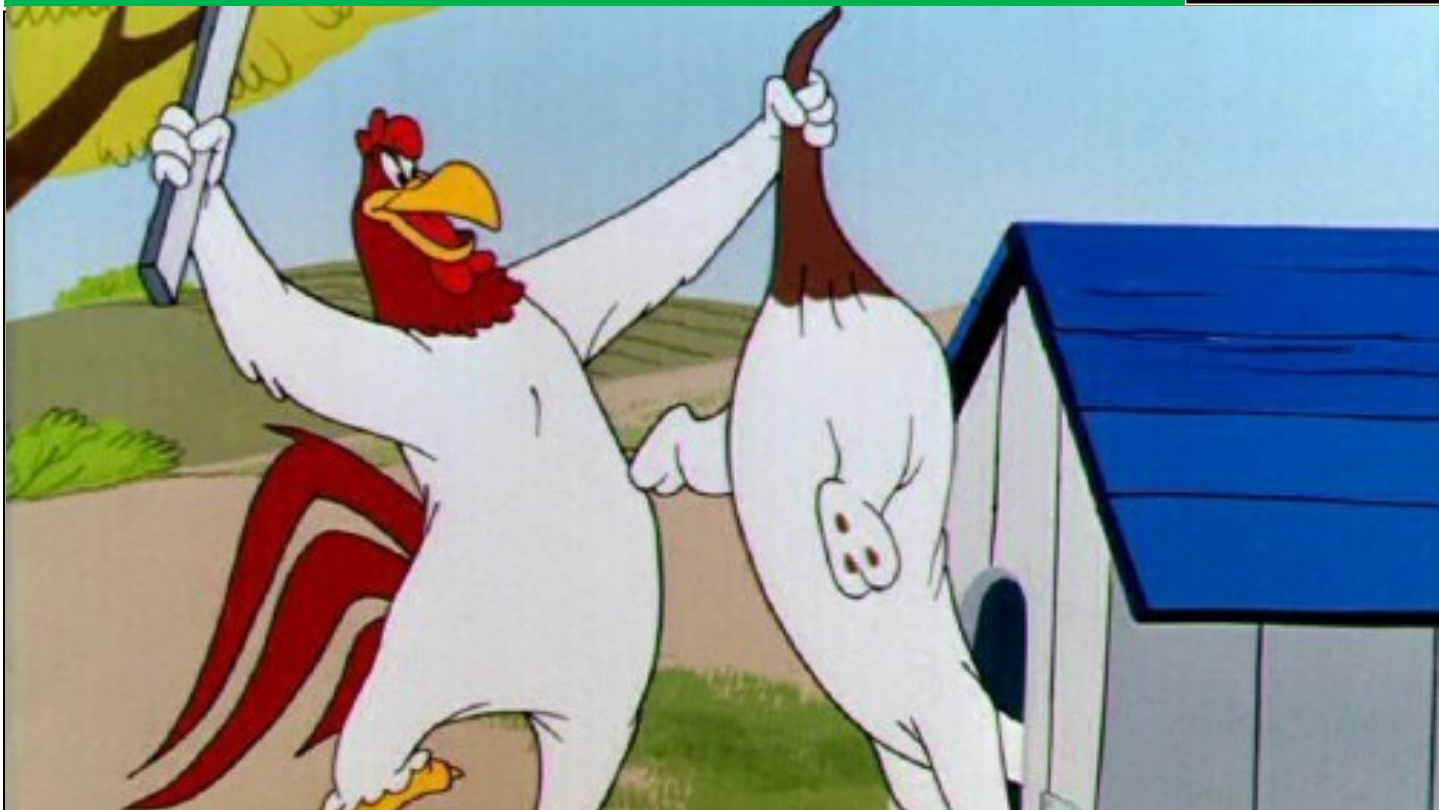
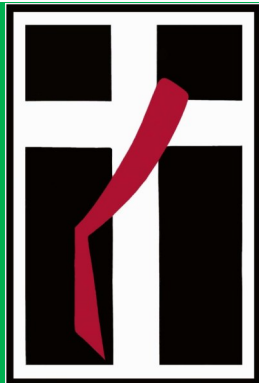


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Boy...I say Boy! Don't be a Dog and plan to help us next week.

After another incredibly successful VBS, it's time to make the Rainforest back into a Worship Center

We invite everyone to join us **after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, July 26**, as we work together to take down the decorations and pack everything away.

We'll have snacks and drinks available for everyone who comes to help, so roll up your sleeves and join us for a fun time of fellowship and teamwork.

