

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

FYI 2026

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Office Hrs. M-Th 9am-3pm

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5th Sunday of Easter



Special screening package for
\$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001



May 8th, 8-4



Morgan Goers' funeral will be held on May 6 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in the Worship Center.

Marcia asks that, if you are able, please bring a leafy tossed salad or dessert for the reception. They have decided to serve something other than sandwiches and potato salad, so please bring only leafy tossed salads or desserts.

Morgan and Bruce were longtime backbones of St. Stephen's and will be greatly missed.

*St. Stephen's ...
To Love and Serve
God and Neighbor*

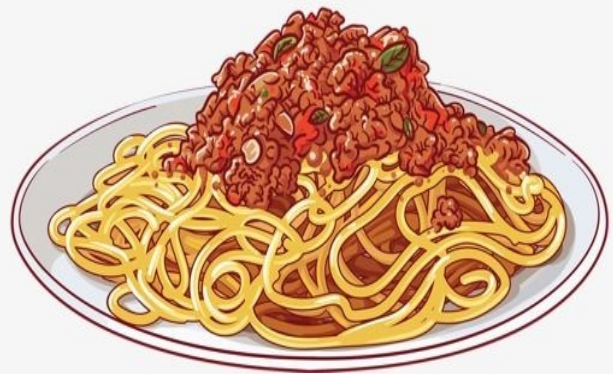
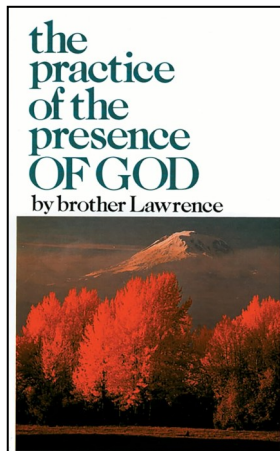


2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller
2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh-Treasurer.
2028-Mary Roach, Helen Vogt, Mike Whitt, Jr Warden
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Treasurer: Jack Vonesh,
Secretary: Karen Beasley, Office Secretary: Charlie Bradford

Mid-Week Service

Following the Wednesday 11:00am Eucharist Service Father David's Book Study will begin with a new book, **The Practice of the Presence of God.**

The current Pope, **Leo XIV**, highly recommends **The Practice of the Presence of God** by Brother Lawrence. In fact, he has identified it as one of the most influential texts in his life, placing it alongside the writings of Saint Augustine.



VBS Spaghetti Dinner May 5th 5-7pm

Spaghetti lovers, our monthly VBS Spaghetti Dinner is this Tuesday **5-7pm!**

For **\$7** you get a generous helping of spaghetti with meat sauce, a tossed salad, homemade garlic bread, and a cookie. Takeout available.

Please let us know if you can help with packing or distributing meals. Come out and support this fundraiser for our summer VBS program so it can continue to be free to all participants.



Join the St. Stephen's Choir!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to St. Stephen's Church?
Do you enjoy singing in the shower or in your car?

Then you're exactly who we're looking for!

As Father David says, being part of the choir is a wonderful way to give back while getting to know the fun and welcoming people in our choir family.

No formal experience is needed—the main talent we're looking for is **interest and enthusiasm!**

For more information about joining, please contact:
Susie Stewart or **Charlie** in the church office.

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. To help with your decision, we got some samples of the shirts that we will be ordering so that you can see and feel them prior to ordering one.

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 size you want.

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

Welcome to our Church

April 26, 2026

Sanctuary	9:00am	57
Worship Center	11:00am	43
Total		100

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.



Mark Your Calendar

- 05/05/26 VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7pm
- 05/06/26 Morgan Goers Funeral 11:00am
- 05/08/26 Life Line Screening 8-4pm
- 05/10/26 Mother's Day Brunch Between each service
- 05/19/26 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
- 05/21/26 Lunch Bunch 11:30am Location To Be Determined
- 05/24/26 Pentecost Sunday one Service 10:00am Sanctuary Followed by our Chili Cook off!

St. Stephen's Yard Sale – Save the Date!

St. Stephen's Yard Sale will be held a little later this year due to other church commitments.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

We will be accepting donations on **Thursday, June 4th** and **Friday, June 5th** with setup taking place on Friday.

Come out and enjoy:

- A wide variety of yard sale items
- Food booth outside featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks
- Delicious baked goods available inside



For more information, please contact:
Michele Giberson at **863-205-6643**

Verse of the Week 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

*Flowers on the Altar are Given by Louis Bloodworth in Memory
of his Mother, Frances Collins*

May Birthdays

- 5 Melissa Eijo
Elizabeth Koshi**
- 7 Charlie Bradford**
- 9 Michael Englert**
- 10 Kevin Shelton**
- 14 Kaelynn Hiber**
- 15 Jim Heal**
- 16 Ed Knox, Carla Sauve**
- 18 Betty Calhoun**
- 19 Marcia Heath**
- 21 Rick Rahn**
- 23 Janice Olson**
- 29 Bill Monts de Oca**

May Anniversaries

- 1 Curtis & Janice Olsen**
- 8 Roger & Mary Statzer**
- 15 Ken & Judy Horne
Bill & Jackie Monts de Oca**
- 27 Tim & Mary Trimbath**

**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, Debbie Bradford, 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, 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), 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
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am Sanctuary 10:15am Rector's Class, Sm Group Rm 11:00am Worship Center	8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8am Online Morning Prayer 5-7pm VBS Spaghetti Dinner 8pm Online Compline	8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Morgan Goers Funeral Reception to Follow 8pm Online Compline	8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	Office Closed
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