

# 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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

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

I vividly remember gazing out our kitchen window one very cold evening this past winter while I washed the dinner dishes. As I stood there contemplating the seemingly endless, absolutely miserable winter we were enduring, I found myself dreaming of escaping to a tropical island. I could see our family building sand castles on a beach as a warm breeze ruffled the boys' hair. I even thought I could hear the sound of the waves. (Sadly, it was just our dishwasher washing yet another load of baby bottles, sippy cups, and soup bowls.) I was so moved by my vision of actual sunshine, blue skies, and temperatures above freezing that I turned to Jason and declared - "I would love to run away to an exotic tropical island." "Me too," came Jason's response, "but we have two kids who like to eat every day."

Jason seemed to think I wasn't going to be headed to an exotic, tropical island anytime soon, but I am happy to announce that he was wrong. I do get to go to an exotic, tropical island. In fact, I get to go this July, and I am inviting all of you to join me.

You are invited to join us for a trip to Son Treasure Island. **Our trip will start on Monday, July 7th and continue every evening from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm through Friday, July 11th.**

Each evening, your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, acquaintances, and neighbors can join us on Son Treasure Island where we will explore its glittering turquoise waters and gorgeous white sand beaches. The travel brochure promises that we will be welcomed by the scent of exotic flowers, the taste of tropical fruits, and the captivating sound of island music. Best of all, this is no ordinary tropical island. There is treasure to be found on Son Treasure Island. This treasure is more precious than gold, and more lasting than diamonds. It is the greatest treasure of all - God's love!

At Son Treasure Island, your treasure seekers will play island games, create colorful crafts, sing songs, and enjoy tropical snacks as they discover the great treasure of God's love through the life of Jesus.

I am positive Vacation Bible School is going to be totally, amazingly awesome again this year.

I look forward to seeing you on our trip to this incredible tropical paradise!

In Christ –  
*Pastor Kerri*



P.S. – We are looking for lots and lots of grown-ups who can help us make Saint Stephen's 2014 Vacation Bible School unforgettable. If you are interested in helping please let Janette Constantino, Glenn Eisenbrey, Andrea Goebel, Sean Morris, or Pastor Kerri know.

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**Pastor Kerri M.  
McFarland  
Pastor Emeritus,  
Thomas D. Swasko**

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is a member of the  
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Church in America.*

## 2014 Council Members

**Brenda Firquin,**  
President  
**Buddy Zimmerman,**  
Vice President  
**Cheryl Markley,**  
Council Secretary  
**Rod Firquin,**  
Rec. Secretary (non-voting)  
**Larry Faue,**  
**Andrea Goebel,**  
**Paul Kiser**  
**Connie Miller,**  
**Rita Sarson,**  
**Bill Thompson**  
**Bill Wise,**  
Financial Secretary  
**Buddy Zimmerman,**  
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Pianist/Organist  
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ststephen-louisville.com*

## Vacation Bible School

**St. Stephen's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July 7th-11th**, and the theme is "Son Treasure Island". There are sign up sheets for volunteers and meal providers in the narthex. We need people, supplies, and food. All volunteers, 7th grade through adult, are appreciated. If you cannot volunteer but would still like to help, we still need a few items for VBS:

**Paint brushes**  
**3/4" dia. X 36" or 48" wooden dowel rods**  
**Foil-wrapped Rolos and Hersheys kisses candy**



If you can provide any of these items or have questions, please contact Andrea Goebel, 757-237-0114, or bring the items to the church office. **Monetary donations are appreciated as well.** Please make your check out to "St. Stephen Lutheran Church", and write "VBS" on the memo line. All VBS participants **Ages 4 through the completion of 6th grade are welcome.** Bring friends! You can register on sheets in the narthex, or you can print out a registration sheet from home through St. Stephen website, [ststephen-louisville.com](http://ststephen-louisville.com). Click on the VBS icon to pull up the registration sheet, which you can print, fill out, and bring to church. As in the past several years, **a light supper will be served for the kids and volunteers from 5:30-6:00 pm, and VBS will run from 6:00-8:30 pm.**

## Christmas in July

Once again, we will be celebrating Christmas in July at Saint Stephen. On **Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at the morning worship service** we will ignore the soaring temperatures and the blazing sun, and think Christmas-y thoughts while singing Christmas carols. **Worship will be followed by an extra special coffee hour.** Please bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies or pastries to share.

