

# 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.*

*“Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.” – Proverbs 22:9*

Did you know 25% of Kentucky’s children live in poverty?

Did you know 1 in 5 children in our community lacks enough food to live an active, healthy lifestyle?

Did you know 64% of Jefferson County Public School students received reduced price breakfast and/or lunch (0 to 40¢) every school day during the 2013-2014 school year?

Did you know many elementary school students receive a backpack every Friday afternoon with nutritious food for the weekend, but that is only during the school year?

Over the summer these children and their families must rely on other sources for food like the Food Pantry at Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries. Unfortunately, the Food Pantry inventory at FCHUM is at its lowest levels during the summer months. During those times the amount of food a family receives is much less than during other times of the year.

We can make a difference. We can share God’s incredible love with our neighbors. We can be God’s hands in our community. Now through Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries has asked Saint Stephen to collect **canned chili** for the “Can for Kids” Food Drive.

The need for nutritious food like **canned chili** is great. Help us make sure every child served by the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries’ Food Pantry has as much food as possible this summer. Let’s see how many cans of chili we can gather and see how many folks we can help feed.

May God bless you and keep you today and always.

In Christ –  
*Pastor Kerri*



*“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”*

– 1 John 3:17-18

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the website!**

[ststephen-louisville.com](http://ststephen-louisville.com)

## St. Stephen Yard Sale

We are having a yard sale on **Saturday, June 18th, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**. Clear out your cluttered cabinets and cupboards. If you don't want it anymore, we do. Bring your precious sale items to the church **through June 13th** so that we have time to price them. Place them in the confirmation room.

In addition to your treasures, we need your time and talents. We need:

- Help with advertising
- Pricing of items before sale
- Setting up (7:00 am)
- Tearing down (2:00 pm)
- Providing baked goods (proceeds benefit Sew Group)
- Providing hotdogs, buns, individual chip bags, cans of soft drinks (proceeds benefit Youth Group)
- Assisting cashier with checkout & bagging
- Parking and Security
- Loading large items
- Loaning portable canopies

**If you can help, please sign up in the narthex.**

## Vacation Bible School Coming in July

"Barnyard Roundup!" is the theme for St. Stephen's Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2016! **VBS will be Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, the 14th**, so look for registration forms and volunteer sign-up opportunities in the narthex soon. The shift in days from Monday through Friday to Sunday through Thursday seemed to work well last year, so we are doing it again this year. Don't forget to invite family and friends, **Ages 4 through the completion of 6th grade**. A **light supper will be served for the kids and volunteers from 5:30-6:00 pm, and VBS will run from 6:00-7:45 pm**. Enjoy the summer, and we hope to see all of you at VBS!

We still need supplies to build and paint props for VBS. We still need **white flat sheets and paint (red, green, yellow, brown, black, blue)**. If you can supply any of these items, please see Julia Davis, 850-454-6246, or Pastor Kerri.

## School Supply Drive

Though we are just beginning summer, it is never too early to start thinking about school supplies. **The last collection Sunday will be July 17th!** We will be collecting the following supplies for FCHUM:

- Pencils/Erasers
- Composition books
- Glue Sticks
- Spiral Notebooks
- Colored Pencils
- 24 count Crayons
- Pencil bags/boxes
- Zip-lock Bags (gallon)
- Folders (with brads and/or pockets)
- Wide Rule Notebook paper
- Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
- Ink pens (black, blue, red)
- Backpacks (new or gently used)

Please contact Michelle Sarson (502-303-0896) with any questions.



## St. Stephen / American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has a great need for donated blood during the summer months. We will be helping them out with a blood drive at St. Stephen on **Tuesday, June 21st, from 2:30 to 6:30 pm**. If you can help, please sign up for a time on the sheet in the narthex.

## 2nd Qtr Social Ministry Collection Results

Our 2nd quarter social ministry collections were held in **May**, and we collected \$256. 50% were sent to the Fern Creek/ Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) and 50% were kept for St. Stephen's social ministry fund. Thank you for your contributions!

