



# ST. STEPHEN THIS WEEK

## St. Stephen Lutheran Church Newsletter



# ON THE WAY TO EASTER

Welcome to Holy Week at St. Stephen. We'll have worship services today (Maundy Thursday) at 6 p.m. and Good Friday, also at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Easter Breakfast begins at 8 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt is at 9:15. And, as always, choir practice begins at 9:30. The liturgy, of course, starts at 10.

Those of us who've arrived for worship at the last minute lately have noticed that parking spaces are hard to find. If you're a church, that's not a bad problem to have! People are showing up! But we always want new worshippers to know they're welcome. So it's time to remind the able-bodied among us that parking is available up the hill on Pinewood Drive, in that little office complex. If some of us park up there, we'll free up parking spaces closer to church.

One more note: If you take photos of the Easter activities at church, please pass along your

best ones to [rrhartung1@gmail.com](mailto:rrhartung1@gmail.com), for use in next week's newsletter. Our ace photographer will be in the heartland, visiting his mom. *(Photo by Colin Hackley, 2022, cropped)*

## UP ON THE ROOF

*By Pastor Tom*

Apachee Roofing is in the process of installing the new metal roof over the sanctuary! The color is Cocoa Brown. Thank you to everyone who voted, helped select the color, and has already given or pledged financial support to cover the cost. The roof and color will be a nice fit and improvement for many years to come.



I am pleased to announce that \$36,025 has been collected for the new roof and gutter drainage system. We have an additional \$11,500 pledged. That brings the total collected and pledged to \$47,525! The total cost for the project, which includes the columbarium, is \$52,090. There's just \$4,565 to go! Any excess funds received will be placed in the Building Together Capital Campaign Fund for heating-and-air improvements; Hingst Hall renovations; and other building and property improvements/renovations.

*[Editor's note: Ordinarily this item would've begun with a predictable sentence about how we approved the new roof and capital campaign at last Sunday's congregational meeting – but, as you can see, there's nothing ordinary about this project. This photo was taken Tuesday, and things have moved swiftly since then. We'll provide regular updates in future newsletters. Photo by Colin Hackley.]*

## PARKING TIPS FOR APRIL 11 RETREATERS

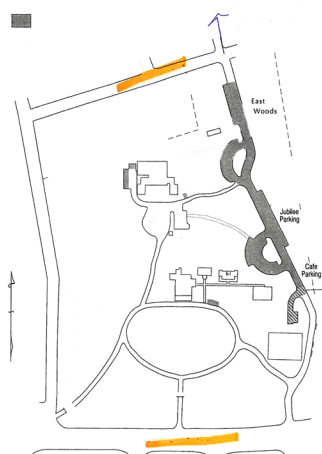
By Caroline Collins

A Goodwood Museum & Gardens plant sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. means that parking near the Carriage House (where our upcoming retreat will take place)

will be limited. To ensure that on-site parking remains available for those with accessibility needs, we encourage those who are able to walk on uneven terrain to come early and park in the hospital staff lot on Surgeons Drive. Please use caution when crossing the street.

Here are more general reminders:

- Arrive early to find parking.
- Consider your ride-sharing options now.
- Check in by 8:45 a.m. and enjoy breakfast.
- Welcome begins at 9:25 a.m. Jacqueline Bussie speaks at 9:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Map is attached.



Printed maps are available from Rita during office hours and in the narthex. If you have questions regarding parking, or require personal assistance, please contact me at [pinkandgreen850@gmail.com](mailto:pinkandgreen850@gmail.com) or 850-566-9990, by Saturday, April 4.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

## BEFORE YOU GO...

- Sharon Simmons reports: "Susan Smith, of Refuge House Tallahassee, was overwhelmed when she arrived to pick up the diapers and baby wipes for use by clients at Refuge House. St. Stephen, you OUT-DID yourselves! We collected 1,822 diapers and 2,340 baby wipes. Thank you, thank you, thank you!" (Photo by Sharon)



- Once again, here's Sharon: "St. Stephen really knows how to Spice It Up. The tub was almost full with a variety of spices to be delivered to Seminole Neighborhood Pantry. Many thanks to Karen Olson for taking the spices and coordinating the delivery with the Pantry folks."
- We collected \$450 for Grace Mission from our Noisy Offering last Sunday. (Cue the applause.)

- Speaking of applause ... I just read this thrilling excerpt from a *Tallahassee Democrat* story: "It's a rare condition in this day and age to read any good news on the [Weather Tiger] newsletter page, but I have some for you. For the first time in over a decade, all key forecast predictors are signaling elevated odds of an *inactive* Atlantic hurricane season ahead." Amen to that!
- If you have any questions about the upcoming church camping trip April 17-19, see Mark Greeley or Colin Hackley.



- If you have an anniversary, birthday, special memory or special St. Stephen person or program you'd like to honor, celebrate by sponsoring the altar flowers for our service. Sign up on the flower chart, out by the name tags, or ask Rita to sign you up. Include the \$40 with your regular offering. And then take the flowers home!
- And pictured here is the newsletter editor's latest suggestion, in case the Church Council ever decides to provide him with a company car. It's a 1950 Nash, racing uphill. As the text states: "The clean, flowing lines ... bespeak refinement." Lord, watch over us as we drive through life, in search of, um, refinement.

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY

**Pastor Tom Holdcraft**, Preaching and Presiding; **Colleen Holdcraft**, Assisting Minister; **Susan Warren**, Cup Minister; **Violet Greeley**, Lector; **Ben Bush and Cindy Suhrweir**, Tech Team; **Beth Alexander and Rita Ford**, Altar Guild; **Margaret Bowers and Patricia Handschy**, Counters; **Simone Schuster**, Cantor; **Patrick Kennell and Audrey Post**, Ushers; **Denise Bookwalter**, Announcements

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS



- Colin Hackley - 4/6
- Gordon Fleischer - 4/6
- Vicki Guttenplan - 4/7
- Beth Alexander - 4/11
- Rudy Hehn - 4/12
- Donna Schiffer - 4/13
- Erik Robinson - 4/14
- Elizabeth Halvorson - 4/15
- Cassandra White - 4/16
- Sandy Lamb-Daniels - 4/17
- Terri Schmitt - 4/17
- Tyler Notley - 4/18
- Russell Reardon - 4/26
- Colleen Holdcraft - 4/29
- Sarah Bacani - 4/29

## COMING UP

### Today:

Noon - Al-Anon meets in Pastor Emory Hingst Memorial Fellowship Hall, aka Hingst Hall (HH)

6 p.m. - Maundy Thursday

7 p.m. - AA meets in HH

### This Friday:

9:30 a.m. - TOPS meets in HH

6 p.m. - Good Friday

### This Sunday:

8 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

9:15 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

9:30 a.m. - Choir rehearsal

10 a.m. - Worship, Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

### Monday, April 6:

Church office will be closed

5 p.m. - TIMA meets in HH

### Tuesday, April 7:

5 p.m. - NA meets in HH

### Wednesday, April 8:

5 p.m. - TIMA meets in HH

7 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

### Thursday, April 9:

10 a.m. - Bible study



If you have news or photos to share,  
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