We hope there will be Christmas presents galore too. **Starting Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>,** you will find Christmas trees with paper ornaments in the narthex. The paper ornaments will have Christmas present ideas written on them. All of these presents will be school supplies for needy children in our community. We will make sure your presents are delivered to the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries in time to bless as many children as possible.

We will also begin collecting our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. This time of year is a great time to start packing our shoeboxes, because of the wonderful sales on school supplies. Please consider bringing a completed shoebox with you. There are information brochures and gift suggestion sheets in the narthex.

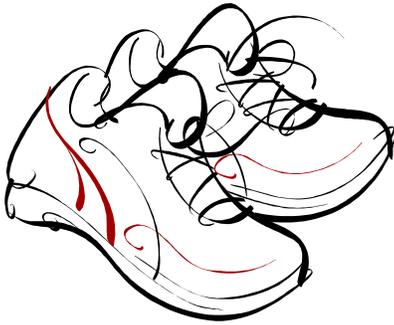
Don't forget to wear your favorite Christmas tie or sweater. We promise to have the A/C running!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New School Year!

## Golden Sneakers Will Take a Break

For the months of July and August, the Golden Sneakers will be taking a break. However, we want you to be thinking of fun, new things to do together in the coming months. **In September**, we have our annual planning meeting/lunch. The date and time will be confirmed in a later

newsletter. We want you to bring and share your ideas then. See you in the fall!



## Directory Progress

The St. Stephen 2014-2015 address and phone directory will be printed in July and available in the narthex soon. Copies will be mailed to shut-ins. If you would like a copy and are not able to make it to church, please call the church office, 239-7778, and let us know that you would like it to be mailed.

## Schedule Notes

Prayer Shawl & Women's Bible Study will not meet until September. Enjoy your summer, and we will see you in the fall at these activities!

## Thanks for St. Stephen/American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Stephen and the American Red Cross Blood held a blood drive on June 17th. **12 donors attempted to donate, while 10 were successful. 7 of those 10 were from St. Stephen.** Thank you for your generosity. Look for articles in coming newsletters for the date of the next blood drive.

## Youth Car Wash Thank You's

The St. Stephen Youth held a car wash on June 1st to raise money for their annual haunted house and other youth activities. They **raised \$191.00** by washing cars for many generous participants. Thank you to all who participated in washing cars or having cars washed!

## Thanks from Lora Farmer:

Thanks for all your prayers and cards. Also, thanks to the prayer shawl ladies. The shawl is so beautiful. I had my last treatment, and I am doing okay.

Best Wishes,  
*Lora*

## New Baby

It is with great joy that I announce the safe arrival of Lindsey Marie. Lindsey Marie is Kim Thonen's 3rd stunningly beautiful grandchild, and is Amanda's daughter. Lindsey was born on Friday, May 30th and weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulations to the entire Thonen family on this incredible blessing.

## ST. STEPHEN LUTHERAN CHURCH SPECIALLY-CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING

June 1, 2014

The specially called meeting of the congregation was called by the Saint Stephen church council and council president. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the congregation of financial trend (expenses vs. giving) information through the first quarter of the current year. The meeting was called to order by the council president, Brenda Firquin, and an opening prayer was offered by Pr. Kerri McFarland.

A quorum was established, 42 voting members were counted as present.

