

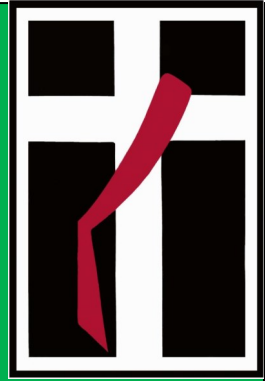
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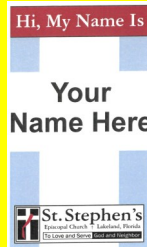


NAME TAGS

We are asking that everyone start wearing their Name Tags on Sundays. Unfortunately with untimely passing of Bishop Smith we no longer need to use name tags for his visit.

We still have a need to know each others names. Almost weekly Father David, Deacon Doug, Sharon and I are asked the name of someone.

If you do not have a Name Tag or can't find yours please let the office know so we can make them up for you. Thanks!



End of Daylight Saving Time Brunch

Once again the Hospitality committee is preparing a great brunch for us to go along with our extra hour of sleep. They will be handling all of the savory items and ask that we bring sweets or fresh fruit. If you can't bring something and still want to contribute, there will be a contributions basket.

For Elections

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



VBS Spaghetti Dinner Tuesday November 5th 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



**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

Secretary: Karen Beasley

Pictures Please

The 50th Anniversary committee of St. Stephen's Church is up and running and has already had a few meetings. In order to help put together a presentation of St. Stephen's through the years, they are asking that each of us look through our photos and see if there are any, with dates, that we could use. If you have some, either move them to a flash drive or bring them into the office and I can scan them for you. Thanks.



Here is a picture from 10/15/2005 before 540A construction was completed. Also, we had a group of St. Stephen's Missionaries travel north to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina recover that year.

Christmas Bazaar

There will be a meeting for the Christmas Bazaar after the 11:00am service on Sunday November 12th. The meeting will only be about 20 minutes. This is to check to make sure we all have our ducks in a row.

Wednesday Noon Book Study

Father David is continuing the noon book study with "The Air We Breathe" by Glen Scrivener.

The book takes the reader on a journey to discover how the teaching of Jesus not only turned the ancient world upside down, but continues to underpin the way we think of life, worth and meaning.



Directory Update

Verify & Update Your Information

November 2024 New Directory

If you have incorrect or missing information in our old directory, or you're just not sure what information is in it, please check the copies when you enter the Church and make corrections or let us know your correct names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdays and anniversaries. With all the comings and goings in the past year we need to update. Thanks for your help!

Thanksgiving Dinner

There will **not** be a St. Stephen's "No one is an Orphan for Thanksgiving" dinner this year at the Parish Hall. The participation was not enough to continue the dinner.



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.

Don't get tied up in knots!

Stewardship isn't just a fancy word for fundraising. It is a personal act of worship to sustain God's Work.

The objectives are:

1-To provide an opportunity for each member of the congregation to prayerfully give back to God what is already His.

2-To provide the financial support as a form of thanksgiving and worship to maintain the church's operations and extend God's work.

In order for God's work to be accomplished, we must put effort to each end of the rope, Financial Support must be greater than the cost of Church Operations.



Caregivers and Grief Group

Our Caregivers and Grief group has decided to meet once a month going forward and the next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 in the Small Group Room.

COPING WITH GRIEF AND LOSS

Welcome to our Church

October 27, 2024
Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	45
Worship Center	11:00am	52
Total		97

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/3/24 All Saints Sunday
- 11/3/24 Brunch for the End of Daylight Saving Time (turn clocks back)
- 11/4/24 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 11/5/24 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm
- 11/11/24 Veterans Day (Office Closed)
- 11/12/24 Grief Group 2:00pm
- 11/18/24 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 11/19/24 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 11/21/24 Lunch Bunch Ruby Tuesday's 11:30am Bartow



Verse of the Week: Revelation 21:6

It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

November Birthdays

- 4 Susan Montgrain
Mike Whitt,
Emily Flynn
- 5 Ann Morris
- 6 Penny Schmidt
- 7 Timmy Peoples
- 9 Ainslee Westberry,
Rhys Wallace
- 13 Nancy Moses,
Debbie Rattray
- 16 Susan Eapen,
Lola Walker
Victoria Smalling
- 19 David Dresser
- 21 Jim Bosetti
- 22 Karen Beasley,
Janet Casini
Eleanor Thomas
- 23 Tom Stewart,
Jack Vonesh
- 24 Marshall Dickie
- 27 Ginny Martin,
Dugan Wilder
- 28 Helen Jump



November Anniversaries

- 10 Jerry & Katy Jerome
- 12 Dugan & Judy Wilder



St. Stephen's Prayer List
(Parish Members are in Bold)

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), Julie Cornish & Kathy Otto (**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, **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, Lindsay Zielinski.**

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: **Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>9:00am Sanctuary Brunch between services 11:00am Worship Center 12:15am Christmas Bazaar Meeting</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 5:00-7:00pm VBS Spaghetti Dinner 8pm Online Compline</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary Noon Book Study in the Parish Hall 5:00pm Soup & The Chosen 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day Office Closed 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary & Bible Study, Sanctuary Noon Book Study in the Parish Hall 5:00pm Soup & The Chosen 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Office Closed</p>