Thank you for helping make VBS such a success. We appreciate your willingness to serve!

*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



Back to School Supply Drive Begins

School begins Tuesday, August 11th—can you believe the summer is almost over? When you are out shopping, don't resist the urge to buy school supplies. We will again be donating supplies to Scott Lake Elementary, Valley View Elementary and Mi Escuela Montessori for the students and teachers who need them. Bins will be available in the Sanctuary for your donations.

Donations will be distributed by each school's administration to classrooms as the need arises.

- **White Copy Paper**
- **Loose-leaf Notebook Paper**
- **1-inch Binders**
- **Composition Books (wide-rule, non-spiral)**
- **Plastic 2-Pocket Folders (with brads)**
- **Dry Erase Markers (Expo brand preferred)**
- **Highlighters**
- **Fat Primary Pencils with Erasers**
- **#2 Skinny Pencils with Erasers**
- **Crayons (Crayola preferred)**
- **Colored Pencils (Crayola preferred)**
- **Blunt-tip Scissors**
- **Pink Erasers (Large or Cap)**
- **Washable Markers**
- **Glue Sticks**
- **Zippered Pencil Bag**
- **Pencil/Supply Box**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Lysol Wipes**
- **Tissues**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Quart & Gallon-size Ziploc Bags**



We are grateful for the generosity of several of our parishioners, whose donations have made it possible for St. Stephen's Church to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Having an AED available will help ensure that those attending worship services and other events at St. Stephen's can have greater peace of mind, knowing that, in the event of a cardiac emergency, immediate lifesaving assistance can be provided while we wait for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to arrive.

According to the American Heart Association, approximately 450,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year. When used promptly, an AED, together with CPR, can significantly improve a person's chance of survival.

St. Stephen's is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who enters our doors. This new AED is an important addition to our emergency preparedness efforts and reflects our commitment to caring for the health and well-being of our parish family and visitors.

We extend our sincere thanks to the parishioners whose generosity made this important purchase possible.

Welcome to our Church

July 12, 2026

Garden Chapel	9:00am	40
Sanctuary	10:00am	56
Total		96

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.



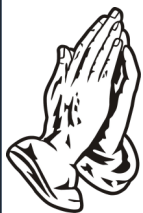
Mark Your Calendar

07/21/26 Vestry Meeting is Canceled for July

07/26/26 Strike the (VBS) Set

08/04/26 Fr. David Shoulder Surgery

08/09/26 Back to School Sunday and Second Sunday Brunch



I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER

BY THOMAS HOOD

I remember, I remember,
The house where I was born,
The little window where the sun
Came peeping in at morn;
He never came a wink too soon,
Nor brought too long a day,
But now, I often wish the night
Had borne my breath away!

I remember, I remember,
The roses, red and white,
The vi'lets, and the lily-cups,
Those flowers made of light!
The lilacs where the robin built,
And where my brother set
The laburnum on his birthday,—
The tree is living yet!

I remember, I remember,
Where I was used to swing,
And thought the air must rush as fresh
To swallows on the wing;
My spirit flew in feathers then,
That is so heavy now,
And summer pools could hardly cool
The fever on my brow!

I remember, I remember,
The fir trees dark and high;
I used to think their slender tops
Were close against the sky:
It was a childish ignorance,
But now 'tis little joy
To know I'm farther off from heav'n
Than when I was a boy.



Verse of the Week: Romans 8:17

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.



Flowers on the Altar are Given by Louis Bloodworth in Memory of Rufus Bloodworth

July Birthdays		St. Stephen's Prayer List (Parish Members are in Bold)
1	Mary Roach	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, Italo & Janet Casini, Roz Coleman (Althea Nye's friend) Jim Cross, Cory Davis, 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), Kim & 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, Dailia Walker, Meg & Rhys Wallace, Lynn Whitt, Lindsay Zielinski. Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn
2	Francis Smalling	
5	Larry Schuster	
6	Juanita Spence	
8	Susan Barham	
11	Tim Trimbath	
16	Erica DeMan, Judy Horne	
19	Sue DeMan	
	Stacy Englert	
	Jennifer Williams	
22	Tony Barfield	
	Gary Westberry	
23	Sue St Amour	
24	Jameson Ausmus	
25	Fr. David Peoples	
28	Debbie Bradford	
30	Ken Horne, Glen Richardi	
July Anniversaries		
2	David & Patricia Dresser	
6	Francis & Loreto Smalling	
23	Glen & Cathy Zielinski	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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