The council president thanked the members in attendance for their participation. She expressed to the members, "This is our church – yours and mine. We share in the responsibility for the future of this congregation. In 2010, we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Stephen. Whether you are a new member or a long-time member, we are all responsible. While the Church Council is charged with general oversight of the life and activities of the congregation, and for financial and property matters, the congregation retains the ultimate responsibility and power for ensuring the future for St. Stephen. We need your participation and involvement, which is ultimately why the Council voted to call this special Congregational meeting."

The council president outlined the last two years efforts by the church council to create and manage the budget of the church. In October of 2011, a congregational Finance workshop was held to inform and seek input from the congregation concerning current financial health of the church. In that meeting, suggestions were taken that could help the church financially. The 2012 budget was built based on the approximate 2011 giving, with an overall budget reduction of \$13,000 from the 2011 budget. The council then set out to employ some of the suggestions. Some of those suggestions implemented are:

1. Refinance of the new sanctuary mortgage, which resulted in a monthly savings of \$500.00.
2. Committee chairs were asked to spend only what is absolutely necessary.
3. Continue the separate mortgage fund from which the mortgage would be paid and individuals could give to directly, and place special emphasis on giving to the mortgage/building fund.
4. Increased giving. The congregation responded during 2012. Giving increased approximately \$15,000.00 for 2012.

The 2013 budget was built based on actual spending in each budget category and reported giving for the 2012 year. It was a very lean budget. But, the level of giving in 2013 decreased below the 2011 level. **Giving over the 3 year period of 2011-2013, went up from \$118,000 in 2011 to \$133,000 in 2012 and back down to \$117,000 in 2013.** So, the "actual cash" on hand in all church accounts decreased leading into the current year. The reason for the current financial situation of the church is *a rapid and significant decrease in giving for the first quarter of the current year, 2014 and the reduced "actual cash" on hand.* The current budget, while approving 2% pay raises for employees, has been trimmed of all excess and budget spending efforts have reduced fixed costs as much as feasible. The approved pay raises resulted in a total increase of \$1,300.00 for the salary category in the 2014 budget.

The finance committee, chaired by Pat Markley and Buddy Zimmerman, has been watching the giving trend very closely. Since the beginning of the current year, the general savings money market account has been reduced by approximately \$2,000.00. These funds were transferred to the general checking account, which was necessary to meet operating expense obligations.

The committee shared information on the "cash assets" from January 2013 to May 2014. The cash assets are held in three accounts: general checking, Mission plus (savings), and the building fund. During the time noted, the cash assets of the church have decreased approximately \$11,257.00. The only other accounts the church holds are the building annex (rental house) and the social ministry account. These are not included in the "cash assets" reporting.

The committee also shared information concerning overall spending categories of the church, for the 2014 budget, in the form of a pie chart. The 2014 budget of \$148,215.00 was approved at the congregational meeting in February. The largest portion of the budget is in salaries, which includes pastor, custodial, church secretary, and organist for a total of \$100,975.00. The operation budget (LG&E, water, sanitation, maintenance) was approved at \$25,078.00. Ministry budget was \$5,550.00. Benevolence was set at \$3,700.00. It was noted nothing has been spent on benevolence, except FCHUM, which results from special offerings. No budgeted monies have been sent to the Indiana/Kentucky Synod in 2014.

The committee also presented information on the overall giving of the congregation in the form of a pie chart for 2013. The "individual or family" giving categories were reported in groups in increments of \$1,000.00. The largest giving group in numbers (31) gave less than \$1,000.00 for the year ending December 2013. Bill Wise, finance secretary, reported 90 offering envelope boxes were distributed for 2014. This pie chart will appear in the July newsletter.

It was noted that a special letter was sent to all members on March 27, 2014, informing members of the current financial situation and the shortfall due to the continued decrease in giving for the first quarter of 2014. At that time, we were already behind \$5778. In an effort keep the congregation informed, we have been sharing the weekly offering totals in the bulletin along with our weekly budgetary requirements of \$2850. For the first 21 Sundays of 2014, that weekly budget requirement has only been met on 5 Sundays. (Two of those were Palm Sunday and Easter, when attendance and giving typically increase.)

