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5th Sunday After Pentecost



Strike the Set Work Party

After an incredibly successful VBS this year we need to make plans to "Strike the Set."

Father David has asked today, to put our Worship Center back in order. We can get our fill from our 2nd Sunday Brunch then work it off by taking all of the VBS set down. This work party should only last an hour or so. Thank you and God Bless



TACO TUESDAY!

5:00pm-7:00pm
\$7 gets you Tacos—with your choice of fillings, seasoned rice, and sheet cake! *Dine In or Take Out*

The 3rd Tuesday of every month,
Next one is July 15th! Debbie & Michele need help with set-up, serving & clean-up. If you can help, call the office or just show up!



Episcopal Traditions

We would like to bring back several of the church's traditions at St. Stephen's.

The Offertory is the part of the service where the congregation's offerings of money, bread, and wine are presented to God. It is both a symbolic and practical moment within the Eucharist.

- **Presentation of Gifts:** The bread and wine, along with monetary offerings, are brought forward to the altar.
- **Offertory Sentences:** The priest may recite one or more sentences from Scripture that invite generosity or thanksgiving.
- **Offertory Hymn or Music:** Often, a hymn or instrumental music is played during this time.
- ♦ **Preparation of the Table:** The priest and altar servers prepare the table (the altar) for the Eucharist, arranging the bread and wine.

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



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.

On 7/8/25 we delivered our donations to a very grateful volunteer. Here are some pictures of the delivery along with some of the grateful residents. Right now, there is a need for old sheets, towels and blankets along with the ever present need for large size dog treats and Kongs that can be stuffed with food. Please look through your linen closets for things that these poor pups can use and when you're out shopping grab a bag of treats for them.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch in July will be this Thursday on 7/17/25 at Abuelo's, we voted for the Egg Factory but they do not accept reservations and require all to be present prior to seating so we moved to the #2 choice.



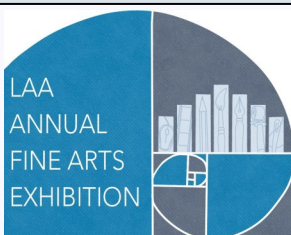
Angela Loria & Shannon Medina



Calling all Bakers!

We are preparing to take trays of Baked Goodies to a few of our neighbors the last week in July. Please bring in your donation by next Sunday 7/20/25. The trays will go to giving business members of the community.

We will be doing this on a regular basis to show our appreciation for the community support over the last 50 years.



At the Melvin Gallery since 1972

Our own Margaret (Meg) Wallace will be one of the Hosts for the Annual Lakeland Arts Association Fine Arts Show at the Melvin Gallery on the Florida Southern College Campus.

The event is a juried event displaying art from local artists and it is FREE to the public. Meg will be hosting the event on the following dates and times, however it will be open during the week from 10am—4pm for the remainder of July. I hope you can go out and see the great talent that Lakeland has to display.

Sun July 13 1-4
Sat July 19 10-1
Sun July 20 10-1



July 6, 2025 Attendance

Garden	9:00am	35
Sanctuary	10:00am	50
Total		85

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

7/13/25 Strike the Set luncheon following the 10:00am service to help take down VBS staging

**7/15/25 Taco Tuesday 5-7pm
Volunteers Needed**

7/15/25 NO Vestry Meeting

**7/17/25 Lunch Bunch @ Abuelo's
11:30am,**

**7/20/25 Baked Goods collections for our
50th Anniversary Giving trays**

**8/05/25 Spaghetti Dinner Returns after
a well deserved rest in July.
Volunteers Needed**



Verse of the Week: Colossians 1:10

That you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.



Flowers on the Altar are Given By Gonzalo Morrell in Memory of Gonzalo Wadskier



July Birthdays

1 Mary Roach
2 Francis Smalling
5 Larry Schuster
6 Juanita Spence
8 Susan Barham
11 Tim Trimbath
16 Erica DeMan,
Judy Horne
19 Sue DeMan
Stacy Englert
Jennifer Williams
22 Tony Barfield
Gary Westberry
23 Sue St Amour
24 Jameson Ausmus
25 Fr. David Peoples
28 Debbie Bradford
30 Ken Horne,
Glen Richardi

July Anniversaries

2 David & Patricia Dresser
6 Francis & Loreto Smalling
23 Glen & Cathy Zielinski

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), **Donna McLemore**, **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,

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 9:00am Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary 8pm Online Compline	7 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8 8am Online Morning Prayer 3:00pm Talbot House Chili 8pm Online Compline	9 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist With Fr Frank St Amour 8pm Online Compline	10 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	11 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	12
13 9:00am Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary Strike the Set & 2nd Sunday Brunch 8pm Online Compline	14 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	15 8am Online Morning Prayer 5-7pm Taco Tuesday 8pm Online Compline 	16 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist With Fr Frank St Amour 8pm Online Compline	17 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	18 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	19