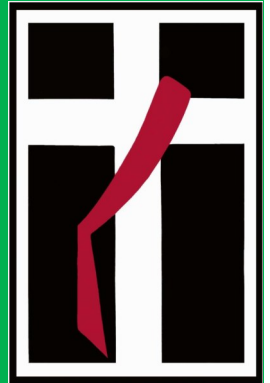


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# COMBINED WORSHIP

SUNDAY AT 10 AM

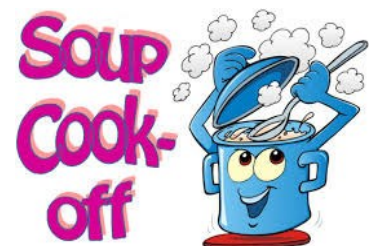
## This Sunday's Happenings

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

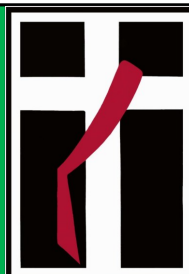
**(Best soup wins the Golden Ladle Award!  
We will have outlets available for  
slow cookers to be plugged in during worship.)**

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

**Electing three Vestry members  
(will be livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube)**



*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

## 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.

If you are willing to help in any capacity—either as a Director or as a volunteer—please let the office know. We will coordinate meetings as needed to keep everyone informed and involved in upcoming activities.

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

# Pancakes!

## SHROVE TUESDAY



### Fat Tuesday Pancake

We will have our annual pancake and sausage dinner on February 17th.

The following day is Ash Wednesday and we will have 2 services for the distribution of ashes, Noon and 7:00pm.

Please come down and enjoy the fabulous pancakes and sausage and drinks. We will be serving from 5:00pm until 7:00pm



## 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

**02/08/26 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**

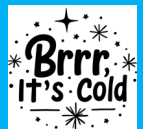
**02/18/26 Ash Wednesday, Distribution of Ashes Noon & 7:00pm**



## Welcome to our Church

February 1, 2026

|                |         |           |
|----------------|---------|-----------|
| Sanctuary      | 9:00am  | 35        |
| Worship Center | 11:00am | 25        |
| <b>Total</b>   |         | <b>60</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: Matthew V:XVI**

**Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**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>8</b><br>10:00 Combined Worship Sanctuary<br>11:00 Soup Cookoff/ Lunch<br>11:30 Annual Parish Meeting with Vestry Elections | <b>9</b><br>8am Online Morning Prayer<br><br>8pm Online Compline  | <b>10</b><br>8am Online Morning Prayer<br><br>8pm Online Compline                          | <b>11</b><br>8:00am Online Morning Prayer<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist<br>12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall<br><br>8pm Online Compline | <b>12</b><br>8:00am Online Morning Prayer<br><br>8pm Online Compline | <b>13</b><br>Office Closed<br>8:00am Online Morning Prayer<br>8pm Online Compline | <b>14</b><br>Office Closed |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00am Sanctuary<br>11:00am Worship Center  | <b>16</b><br>8am Online Morning Prayer<br><br>8pm Online Compline | <b>17</b><br>8am Online Morning Prayer<br>6:00pm Vestry Meeting<br><br>8pm Online Compline | <b>18</b><br>8:00am Online Morning Prayer<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist<br>12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall<br><br>8pm Online Compline | <b>19</b><br>8:00am Online Morning Prayer<br><br>8pm Online Compline | <b>20</b><br>Office Closed<br>8:00am Online Morning Prayer<br>8pm Online Compline | <b>21</b><br>Office Closed |