The finance committee suggested if overall giving increased by 15%, the current budget would be met and the church would be back on sound financial footing. While this percentage was not suggested in 2012, the congregation responded to an unspecified pledge increase during that year. The committee presented examples of the amounts of weekly increase in giving for each "giving category" if the 15% increase was met. These examples will be printed in the July newsletter.

It was noted that the only other solution to the financial trend is for congregation to experience some "church lifestyle" changes. Meaning, if salaries must be cut, individuals or families will need to be involved in the cleaning of the church. Newsletters and bulletins would be created by volunteers. Would the church organist be a position we would have to eliminate out of necessity? These are hopefully areas where we don't want to go, but without increased giving these and other cost savings would have to be implemented to keep the doors open on Sunday.

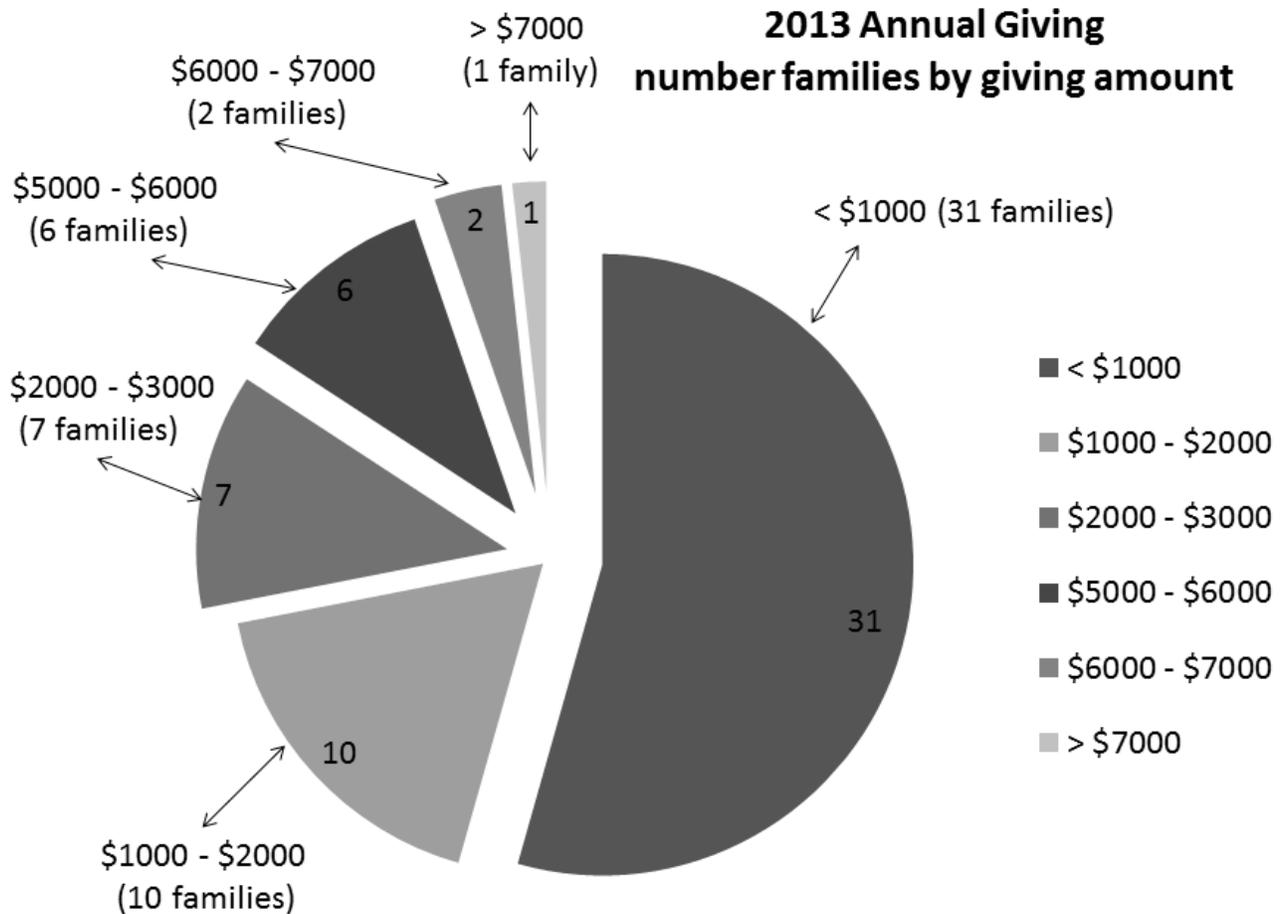
Congregation members offered the following suggestions:

