

ST. STEPHEN SCROLL

St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community of believers, saved by the grace of God, who are called to:

- *share his love through words and actions;*
- *welcome others into the family of Christ.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is time to make your plans to attend the 2019 Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries' Gala on Saturday, May 11th starting at 6:30 pm.

The Gala is FCHUM's biggest fundraiser of the year. Every year the Gala raises 1,000s of dollars to support the powerful ministries of FCHUM. So far this year FCHUM is helping more than 300 families each month with food alone. The Adult Day Center provides care for over 20 adults living with dementia or Alzheimer's disease 5 days a week. Many, many Meals on Wheels are delivered through FCHUM to our neighbors who find cooking nutritious meals difficult.

You are invited to be a part of this amazing ministry. Here are some ways you can support the ministry of FCHUM:

Purchase a \$30.00 ticket from Michelle Malone and join in the fun of the Gala on Saturday, May 11th. Last year the fellowship was delightful, the food amazing, and the auction competitive.

The FCHUM Food Shelf always needs those toiletry essentials you use every single day like toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, and toilet paper.

They also need peanut butter, canned chicken, tuna, spaghetti and sauce, stew, macaroni and cheese and ravioli.

You could volunteer at FCHUM. They love helping hands and smiling faces.

If you can't come to the Gala, talk to Michelle Malone about how you can adopt a theme basket to donate to the Gala for the silent auction.

Help your pastor win the Heavenly Dessert contest for the 4th year in a row. I am currently selling washcloths to raise money for the FCHUM Heavenly Dessert competition between the area pastors. The washcloths cost \$3.00. All of the money we raise will go towards supporting the powerful, life-changing ministries of FCHUM. These wash cloths make awesome Easter gifts, Mother's Day presents, or just because I love you gifts! If you do not want or need a wash cloth or 35 please consider making a donation to the halo fund anyway. It really is not about the halo. **It is about sharing God's love with our neighbors!**

God is at work in our community, and we are invited to be a blessing to others. Truly that is good news!

In Christ –
Pastor Kerri



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Holy Week Schedule and Activities

Maundy Thursday Soup Supper,	April 18th at 6:00 pm
Maundy Thursday Worship,	April 18th at 7:00 pm
Good Friday Lenten Meal,	April 19th at 6:00 pm
Good Friday Worship,	April 19th at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday,	April 21st at 8 am & 10 am
Easter Breakfast,	April 21st at 9:00 am
Easter Egg Hunt	April 21st at 11:20 am

You are invited to enjoy breakfast and a little fellowship with your St. Stephen friends at **9:00am on Easter in the fellowship hall** between the morning worship services. **If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many to expect.**

There will be no Sunday school on Easter.

Easter Candy Donations & Egg Hunt

Please help make our Easter egg hunt on April 21st a grand success by providing the Senior High School class with bags of small individually-wrapped candy for them to stuff into plastic eggs for the youth of the church to find. If you can help, please **bring candy by April 7th**, and place it in the Senior Youth classroom. We do not need any more plastic eggs. In advance, we thank the Senior Youth for their hard work and all of those who donate candy!

Items & Help Needed for Our Yard Sale!

St. Stephen will have a yard sale on **Saturday, April 13th**, and we have collected a few items for the sale, but we could use so many more. We are now storing items for the sale in the courtyard room in the church.

We also need volunteers to help with pricing beforehand and other jobs on the day of the sale. **Please sign up in the narthex if you can help us make this sale a success!**

Easter Lily Donations

Easter lilies will be placed around the altar on Easter to enhance the worship space. If you wish to honor or remember your loved ones with donations of Easter lilies, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. **We have ordered 30 lilies, and St. Stephen's cost is \$10 per plant.** We hope to recover our costs. You may place your donations in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Lily". We need to have your requests **no later than Sunday, April 14th**, if possible. You may take the lilies home after the 10am Easter worship service.

Busy Palm Sunday

10:00 am Worship:

As has been the tradition in recent years, when you arrive for worship Palm Sunday morning, April 14th, and find the sanctuary empty, you are invited to join us in the fellowship hall where we plan to gather for worship. After everyone has received a palm branch and/or ribbon wand, we will share in a brief scripture reading and prayer before processing into the sanctuary while singing "Jesus Loves Me." Join the procession!



Easter Basket Auction:

We are still collecting baskets for the Easter Basket Auction at St. Stephen on **Palm Sunday, April 14th, after the 10:00am worship service** to raise money to support the youth ministry here. Fred McBride will handle the bidding while the youth group hosts a light lunch during the festivities. **Save your lunch money for the auction!** If you

are providing a basket, please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex, so that we can avoid duplicating basket themes.

