

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

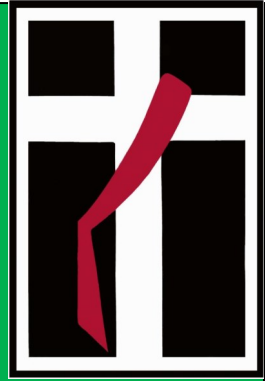
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Landscaping Appeal!

Our landscaping took a beating with the drought this Spring and we have decided to part company with our current landscaper. Our Memorial Garden needs special attention and one of our parishioners has agreed to take care of it. The remaining botanicals will, hopefully, be addressed by Kaleidoscapes, a vendor that we have used before. This change to beautify our campus with Kaleidoscapes will cost us more than our previous vendor. If you can afford to help, we are asking that you make a contribution for this purpose. God Bless and Thank you.



Jim Schmidt

May 17, 1940—August 9, 2024

Jim and Penny have been members of St. Stephen's for 45 years and during that time, they were very active.

Jim was a greeter, an Usher and helped out with Talbot House Chili night with the beverages. Their families and extended families are or have been members at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church since they joined.

Jim was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinal fan and a true member of the Gator Nation and Florida Gator fan. Jim will be sorely missed by Penny and the family and we here at St. Stephen's.



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



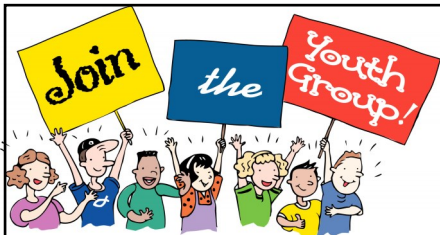
2024-Bill Baggett-Jr. Warden, Louis Bloodworth, Bruce Goers

2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight, Liz Barham

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

Treasurer: Bruce Goers

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski



Youth Group Kickoff

Youth Group Pool Party Kickoff, Sunday September 15th 2-5pm at Margaret & Rhys Wallace's House.



VBS Spaghetti Dinner Tuesday September 2nd 5-7pm (\$7/each)



Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner is 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 us know if you can help. Come out and support this fundraiser for our summer VBS program so it can continue to be free to all participants.

Last Sunday of the Summer Schedule!

Beginning next Sunday 9/8/24, we will have a "Traditional" Eucharist at 9:00am in the Sanctuary and an 11:00am "Contemporary" Eucharist in the Worship Center.

Beginning the following Sunday, 9/15/24 our adult Sunday School will return between the services in the Small Group Room. Sunday School for our younger parishioners will return during the 11:00am service in the Worship Center class rooms.



Polk County Supervisor of Elections needs you!

Lori Edwards, the Polk County Supervisor of Elections, needs workers for the November Election. For all the positions, you will be paid for your training (1-4 hours) and for Election Day (14 hours). The positions are:

CLERK -- manages the precinct and answers any questions a voter may have

ASSISTANT CLERK --helps Clerk and voters with voting problems

CHECK-IN SPECIALIST -- checks voter's photo ID and registration, gives ballot

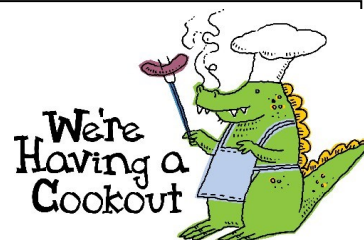
VOTING MACHINE OPERATOR --helps voters place their ballots into the ballot box

DEPUTY --monitors entrance and precinct boundaries, greets voters, announces the opening and closing of the poll

This is an amazing opportunity to help our community, learn how votes are protected and make sure our democracy works. For more information call:

THE POLK COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS 863.534.5888

As we close out our Summer Schedule for the year we are celebrating Labor Day with a Cook out following the 10:00am service on September 1st. Please join us and bring a side if you can. Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Summer Salads, Fruit or Desserts





Please be quiet when entering the Sanctuary on Sunday morning, people are trying to center for their prayer and reverence to the Lord and ask that the quiet be maintained prior

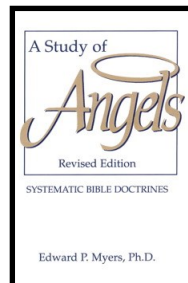
to the service. Thank you all for your consideration on this matter.



2024 Altar Flowers Needed

Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones in 2024. (Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance.)

Wednesday Night Book Study and Soup meets at 5:00pm each Wednesday. We have selected the book "A Study of Angels" to try and understand these guardian messengers and what we perceive them to do. Come and join us for some great soup, a good time and hopefully you'll hear something interesting and thought provoking. We read a chapter together then discuss it, you don't need to have the book to attend.



August 25, 2024 Attendance

Garden	9:00am	26
Sanctuary	10:00am	62
Total		88

Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses. Our Buck\$ for Buildings fund has been all but tapped out with some recent building and grounds expenses. Please help us build our reserves back up.



- 9/1/24 Labor Day Cook Out**
- 9/1/24 Last day of Summer Schedule**
- 9/3/24 VBS Spaghetti Dinner**
- 9/7/24 Invite Welcome Connect Workshop, Winter Haven FL**
- 9/8/24 9:00 & 11:00 Service Resume**
- 9/8/24 2nd Sunday Brunch**
- 9/15/24 Sunday School Returns**
- 9/15/24 Youth Group Returns with a pool Party at Meg and Rhys house**

Verse of the Week: James 1:17


Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.



Flowers on the Altar are given by Doug & Michele Jump in Honor of Doug's Birthday and their 52nd Wedding Anniversary



<u>September Birthdays</u>	St. Stephen's Prayer List <u>(Parish Members are in Bold)</u>
<p>5 Frances Henry, Judy Wilder</p> <p>6 Susan Cardman</p> <p>7 Robin Williams Adams Alex Trimbath, Gail Baldrige</p> <p>10 Steve Naples, Janell Repsher</p> <p>11 Andrew Thompson</p> <p>12 Janet Bingham</p> <p>14 Sharon Crosdale,</p> <p>15 Troy DeMan Kaitlyn Trimbath</p> <p>16 Katy Campbell-Jerome</p> <p>21 Stephen Calhoun</p> <p>22 Donna Hunt</p> <p>24 Nelson Rumpel,</p> <p>25 Roy Reynolds</p> <p>25 Briemann Peterson,</p> <p>26 Jarrett Sabine, David Trimbath</p> <p>28 Francisco Gomez</p> <p>29 Julie Petterson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>September Anniversaries</u></p> <p>2 Doug & Michele Jump</p> <p>5 Mike & Christine Ferguson</p> <p>13 Walter & Eleanor Thomas</p> <p>17 Steve & Victoria Naples</p>	<p>Prayer Needs: Robin Adams, Lou Alers, Kim Birmingham (from Scout Troop 106), Charlie Bibb (Season Barham Hodges Father in Law) 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), Mary Belshe & Julie Cornish (Michael & Stacy Englert friends) 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, Trudi Lithgow, Mary & Adrian McAleer (Liz Barham's sister & Brother in Law), Beverly Meyer, 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, Jim Schmidt, 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, Lindsay Zielinski.</p> <p>Hospital:</p> <p>Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:00am Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary Labor Day Cook Out in the Parish Hall</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00pm Soup & Study</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center 2nd Sunday Brunch</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary</p> <p>5:00pm Soup & Study</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Office Closed</p>