1. Make the information shown in pie charts and graphs available to the entire congregation. Place in bulletins and newsletters and visually in the Narthex. Those members not in attendance at this meeting should receive this
2. information with a letter of explanation from the council. Hopefully, this will make all members, not just those in attendance at this meeting, aware of the finances of the church.
3. Mid-year giving statements will be made available to the congregation in July with the question-"How are you doing at mid-year in your financial commitment to this church and the work of God's people in this community?".
4. Information will be provided to allow congregation members to set up automatic monthly deposits to the church from their personal accounts. This was a suggestion to allow members who are not in attendance each week to continue their giving pledge.
5. Another congregational meeting will be held in September, right before the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, to assess the impact of the suggestions and actions.

The council president and council will follow through on the suggestions offered. Congregation members are requested to submit any other suggestions to council members, Pr. McFarland, or the council president. Watch for information related to the above suggestions as well as current financial information in the newsletters and bulletin.

M/S to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Mills/ Fred McBride.

Carried by voice vote.



## Where do we go from here?

- Giving increase by 15% across the board  
- Need this to meet expenses
- Lifestyle changes

### 15% Giving Increase Means

- If you currently give \$500 per year,  
15% increase = \$1.45 more per week
- If you currently give \$1500 per year,  
15% increase = \$4.32 more per week
- If you currently give \$2500 per year,  
15% increase = \$7.21 more per week
- If you currently give \$3500 per year,  
15% increase = \$10.10 more per week



## St. Stephen Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the council was called to order by council president, Brenda Firquin. A voting quorum was established. Pr. Kerri McFarland opened the meeting with prayer.

Members in attendance: Brenda Firquin, Cheryl Markley, Andrea Goebel, Connie Miller, Buddy Zimmerman, Rita Sarson, Kenna Markley, Pr. Kerri McFarland, Rod Firquin (recording secretary). Members Absent: Larry Faue, Bill Thompson, Paul Kiser

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the May meeting were printed in the June newsletter. No changes were offered. M/S- B. Zimmerman/C. Miller to accept the minutes as printed. Carried.

### **Pastor's Report: Pr. McFarland**

1. Reported on the convention. She would be sharing more with the council and membership in the coming weeks. A lot of discussion at the convention concerning stewardship and our relationship with our money.
2. Rev. George Mercer will officiate at the weekend services on July 27.
3. Marsha and Denny Simpson have requested to move their membership to South East Christian Church.

### **President's Report: B. Firquin**

**Financial Reports:** See reports printed at the end of the minutes.

1. Treasurer's Report May 2014. M/S-C. Markley/A. Goebel to accept as presented. Carried
2. Financial Secretary's Report for April and May 2014. M/S- R. Sarson/B. Zimmerman to accept as presented. Carried

### **Old Business:**

1. Discussion of the congregational meeting. Members were appreciative of the congregation members who attended as well as the heartfelt discussion and sentiments expressed. It is obvious from the discussion the members present agree with the council, that in order for the church to gain a sound financial base, overall giving must increase. The budget line items have been trimmed as much as possible and the council has instituted as many cost saving initiatives as available. The council will follow the suggestions brought forward in the meeting and keep the membership informed of the financial health of the church. Members are reminded to follow the financial information on a weekly basis in the bulletin as well as monthly in the newsletter. Minutes of the meeting can be found in the July newsletter.
2. The council wishes to recognize Rev. Joe Kiser's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. This milestone is greatly appreciated by those he has served and those he continues to serve here at St. Stephen and St. Mark.

