

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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1st Sunday in Lent



The Daughters of the King meeting will be this Sunday, 2/22/26, in the Scouts room in between the two services.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Beasley at 863-838-3028



Christmas Bazaar Help

I am putting this in early so that we are prepared when **December 5** gets here. **Michele Giberson** let us know last year that, due to back problems, she would only be able to help with the **Christmas Bazaar** in a limited capacity going forward. She is available to help and advise, but it is too much for her to lay out the booths and handle the physical setup.

If you are able to take this on—either on your own or as part of a team—please contact **Michele** or the **church office**. Thank you!



Stations of the Cross

Beginning **Wednesday, February 25** at 5:00pm and continuing each Wednesday throughout the **Lenten season**, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** in the Sanctuary. Each week, we will follow with **homemade soup and warm fellowship**.

If you are looking for a truly meaningful way to experience Lent, we invite you to come and join us. **Guaranteed to be worthwhile.**



Stations of the Cross

- **DON'T MISS OUR DAILY 90-SECOND SERMONS ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE AT 10AM**
- **YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CARDS**
- **Stations of the Cross**



St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor



2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller

2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh-Treasurer.

2028-Mary Roach, Helen Vogt, Mike Whitt

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Secretary: Karen Beasley

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner



Thanks to all who helped to put this last day of Epiphany event, it was a great success. Stay tuned for additional ways to participate in the St. Stephen's Church experience.



Easter Flowers Dedication Sheets in Your Worship Area

Look for forms marked "Easter Flowers" and fill out a form with your dedication. Your attached \$20 payment may be placed in the collection plate or sent to the church office. Please have your form turned in by Palm Sunday, March 29th in order to have your dedication in the Easter FYI. Flowers will be planted on the church grounds afterward to beautify our property.



Easter Week Schedule for 2026

March 29th	Palm Sunday	10:00am, 1 Service only
March 29th	Passover Dinner	5:00pm, Followed by Seder
March 30th	Quiet Lenten Service	7:00pm Worship Center
April 1st	Stations fo the Cross	7:00pm Sanctuary
April 2nd	Maundy Thursday	7:00pm Sanctuary
April 3rd	Good Friday Liturgy	12:00pm Sanctuary
April 3rd	Cross Walk	1:00pm 540A
April 3rd	Good Friday Liturgy	7:00pm Sanctuary
April 4th	Sunrise Service	6:30am Garden Chapel
April 4th	Easter Service	9:00am Sanctuary
April 4th	Egg Hunt	10:00am, Outside
April 4th	Easter Service	11:00am Sanctuary
April 4th	Brunch after each Service	



Dog Treats

The Dog Treat Crew will be getting together on the 20th to bake homemade treats for our furry friends to benefit the Bully Project! If you're able to help, please bring your donations to church and place them in the collection bins. We will also have them for sale at each service on Sunday February 22nd.

Needed items:

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



2025 Giving Statements

With the standard deduction now so high, many of us no longer need giving statements. If you do need a copy of your **2024 giving statement to St. Stephen's Church**, we are happy to provide one by **email or printed copy**.

Simply contact the church office by **email or phone**, and we will be glad to get it to you.

ststoffice@gmail.com
(863) 646-6115

Welcome to our Church

February 15 2026

Sanctuary	9:00am	67
Worship Center	11:00am	50
Total		117

Ash Wednesday

12:00	38
7:00pm	28

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.



- 02/25/26** *Stations of the Cross, 5:00pm, Soup following*
- 03/03/26** *VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5:00—7:00 pm*
- 03/04/26** *Stations of the Cross, 5:00pm, Soup following*
- 03/08/26** *Daylight Savings Time Begins! Big Brunch! (Clocks move forward)*
- 03/17/26** *Vestry Meeting 6:00pm*
- 03/19/26** *Lunch Bunch 11:30 TBA*
- 03/29/26** *Palm Sunday in the Garden*



Verse of the Week: Psalm 32:8

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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 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
22 9:00am Sanctuary 10:15am Rector's Class, Sm Group Rm 11:00am Worship Center	23 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	24 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	25 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall Stations of the Cross and soup 5:00pm 8pm Online Compline	26 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	27 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	28 Office Closed 11:00am Gloria Thomason Funeral
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