

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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Office Hrs. M-Th10am-3pm

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1st Sunday in Christmas

Youth Group Christmas Party

Last Sunday, our Youth Group closed out the year with a Christmas party filled with games, fun, lots of food, and great fellowship. Thank you to everyone who made it possible and to all who participated. From all of us in the wings, we are grateful for each of you.



A group of friends from **St. Stephen's** visited **Trudi Lithgow** last week to lift her spirits during the holiday season. Trudi is settling into her new home and would truly enjoy visitors.

Trudi Lithgow

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Room 143
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Cell: 863-529-6706

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JOHN CHRISTMAS

Jim Heal would like to let everyone know that he is still available to take photographs in the Nursery for another week or so, before the space is turned over to the Home School.

He can also provide copies or prints of photographs he has taken previously.

If you are interested, forms will be available at each service location, or you may 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 Ink,
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

50th Anniversary Cookie Trays

Michele, Donna, and Debbie prepared and delivered six Christmas treat trays this past week to local firehouses, nursing homes, and the Bully Project as a thank-you for all they do for us and our community.



Dog Treats

The Dog Treat Crew is getting together again to bake homemade treats for our furry friends at the Bully Project! If you're able to help, please bring your donations to church and place them in the collection bins. We're so grateful for your continued support. ☐

Needed items:

- Old-fashioned oats
- Unsweetened applesauce
- Unsalted peanuts
- Pumpkin purée



Mark Your
Calendar

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 21, 2025 Attendance

Sanctuary	9:00am	68
Worship Center	11:00am	54
Total		122

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: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father,



Flowers on th Altar were Given by Inga Rutledge in memory of Leslie F. and Mary Alice Rutledge



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
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
4 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	5 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	6 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	7 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	8 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	9 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	10 Office Closed

Everything is going to be alright in the end, if it's not alright, it's not the End!