

St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church

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# FYI 2026

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2nd Sunday in Lent



Sunday  
March 8th

Daylight Savings time begins This Sunday,  
March 8th. Remember to set your clocks  
*forward* one hour on Saturday Night.

Daylight Savings Time

Big Brunch Sunday March 8th

Between Services in the Parish Hall!!

Please bring a dish to share if you're able.

Most importantly, bring your appetite!



## 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!



Christmas  
Bazaar

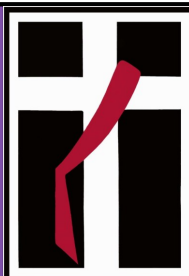
## Stations of the Cross

Each Wednesday at 5pm and continuing throughout the **Lenten season**, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** in the Sanctuary. Each week, we will follow with **homemade soup** and a discussion of the biblical references in the **Stations of the Cross**. 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

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

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE  
WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE AT TALBOT HOUSE  
ON CHILI DINNER NIGHT?**

**It was a great night at Talbot House last Tuesday. There are so many thankful people who bless us over and over again with their compliments and good dispositions, despite their individual troubles. It was a full house, and it was good.**

**2013**



**Ray Perica saying grace**



**Serving crew posing for their picture**

The group that currently serves monthly at Talbot House is now down to Sharon, Joanne, Liz, and Thomas. A lot has changed since the pandemic and with the passing of time, but the crew still needs your help with brownies for next Tuesday.

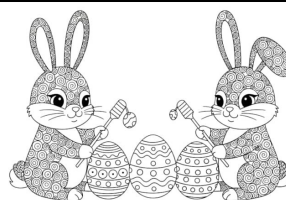
If you are able, please bring brownies either to church on Sunday or to the kitchen before 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday so that Sharon can pack them up for the afternoon meal.

God bless, and thank you for your support!



# Lenten Reflections

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



## **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.

[stttreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:stttreasurer@gmail.com)

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END OF YEAR  
**GIVING**  
STATEMENTS

## Dog Treats

The Dog Treat Crew will meet again this month to bake homemade treats for our furry friends! If you're able to help, please bring your donations to church and place them in the collection bins.

Needed items:

- Old-fashioned oats
- Unsalted peanuts
- Pumpkin purée



## Easter Flowers Dedications

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 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.



## Mark Your Calendar

- 03/08/26**      **Daylight Savings Time Begins!! Big Brunch!! (Clocks move forward)**
- 03/11/26**      **Stations of the Cross, 5pm, throughout Lent**
- 03/17/26**      **Vestry Meeting 6pm**
- 03/19/26**      **Lunch Bunch 11:30 Dena's**
- 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**
- 4/05/26**      **Easter, 6:30am, 9am & 11am. Easter Brunch between services and Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet contest.**



## Welcome to our Church

March 1, 2026

Sanctuary	9:00am	54
Worship Center	11:00am	44
<b>Total</b>		<b>98</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: Romans 5:8  
God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**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**), 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**), 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.**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b></p> <p>9:00am Sanctuary 10:15am Rector's Class, Sm Group Rm</p> <p><b>Big Brunch</b></p> <p>11:00am Worship Center</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>Grief Group 2pm Talbot House Chili 3:30pm</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>12:00 Book Study in the Parish Hall</p> <p>5:00pm Stations of the Cross and Soup</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>
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