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## 4th Sunday After Pentecost



*caring*  
for the *Caregiver*

### Caregivers and Grief Group

Our Caregivers and Grief group is up and running and well attended. They meet at 2:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Small Group room.

The intention in having this group is that people who either need support or can offer support can meet to share their experiences and possible coping mechanisms and to expand fellowship within St. Stephen's Church.

The next meeting will be 7/8/25 at 2:00pm



A huge Thank-you to all of the volunteers that made this year's VBS possible. And especially to Karen our Senior Warden wearing her "Commander's" hat while working and recovering, Meg & Rhys our Imaginers, Mike Whitt our Chief Building Engineer and Fr. David paying Mad Scientist, Lumber Jack, Polar Bear, Eagle and even a Priest.

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



WHAT IS THE PASSING  
OF THE PEACE?  
And why do we do it?



**The Peace** Is more than just kissing your spouse and hugging your family and friends, it is about forgiveness.

The Peace comes after confession and absolution but before the offertory and communion. This sequence emphasizes that:

- We hear God's Word (Weekly Readings)
- We respond with faith (Creed, Prayers)
- We seek forgiveness (Confession & Absolution)
- We reconcile with one another (The Peace)
- We then offer ourselves and gifts to God and share in Communion

**"If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift."**

**— Matthew 5:23-24**

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



### 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.



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 6 10-1  
Sat July 12 1-4  
Sun July 13 1-4  
Sat July 19 10-1  
Sun July 20 10-1

WHERE BROKEN LIVES  
**FIND HOPE** TALBOT HOUSE MINISTRIES

### Talbot House

The ladies who prepare and serve the Talbot House clients wanted to thank you for all of the contributions of Brownies last month, the 200 residents that were served were grateful. **However, the need is great and if you are able, they will need you to continue making Brownies.**



### 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 for volunteers to stay after on **July 13th, next week**, 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

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch in July will be 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.





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.

- Wet or Dry, Adult & Puppy Blue Buffalo or Science Diet food (preferred)
- Wet or Dry Kitten food
- Treats
- Kitty Litter
- Puppy Pads
- Dog Beds (all kinds)
- Dog Toys
- Rubber Gloves
- Disinfectants
- Hand Soap
- Poop Bags
- Leashes
- Collars
- Blankets
- Towels



### June 29, 2025 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	31
Worship Center	10:00am	84
<b>Total</b>		<b>115</b>

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

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- 7/07/25 **Staff Meeting-Canceled**
- 7/08/25 **Caregiver/Grief 2:00pm Small Group Room**
- 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, Egg Factory doesn't take reservations.**
- 8/05/25 **Spaghetti Dinner Returns after a well deserved rest in July. Volunteers Needed**



### Verse of the Week: Galatians 6:14

**May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.**





## Flowers on the Altar are Given By Louis Bloodworth in Memory of Rufus Bloodworth's Birthday



<u>July Birthdays</u>		<u>St. Stephen's Prayer List</u> <u>(Parish Members are in Bold)</u>
<b>1</b> Mary Roach <b>2</b> Francis Smalling <b>5</b> Larry Schuster <b>6</b> Juanita Spence <b>8</b> Susan Barham <b>11</b> Tim Trimbath <b>15</b> Erica DeMan, Judy Horne <b>19</b> Sue DeMan Stacy Englert Jennifer Williams <b>22</b> Tony Barfield Gary Westberry <b>23</b> Sue St Amour <b>24</b> Jameson Ausmus <b>25</b> Fr. David Peoples <b>28</b> Debbie Bradford <b>30</b> Ken Horne, Glen Richardi		<p><u>Prayer Needs:</u> Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter) <b>Albert "Joe" Adams</b>, Lou Alers, Kim Birmingham (from <b>Scout Troop 106</b>), Charlie Bibb (<b>Season Barham Hodges</b> Father in Law) Shannon Black (from <b>Kathy Leahy</b>), <b>Louis Bloodworth</b>, Elizabeth Bradford (<b>Charlie Bradford's</b> sister), Bryan Biery (<b>Judy Elam's</b> Friend), Rachel Blackwell (<b>Karen Spiller's</b> daughter-in-law), <b>Jim Bowen</b>, <b>Betty Calhoun</b>, <b>Stephen Calhoun</b>, <b>Italo &amp; Janet Casini</b>, Roz Coleman (<b>Althea Nye's</b> friend) <b>Jim Cross</b>, Annie Delling, <b>Roger Doyle</b>, Laurie Dresser (<b>David Dresser's</b> sister), Lily Dresser (<b>David &amp; Patricia Dresser's</b> granddaughter, <b>Stacy Englert</b>, Laurens Flanagan (<b>Sally Flanagan's Daughter in Law</b>) <b>Bruce &amp; Morgan Goers</b>, Julie Cornish &amp; Ricky Morrison &amp; Kenny Ratliff, (<b>Stacy &amp; Michael Englert's</b> Friends) Angela Grilli (<b>Althea Nye's</b> friend), Beverly Gull (Matthew Gull's Mother) <b>Jim Heal</b>, Bob &amp; Kay Henry (friends of <b>Betty Calhoun</b>) Nicole Hernnkind (<b>Karen Spiller's</b> sister), <b>Kevin Jackimowicz</b>, Ken &amp; Clair Jones (<b>Roger Doyle's</b> friends), Kay Jordan (<b>Judy Elam's</b> friend) Karen Kent (<b>David Dresser's</b> Relative) David Kight (<b>Major Kight's</b> brother) Cynthia Krempel (<b>Janice Olson's</b> sister) , <b>Trudi Lithgow</b>, Mary &amp; Adrian McAleer (<b>Liz Barham's</b> sister &amp; Brother in Law), <b>Beverly Meyer</b>, Raelyn (daughter of <b>Sue DeMan's</b> friend Stephanie), Al &amp; Lucille Pfund, (<b>Lula Peoples' co-worker</b>), <b>Janell &amp; Walter Repsher</b>, <b>Roy Reynolds</b>, <b>Glen Richardi</b>, Donna Roberts (<b>David Dresser's</b> sister) <b>Art &amp; Bonnie Rowbotham</b>, <b>Carla Sauve</b>, Royce Shelton, (father of <b>Kevin Shelton</b>), Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (<b>David Dresser's</b> Cousin), <b>Karen Spiller</b>, Lynn Staffier (from <b>Kathy Leahy</b>), <b>Carol Starling</b>, <b>Marion Stewart</b>, <b>Gloria Thomason</b>, <b>Dailia Walker</b>, <b>Rhys Wallace</b>, <b>Lindsay Zielinski</b>.</p> <p><u>Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:</u> Tony Barfield, Brouck Boyd, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton,</p>
<u>July Anniversaries</u>  <b>2</b> David & Patricia Dresser <b>6</b> Francis & Loreto Smalling <b>23</b> Glen & Cathy Zielinski		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> 9:00am Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary 8pm Online Compline	<b>7</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>8</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 3:00pm Talbot House Chili 8pm Online Compline	<b>9</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist With Fr Frank St Amour 8pm Online Compline	<b>10</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>11</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>12</b>
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