

St. Stephen's
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2nd Sunday After Pentecost



VBS June 23-27

6:00pm-8:30pm

UNLIKE ANY OTHER VBS IN TOWN!

K-5TH GRADE

FREE
SNACKS

FREE
CRAFTS

FREE
GAMES

FREE
SCIENCE

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Call the St. Stephen's office for more info: (863) 646-6115

Our theme this year, **TRUE NORTH**, is designed to give kids the chance to "**Trust Jesus in a Wild World.**" Some churches may offer this same theme from Group Publishing, but here at St. Stephen's we always put our own crazy spin on things!

It's high energy fun with a great and holy purpose: that Almighty God is there for us all the time and every day, with a love that's greater than any mountain and always leads us safely back to Him. ***So let's hit the trail and explore together!***

***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



Spam, Malware, Phishing

Are you tired of attempts to get your information or money by bad actors? Tired of Spam or concerned about possible phishing schemes? We have an offer for you! Jonathon Robertson will be holding a repeat performance training and informative question and answer period to hopefully make you feel more knowledgeable concerning your online risks.

This session will be on **Saturday June 28th at 10:30am** in the Parish Hall. Let the office know if you would like to attend so that we can insure that the space is available with VBS staging. Please take advantage of this timely help.

863-646-6115 or 305-744-8600



Breaking News!

Get ready, taco lovers — the Taco Tuesday Team is taking over dinner duty on July 1 while the awesome VBS crew kicks back for some much-needed R&R!

We're bringing the flavor with juicy beef and chicken tacos, zesty Mexican rice, and our famous made-from-scratch salsa and chocolate Texas sheet cake.

If you haven't had a chance to taste the taco magic, now's the time. Come hungry — we've got you covered!

The VBS Spaghetti will return on Tuesday August 5th, so keep coming back to St. Stephen's for some good eats!



St. Stephen's Imaginiers doing their magic to create the sets for this year's Vacation Bible School. If you see them, give them an at a boy!



As part of our 50th Anniversary "Give Back " projects we have decided to help the volunteers at **The Polk County Bully Project**. Last St. Francis day, Father David and I went to the SPCA and the PCBP to bless their animals. By far, the most loveable sweet dogs were at the Bully Project and they really need our help.

At this point we are trying to flesh out what our project would be but at the very least we can start collecting items from their **RESCUE NEEDS** list.

If you can help please bring items to the Office or Sanctuary, boxes are available



Raised Dog Beds are needed

These little guys need our help.



June 15, 2025 Attendance

Garden	9:00am	28
Sanctuary	10:00am	58
Total		86

Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/23/25 VBS Week 6-8pm
- 6/28/25 Internet Security 10:30am
Parish Hall, to reserve a space call the office @863-646-6115
- 6/29/25 VBS Sunday
- 7/01/25 Taco Tuesday fill in 5-7pm
Volunteers Needed
- 7/04/25 Independence Day
- 7/07/25 Staff Meeting 10:00am
- 7/13/25 Strike the Set luncheon
- 7/15/25 Taco Tuesday 5-7pm
Volunteers Needed
- 7/15/25 NO Vestry Meeting
- 8/5/25 Spaghetti Dinner Returns

Verse of the Week: Galatians 3:26
In Christ Jesus you are all children of God,
through faith.



Flowers on the Altar are Given By Stephen Gaydosh in Memory of Dr. Erin Sharma



June Birthdays

- 1 Tricia Walker
- 2 Beverly Meyer,
- 3 Kayla Blackwell
- 4 Renda McNeill,
- 5 Joanne Gunner
- 6 Hayley Naples
- 7 Tom Kempinski
- 8 Liz Barham
- 9 Jo Willey
- 10 Melissa Palmer,
- Carrie Peoples
- 16 Italo Casini
- Thomas Negus
- 18 Thomas Peets
- 20 Wendell Hunt,
- Susie Stewart
- 23 Patricia Dresser
- 27 Karen Spiller

June Anniversaries

- 1 Wendell & Donna Hunt
- Frank & Sue St. Amour
- 2 Walter & Janell Repsher
- Gary & Allison Westberry
- Art & Bonnie Rowbotham
- 8 Joe & Robin W. Adams
- Troy & Sue DeMan

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**), **Louis Bloodworth**, 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**, 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), Al & Lucille Pfund, (**Lula Peoples' co-worker**), **Janell & Walter Repsher**, **Roy Reynolds**, **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), **Karen Spiller**, Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling**, **Marion Stewart**, **Gloria Thomason**, **Dailia Walker**, **Rhys Wallace**, **Lindsay Zielinski**.

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton. Joyce Brock, Beverly Meyer

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 9:00am Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary 11:00 am Fathers Day Brunch 8pm Online Compline	23 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	24 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	25 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Euchrist 12:00pm Book Study 8pm Online Compline	26 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	27 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	28 10:30am Malware & Spam Training
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