foods
 for the chance to catch a mouse.
 But the box you put out for me,
 Feels safe and warm and dry.
 And I raise my eyes to thank you
 when I see you walking by.
 I eat the food you give me
 I listen to your voice
 I may never be a lap cat
 but thank you for offering me the choice.
 One day I'll see the winter,
 one day I'll feel the rain,
 I may grow old not knowing
 there is freedom from this pain
 I know you've tried to help me
 and although my days will end
 I may never be a lap cat
 but I know you are my friend.



June 2, 2024 Attendance

Garden	9:00am	25
Sanctuary	10:00am	76
Total		101

Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/9/24 2nd Sunday Breakfast 11:00**
- 6/11/24 Talbot House Chili**
- 6/16/24 Father's Day Cookout**
- 6/17/24 Staff Meeting 10:00am**
- 6/18/24 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm**
- 6/20/24 Lunch Bunch @ Catfish Country 11:30am**
- 6/24-28 VBS 6:00pm-8:30pm**
- 6/30/24 VBS Sunday**
- 7/2/24 NO Spaghetti Dinner**
- 7/4/24 Independence Day**
- 7/9/24 NO Talbot House Chili**



Verse of the Week 2 Corinthians 4:16
Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR CAN BE DEDICATED TO
YOUR LOVED ONE BY COMPLETING THE FORMS AT THE
NARTHEX.**

June Birthdays

- 1 Tricia Walker
- 2 Beverly Meyer,
- 3 Kayla Blackwell
- 4 Renda McNeill,
- 5 Joanne Gunner
- 6 Hayley Naples
- 7 Tom Kempinski
- 8 Liz Barham
- 9 Jo Willey
- 10 Melissa Palmer,
Carrie Peoples
- 16 Italo Casini
Thomas Negus
- 20 Wendell Hunt,
Susie Stewart
- 21 Robin Heffley
- 23 Patricia Dresser
- 27 Karen Spiller



June Anniversaries

- 1 Wendell & Donna Hunt
- 2 Walter & Janelle Repsher
Gary & Allison Westberry
Art & Bonnie Rowbotham
- 8 Joe & Robin W. Adams
Troy & Sue DeMan

**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 (**Michael & Stacy Englert** friend) **Jim Cross**, Annie Delling, **Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's** granddaughter), Deb DiStefano and family (**Margaret Wallace's** Friend) 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, Trudi Lithgow, Susan MacGilvray** Mary & Adrian McAleer (**Liz Barham's** sister & Brother in Law), Barbara McMahan (**Judy Elam's** Cousin) Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), **Justin Pennington, 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
9 9:00am Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary 2nd Sunday Breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 10:00am Service 	10 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	11 8am Online Morning Prayer 2:00pm Grief Group 8pm Online Compline	12 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary 5:00pm Soup & Study 8pm Online Compline	13 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	14 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	15
16 Father's Day 9:00am Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary Father's Day Cookout in the Parish hall, sides needed 	17 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer 2:00pm Grief Group 8pm Online Compline	19 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary 5:00pm Soup & Study 8pm Online Compline	20 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch-Catfish Country 8pm Online Compline	21 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	22