St. Stephen's **Episcopal Church**

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Sandy Gibson's funeral will be at 11:00am on **Saturday February** 15, 2025 with a reception to follow. The family has asked that you sign-up to let them know how many to expect and that all who are able bring desserts.



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.)



The DOK Meeting will be this Sunday, January 26th, 2025 after the 9:00am service at 10:10am. The meeting will be held in the Scout room.



Talbot House

The ladies who prepare and serve the Talbot House clients wanted to thank you for all of the contributions of Brownies last month, 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.

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.



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

Youth - Grades 6-12

Put a reminder in your phone - **This Sunday** at **6:00-7:30pm** is our Youth Group regular 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 Meg Wallace, 505-503-5125 or Missy Sabine, 863-608-1179.



Tropical Doll Club Spring Show

The Ladies from the Tropical Doll Club would like to invite all interested people to a Spring Show on March 8, 2025 at the Lake Mirror Center. In addition to the show, there will be vendors available. They are also looking for help to set up & breakdown & serve lunch.





The Caregivers and Grief Group meets next on February 11th 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 or stress due to a loss or giving a loved one care, please keep this group in mind.

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



Dena's Place hosted out Lunch Bunch in January and we are going to **Plaza Mexico** for February, hope to see you there.





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.



The Community Building/Original Sanctuary in 1975. Also the Garden Chapel

Welcome to our Church

January 19, 2025

Attendance

Sanctuary 9:00am 39
Worship Center 11:00am 47
Total 86

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.



1/26/25	Vestry Nominations
1/25/25	Diocese Convention, Vero Beach
2/03/25	Staff Meeting 10:00am
2/04/25	VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5:00pm
2/09/25	Annual Meeting & Super Bowl Sunday Soup Cookoff
2/17/25	Presidents Day, Office Closed
2/18/25	Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
2/18/25	1st Chili Mac Dinner for 50th Anniversary Fund Raising
3/04/25	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:00pm
3/05/25	Ash Wednesday
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Verse of the Week: Nehemiah 8:10 The joy of the Lord is your strength.



Flowers on the Altar are Donated By Carol Reynolds, Bruce Goers & Sally Flanagan in Thanks for Their Years in the Choir & Susie's Dedication to the Choir.



January Birthdays

- 3 Erin Wenham
- 8 Ernest Palmer Betty Pratt Philip Thomas
- 11 Judy Elam
- 12 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, 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
9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	28 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Eucharist and Study 5:00pm Soup & Chosen 8pm Online Compline	30 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	31 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	1 Office Closed
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