## Youth Summer Cabin Retreat

The Utley family will be hosting the St. Stephen Youth, **6th-12th grade**, at their cabin in Rough River, KY, from **Saturday, July 16th through Sunday, the 17th**. There will not be an activity in June. Bring your sleeping bag, pillow, swimming suit, and walking shoes. Look for more details in the July newsletter and upcoming bulletins. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office and RSVP at 502-964-8546. If you have questions, call Tammy or Marcus Utley at the same number.

## Directory Update and Birthdays and Anniversaries

We are updating the Saint Stephen address, phone, and e-mail directory. Your latest contact information is posted in the narthex. Please make any needed corrections or additions. If your information is accurate, please mark "OK" next to it. Also, if you have college students with new addresses, please feel free to write their new contact information on the posted sheets in the narthex. If you are not yet a member but attend St. Stephen often and would like your contact information in the directory, please add it to these sheets.

Also, we record birthdays and anniversaries so that they may be printed in the bulletins and newsletters. If you have not shared those dates for all of your family members with the church office, please call 239-7778 or send an e-mail to [secretary.ststephen@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.ststephen@gmail.com). Please let us know if there are any mistakes in the dates that we have printed, and we will happily correct them.

## The FCHUM Gala Thank You

Thank you to all of those who donated in all forms for the GALA. It was a huge success, and with all of your contributions, not only was our pastor able to bring home the "Heavenly Halo" (\$407.09 total, \$362.09 of which was from St. Stephen!), but we were able to assist hundreds of families in our own community. Over \$12,000 was raised before the event even started. We will have final results after all of the silent and live auction funds are collected. It is never too late to begin thinking of next year. It is always the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in May!

God bless,  
*Michelle Sarson*



## Creative Hands Sew Group Thanks

The St. Stephen Creative Hands Sew Group would like to thank everyone who helped make our bake sale and Adopt-a-T-Shirt Program a success. We raised \$287.50. Then, Cathy Meyer, Brenda Firquin, Rita Sarson, and I took the money to the Hancock Fabric going-out-of-business sale to purchase fabric for the T-shirt dresses. We spent \$202.16 and saved \$120.55. Because we had to purchase a minimum of 2 yards per fabric, we will have extra fabric for other T-shirts beyond the Adopt-a-T-shirt Program. We are working hard to get the Adopt-a-T-shirts finished so that the congregation can see where their funds are going.

The Creative Hands Sew Group will also be sponsoring a bake sale at the St. Stephen Yard Sale, so please pass the word! If there is anything special anyone would like to see at the bake sale, just let me know.

We are trying to get T-shirt dresses to needy girls in Eastern Kentucky, but our lead fell through. We're working on another lead, but if anyone has a contact in that region, please let Pastor Kerri or me know.

Just a reminder that we are always looking for T-Shirts (Children Sizes 2T – 14, slightly used or new), pull-over sweat shirts (same sizes), and cotton blend fabric. As always, we also welcome cash donations.

*Deb Steines*



## Cans for Kids

As school comes to an end and summer begins, there is an increased need for food items at the Fern Creek Highview Ministries' (FCHUM's) food pantry. This happens because approximately 67% of JCPS students receiving free/reduced lunches (breakfast and lunch) while in school do not receive them during the summer. This year, the drive is being done differently. Each organization, group, church, school etc. is focusing on one item. Our item is **canned chili**. A particular name brand is not required. Look out for sales and inform your fellow congregation members. Chili is a great source of protein and can also be used for a single meal, so let's work together to feed those in need and out-do ourselves in # of pounds donated! **Collection ends June 11.**

## New Members Welcomed

Three new members joined St. Stephen on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 10 am worship service. Please welcome Diane Post, and Ruth Kleitz and her son, Andrew. We are happy to welcome them to our family of faith.

