St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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FYI 2025

April 13, 2025 Vol 25 Issue 15 The Palm Sunday





The Lunch Bunch will meet at Ruby Tuesday's in Bartow this Thursday at 11:30am. If you can make it, please call Debbie at 305-304-2548 so that we can make reservations and allow all of us to sit together.

NEEDED: CANDY (NOT CHOCOLATE) AND VOLUNTEERS TO STUFF EASTER CANDY BAGS April 16th

We will meet Wednesday, April 16th, 10am in the Small Group Room to stuff Easter candy bags and assemble plastic eggs for the Easter morning egg hunt. If you're interested in participating, just call or email the office to volunteer!



Hey guys, I need help this year in hiding my eggs, due to neuropathy in my feet I just can't do it. If you can help me by hiding the plastic

eggs before the 9:00am service please call that really nice young man in the office and let him know. 863-646-6115

Passover Dinner & Seder

Join us on 4/13/25 at 5:00pm for a homecooked Passover Dinner of roast lamb or beef. Roasted vegetables and fruit.

Then we'll share the Exodus Story through the symbolic Seder plate. Fundamental to both Judaism and Christianity, we'll hear and taste how the LORD hears the prayers of His people, frees us from sin and death, and brings us to a Promised Land, just as Jesus shared with His disciples at the Last Supper.



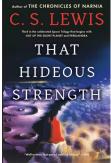


St. Stephen's ... To Love and Serve God and Neighbor



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

Wednesday Book Study



The next book for the noon book study will be "That Hideous Strength" by CS Lewis. We started on April 8th with an introductory class and then we will begin chapter 1 together on the 15th. You can order copies through the office for \$10 or purchase them on line.



Pete and the rest of the Wesley Family want to thank all of the people that worked to put on the beautiful service and reception for Bob Wesley's memorial. It truly was St. Stephen's

at it's finest. We continue to be supportive to all the families in need due to their losses recently. We can't control life but we can be the support that people need at trying times.

Pictorial Directory

St. Stephen's is going to produce an "inhouse" pictorial directory this year so that we will all know each other by sight and name. We are fortunate to have a professional portrait photographer in our congreation, Jim Heal, and Karen Beasley has agreed to head the project up. Karen will need a lot of help with scheduling other duties so let us know if you can help. This should start after Easter.







Chili Mac Dinner

To Benefit our 50th Anniversary Activities

5:00pm-7:00pm \$7 gets you Chili Mac, fresh cornbread, and Texas sheet cake! Dine In or Take Out

The <u>3rd Tuesday</u> of every month, April 15! Volunteers are needed, please call Michele at 863-205-6643 or Debbie at 305-304-2548 if you can help.





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.



Liz Barham at our last (and maybe final) Beach Weekend in Daytona Beach in May 2019. So many great memories and great times.

Don't miss the Lenten Silent service Monday Night, it is a great way to begin Holy Week.





Welcome to our Church

April 6, 2025 Attendance Bob Wesley's Funeral 83 Sanctuary 9:00am 52 Worship Center 11:00am 53 Total 188

Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING or the olive Landscaping Appeal envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds



	4/13/25	Palm Sunday 10am One Service
,	4/13/25	Passover Dinner and Seder 5pm
'	4/14/25	Lenten Quiet Service 7:00pm
y t	4/15/25	Chili Mac Dinner for 50th Anniversary 5:00-7:00pm
	4/15/25	Chanting the Psalms of David 7:00pm
	4/16/25	Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
	4/17/25	Lunch Bunch @ Ruby Tuesdays
	4/17/25	Maundy Thursday 7:00pm
M	4/18/25	Good Friday Liturgy Noon & 7:00pm
	4/20/25	Easter 6:30am, 9:00am & 11:00 with Easter Brunch after each service

Verse of the Week: Philippians 2:5-7 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.

<u>April Birthdays</u>

- 2 Marilyn Kempinski
- 4 Jackie Monts de Oca
- 6 Margaret Wallace Joe Benny Salgado, Jr.
- 13 Jami Beasley, Sally Flanagan
- 16 Gail Green
- **17 Maria Peoples**
- 18 Gail Wortman
- 22 Roger Statzer & Carl Lowry
- 23 Juliana Walker
- 24 Loreto Smalling Maurita Riznyk Dallas Ferguson
- 25 Jenna Walker
- 26 Carol Clark
- 29 Bill Thompson

April Anniversaries

- 4 Jim & Karen Beasley Michael & Stacy Englert
- 6 Ernest & Melissa Palmer & Philip Thomas & Elizabeth Koshi
- 25 Larry & Becky Schuster

St. Stephen's Prayer List (Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter) Albert "Joe" 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, Stacy Englert, Laurens Flanagan (Sally Flanagan's Daughter in Law) Bruce & Morgan Goers, Tom Graham & Julie Cornish & Ricky Morrison & Kenny Ratliff, (Stacy & Michael Englert's Friends) Angela Grilli (Althea Nye's friend), 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), Kay Jordan (Judy Elam's friend) Karen Kent (David Dresser's Relative) David Kight (Major Kight's brother) Cynthia Krempel (Janice Olson's sister), Trudi Lithgow, Mary & Adrian McAleer (Liz Barham's sister & Brother in Law), Beverly Meyer, Raelyn (daughter of Sue DeMan's friend Stephanie), Lucille Pfund, (Lula Peoples' co-worker), Janell & Walter Repsher, Roy Reynolds & Mel, Glen Richardi, Donna Roberts (David Dresser's sister) Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Carla Sauve, Royce Shelton, (father of Kevin Shelton), Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (David Dresser's Cousin), Lynn Staffier (from Kathy Leahy), 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	
13 No Brunch this Sunday 10:00am Palm Sunday in the Memorial Garden Chapel 5:00pm Passover dinner and Seder	14 8am Online Morning Prayer 7:00pm Lenten Quiet Service 8pm Online Compline	15 Sam Online Morning Prayer Chili Mac 5-7pm 7:00pm Chanting the Psalms of David 8pm Online Compline	16 Sam Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Euchrist 12:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 8pm Online Compline	17 Sam Online Morning Prayer 7:00pm Maundy Thursday 8pm Online Compline	18 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer Good Friday Liturgy at Noon Cross Walk at 12:45pm Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00pm 8pm Online Compline	19 Office Closed	
20 Easter 6:30am Sunrise Service 9:00 & 11:00am Easter Services 10:00am Egg Hunt 10:15am Bonnet Contest (Brunch after each service)	21 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	22 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	23 Sam Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Euchrist 12:00pm Bible Study 8pm Online Compline	24 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	25 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	26 Office Closed	
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