

**St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church**

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14th Sunday After Pentecost



ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

1820 County Rd. 540A Lakeland

SATURDAY **YARD**
September **SALE** 8am - 1pm
20th

donation will be accepted
Sept. 18th & 19th
in the Worship Center

NO early drop off please

call church office for large pick ups

10x10 space for ONLY \$10

set up will be from 6:30AM TO 8AM

no application needed / pay day of event

Tables and tents not supplied

contact Michele Giberson
to reserve your space or spaces

863-205-6643

We need a lot of help on Friday September 19th to set up the tables, sort and display the items for sale and then after the sale to help put the unsold items and tables away to prepare for the 21st Sunday Church service in the worship center. Please let the office or Michele Giberson or Debbie Bradford know if you can help.

Invitation to PEACE House Meeting

Please join us Sept. 14 or Sept. 21 to share your concerns about local issues and learn more about Polk Ecumenical Action Council for Empowerment (PEACE), the coalition of Polk County churches in which St. Stephen's participates. Churches in PEACE hold house meetings, either in homes or in our case here at St. Stephen's, to hear about community problems affecting congregation members and their families. PEACE has tackled various issues through the years, including more affordable housing and expanded health care. It's currently working to get Polk County to fund more in-home support to help seniors remain in their homes. We need comments from this month's meetings to guide us toward an additional issue to take on.

The Sept. 14 meeting will be at 10:15 a.m. . Grab some brunch and join us. The one Sept 21 will be at 12:15 p.m. We'll provide food. This is for both existing PEACE members and others who want input in this social justice ministry. You can contact team leaders Karen Beasley, 838-3028;; Joanne Gunner, 670-3991, or Robin Williams Adams, 640-5240, to RSVP or learn more.



**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



Pictorial Directory

It's Time to Sign-Up for Your Photo Session

We will begin taking photos on September 14 and continue as long as needed. The sessions will be 20 minutes long and will be:

Sundays 10:20am-1:00pm
Tuesdays 4:00pm-7:00pm
Wednesday 10:00am-1:00pm

We are using Sign-up Genius for scheduling. Please use the link shown below to choose the time and day you prefer. If you need help signing up, just call the office (863-646-6115) or Karen Beasley (863-838-3028) for help.



Confirmation Class

In an Episcopal confirmation class, you learn about fundamental Christian beliefs, the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer, Episcopal worship practices, sacraments like Baptism and Holy Communion, the structure and history of the Episcopal Church, and spiritual disciplines like prayer and service. The classes serve as preparation for the [Bishop](#) to lay hands on you, confirming your baptismal vows and strengthening your commitment to a mature Christian life.

The Bishop's visit on November 16th is approaching and we would like to offer a call to all interested people to be Confirmed, Received or Reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church. If you are interested, please contact Father David at 863-397-5337 or speak to him at Church this Sunday.



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 September 16th! Debbie & Michele need help so if you can help call the office.





We're Halfway there!!

Help Us Share Some Love with the Pups!



When Father David Heads out to bless the animals this year at the Bully Project, we want to send some extra love—homemade doggy treats!

To make this possible, we're collecting ingredients and supplies. If you'd like to help, we're in need of:

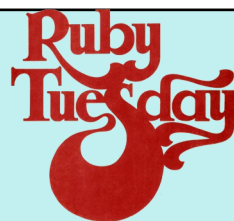
- Tall canisters of **Old-Fashioned Oats**
- **Unsweetened Applesauce**
- Jars of **Unsalted dry-roasted Peanuts**

Together, let's bring a little sunshine and a lot of tail wags to these sweet pups lives.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- 9/14/25 2nd Sunday Breakfast
- 9/14/25 PEACE Meeting in the Scout Room 10:15am
- 9/16/25 50th Anniversary Taco Dinner Hungry Diners Needed! 5-7 pm
- 9/16/25 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm sm group room
- 9/18/25 Lunch Bunch @ Ruby Tuesday's Bartow, 11:30am
- 9/19/25 Yard Sale set-up, Volunteers Needed
- 9/20/25 St. Stephen's Yard Sale
- 9/21/25 PEACE Meeting in the Scout Room 12:15pm
- 10/3/25 Blessing of the Animals at the Bully Project & SPCA



September Social Lunch Bunch

The next Social Lunch Bunch is at:

Ruby Tuesday's in Bartow on Thursday, Sept. 18th at 11:30am.

We've been having a blast getting together for lunch each month and everyone is invited.

If you want to be included in this month's Lunch Bunch, please call Debbie @ 305-304-2548 so that we can make reservations.



Verse of the Week: 1 Timothy 1:15

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Flowers on the Altar are Given by Kate, Gavin & Jess Dragon in Honor of J.P. Dragon's Birthday

✨ September Birthdays ✨

- 5 Frances Henry,
Judy Wilder
- 6 Susan Cardman
- 7 Robin Williams Adams
Alex Trimbath,
Gail Baldrige
- 10 Steve Naples, Janell Repsher
- 11 Andrew Thompson
- 12 Janet Bingham
- 14 Sharon Crosdale,
Troy DeMan
Kaitlyn Trimbath
- 21 Stephen Calhoun
- 22 Donna Hunt
- 24 Nelson Rumpel,
- 25 Roy Reynolds
- 25 Briemann Peterson,
- 26 Jarrett Sabine,
David Trimbath
- 28 Francisco Gomez
- 29 Julie Petterson

September Anniversaries

- 2 Doug & Michele Jump
- 5 Mike & Christine Ferguson
- 13 Walter & Eleanor Thomas
- 17 Steve & Victoria Naples

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, Pam Moore, Julie Cornish, Ricky Morrison, Emma Johnson & Kenny Ratliff, (Stacy & Michael Englert's Friends), Fran Henry, Jeremy Gagne (Pat Dupont's nephew) Angela Grilli (Althea Nye's friend), 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, (Luia 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, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 9:00am Sanctuary 2nd Sunday Brunch 11:00am Worship Center	15 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	16 8am Online Morning Prayer Taco Tuesday Dinner 5-7pm Vestry Meeting 6-8pm 8pm Online Compline	17 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer Lunch Bunch 11:30 Ruby Tuesday's Bartow 8pm Online Compline	19 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer Yard Sale Set-up Volunteers Needed 8pm Online Compline	20 Office Closed 8:00am—1:00pm
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Never Seek Revenge, Rotten Fruit Will Fall by Itself