

**St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church**

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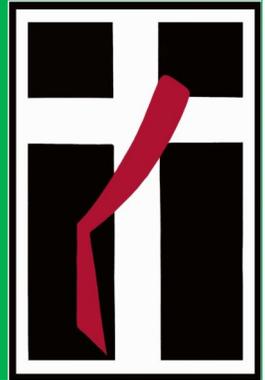
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## **Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Opportunities at St. Stephen's**

The following is a list of opportunities where your help is needed at St. Stephen's.

For each of these activities, we are looking for someone willing to serve as a **Director** to help coordinate and lead the effort. In addition, we need volunteers to assist with the work itself.

One ongoing challenge is cleanup after events involving food. Too often, once an event ends, cleanup is left to just a few people. We truly need everyone's help to ensure these events are successful from start to finish.

Thank you for supporting St. Stephen's and helping our community thrive.

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| <b>1. Greeters for each service</b>         | <b>15. Choir</b>                     |
| <b>2. Ushers for each service</b>           | <b>16. Sunday School</b>             |
| <b>3. Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>         | <b>17. Nursery</b>                   |
| <b>4. Lay Readers</b>                       | <b>18. Sporting Event Attendance</b> |
| <b>5. Cursillo and Kiaros ministries</b>    | <b>19. Building Maintenance</b>      |
| <b>6. Landscaping</b>                       | <b>20. Altar Guild</b>               |
| <b>7. Hospitality</b>                       | <b>21. Flower Guild</b>              |
| <b>8. Visitation (shut-in and hospital)</b> | <b>22. Stewardship</b>               |
| <b>9. Newcomers</b>                         | <b>23. Seasonal Decorating</b>       |
| <b>10. VBS (vacation bible school)</b>      | <b>24. Vestry</b>                    |
| <b>11. VBS Spaghetti Dinners</b>            |                                      |
| <b>12. Talbot House Chili Night</b>         |                                      |
| <b>13. Daughters of the King</b>            |                                      |
| <b>14. Youth Group</b>                      |                                      |

**"You are never too old to set another  
goal or to dream a new dream."  
C.S. Lewis**

***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, Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Secretary: Karen  
Beasley**

# COMBINED WORSHIP

SUNDAY AT 10 AM

## Next Sunday's Happenings

**11:00am Soup Cookoff/Lunch**

**(Best soup wins the Golden Ladle Award!  
We will have outlets available for  
slow cookers to be plugged in during worship.)**

**11:30am Annual Parish Meeting  
with Vestry Election**

**Electing three Vestry members**

***(will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube)***



**VESTRY  
NOMINATIONS**



**ANNUAL PARISH  
Meeting**



**VBS Spaghetti Dinner  
February 3rd 5-7pm**

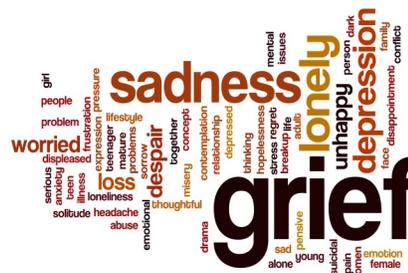
Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner is this Tuesday **5-7pm!**

For **\$7** you get a generous helping of spaghetti with meat sauce, a tossed salad, homemade garlic bread, and a cookie. Takeout available.

Please let us know if you can help with packing or distributing meals. Come out and support this fundraiser for our summer VBS program so it can continue to be free to all participants.

**The Caregivers and Grief Group** meets this month on February 10th 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.



## Dog Treats

The Dog Treat Crew will be getting together later this month 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
- Unsalted peanuts
- Pumpkin purée



Pat Dayton's family has asked to dedicate flowers in their name in memory of Pat. They are going to have a distribution of her ashes at a later date in Daytona, FL.

Gloria Thomason's family has chosen February 28th for her memorial service here at St. Stephen's. Gloria was Penny Schmidt's sister in law.



## Mark Your Calendar

- 02/03/26**     **VBS Spaghetti Dinner**  
5- 7pm
- 02/08/26**     **Annual Meeting and World famous Soup Competition where we award the Golden Ladle!**
- This is also the Sunday designated by the NFL as Super Bowl Sunday*
- 02/15/26**     **PEACE Network Meeting, 10:00am in Scout Room**
- 02/17/26**     **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5-7pm**
- 02/18/26**     **Ash Wednesday, Distribution of Ashes Noon & 7:00pm**



## Welcome to our Church

January 25th

Sanctuary	9:00am	55
Worship Center	11:00am	55
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</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: Micah 6:8

He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**Flowers on the Altar are Given by The  
Kight Family in Sympathy for the Families  
of Renee Good and Alex Pretti**

**February Birthdays**

- 4 Elissia Eijo**
- 5 Rachel Workman**
- 7 Morgan Goers**
- 9 Avery Zielinski**
- 10 Violet Robertson**
- 11 Lindsey Zielinski**
- 15 DeAnn Brown**  
**Dianne Knox**
- 22 Becky Schuster**
- 21 Allison Westberry**
- 25 James Bowen**
- 26 Lula Peoples**
- 26 Glen Zielinski**

**February Anniversaries**

- 5 Scott Dickie & Jami Beasley**
- 27 Bill & Marcia Heath**

**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, Pat Dayton**, 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 Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's** sister), **Wendell & Donna Hunt, Kevin Jackimowicz**, Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's** friends), Kay Jordan (**Judy Elam's** friend), Father Robert Keller, (**Kathy Leahy's** friend) Karen Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) 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, Helen Vogt, Dailia Walker, Meg & Rhys Wallace, Lindsay Zielinski.**

**Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:** Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>2</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>3</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  <b>VBS Spaghetti Dinner</b>  8pm Online Compline	<b>4</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall  8pm Online Compline	<b>5</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>6</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>7</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
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