St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

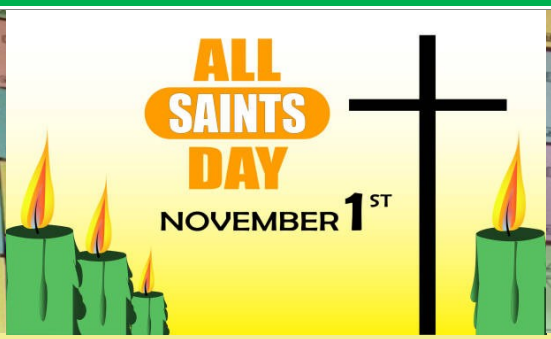
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Give Us a Name for our All Saints' Wall of Remembrance

As in prior years, St. Stephen's has a special way of remembering our loved ones who have gone before us. Multicolored sheets of paper with crosses printed on them are available in each of our worship areas. Please write the names of those you would like to remember on these sheets, which will be displayed on **All Saints' Sunday, November 1st**.

Please submit your loved ones' names by **October 25th** so they can be included in this year's remembrance.

Come Make a Joyful Noise!

With the return of our fall worship schedule, we need additional choir members for both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, we would love to have full choirs helping lead our worship and filling St. Stephen's with the joyful music of these special seasons. You do not need to be a professional singer—just someone who enjoys music, fellowship, and serving God through song.

If you feel called to share your voice with St. Stephen's, please speak with **Suzie**, our Choir Director, for more information. We would be delighted to have you join us!



St. Stephen's ...

To Love and Serve

God and Neighbor

2026-Betty Pratt, 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

New Day & Time for Our Midweek Service

Our midweek service is moving from Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. to **Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.** A book study will follow the service each week, except on the third Thursday of the month, when Lunch Bunch meets.

Everyone is welcome to join us for worship, learning, and fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at **863-646-6115**.

MIDWEEK

PRAY . PRAISE REFUEL



2026 Altar Flowers Needed

Just grab a dedication form and reserve your special date to honor loved ones or special occasions in 2026. Sunday dates are listed on a wall poster near your worship entrance. And dedication forms are available in both the Sanctuary and the Worship Center for your use.

Directory Update

Verify & Update Your Information

Help Us Update Our Parish Directory

With all the comings and goings during the past year, it is time to update our parish directory and make sure the information we have for everyone is correct.

Copies of the current directory will be available as you enter the church. Please take a few moments to review your information, even if you do not think anything has changed. Check that we have the correct names, mailing address, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversaries for everyone in your household. If any information is incorrect or missing, please make the necessary corrections. If your name is not included in the directory, please add your information so we can include you in the updated edition.

An accurate directory helps us stay connected, celebrate important occasions, and keep everyone informed about parish news and activities. Thank you for taking the time to help us keep our parish records complete and up to date!

Mailboxes and Name Tags

As we prepare for a cool and wonderful fall and winter, we are cleaning up the parish mailboxes and hope to begin using them more regularly. We would also like to encourage everyone to wear their name tags—it is a simple way to help us get to know one another and warmly welcome visitors.

If you have lost your name tag or never received one, please let Charlie know on Sunday, email ststoffice@gmail.com, or call the church office at 863-646-6115. We will do our best to have your new name tag ready the following Sunday.

Thank you!







Welcome to our Church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

10/20/26	**Vestry Meeting 6:00pm**
10/25/26	**Last day for All Saints Crosses to be turned in**
11/01/26	**All Saints Sunday & Day Light Savings time ends! Brunch between services**
11/03/26	**VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 and Election Day**

October 11, 2026

Sanctuary	**9:00am**	**60**
Worship Center	**10:00am**	**37**
Total		**97**

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: Matthew 22:21

Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

October Birthdays



1 Alice Clark
3 Lynn Whitt
6 Tom Hiber
7 Louis Bloodworth
8 Anderson Zielinski,
Joanie Mullin
9 Phil Wortman
11 Deven DeMan
15 Ava Naples
16 Nancy Hurley
17 Scott Dickie
Lyla Peddycoart
25 Mary Statzer
27 Jim Cross
28 Michele Jump
30 Major Kight
Dee Schaal
31 Kai Richardi



October Anniversaries

1 Nelson & Shirley Rumpel
8 Ray & Karen Spiller
17 Mike & Lynn Whitt

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**), **Janet Bingham**, Bryan Biery (**Judy Elam's** friend), Shannon Black, Sarah Leahy DePatie, Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rebecca Bloodworth (**Louis Bloodworth's** Daughter in Law), **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,Uncle Pat (**Michele Giberson's** Aunt) **Roger Doyle,** Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's** sister), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser**'s granddaughter) Justine (**Samantha Dutcher's** Daughter & baby Amari), **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), Karen Kent (**David Dresser's** Relative) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's** sister)**,** Minnie Lewis **(Sally Flanagan's** Sister in Law**)** 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, Carla Sauve,** Ed Silveira **(David Dresser's** Cousin**), Karen Spiller, 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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18 **9:00am in the Sanctuary** **10:15am Rector's Class, Sm Group Rm** **11:00am Worship Center**	**19** **8am Online Morning Prayer** **8pm Online Compline**	**20** **8am Online Morning Prayer** **Vestry 6-8pm** **8pm Online Compline**	**21** **8:00am Online Morning Prayer** **11:00am Holy Eucharist** **12:00pm Book Study Sm Grp Rm** **8pm Online Compline**	**22** **8:00am Online Morning Prayer** **8pm Online Compline**	**23** **8:00am Online Morning Prayer** **OFFICE CLOSED** **8pm Online Compline**	**24** **Office Closed**
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