### **New Business:**

1. The Worship and Music committee has coordinated the last two church yard sales. The first was to fund the purchase of the new hymnals and the second was to purchase Bibles for confirmation class students as well as funding for Youth Quake. At this time, this committee does not have a project in mind that the yard sale could help fund. It is recommended the council seek interested members to form an "ad hoc" committee to organize and carry out the annual yard sale with proceeds going to the general fund of the church. It was discussed the earliest time for a yard sale would be next spring or summer, unless a committee could be formed quickly to hold a sale this summer. If you are interested in chairing or being on this committee, please contact Pr. McFarland or Brenda Firquin. M/S- B. Zimmerman/R. Sarson to accept the worship and music committee recommendation.

### **Church Committee Reports:**

**Finance: C. Markley** (see reports at the end of the minutes)

**Evangelism: R. Sarson**

1. This committee will not meet until the fall. At that time, the chair will be working on restructuring the committee.
2. Blessings in a bag seem to be going well. Pr. McFarland reported she gave a bag to a person while at a gas station while attending the Synod Convention. Other members reported giving the bags as they have been approached. The committee will continue to supply bags. Drop off any supplies, mainly toiletries that would fit in a large zip lock bag, in the narthex.

**Fellowship: C. Miller**

1. The committee members will help kitchen staffing during VBS. Volunteers are still needed for to supply the meal and snack items during VBS. See the sign- up sheet in the Narthex.
2. A "kitchen shower" is being planned for the summer to restock some of the disposable items needed in the kitchen. Watch for the date and suggested items.

**Worship and Music: B. Firquin**

1. With the large number of new worship server volunteers, the committee feels the need to formally inform them of the responsibilities of the position. A letter will be sent to each new volunteer with the role and responsibilities of the position as well as identifying an experienced contact person for them if they have questions. The council and this committee wishes to thank the many new volunteers who have taken on these worship roles and want to support them in their participation as worship leaders.
2. Christmas in July will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Plans are being laid to have a Christmas-like celebration with the focus on giving to FCHUM back to school supply drive as well as our Operation Christmas Child box collection. Watch for more information on this as the date approaches.

**Property and Grounds: R. Firquin**

1. Many thanks to those who gave time on May 31 to paint the church. We had a good turn-out of painters, scrapers, and caulkers. The entire front, except for some lingering repairs, the drive way side and 1/3 of the playground side were painted or prepared to paint. What is left will require afternoon work time due to the exposure to the morning sun. If you have some afternoons available, contact Rod Firquin. The cost of the paint and supplies was given by an anonymous donor. Much thanks to Jim Brotzge for the repairs to the windows and wood work.

**Christian Education: A. Goebel**

1. VBS is in the final planning stages. Mark the week of July 7-11 for a fun filled week of learning about God's gifts and work in the world. The committee is in need of volunteers to fill many slots so the children attending the week will have a safe, fun, and educational week. Also, a supply list is in the Narthex for any donations of craft items and decorations that will be used during VBS.

**Social Ministry: Pr. McFarland, R. Firquin, C. Markley**

1. Blood Drive is scheduled for June 17 from 3:00- 7:00 P.M.
2. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items and toiletry items to the Narthex for FCHUM's food pantry. With school being out for the summer, the need for the pantry to be fully stocked is a high priority.

