

St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church

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## Save Your REAL Christmas Trees for our Bonfire

When you take them down, please bring your leftover real Christmas trees to the field behind the Worship Center for our **Sunday, January 5th Epiphany bonfire**. Call the church office if you need someone to transport your tree.

**Also a potluck dinner and 12th night festivities will begin at 5:00pm.**

As we have done in the past (prior to the Cuban dinners) we will have a potluck dinner followed by the King Cakes with a surprise to person who gets the baby Jesus.

*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



# Flowers on the Altar are Given By Janet, Italo, Francesca & Tommaso Casini in Loving Memory of Matteo Casini's on His 1st Birthday in Heaven



Life Line Screening will be at St. Stephen's on January 10, 2025. We offered this earlier in 2024 and they had an overwhelming turnout so Life Line is back! To Register call 877-792-8479. Also, I still have 3 certificates for a free screening if you are interested call me @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



## 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**.

## More Great Pictures of Christmas



## Wednesday Mid-Week Mass and Study

Father David will restart the mid-week service and study this Wednesday, January 8th. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 863-646-6115.



**The DOK Meeting will be this Sunday, January 5th, 2025 a week later than normal, 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, 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.



# Welcome to our Church

## Week of December 29, 2024 Attendance

	12/24/24	
7:00pm		46
10:30pm		65
	12/25/24	
10:00am		34
	12/29/24	
9:00am		39
<b>Total</b>		<b>184</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.



- 1/05/25 Epiphany Eve (Twelfth Night) Potluck Dinner & Bonfire
- 1/06/25 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 1/12/25 2nd Sunday Brunch
- 1/14/25 Talbot House Chili
- 1/20/25 Martin Luther King Day
- 1/21/25 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 1/23/25 Lunch Bunch 11:30 Dena's
- 1/26/25 Vestry Nominations
- 1/31/25 Diocese Convention
- 2/2/25 Annual Meeting & Soup Cookoff

## Verse of the Week: Ephesians 1:18

**I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.**

**Flowers on the Altar are Donated By Tom Hiber in  
Loving Memory of Ginny Hiber's Love and Life.**

**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), 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) 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) ,Jeff Hannifan (**Stacy & Michael Englert's** Friend) **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, 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,**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 10:10am DOK Meeting 11:00am Worship Center 5:00pm 12th Night Dinner and Bonfire	<b>6</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>7</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>8</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 9:00am Eucharist and Study 8pm Online Compline	<b>9</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>10</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>11</b> Office Closed
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