

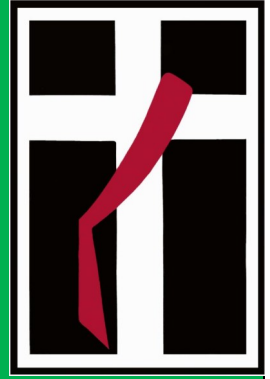
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The 50th Anniversary Ladies Tea was a Great Success, they look forward to the next one. A big Thank You to Judy Wilder for putting the event together.



***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

Future: Those entrusted in the future ...

A much liked phrase goes this way: "What you do for others is the rent you pay for the space you occupy on earth." What we do today at St. Stephen's will affect the lives of others now and in the future. That is our vision ... positioning and sustaining St. Stephen's into the future to continue to do God's work.

We know that 2026 is just one small step towards fulfilling our vision in concert with God's vision for St. Stephen's. We prayerfully hope that our acts of stewardship today will inspire those to follow to continue to pledge their support for His work. We must constantly work to assure that God's grace and love will continue to be with us and St. Stephen's.

Next Sunday the **Bishop** will be joining us for his annual visit. We will be asking you to complete your pledge card over the next several weeks and return it on **Sunday, November 23rd**, the Sunday after the Bishop's visit.

2026 is just the initial start of **the next 50!**. Past accomplishments were once the vision of those who came before. Today and the tomorrows that follow become the responsibility of those who are presently here and those yet to come.

What have we learned over the past 50 years that we could pass on as new challenges arise? How can we help them successfully address those challenges and continue the quest to fulfill our vision and forwarding God's work at St. Stephen's?

We are poised for success. Let our example of prudent stewardship of God's many blessing carry forward to the glory of God in the years to come bringing joy and peace and making us One Body to love Him and serve our church community in the **next 50!**



50th ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY SERVICE

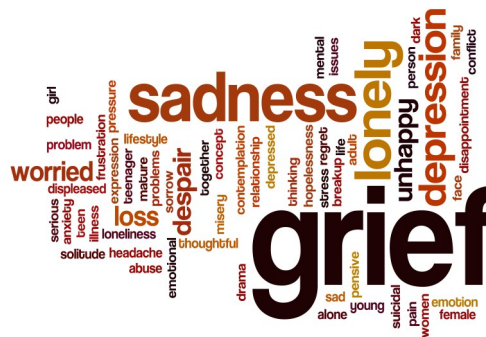
Sunday, November 16

Combined 10:00am Service in the Sanctuary

Bishop Holcomb will be here for our Celebration Sunday Service. There will be Confirmations and a catered luncheon afterward together, as we see pictures throughout our history and remember all of God's blessings over the years. All are invited to come thank the Lord together!

The Caregivers and Grief Group meets this month on November 11th at 2:00pm in the small groups room. If you or someone you know would benefit from speaking with other people who have or are currently handling grief or stress due to a loss or giving a loved one care, please keep this group in mind.

They meet at least once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00pm.





TACO TUESDAY FUNDRAISER

FOR THE BULLY PROJECT!!!

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1820 E. County Road 540A

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

\$7 gets you 3 Tacos

with your choice of fillings,
rice and beans and dessert!

Dine in or Take Out



The Lunch Bunch this month is 11:30am Thursday November 20th at The 1916 Irish Pub 2900 Buckingham Ave, Lakeland. This is our first time dining here and we need a good count of the people who wish to attend.

If you would like to attend, please call Debbie at 305-304-2548 so that we can get a good head count.

Also, we have reserved Fred's for December. Please remember to call and hope to see you there!



2025 Altar Flowers Needed

Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones or special occasions in 2025. Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance. And dedication forms are available in both the Sanctuary and the Worship Center for your use.

Are you looking for a way to give back to St. Stephen's Church? Do you sound good singing in the shower or in your car? With the Holidays coming up, we need to add to our great Choir. If you are interested please talk to Susie Stewart about joining and help to make our season bright!



Middle and High School youth are invited to attend. We start with supper together and then the fun and action begin!

Any questions, see Mrs. Lula Peoples, 954-579-1446 or Missy Sabine, 863-608-1179.

Verse of the Week: Ephesians 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that

**The Flowers on the Altar are given by
Jack Vonesh in Loving Honor of Carol's
Second Birthday in Heaven**

November Birthdays

4 Susan Montgrain
Mike Whitt,
Emily Flynn
6 Penny Schmidt
7 Timmy Peoples
9 Rhys Wallace
13 Debbie Rattray
16 Susan Eapen,
Lola Walker
Victoria Smalling
19 David Dresser
21 Jim Bosetti
22 Karen Beasley,
Janet Casini
Eleanor Thomas
23 Jack Vonesh
24 Marshall Dickie
27 Ginny Martin,
Dugan Wilder
28 Helen Jump



November Anniversaries

12 Dugan & Judy Wilder

**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) **Morgan Goers**, Ricky Morrison, Becky Sue Morrison (**Stacy & Michael Englert's** Friends), Jeremey 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**, 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, Shirley Rumpel, Carla Sauve**, Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's** Cousin), **Karen Spiller**, Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Gloria Thomason, Helen Vogt, Dailia Walker, Meg 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
9 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	10 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	11 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	12 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	13 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	14 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	15 Office Closed
16 Bishop's Visit One Service @ 10:00am in the Sanctuary With Baptisms, Confirmations, Receptions	17 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	18 8am Online Morning Prayer 5-7pm Taco Tuesday to benefit Polk County Bully Project 8pm Online Compline	19 8am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Bible Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	20 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	21 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	22 Office Closed