

St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church

# FYI 2025

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3rd Sunday in Advent



## 4 Ways To Give This Christmas

**Valley View Elementary School**  
Valley View is asking for winter gloves and hats (greatest need), snacks for the clinic (fruit snacks, granola bars, goldfish), travel size toiletries (deodorant, body wash, toothpaste), size XS and S underwear and socks. You may also donate cash/check to St. Stephen's with "Elementary" in the notation.

**Scott Lake Elementary School**  
Scott Lake is asking for kids' shoes in sizes 12, 13, 1, 2, 3, and kid sizes for drawstring shorts/pants (jeans, khaki, and navy ). They could also use jackets and solid color sweater shirts in navy or red. You may also donate cash/check to St. Stephen's with "Elementary" in the notation.

**Hurricane Melissa Relief**  
Funds will be collected for organizations offering direct relief and rebuilding efforts in Jamaica after the hurricane. Cash/check to St. Stephen's with "Hurricane" in the notation.

**VISTE**  
Volunteers in Service to the Elderly: personal care or cleaning items easy for the elderly to use, hair care products, lotions, skin care, etc. Also cash/check to St. Stephen's with "VISTE" in the notation.

*Collecting Until December 14*

**Rejoice**  
ROMANS 8:28

**The Lunch Bunch** enjoyed a lively and memorable meal at the **1916 Irish Pub** in November—great company, delicious food and plenty of laughs! This December, we're excited to gather again, this time at **Fred's Market Buffet** on Harden Blvd. Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend and join the fun! If you'd like to join us, just give Debbie Bradford a call at 305-304-2548. We hope to see you there for another wonderful lunch together.

**2120 Harden Blvd,  
Lakeland, FL 33803**



## A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

Our Taste of Christmas dinner is tonight, 12/14/25 in the Worship Center at 5:00pm. The Church will provide the meat and we need lots of yummy sides.



*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  
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski Secretary: Karen Beasley  
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# Christmas Bazaar 2025

It would be impossible to individually thank everyone that contributed to the success of this year's Christmas Bazaar, but here are some pictures.

Thank You





**Help to Make our Season Bright by Picking up a Christmas Flower Dedication Form at each service and putting them in the plate**



### Vestry Meeting– December 16

There will be a vestry meeting on **Tuesday December 16th at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall**

The vestry is the group in the Episcopal Church that handles the business and operational decisions of the parish

**All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining our vestry, this is a good chance to see how it works. God Bless**



Mark Your **Calendar**

- 12/14/25 No Brunch this Sunday**
- 12/14/25 3rd Sunday in Advent & Taste of Christmas 5pm**
- 12/16/25 Vestry Meeting 6-8pm**
- 12/18/25 Lunch Bunch @ Fred's 11:30**
- 12/21/25 Cookie Exchange, after each service**
- 12/24/25 Christmas Eve Family Service 6pm**
- 12/24/25 Christmas Eve Midnight Service 10:30pm**
- 12/25/25 Christmas Day Service in the Garden 10am**

*Welcome to our Church*

#### December 7, 2025 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	54
Worship Center	11:00am	37
<b>Total</b>		<b>91</b>

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

**If you are new to St. Stephen's or if you would like to have Fr. David contact you, please fill out a Newcomer Card and place it in the plate and we will see that you are contacted. God Bless.**



#### Verse of the Week: Luke 1:46

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**



# Flowers on th Altar were Given by Kathleen Dragon, JP Dragon & Gavin Dragon in Honor of Jessica's Birthday

## December Birthdays

- 1 Kim Jackimowicz, Carol Nicholas
- 3 Carol Harris, Rick Yenney
- 7 Linda France
- 10 John MacGilvray
- 13 Victoria Naples
- 17 Missy Sabine
- 19 Enid Alers
- 23 Nathan Peoples
- 24 Michele Giberson,  
Frank St. Amour
- 29 Susan MacGilvray,  
Nancy Wenham
- 31 Walter Thomas



## December Anniversaries

- 8 Kevin & Kim Jackimowicz
- 11 Scott & Carla Sauve
- 15 Lou & Enid Alers
- 31 Judy Elam & Jim Cook



## St. Stephen's Prayer List (Parish Members are in Bold)

**Prayer Needs:** Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter), 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), Jeremy Gagne (**Pat Dupont's nephew**) Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's** friend), **Jim Heal**, Bob & Kay Henry (friends of **Betty Calhoun**) Nicole Herhnkind (**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
<b>14</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center  <b>5:00pm Taste of Christmas Dinner</b>	<b>15</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>16</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer Vestry Meeting 6:00pm in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	<b>17</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>18</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  <b>11:30am Lunch Bunch at Fred's</b>  8pm Online Compline	<b>19</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>20</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center  <b>Cookie Exchange after each service</b>	<b>22</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>23</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>24</b> <b>7pm Family Christmas Eve Service in the Worship Center</b>  <b>10:30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass in the Sanctuary with Carols</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day Service in the Garden Chapel at 10:00am</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>27</b> <b>Office Closed</b>

**Merry Christmas! Office Closed all Week**