Completed baskets are due at the church by April 7th. Any questions? Please contact Paul Kiser, 502-435-5534, or pkiser@bellarmine.edu.



Work Day

St. Stephen's spring church property work day will be on **Saturday, April 6th**, so that we can clean up the property and prepare for the yard sale on April 13th. Please join us at **8:30 am** or as soon as you can. There are jobs for people of all abilities. It is also a good time to drop off yard sale items!

Confirmands, this is a good way to make up some of your service hours too!



Golden Sneakers

On **Wednesday, April 17th**, the Golden Sneakers will meet for lunch. The location has not yet been determined. Watch your upcoming bulletins and the narthex sign-up sheets for more information. Bill & Vivian Wise, 502-239-1162, are hosting this event. All are welcome! If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex when the sign-up sheet is available so that we will know that you are coming.

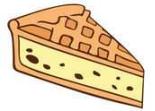
Save the Date For

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries' **"Pennies From Heaven" Annual 2019 Gala Auction & Dinner**

Saturday, May 11th, 2019 at 6:30pm at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 5505 Bardstown Rd

Silent Auction, Live Auction, Live Music, Mark's Feed Store Catered Dinner

Tickets \$30.00, Contact Michelle Malone @ 502-475-2404 or FCHUM @ 502-762-9608



ELCA World Hunger Campaign Continues

As you enjoy coloring honey bees in the fellowship hall, keep filling our "honey pot" with donations for the ELCA World Hunger Campaign to buy more bee hives for needy communities around the world who use the beeswax to make soaps, candles, and other products to create small, sustainable businesses, and enable more bees to pollinate plants and boost crop growth. **Each new hive costs \$20.00.** Help us provide as many hives as possible! While you are considering your donation, please read the weekly bulletin inserts about people who benefited from ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response. If you prefer not to color, there are ELCA World Hunger envelopes in the pew racks. You may mail the envelope to the address on the back of the envelope, or you may simply place the envelope in the offering plate. Thank you in advance for your support!



"Souper" Bowl of Caring Thanks

Throughout the month of February, we collected food items for the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries for the "Souper Bowl of Caring". We did not have the totals before the March newsletter was printed, but now we do:

Canned Pasta = 40

Canned Pork and Beans = 5

Canned Fruit and Vegetables = 66

Jars of Peanut Butter = 4

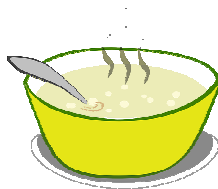
Family Meals = 4

Pasta, Rice, and Macaroni and Cheese = 33

Raman = 25

Canned Tuna and Chicken = 47

Thanks to all who contributed!



First Communion Celebration

At the **10:00 am worship service on Sunday, March 3rd**, four Saint Stephen youths, (William Beckman, Madelyn Giles, Grace Summers, and Jaina Legg) celebrated their First Communion. Congratulations!



South Central Conference Variety Show Success

A note from Tammy Kissling, Youth Coordinator for the ELCA IN-KY SCC, regarding the SCC variety show on March 16th at Christ Lutheran:

THANK YOU all for your support of the Variety Show!! The event was much more successful than I had anticipated, which is a very good problem to have!

I wanted to let you know that we made a total of \$1828.05 = \$975 from ticket sales, \$325 on the baskets, and \$528.05 from the bake sale. I estimated that about 150 people were there.

April 2019 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/21/19	4/28/19	5/5/19
Lector	Sean Morris	Elizabeth Seifert	Julia Davis	Susan Johnston	Bob Meyer
Ushers	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Fred McBride See sign-up sheet	Marcus Utley Pat Markley	Teta Kahn Elaine Peterson
Acolyte	Ella Markley Ruby Kate Zimmerman	Kayleigh Kiser	See sign-up sheet	Lilly Morris	Mallory Allen
Communion Table	Grace Summers Jennifer Summers	Sean Morris Emma Morris	See sign-up sheet See sign-up sheet	Adolphus Kahn Teta Kahn	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson
Commun. Deacon	Bob Meyer	Karen Davis	See sign-up sheet	Fred McBride	Cheryl Markley
Nursery	Jennifer Kiser	Cheryl Markley	See sign-up sheet	Elizabeth Seifert	Connie Miller
Cantor	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer	See sign-up sheet	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey
Worship Coord.	Jack McFarland	Paul Kiser	Paul Kiser	Steven Sarson	Rod Firquin
Greeter(s)	Teta Kahn	Marcia Peterson	See sign-up sheet	Ellen & Chuck Ullom	Phyllis Boston
Coffee Hour	J. Davis	McFarlands/Youth Group/Sarsons	Easter Breakfast	Needed	Needed

