

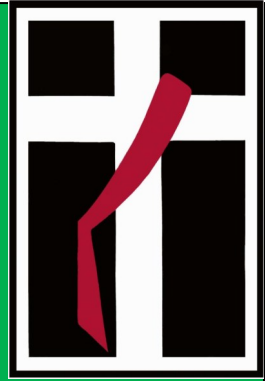
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FYI 2025

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



combined gathering
SUNDAY AT 10AM

Next Sunday on February 9th
Annual Meeting & Soup Cookoff
Following a Combined Worship Service
at 10am

Please let one of the clergy know if you are interested in being a **candidate for one of the three vestry slots** we have to fill in 2025. We can give or send you details about this important work of the church.

Please consider bringing a **potful of your favorite homemade soup** for our Soup Cookoff. Find those old recipes or make up something new. You could be this year's soup cookoff prize winner! (If you're not making soup, we also need some bread to go with the soup.)



VBS Spaghetti Dinner
February 4th
5-7pm
(\$7/each)



Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner returns 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.

Please let us know if you can help with packing or distributing meals. Come out and support this fundraiser for our summer VBS program so it can continue to be free to all participants.

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.



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

Edwardo F. Morrell passed away at 60 years old on January 24, 2023 in Lakeland and is the brother of our parishioner **Gonzalo Morrell**. Gonzalo asked that we remember his brother and keep his family in our prayers at this anniversary of Edwardo's passing. He was a lawyer, cattleman and cowboy, volunteer and active member of the Lakeland Civic community and an extended Cuban Family. He will be sorely missed.

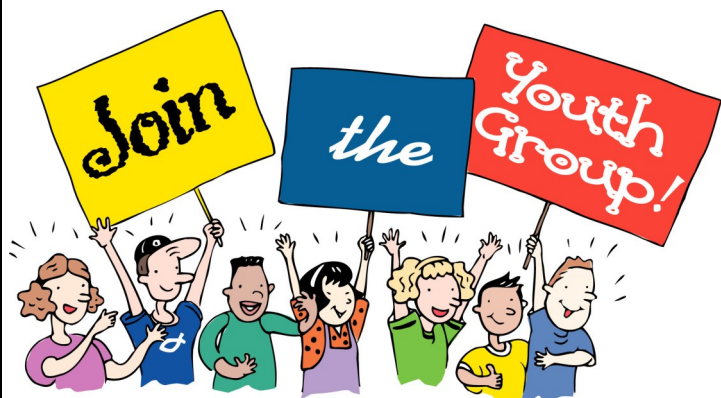


The Youth Group—Grades 6-12

Put a reminder in your phone—Tonight at 6:00pm—7:30pm is our Youth Group meeting.

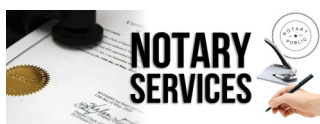
Middle and High School youth are invited to attend. We start with supper together and then the fun and action begin!

Any questions, see Mrs. Lula Peoples, 954-579-1446 or Missy Sabine, 863-608-1179.



State of Florida Notary Public

This is to advise the St. Stephen's congregation that we once again have a Notary Public in the office for our parishioners. Documents and oaths will be administered at no cost to St. Stephen's parishioners. I hope that we can help you out in your needs for a Notary.



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



NAME TAGS

We are asking that everyone start wearing their Name Tags on Sundays.

We have gotten out of the habit with the Covid 19 lock down and 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.

We will also return to using our mail boxes more regularly so if you need a mail box or have a change in service location, please let us know.

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!



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.



A picture from Father David's Institution in 2010.

Welcome to our Church

January 26, 2025

Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	56
Worship Center	11:00am	55
Total		111

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.



- 2/03/25 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 2/04/25 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5:00pm
- 2/8/25 Carol Reynolds' Funeral
- 2/09/25 Annual Meeting & Super Bowl Sunday Soup Cookoff
- 2/15/25 Sandy Gibson's Funeral
- 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



Verse of the Week: 1 Corinthians 13:4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

Flowers on the Altar are Donated By Morrell—Howzie Family in Memory of Ed Morrell

February Birthdays

- 2 Abigail Lankford
- 4 Elissia Eijo
- 5 Rachel Workman
- 7 Morgan Goers
- 8 Brouck Boyd
- 9 Lindsey Zielinski
- 15 DeAnn Brown
Dianne Knox
- 16 Becky Schuster
- 21 Allison Westberry
- 25 James Bowen
Lula Peoples
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), 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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	3 8am Online Morning Prayer 10:00am Staff Meeting 8pm Online Compline	4 8am Online Morning Prayer VBS Spaghetti Dinner 8pm Online Compline	5 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Eucharist and Study 5:00pm Soup & Chosen 8pm Online Compline	6 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	7 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8 Carol Reynolds' Funeral 11:00am
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