

**St. Stephen's  
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# FYI 2025

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**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**



## Chili Mac Dinner

5:00pm-7:00pm  
\$7 gets you Chili Mac,  
fresh cornbread, and  
sheet cake!

The 3rd Tuesday of every month,  
starting February 18! Volunteers  
are needed, please call Michele  
at 863-205-6643 or Debbie at  
305-304-2548 if you can help.



### P.E.A.C.E

It is time once again for the PEACE network members to start contacting our friends here at church, in our workplace, and in our neighborhood, as well as your relatives. We are having a quick meeting between services on Sunday, February 16th, to start the process. Your team leaders will be contacting you to see that you have selected your invitees by the end of February. Our church has made a goal of seventy-five people attending the Nehemiah Action on March 31st, at 6:30 pm, at Resurrection Catholic Church. Our seventy-five people (or more) will join with the other PEACE churches in Polk County to bring 1200, or more, people together to let our officials know that we need a plan for care for our elderly, as well as the continuing need for affordable housing, healthcare for those without insurance, and adult pre-arrest diversion for first time, nonviolent offenders. Please put 10:00-11:00 am, on Sunday, February 16th to join us in the Scout Room to learn about the next step in our yearly cycle of building our people power for the Nehemiah Action.



## PLAZA MÉXICO

RESTAURANT BAR & GRILL

The Lunch Bunch for February will go to **Plaza Mexico** on 2/20/25 at 11:30am. Please join us and make sure and call for reservations to Debbie at 305-304-2548, so that the restaurant can make a space for us.

### 2024 Giving Statements

With the Standard Deductions being so high now, many of us no longer need giving statements. If you need a copy of your statement of giving to St. Stephen's church for 2024, we can provide it by email or printed copy. Simply contact the office via email or phone and we will get them to you.  
**ststoffice@gmail.com (863)-646-6115**

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



2025-Nancy Wenham, Major Kight, Liz Barham  
2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller-Sr. Warden  
2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh  
Treasurer: Bruce Goers—Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski  
Secretary: Karen Beasley





**Morgan Goers celebrated her 90th Birthday with us**



**Marcia Heath won the St. Stephen's Service Award**



**Nancy Hurley won the "coveted" Golden Ladle**



**New Vestry Member Stephen Gaydosh**



**New Vestry Member Jack Vonesh**

**New Vestry Member Joyce Brock**







### 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.

**Ken Horne and Tom Hiber as The Blues Brothers at the Beach Weekend 2002.**



# Welcome to our Church

February 9, 2025

### Attendance

Sanctuary	10:00am	84
Carol's Funeral	11:00am	116
<b>Total</b>		<b>200</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.**



- 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**
- 2/20/25 Lunch Bunch 11:30am @ Plaza Mexico**
- 3/04/25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:00pm**
- 3/05/25 Ash Wednesday**
- 3/09/25 Daylight Savings Time Begins Stations of the Cross and Big Brunch at each Service**
- 3/10/25 PEACE Rally @1st Missionary Baptist Church, Winter Haven 6:30pm**

**Verse of the Week: Jeremiah 17:7  
Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.**

# Flowers on the Altar are in Honor and Remembrance of Sandy Gibson's life by her Family

## February Birthdays

- 4 Elissia Eijo
- 5 Rachel Workman
- 7 Morgan Goers
- 8 Brouck Boyd
- 9 Avery Zielinski
- 10 Violet Robertson
- 11 Lindsey Zielinski
- 15 DeAnn Brown  
Dianne Knox
- 22 Becky Schuster
- 21 Allison Westberry
- 25 James Bowen
- 26 Lula Peoples
- 26 Glen Zielinski



## February Anniversaries

- 5 Scott Dickie & Jami Beasley
- 27 Bill & Marcia Heath
- 28 Bruce & Morgan Goers

## 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) **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), Kevin Hennessey (**Stacy & Michael Englert's** friend) 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, 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, Elissa Robertson,

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>16</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>17</b> <b>Presidents Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>18</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>19</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Eucharist and Study 5:00pm Soup & Chosen 8pm Online Compline	<b>20</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Plaza Mexico 8pm Online Compline	<b>21</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>22</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>24</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>25</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>26</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Eucharist and Study 5:00pm Soup & Chosen 8pm Online Compline	<b>27</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>28</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>1</b> <b>Office Closed</b>