Extra Worship Servers are needed for the Easter, April 21st 8:00 am worship service. Here are the servers we have so far:

8:00 am

Lector—Marilyn Mills

Ushers—Needed

Acolyte(s)—Needed

Communion Table—Needed

Deacon—Needed

Nursery—Needed

Cantor—Needed

Worship Coordinator—Needed

Greeter(s)—Needed

Please note that some of the openings may have been filled after printing.

Start Saving Now

Please start saving **empty toilet paper rolls** now for a fabulous Vacation Bible School art project. If you can help, please give your rolls to Pastor Kerri.

March Candle Donors

3rd - Markley family in honor of Cheryl Markley's birthday

10th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Stephen Summers' birthday

17th - Connie Clark in honor of Tyler Carpenter's birthday

24th - McFarland family for the glory of God

31st - Candace Thonen & Jacob Kanipe in memory of Jack Kanipe

***The cost to provide the sanctuary candle is \$4.00.**

God's Blessings to these April birthdays:

Madelyn Giles	5	William Beckman	12
Aaron Davis	6	Hailey Thompson	12
Connie Miller	8	Jon Bunner	14
Carol Ochs	10	Lucy Zimmerman	26
Amanda Thonen	11	Brian Malone	29


We celebrate with these couples having April anniversaries:

Michael & Tracy Fajardo	(13th/1996)
Greg & Jessica Allen	(16th/1994)
Bill & Meg Thompson	(19th/1969)
Gene & Cindy Sprowl	(24th/1971)



April 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00— Creative Hands Sew Group	2 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group	3	4	5 6:00 - 8:00— Girl Scout Troop 8	6 8:30— Church Work Day 9:00—Weight Watchers
7 No Sunday School 10:00—Holy Communion 11:15— Coffee Hr 11:30—Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:30— Council 5:00—Holy Communion	8	9	10	11 6:30—Worship & Music Committee	12 6:00 - 8:00— Girl Scout Troop 8	13 8:00 - noon— St. Stephen Yard Sale 9:00—Weight Watchers 
14 Palm Sunday 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30— Easter Basket Auction & Light Lunch 5:00—Holy Communion	15	16 6:00—Finance Committee	17 Golden Sneakers’ Lunch	18 Maundy Thursday 1:00—Worship Service 6:00—Soup Supper 7:00— Worship Service	19 Good Friday 1:00—Worship Service 6:00—Light Lenten Meal 7:00— Worship Service	20 9:00—Weight Watchers
21 Easter 8:00—Holy Communion 9:00— Easter Breakfast, No Sunday School 10:00—Holy Communion 11:20— Egg Hunt	22 	23 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	24	25	26	27 9:00—Weight Watchers 
28 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30— Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Upcoming Events: May 11th—FCHUM “Pennies From Heaven” Gala May 19th—Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Confirmation </div>			

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April 2019 St. Stephen Scroll

Worship Services:
 Education Hr (during school yr) 9:00 AM
 Sunday 10:00 AM, Sunday 5:00 PM

Due date for next month's newsletter articles is always the 17th of the month before. Send to: secretary.ststephen@gmail.com



May 2019 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	5/5/19	5/12/19	5/19/19	5/26/19	6/2/19
Lector	Bob Meyer	Paul Kiser	Tammy Utley	Marilyn Mills	Nicole Legg
Ushers	Teta Kahn Elaine Peterson	James Clark Darlene Clark	Glenn Eisenbrey Fred McBride	Bill Wise Vivian Wise	Rod Firquin Ruth Kleitz
Acolyte(s)	Mallory Allen	Lucy Zimmerman	Genevieve Morris	Jack McFarland	Everett Seifert
Communion Table	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Jack McFarland Deb Steines	Barry Mills Marilyn Mills	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser	Charlie Boston Phyllis Boston
Commun. Deacon	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Jack McFarland	Karen Davis	Bob Meyer
Nursery	Connie Miller	Carol Ochs	Teta Kahn	Jennifer Kiser	Cheryl Markley
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Coffee Hour	Needed	Needed	Confirmation Parents	—	—

