

**St. Stephen's  
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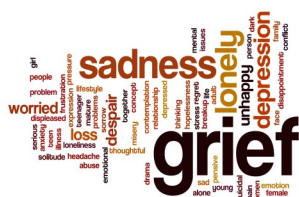


## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Each year at our annual meeting we elect at least three new Vestry Members to serve for a three year

term. The Vestry is the a group of elected members who manage the church's operations and ensure compliance with the church's doctrine. The vestry is the legal representative of the parish for all matters related to its corporate property. The vestry's legal standing is based on the Episcopal Church's Constitution and Canons, the Diocese's Charter and Canons, and parish customs.

If you are interested in helping form the future of St. Stephen's Church, please put your name in for consideration to serve on the Vestry by contacting the office or any vestry member.



The Grief Group meets on January 14th at 2:00pm in the small groups room. If you or someone you know would benefit from speaking with other people who have or are currently handling grief please keep this group in mind.

They meet at least once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm.



Altar Flowers

### 2025 Altar Flowers Needed

Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones in 2025. Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance.

### Return of Pre-Covid traditions

We would like to bring back several of the "pre-Covid 19" traditions of St. Stephen's.

- ◆ **Having birthday, anniversary and special needs come forward so that we can see and pray for them.**
- ◆ **Holding hands during the Lords Prayer**
- ◆ **If you can think of others just let us know.**

## Life After COVID



**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



**Gift Cards Still Needed**

If you are able, please purchase Aldi, Publix or Walmart gift cards. We can collect them at each service or anytime at the office. The cards will be given to parishioners in need and women and children at **The Peace River Center**.



Faith's   
**Lunch Bunch**  
*You're invited*

The Lunch Bunch will meet this month on January 16, 2025 at 11:30am. We are back at Dena's again so it can get tight on seating. Please call Debbie at 305-304-2548 for reservations so we can ensure that we have space available.

**DENA'S PLACE**  
*Diner & Grill*



**Join the Choir...**  
**You'll Be Glad You Did!**

Are you looking for a way to give back to St. Stephen's Church? Do you sound good singing in the shower or in your car? You are who we are looking for in the Choir. Please contact Susie Stewart or Charlie in the office for information about joining. The main talent that we need is interest!

Susie says just not Tom Hiber (her Brother in Law)

## Wednesday Mid-Week Mass and Study

Father David will restart the mid-week service and study this Wednesday, January 8th. The time will change on a trial basis to 11:00am. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 863-646-6115.



## 50th Anniversary Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the mission, ministry, and memories of the first 50 years of St. Stephen's and for your blessings to our parish family still to come. Continue to grow us in faith, in devotion, in numbers, and in stewardship of all the gifts you've given us. Help us always to love and serve both you and our neighbors. May your gospel make a lasting difference in our lives and we make a lasting difference in your world, to the honor and glory of your name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

## Talbot House

The ladies who prepare and serve the Talbot House clients wanted to thank you for all of the contributions of Brownies, the 200 residents that were served were grateful. However, the need is great and if you are able, they will need you to continue making Brownies for this Tuesday 1/14/25.

WHERE BROKEN LIVES  
**FIND HOPE** 

# Welcome to our Church

January 5, 2025

## Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	44
Worship Center	11:00am	38
<b>Total</b>		<b>82</b>

**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.**



- 1/12/25 2nd Sunday Brunch
- 1/14/25 Talbot House Chili
- 1/16/25 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Dena's
- 1/20/25 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/21/25 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 1/26/25 Vestry Nominations
- 2/1/25 Diocese Convention
- 2/9/25 Annual Meeting & Soup Cookoff

## Verse of the Week Psalm 29:2

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

**January Birthdays**

- 2 Sandy Gibson**
- 3 Erin Wenham**
- 8 Ernest Palmer**
- Betty Pratt**
- Philip Thomas**
- 11 Judy Elam**
- 12 Savannah Dillon**
- Carol Reynolds**
- 18 Bonnie Rowbotham**
- 20 Lou Alers**
- 23 Mary Lankford**
- 25 Steve Meyer**
- Yolanda Howes,**
- 28 Katherine Leahy**

**January Anniversaries**

- 1 Roy & Carol Reynolds**
- 10 Charles & Debbie Bradford**
- 13 Brouck & Joanie Boyd**

**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) **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) Mike Fox, (**Stacy & Michael Englert's** friend), **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 of **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, Carol & Roy Reynolds & Mel,** 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, Gloria Thomason, Bill Thompson, Dailia Walker, Dennis Vollmer, 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
<b>12</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 10:00am 2nd Sunday Brunch 11:00am Worship Center	<b>13</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>14</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>15</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Eucharist and Study 8pm Online Compline	<b>16</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch @ Dena's 8pm Online Compline	<b>17</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>18</b> Office Closed
<b>19</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>20</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>21</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>22</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Eucharist and Study 5:00pm Soup & Study 8pm Online Compline	<b>23</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>24</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>25</b> Office Closed