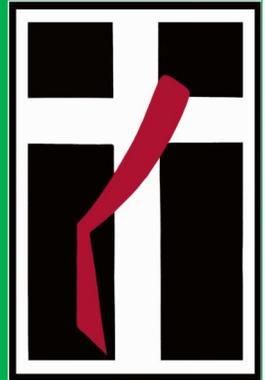


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Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Opportunities at St. Stephen's

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.

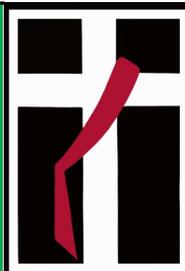
One ongoing challenge is cleanup after events involving food. Too often, once an event ends, cleanup is left to just a few people. We truly need everyone's help to ensure these events are successful from start to finish.

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

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| 1. Greeters for each service | 15. Archive and History |
| 2. Ushers for each service | 16. Choir |
| 3. Lay Eucharistic Ministers | 17. Sunday School |
| 4. Lay Readers | 18. Nursery |
| 5. Cursillo and Kiaros ministries | 19. Sporting Event Attendance |
| 6. Landscaping | 20. Building Maintenance |
| 7. Hospitality | 21. Altar Guild |
| 8. Visitation (shut-in and hospital) | 22. Flower Guild |
| 9. Newcomers | 23. Stewardship |
| 10. VBS (vacation bible school) | 24. Seasonal Decorating |
| 11. VBS Spaghetti Dinners | 25. Vestry |
| 12. Talbot House Chili Night | |
| 13. Daughters of the King | |
| 14. Youth Group | |

"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
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski Secretary: Karen Beasley

As one year comes to an end and we step into 2026, we are reminded that this is a time to look back—to count our blessings and to acknowledge our losses. This past year, we said goodbye to many cherished family members. Some are names that roll easily off the tongue, instantly stirring treasured memories. Others are known to only a few, yet all were deeply loved and are profoundly missed.

- **Sandy Gibson** January 2, 1934 - January 9, 2025
- **Carol Reynolds** January 12, 1945 - January 22, 2025
- **Barbara Yeaple** April 28, 1939 - February 17, 2025
- **John Ernest Hair** August 29, 1966 - February 27, 2025
- **John Starling** December 8, 1942 - March 10, 2025
- **Arthur Hooper** October 13, 1942 - March 12, 2025
- **David M. Leahy** July 15, 1952 - March 27, 2025
- **Robert Wesley** February 9, 1953 - March 27, 2025
- **Richard Barfield** December 5, 1956 - April, 4, 2025
- **Robert Cucchi** August 31, 1966 - April 30, 2025
- **Mary Lou Garland** March 11, 1934 - June 7, 2025
- **Brouck Boyd** February 8, 1957 - July 24, 2025
- **Fran Henry** September 5, 1926 - August 22, 2025
- **Bruce Goers** May 23, 1939 - October 22, 2025
- **Pat Bosetti** July 25, 1929 - October 25, 2025
- **Dugan Wilder** November 27, 1938 - December 15, 2025

As we remember these losses, let us hold one another close and give thanks for the many years we were blessed to share with them. Life is a sacred gift from God—beautiful, fleeting, and never to be taken for granted. May we cherish one another with love and grace, so that when our own journey ends, we leave behind a legacy of faith, kindness, and love, and are remembered not only for the years we lived, but for the way we loved.

“ On your last day, I don’t want to say goodbye and don’t want to be sad. Because someday I will be meeting you. Best wishes for you.”



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Dog Treats for Bully Project

On Sunday, 1/25, we will be offering our Dog Treats at each service and in the Parish Hall for donations. These healthy treats are all natural, with no artificial ingredients, additives or preservatives! All funds raised will be used to either purchase needed supplies for the next batch of treats or donated to the Bully Project. Please make sure to pick up your fur baby's next healthy treats and help support the needy dogs at the Bully Project!



The Daughters of the King meeting will be this Sunday, 1/25/26, in the Scouts room in between the two services.

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



Mark Your Calendar

- 01/25/26** Daughters of the King in between the services in the Scout Room
- 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
- 02/17/26** *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5-7pm*
- 02/18/26** *Ash Wednesday, Distribution of Ashes Noon & 7:00pm*

Welcome to our Church

January 18th

Sanctuary	9:00am	45
Worship Center	11:00am	46
Total		91

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: 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.



**Flowers on the Altar are Given by Gonzalo
Morrell in Memory of his Brother
Edward Morrell**



January Birthdays

- 3 Erin Wenham
- 8 Ernest Palmer
Betty Pratt
- 10 Barbara Anderson
- 11 Judy Elam
- 18 Bonnie Rowbotham
- 20 Lou Alers
- 23 Mary Lankford
- 25 Steve Meyer
Yolanda Howes,
- 28 Katherine Leahy

January Anniversaries

- 10 Charles & Debbie Bradford

**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, 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00am Sanctuary 11:00am Worship Center Dog Treats available at each Service	26 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	27 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	28 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall 8pm Online Compline	29 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	30 Office Closed 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	31 Office Closed
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