## Three Confirmed

Congratulations to Adam Drew Peterson, Brennan Lane Summers, and Rachel Ann Utecht who were confirmed on May 15<sup>th</sup> as they continue on their journey of faith.

## June 2016 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	6/05/16	6/12/16	6/19/16	6/26/16	7/03/16
<b>Lector</b>	Sean Morris	Elizabeth Seifert	Julia Davis	Susan Johnston	Bob Meyer
<b>Ushers</b>	Fred McBride Teta Thompson	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	B. Zimmerman Barry Mills	Jim Clark Glenn Eisenbrey
<b>Acolyte</b>	J. McFarland/Ella Markley	Rachel Utecht	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert	Peace Kahn
<b>Communion Table</b>	Cole Summers Jennifer Summers	Sean Morris Kaitlyn Kiser	Wendi Morris Reagan Morris	Adolphus Kahn Teta Thompson	Michelle Sarson Deb Steines
<b>Commun. Deacon</b>	Bob Meyer	Bob Meyer	Rod Firquin	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson
<b>Nursery</b>	Morgan McCauley	Jennifer Kiser	Elaine Peterson	Carol Ochs	Connie Miller
<b>Cantor</b>	Bob Meyer	Paul Kiser	Fred McBride	Karen Eisenbrey	Bill Wise
<b>Worship Coord.</b>	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Rita Sarson	Pat Markley	Rod Firquin
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	Ellen & Chuck Ullom	Marilyn Mills	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Phyllis Boston	Jan Wilkins
<b>For this season:</b>	<b>before 06/12</b>	<b>before 06/19</b>	<b>before 06/26</b>	<b>before 07/03</b>	<b>before 07/10</b>
<b>Grass Mowing</b>	Summers	Needed	Sean & Andy Morris	Needed	Sean & Andy Morris



### God's Blessings to these June birthdays:

Mikayla Curtis	1	Dianne Brockman	7	Bobby Utecht	22
Gregg Leard	1	Adam Peterson	7	Jonathon Warren	22
Christina Clark	2	Rita Sarson	8	Gavin Faue	24
Julie Gall	2	Linda Danner	11	Glenn Eisenbrey	27
Harrison Zimmerman	4	Brandie Curtis	14	Marilyn Mills	28
Gene Sprowl	5	Bailey Goebel	18	Bryce Peterson	30
Erick Emberg	6	Elizabeth Seifert	20		

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

Ruth & Joe Scheuring	(3rd/1986)
Pat & Merribeth Waskom	(11th/1966)
Marcus & Tammy Utley	(13th/1992)
Pr. Kerri & Jason McFarland	(21st/1997)
Pat & Cheryl Markley	(24th/1989)
Ray & Karen Christopher	(25th/1964)

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- 1st** - McFarland family in honor of Jason McFarland's birthday
- 8th** - Connie Clark in honor & memory of all mothers
- 15th** - Connie Clark in memory of Pete Clark
- 22nd** - Diane Post in honor of Whitney & Jade's birthdays
- 29th** - Steven & Rita Sarson in honor of Michelle Sarson's birthday

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

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# June 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <b>Upcoming Events:</b>                      July 10th-14th—St. Stephen Vacation Bible School                 </div>			1	2	3	4 8:30—Weight Watchers
5 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Fellowship Committee 5:00—Holy Communion	6	7 6:30—Worship & Music Committee 6:30—Christian Education Committee	8	9	10	11 8:30—Weight Watchers
				<b>IN-KY Synod Assembly Pr. Kerri out of office.</b>		
				<b>Secretary is out of office.</b>		
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26 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	27	28 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	29	30		

### Golden Sneakers

The Golden Sneakers group will be on a break for the summer months and will resume activities in September. Look for information in the newsletter and bulletins near the end of the summer.



### Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group will be on a break for the summer months and will resume their meetings on September 6th.



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*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

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## *St. Stephen Scroll*



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