**Youth: K. Markley**

1. Thanks for all who donated to have their car washed last weekend. The donations will help defray costs for youth activities throughout the year. The youth group will continue to raise funding for the youth's participation in Youth Quake again next January. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
2. The youth groups will be focusing on putting together 12 boxes for Operation Christmas Child this year. Watch for ways you can help them reach their goal.

There will be no JULY meeting of the council. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 10, 2014 following the

10:00 am Sunday service.

M/S- A. Goebel/C. Miller to adjourn. Carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Financial Secretary's Reports

	April, 2014		May, 2014	
	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Sunday School	20.00	156.75	8.00	164.75
Church-loose	1,696.41	5,954.41	1,778.14	7,732.55
Church-envelopes	9,012.00	31,680.00	6,911.00	38,591.00
Flowers	362.00	595.00	88.00	683.00
FCHUM	0	185.00	311.00	496.00
Use of bldg.	140.00	560.00	975.00	1,535.00
Reimbursements	0	60.00	0	60.00
Misc.	117.00	275.00	398.62	673.64
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,347.41</b>	<b>39,466.18</b>	<b>10,469.76</b>	<b>49,935.94</b>

### Treasurer's Report - May 2014

	checking	memorial	social ministry	mortgage	Mission Investment	Property Annex
Beginning balance	508.46	2,687.12	564.27	6,274.13	4,274.85	6,247.06
Deposits	11,236.85	0	897.50	765.00	0	0
Disbursements	9,853.21	0	942.95	1,078.95	0	0
Interest Income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjustments						
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1,892.10</b>	<b>2,687.12</b>	<b>518.82</b>	<b>5,960.18</b>	<b>4,274.85</b>	<b>6,247.06</b>



**As you enjoy your summer,  
please remember the church  
even when you are away!**

**FYI, something to do on July 4th: Admission to Locust Grove, the last home of George Rogers Clark, is free on July 4th. This national historical landmark is located at 561 Blankenbaker Lane.**

## July 2014 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	7/06/14	7/13/14	7/20/14	7/27/14	8/03/14
<b>Lector</b>	Connie Miller	Cheryl Markley	Pat Markley	Steven Sarson	Ellen Ullom
<b>Ushers</b>	B. Zimmerman Barry Mills	Tom Curtis Mikayla Curtis	Pat Markley Andy Morris	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Ellen Ullom Fred McBride
<b>Acolyte</b>	Adam Peterson	Caroline Zimmerman	Lilly Morris	Brennan Summers	Jack McFarland
<b>Communion Table</b>	Sean Morris Reagan Morris	Wendi Morris Michelle Sarson	Adolphus Kahn Deb Steines	Barry Mills Marilyn Mills	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson
<b>Commun. Deacon</b>	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Kenna Markley	Rod Firquin	Marty Mercer
<b>Nursery</b>	Jennifer Kiser	Connie Miller	Elaine Peterson	Cheryl Markley	Elizabeth Sprowl
<b>Cantor</b>	Paul Kiser	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Paul Kiser	Fred McBride
<b>Worship Coord.</b>	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Darlene Clark	Rod Firquin	Bill & Vivian Wise	Frank Constantino	Karen Eisenbrey
<b>For this season:</b>	<b>before 7/13</b>	<b>before 7/20</b>	<b>before 7/27</b>	<b>before 8/03</b>	<b>before 07/06</b>
<b>Grass Mowing</b>	Rod Firquin	Rod Firquin	Sean & Andy Morris	Needed	Needed



### God's blessing to these July birthdays:

Maxine Swasko	3	Pat Waskom	13	Rick Edwards	24
Jennifer Summers	5	Marty Mercer	14	Lilly Morris	25
Reagan Morris	6	Marie Pfau	14	Dale Chapman	28
Tammy Utley	12	Herb Warren	16	Stacy Simpson	28
George Morris	13	Herb Edwards	17	Melody Harrel	30
Sabrina Samora	13	Peggy Zimmerman	17		



