

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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Join us for our annual Christmas Cookie exchange next Sunday, December 21st, after each service.

Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to trade, exchange, or simply to share. Bags will be provided so that you can take home your favorite cookies. If you don't want to bake or don't know how to bake you are in luck! Walmart, Sam's and Publix all have fabulous bakers who can provide you with a cookie to bring. Of course, you do not need to bring anything but an appetite to any event at St. Stephen's Church.

Taste of Christmas

We all had a great time at this year's event. The food was great and the company was even better. The caroling, where not on key, was fun too! Make sure that you take advantage of these fellowship events if you can. Your presence makes the times more fun for all! Merry Christmas one and all.



Jim Heal wants to let everyone know that he is still able to take photographs in the Nursery and also have copies made or prints of previous photographs that he took. If you are interested, there will be forms at each service location or you can contact Jim directly at 352-251-6334.

*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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



GIVEN BY

Kathy Leahy
In Memory of Dave Leahy

Helen Vogt
In Memory of Jack Vogt

Liz Barham
In Memory of Monte Barham

Janet & Italo Casini
In Memory of Matteo Casini

Lynn & Mike Whitt
In Memory of Katelyn Whitt

Joe & Robin Adams
In Memory of Mary Noel Childers,
Stanley Inic,
Lt Col Guy Williams

Louis Bloodworth & Bruce Nelson
In Memory of Rufus & Frances
Bloodworth, Thule & Alura Nelson,
Mary & Dewey Martin

Jack Vonesh
In Memory of Carol Vonesh

Inga Rutledge
In Memory of Leslie F. Rutledge &
Mary Alice Rutledge

GIVEN BY

Ken & Judy Horne
In Thanksgiving for our family

The Peets Family
In Honor of Jesus Christ

Doug & Michele Jump
In Memory of our Parents

Doug & Michele Jump
In Thanksgiving for our Children

Phil & Gail Wortman
In Memory of Eddie Wortman

Ginny Martin
In Memory of Bill Martin

Nelson & Shirley Rumpel
In Memory of our Loved Ones

David & Melanie Vadzemnieks
In Memory of Linda Vadzemnieks

Mary Roach
In Thanksgiving for My Family &
Friends

Beverly & Steve Meyer
In Memory of Walter & Nannie Myrick

Steve & Beverly Meyer
In Memory of William Meyer &
Virginia Ramsey

Trudi Lithgow's New Address

Trudi Lithgow

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Room 143

Lakeland, FL 33803

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Trudi wanted to make sure that everyone had her new address and to let you know that she loves visitors, just call first and come by. The choir is dropping by this week to serenade her with Christmas Carols and good cheer.

WOMEN'S BLESSINGS



Are you looking for a way to participate in our weekly services and have some fun in the process? Join the choir and help make the services more musical. Suzy Stewart is always eager to accept new choir members and practices are once a week on Thursday. If you are interested, contact Suzy any Sunday for information.



Mark Your Calendar

- 12/21/25** **Cookie Exchange, after each service**
- 12/24/25** **Christmas Eve Family Service 7pm**
- 12/24/25** **Christmas Eve Midnight Service 10:30pm**
- 12/25/25** **Christmas Day Service in the Garden 10am**
- 12/28/25** **1st Sunday of Christmas**
- 12/31/25** **New Year's Eve**
- 01/04/26** **2nd Sunday of Christmas**
- 01/11/26** **Epiphany Covered Dish Dinner and Christmas tree Bonfire.**



Welcome to our Church

December 14, 2025 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	56
Worship Center	11:00am	50
Total		106

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: Isaiah 7:14

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.



Flowers on th Altar were Given by Trudi Lithgow in Memory of Dick Lithgow

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 & Rhys Wallace, Lindsay Zielinski.**

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn, Pat Dayton. Walter Repsher

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center Cookie Exchange after each service	22 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	23 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	24 7pm Family Christmas Eve Service in the Worship Center 10:30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass in the Sanctuary with Carols 	25 Christmas Day Service in the Garden Chapel at 10:00am Happy Christmas Day 	26 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	27 Office Closed
Merry Christmas Office Closed						
28 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	29 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	30 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	31 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	1 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	2 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	3 Office Closed