



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
307 LONGTOWN ROAD, RIDGEWAY, SC 29130
THE EPISTLE
SEPTEMBER 2026

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
Joe Lupia	9
Chanee Battle	14
Beth Valentine	14

PRIEST SCHEDULE		
September 6	Morning Prayer	15 th Sunday After Pentecost
September 13	Fr. Arthur Turfa	16 th Sunday After Pentecost
September 20.	Morning Prayer	17 th Sunday After Pentecost
September 27	Fr. Charles Davis	18 th Sunday After Pentecost
October 4	Morning Prayer	19 th Sunday After Pentecost
October 11	Fr. Arthur Turfa	20 th Sunday After Pentecost

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday November 15, 2026 in the Church Hall immediately after the service. Reports from various committees will be sent out in advance of the Meeting. After reading them should any members have questions or need additional information bring said questions to the meeting.

Items on the agenda will be the presentation of the 2027 budget for approval by the membership, nomination and election of two new members to the Mission Committee, nomination and election of a new Senior Warden and Junior Warden, and nomination of two Delegates and two Alternates to the 2027 Convention. Father Arthur will conduct the service prior to the meeting.

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is on October 4, 2026. We will not have a priest that day so the Blessing of the Animals will have to be moved to October 11th. Fr. Arthur will be here to do the service and blessings that day. Beverley Anderson has volunteered to plan the event on October 11th. More will be coming from Beverley as she gets the plans together. Thank you, Beverley, for doing this.
As soon as I secure the venue for the Monthly night out I will get the word out.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Please join us for Adult Bible Study starting Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 9:15 am in the parish hall. [Life Lessons from Ephesians](#) by Max Lucado can be purchased through Amazon or your favorite book seller. We will start with Lesson 1. Contact Chanee Battle if you have questions, 803-431-1783

SAVE THE DATE

The next St. Stephen's Night Out is Thursday, September 17, 6:00 pm, name of location will be sent out soon.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting is scheduled for November 15 after the 10:30 service. Father Arthur Turfo is scheduled to do the service. We would like as many church members as possible to attend for the Annual meeting following the service.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The food bank collection is the first Sunday of each month. Any nonperishable food item is welcomed. Also, the Winnsboro Food Bank accepts checks. You can drop off food items and any checks (in an envelope) in the church hall in the box on the table against the wall.

FLOWERS

Please consider signing up for bringing altar flowers. We love the beautiful flowers at the altar. The signup sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway to the fellowship hall.

FALL CLEANUP FOR CHURCH ROOMS

On Saturday, September 19, 10:00, St. Stephen's will have a clean-up day for the rooms in the church. Please join us that day as we tidy-up spaces.

September 1, 2026

I am honored to have been serving our congregation as your Treasurer. St. Stephen's has a good financial position due to the longstanding stewardship of its members. It is incumbent on our current congregation and its members to maintain our beautiful and historic facilities, our community outreach, and to grow our congregation in God's work with our continued financial support.

Please note the attached 2027 Pledge Card for your prayerful review and provide your commitment for the coming year by November 1, 2026, enabling us to develop our budgets for the coming year,

In His service,

Phil Frye

Phil Frye, Treasurer

2027 Saint Stephen's Pledge Card

As a Christian Steward in gratitude for God's gifts and love, I commit my time, talent and treasure for God's work in this congregation:

\$ _____ per Week Month Year
(circle one)

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Your pledge may be changed or cancelled at any time by notifying the Church Treasurer.

Please place in the alms basin in a sealed envelope marked Treasurer or mail to:
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, PO Box 26, Ridgeway, SC 29130 (Attn: Treasurer)

Please see information below about Small Church Fellowship on October 2 and 3! If interested in going contact Tom Harwood



Our 3rd Thursday August dinner at the Windmill Restaurant.