

St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church

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## 13th Sunday After Pentecost



### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

1820 County Rd. 540A Lakeland

SATURDAY YARD SALE 8am - 1pm  
September 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 Church service in the worship center. Please let the office or Michele Giberson 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.

There will be a meeting on Sunday September 7th at 10:15am to discuss the Christmas Bazaar this year. If are able to help, please attend and help us make this another successful Christmas Bazaar!



*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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A8AB2CABFF2-57779847-photo>

The Labor Day cookout was a great success, rain and all. Thanks to Bill Schaal for cooking and everyone that brought food for making it a great end to summer.





As part of our 50th Anniversary "Give Back " projects we have elected to help the volunteers at **The Polk County Bully Project.**

**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**
- Cans of **Pumpkin Purée**
- **Unsweetened Applesauce**
- Jars of **unsalted dry-roasted Peanuts**

We're also gratefully accepting monetary donations to help us purchase the perishable ingredients needed for baking.

**(Stay tuned, we'll be announcing the treat baking date soon and would love your help in the kitchen!)**

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- 9/07/25 **9:00am & 11:00am Services Return**
- 9/07/25 **Christmas Bazaar Meeting 10:15am-Volunteers needed**
- 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**

*Welcome to our Church*

**August 31, 2025 Attendance**

<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>76</b>
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**Look for the bright yellow BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.**



**Verse of the Week: Psalm 139:13  
I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**



# Flowers on the Altar are

- 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
<b>7</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>8</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>9</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>10</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist  8pm Online Compline	<b>11</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>12</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>13</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00am Sanctuary  2nd Sunday Brunch  11:00am Worship Center	<b>15</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>16</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer Taco Tuesday Dinner 5-7pm Vestry Meeting 6-8pm  8pm Online Compline	<b>17</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist  8pm Online Compline	<b>18</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  Lunch Bunch 11:30 Ruby Tuesday's Bartow 8pm Online Compline	<b>19</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer <b>Yard Sale Set-up Volunteers Needed</b> 8pm Online Compline	<b>20</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00am—1:00pm  