

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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Lakeland, FL 33813
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Office Hrs. M-Th 9am-3pm

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Proper 5 Sunday



SUMMER SUNDAYS

9:00am Outdoor Service in Garden Chapel
10:00am Service in Sanctuary (also livestreamed)

WEDNESDAYS

11:00am Service in Sanctuary
Noon Book Study in Worship Center (also livestreamed)

WEEKDAYS

8:00am Morning Prayer livestreamed
8:00pm Compline livestreamed



Talbot House

The ladies who prepare and serve the Talbot House clients wanted to thank you for all of the contributions of Brownies last month, the 200 residents that were served were grateful.

However, the need is great and if you are able, they will need you to continue making Brownies. If you are able, please bring brownies to the kitchen next Sunday or no later than noon 6/9/26.



PEACE 26th Anniversary Celebration at St. John's United Methodist Church in Winter Haven



*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

VBS

JUNE 22-26

6:00PM-8:30PM

UNLIKE ANY OTHER VBS IN TOWN!

K-5TH GRADE



FREE
SNACKS

FREE
CRAFTS

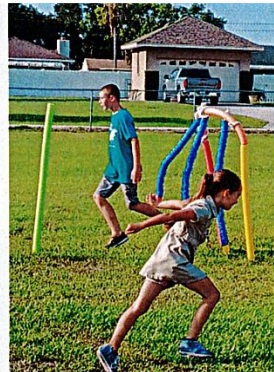
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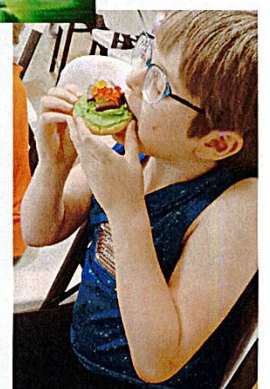
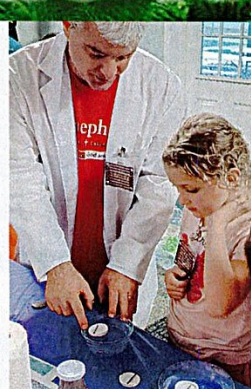
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Call the St. Stephen's office for more info: (863) 646-6115

You can also REGISTER ONLINE: centralfloridachurch.com/VBS



ST. STEPHENS VBS 2026



Volunteers Needed to help make this another Great VBS!

Welcome to our Church

May 31, 2026

Garden Chapel	9:00am	37
Sanctuary	10:00am	56
Total		93

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.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet this month at Fred's Market Restaurant on Harden Blvd. Our luncheon will begin at **11:30am on June 18th** and should be well attended. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by calling Debbie Bradford at 305-304-2548 or the Office at 863-646-6115.



Mark Your Calendar

- 06/14/26 2nd Sunday Brunch
- 06/15/26 Staff Meeting 10am
- 06/16/26 Vestry Meeting 6pm
- 06/18/26 Lunch Bunch Fred's
- 06/21/26 Father's Day
- 06/22/26 VBS Kick-Off
- 06/26/26 VBS '26 Closing
- 06/28/26 VBS Sunday. In addition to our Service, Fun & snacks.



The Caregivers and Grief Group will meet next month on **June 9th at 2:00 PM** in the Small Groups Room.

If you or someone you know would benefit from speaking with others who are experiencing grief, stress from a loss, or the challenges of caring for a loved one, please keep this group in mind.

A landmark 1999 study published in **JAMA** described caregivers as the "hidden patients." The study found that highly stressed caregivers had a 63% higher risk of death than non-caregivers during the years following the loss of a disabled spouse. Research has also shown that caregivers often experience higher levels of depression, sleep deprivation, social isolation, and financial hardship.

You do not have to carry those burdens alone. We are here to help.

Verse of the Week: Matthew 9:9
Jesus said to him, "Follow me."



**Flowers on the Altar are Given by Louis Bloodworth & Bruce Nelson
in Memory of all those who gave their lives for our Country**



<u>June Birthdays</u>		<u>St. Stephen's Prayer List</u> <u>(Parish Members are in Bold)</u>
1 Tricia Walker 2 Beverly Meyer, - Kayla Blackwell 4 Renda McNeill, 5 Joanne Gunner 6 Hayley Naples 7 Tom Kempinski 8 Liz Barham 9 Jo Willey 10 Melissa Palmer, - Carrie Peoples 16 Italo Casini - Thomas Negus 18 Thomas Peets 20 Wendell Hunt, - Susie Stewart 23 Patricia Dresser 27 Karen Spiller		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), Rachel Blackwell (Karen Spiller's daughter-in-law), Jim Bowen, Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Deborah Cameron, (Lee Carter's ex-Wife) Italo & Janet Casini, Roz Coleman (Althea Nye's friend) Jim Cross, Annie Delling, Cathi DiGigiacomo, (Michele Giberson's Aunt) 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), Angela Grilli (Althea Nye's friend), Jim Heal, Bob & Kay Henry (friends of Betty Calhoun) Nicole Hernnkind (Karen Spiller's sister), 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), Mary Peoples, 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, Lynn Whitt, Lindsay Zielinski. Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn
<u>June Anniversaries</u>		
1 Wendell & Donna Hunt - Frank & Sue St. Amour 2 Walter & Janell Repsher - Gary & Allison Westberry - Art & Bonnie Rowbotham 8 Joe & Robin W. Adams - Troy & Sue DeMan		



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:00am in the Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary	8 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	9 8am Online Morning Prayer 2:00pm Caregiver & Grief Group 8pm Online Compline	10 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Euchrist 12:00pm Bible Study 8pm Online Compline	11 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	12 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	13 Office Closed
14 9:00am in the Garden Chapel 10:00am Sanctuary 2nd Sunday Brunch after each Service	15 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	16 8am Online Morning Prayer 6pm Vestry Meeting 8pm Online Compline	17 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Euchrist 12:00pm Bible Study 8pm Online Compline	18 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:30am Lunch Bunch Fred's 8pm Online Compline 	19 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	20 Office Closed