

St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church

# FYI 2026

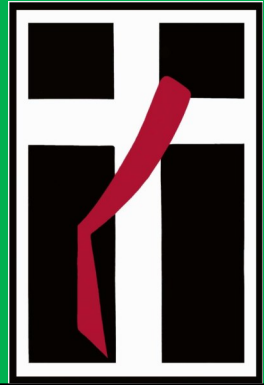
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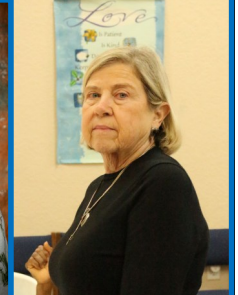
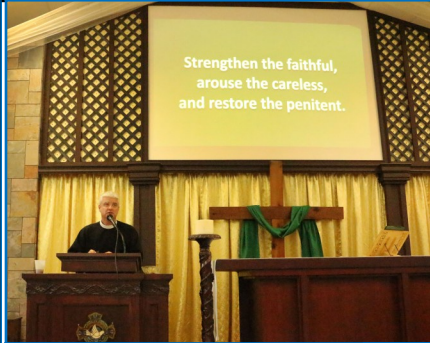
Office Hrs. M-Th 9am-3pm

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Last Sunday after the Epiphany



## Annual Meeting 2026

Great Soup!  
Lots of ques-  
tions, new Ves-  
try members  
and this years  
Winners



# Pancakes!

## SHROVE TUESDAY



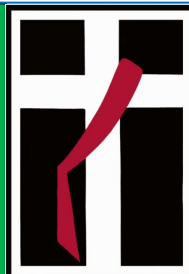
### Fat Tuesday Pancake

We will have our annual pancake and sausage dinner on February 17th. Please come down and enjoy the fabulous pancakes and sausage and drinks. We will be serving from 5:00pm until 7:00pm

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



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

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



The PEACE Network meeting will be this Sunday, February 15th at 10:00am in the Scout Room. Please bring pen and paper, directories will be provided.

This meeting begins the process that will help us determine the needs of our community and how to proceed to work on them. Please make every effort to attend.

### Vestry Meeting– February 17th

There will be a vestry meeting on **Tuesday February 17th at 6:00PM in the Small Group Room**

The vestry is the group in the Episcopal Church that handles the business and operational decisions of the parish

**All are welcome to attend. If you are interested in presenting something to our vestry, this is the time to do it.**



**Come enjoy Pancakes and Sausage then the Vestry meeting afterward.**

## 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



The Lunch Bunch will be dining at Catfish Country this month on Thursday the 19th at 11:30am.

Seating will be tight so please call Debbie Bradford at 305-304-2548 to let us know that you are coming.

Hope to see you there!



Mark Your  
**Calendar**

- 02/15/26**     **PEACE Network Meeting,  
10:00am in Scout Room**
- 02/16/26**     **President's Day Office  
Closed**
- 02/17/26**     **Shrove Tuesday Pancake  
Dinner 5-7pm**
- 02/18/26**     **Ash Wednesday,  
Distribution of Ashes  
Noon & 7:00pm**
- 02/19/26**     **Lunch Bunch at Catfish  
Country 11:30am**
- 03/03/26**     **VBS Spaghetti Dinner  
5:00—7:00 pm**
- 03/08/26**     **Daylight Savings Time  
Begins Big Brunch  
(Clocks move forward)**

Welcome to our Church

February 8 2026

Sanctuary     10:00am     79

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: 2 Peter 1:19

You will do well to pay attention to the prophetic message, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

**Flowers on the Altar are Given in memory  
of Pat Dayton by her family**

**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>15</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>16</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>17</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  5:00pm—7:00pm Pancake Dinner 6:00pm Vestry Meeting  8pm Online Compline	<b>18</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer  12 pm Distribution of Ashes 7:00pm Distribution of Ashes  8pm Online Compline	<b>19</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>20</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>21</b> Office Closed
<b>22</b> 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center	<b>23</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>24</b> 8am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>25</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall  8pm Online Compline	<b>26</b> 8:00am Online Morning Prayer  8pm Online Compline	<b>27</b> Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	<b>28</b> Office Closed