

St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church

# FYI 2026



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Lakeland, FL 33813

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Office Hrs. M-Th 9am-3pm

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Palm Sunday

## Passover Dinner & Seder

Join us on March 29, 2026 at 5:00 PM for a Home-Cooked Passover Dinner

Enjoy a delicious meal of **roast lamb or beef**, served with **roasted vegetables and fruit**.

After dinner, we will share the **Exodus story through the symbolic Seder plate**. Fundamental to both Judaism and Christianity, we will hear—and taste—how the LORD hears the prayers of His people, frees us from sin and death, and brings us to a Promised Land, just as Jesus shared with His disciples at the Last Supper.

**We are looking for volunteers to help with the meal.**

If you are able to contribute, please consider bringing one of the following:

- Fruit salad
- Peas
- Carrots
- Green beans
- Roasted potatoes

We also need help with:

- Setup
- Cleanup

Thank you for helping make this a meaningful and enjoyable evening for everyone.



## Easter Flowers Dedications

You are invited to share in beautifying our church for Easter by sponsoring Easter flowers. These flowers may be given **in memory of** or **in honor of** loved ones, and the dedications will be listed in the Easter FYI.

Please look for forms marked "**Easter Flowers**" and complete one with your dedication. A donation of **\$20 per dedication** is requested. Your payment may be placed in the **collection plate** or **sent to the church office**.

To ensure your dedication is included in the Easter FYI, please return your completed form **by March 29**.

After Easter, the flowers will be **planted on the church grounds** to help beautify our property.

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, Jr Warden

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Secretary: Karen Beasley

## St. Stephen's T-Shirts

We are preparing to place another order for **St. Stephen's T-shirts** and would like to get an idea of the level of interest.

A couple of things to keep in mind:

- Many people feel the shirts **run a bit small**, so you may want to consider **ordering one size up**.
- Some have expressed interest in **long-sleeve shirts**.
- Others have asked about the possibility of a **collared shirt option**.

Please let me know **if you are interested**, along with:

- The **type of shirt** (short sleeve, long sleeve, or collared), and  
The **size** you would prefer.

Once we see how many people are interested, we will move forward with the order. Thank you!



## NEEDED: CANDY (NOT CHOCOLATE) AND VOLUNTEERS TO STUFF EASTER CANDY BAGS April 1st

We will meet Wednesday, April 1st at 10am in the Small Group Room to stuff Easter candy bags and assemble plastic eggs for the Easter morning egg hunt. If you're interested in participating, just call or email the office to volunteer!

## 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 **2025 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.

[ststtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:ststtreasurer@gmail.com)  
(863) 646-6115

## Calling all Prayer Warriors

We are looking for a few praying parishioners. Contact Lee at 915-584-2074.



— END OF YEAR —  
**GIVING**  
STATEMENTS

**St. Stephen's version of a Passover Dinner and Seder on Sunday night followed by the Lenten Quiet Service on Monday.**



# TAX PREPARATION

**Long Horizon's Tax Preparation**  
**Linda Long**  
 (Wife of Jim Heal)

**30+ years of tax preparation experience & 5star Google Rating**  
 Former owner and operator of **Liberty Tax Service** in Spring Hill, FL (2005-2015)

**Special Offer for St. Stephen's Members & Friends (March Only):**  
**\$50 discount** on tax preparation fees  
**10% of all fees will be donated to St. Stephen's**

**Call for appointments or consultation:**  
**352-346-1339**

## P.E.A.C.E.

The PEACE Rally, held on March 23 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Winter Haven, was well attended.

During the rally, we reported on confirmed participation for the upcoming Nehemiah Action. In addition, the Research Committees presented their findings and proposed actions to address the community issues that were voted on this past fall. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Beasley @ 863-838-3028



## Mark Your Calendar

- 03/29/26 Palm Sunday in the Garden**
- 03/29/26 Passover Dinner & Seder 5pm**
- 03/30/26 Lenten Quiet Service 7pm**
- 04/01/26 Stations of the Cross 7pm**
- 04/02/26 Maundy Thursday 7pm**
- 04/03/26 Good Friday 12pm & 7pm**
- 04/03/26 Cross Walk 12:45pm**
- 04/05/26 Easter, 6:30am, 9am & 11am. Easter Brunch between services and Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet contest.**



## Welcome to our Church

**March 22, 2026**

<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Worship Center</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>103</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: Philippians 2:5-7

**In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant.**

**Flowers on the Altar are Given by Kathy Leahy in Loving  
Memory of David Leahy**

**March Birthdays**

- 1 Celeste Cooper**
- 2 Scott Sauve, Abigail Lankford**
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples**
- 8 MaryLou Taylor**
- 14 Dennis Flynn**
- 16 Bill Heath**
- 22 Richard Eijo,  
Shirley Rumpel**
- 24 Bill Schaal**
- 25 Joe Adams**
- 29 Mary Trimbath**







**March Anniversaries**

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo**
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer**
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox**
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman**
- 16 Bill & Dee Schaal**
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney**
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson**

**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), Jeremey 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), Minnie Lewis (Sally Flanagan's Sister in Law) 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. Cathy Zielinski's sister.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10am Palm Sunday in the Garden</p> <p>11am Cross weaving instructions</p> <p>5pm Passover dinner &amp; Seder</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>7pm Lenten Quiet Service</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p> 	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>7pm Chanting the Psalms</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p> <p>Intro to Chanting the Psalms <i>With Fr. David Peoples &amp; Choir</i></p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>7pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>7pm Maundy Thursday Service and Stripping of the Altar</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p> 	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>Noon Service</p> <p>12:45pm Cross Walk</p> <p>7pm Liturgy for Good Friday</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>EASTER</b></p> <p>6:30am Sunrise in the Garden Chapel</p> <p>Brunch after each Service</p> <p>9:00am Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>11:00am Worship Center</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Good Friday</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>
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