### We celebrate with these couples having July anniversaries:

Lewis & Nicole Legg	(1st/2006)
Tom & Maxine Swasko	(1st/2000)
Matt & Lori Young	(2nd/1994)
Dale & Liz Chapman	(7th/1956)
Tom & Brandie Curtis	(11th/1998)
Charles & Valerie Ziemba	(11th/1959)
Gregg & Deb Leard	(20th/1985)

## June Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

### June Sanctuary Flower Donors

- 1st** - George & Marty Mercer in memory of Ruth Mercer
- 8th** - the Kiser family in honor of Rev. Joe Kiser's 50th anniversary of ordination
- 15th** - Connie Clark in honor of all fathers and in memory of Pete Clark
- 22nd** - The Markley family in honor of Pat & Cheryl Markley's 25th wedding anniversary
- 29th** - The McFarland family in honor of Gary Manning's 70th birthday

\*The cost to provide altar flowers is \$20.00.

### June Sanctuary Candle Donors

- 8th** - Elaine Peterson in honor of Adam Peterson's birthday
- 15th** - Connie Clark in honor of all fathers and in memory of Pete Clark
- 22nd** - The Markley family in honor of Pat & Cheryl Markley's 25th wedding anniversary
- 29th** - Elaine Peterson in honor of Bryce Peterson's birthday

\*The cost to provide the sanctuary candle is \$2.00.



# July 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 6:00— <i>Christian Education Committee</i> 6:30— <i>Fellowship Committee</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 4th of July Church office closed.	<i>5</i> 8:30— <i>Weight Watchers</i>
<i>6</i> 10:00— <i>Holy Communion</i> , 5:00— <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 8:30— <i>Weight Watchers</i>
<b>Vacation Bible School: "Son Treasure Island"</b> <b>Light Dinner 5:30pm, VBS 6:00-8:30 pm</b>						
<i>13</i> 10:00— <i>Holy Communion</i> , 5:00— <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 6:00— <i>Finance Committee</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 8:30— <i>Weight Watchers</i>
<i>20</i> 10:00— <i>Holy Communion</i> , <b>Christmas in July</b> 11:30— <i>Christmas Coffee Hr</i> 5:00— <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 4:30— <i>Ronald McDonald House Visit</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 8:30— <i>Weight Watchers</i>
<i>27</i> 10:00— <i>Holy Communion</i> , 5:00— <i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		



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

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## *St. Stephen Scroll*



<b>August 2014 Servants of the Church</b>					
<b>Sunday - 10 a.m.</b>	<b>8/03/14</b>	<b>8/10/14</b>	<b>8/17/14</b>	<b>8/24/14</b>	<b>8/31/14</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Ellen Ullom	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride	Judy McBride	Karen Davis
<b>Ushers</b>	Ellen Ullom Fred McBride	Frank Constantino Adolphus Kahn	Rod Firquin Jim Brotzge	Tom Curtis Mikayla Curtis	Kenna Markley Buddy Zimmerman
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jack McFarland	Audrey Constantino	Rachel Utecht	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert
<b>Communion Table</b>	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Kaitlyn Kiser Buddy Zimmerman	Charlie Boston Phyllis Boston	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser	Madeline Allen Peggy Zimmerman
<b>Commun. Deacon</b>	Marty Mercer	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Kenna Markley	Rod Firquin
<b>Nursery</b>	Elizabeth Sprowl	Jessica Allen	Julie Zimmerman	Wendi Morris	Cheryl Markley
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Paul Kiser	Fred McBride	Bill Wise
<b>Worship Coord.</b>	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Karen Eisenbrey	Carolyn Graham	Jay Tyson	Ellen Ullom	Marilyn Mills
<b>For this season:</b>	<b>before 8/10</b>	<b>before 8/17</b>	<b>before 8/24</b>	<b>before 8/31</b>	<b>before 9/7</b>
<b>Grass Mowing</b>	Needed	Goebel	Needed	Needed	Needed