

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.

“I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love.” – Romans 8:38

You are invited to join us for a trip to ancient Rome, Italy to be part of Saint Paul’s mission to share the good news of God’s amazing love with the world. Together we will travel back into Bible times where we will meet Saint Paul, Brutus, and members of the Underground Christian Church in Rome — all without having to build a time machine, get a passport, or purchase any plane tickets.

Our journey to ancient Rome starts on Sunday, July 9th and continues every evening from 5:30 – 8:15 pm through Thursday, July 13th.

The whole family is invited to join us for supper each evening starting at 5:30 pm in the Courtyard room.

Following supper, your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in ancient Rome. Together we will chat with Saint Paul and Brutus, take part in exhilarating games, learn lively Bible songs, make fun crafts, and enjoy delicious snacks as we discover more about God’s love, the ancient Roman Christian Church, and Saint Paul’s life.

All children ages 4 – 6th grade are invited to join in the fun.

I encourage you to invite a guest or eight to join us for VBS. You don’t need to have little ones to bring a child to VBS. Invite a child from the neighborhood or invite a friend or co-worker’s child or grandchild.

You are never too old to attend VBS. Older youth and grown-ups are encouraged to come and have fun as helpers. The more the merrier and the easier the week will be for the fearless and faithful Christian Education Committee. There is something everyone can do to help make this week extra special.

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

I look forward to seeing you in Rome.

In Christ –
Pastor Kerri



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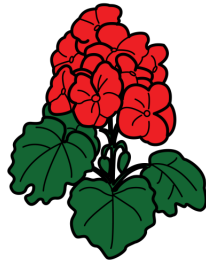
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the website!**

ststephen-louisville.com

Geraniums for Pentecost

The Saint Stephen sanctuary will be decorated with pots of red geraniums for **Pentecost, June 4th this year**. If you have donated one or more pots of geraniums, you may pick up your geraniums after the worship services on the 4th. **The cost per pot is \$10**. If you have not already paid, you may put your check or envelope in the offering plate with a note that states "geraniums". Thank you for your help and your donations!



Golden Sneakers Will Visit the Falls of the Ohio

The Golden Sneakers will be visiting the Falls of the Ohio State Park, followed by lunch at Buckhead's on the Indiana waterfront on **Wednesday, June 14th**. We will meet at the church at **10:15 am**, and the tour at the Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center starts at 11:00am. **The cost of admission is \$9 each**. After the tour, we will head to Buckhead's at 707 West Riverside Drive, Jeffersonville for lunch at 12:15pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many to expect. If you have questions, please contact Darlene or James Clark, (502) 239-8850.

Vacations

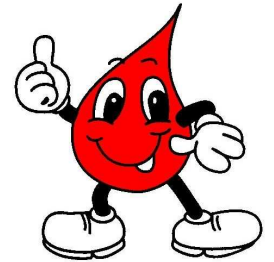
Rev. Ron Loughry from FCHUM will lead worship services on **Sunday, June 25th** while Pastor Kerri is away. We thank Rev. Ron Loughry for his leadership and dedication.

In addition, the secretary will be out of the office on **June 26th through June 29th**. If you have announcements for Sundays, June 25th or July 2nd, please send them to Cheryl Markley, secretary.ststephen@gmail.com, no later than June 19th. Thanks for your help.

St. Stephen / American Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has a great need for donated blood during the summer months.

We are helping them out by hosting a blood drive at St. Stephen on **Tuesday, June 20th, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm**. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex with a list of times when you can donate. You might just save a life!



Vacation Bible School Preparation

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Stephen is **July 9th-13th!** The theme is **Rome: Paul and the Underground Church**. The evening begins with a light dinner at 5:30p.m., and the program is from 6:00 – 8:15p.m. Children Age 4 to Grade 6 are invited to enjoy crafts, games, food, and music and to meet Paul and his Roman guard and the Christians who are hiding from the Romans. Team leaders will do a group activity every night. Invite your neighbors and friends to join the fun! We have early registration sheets, so please look for those in the narthex. We also have a sign up sheet in the narthex for families to help in providing the light meals. Soon, we will have sign up sheets to request help in providing materials for props, crafts, or snacks. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.



Prayer Shawl Group



The Saint Stephen prayer shawl group that normally meets at 12:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month will be taking a summer break. We will all meet again starting on September 5th.

2nd Quarter Special Ministries Collection

Our second quarter special ministries collections at St. Stephen were in May, and we collected a total of **\$393**. 50% of the donations will be sent to Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, and 50% will be kept for other social ministry needs. Thank you to all who donated!



We Are Still Feeding Children!

For the past month, we at St. Stephen have been collecting food to help the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, (FCHUM), feed our area children this summer, since they will not be able to get food from their schools. During the summer, needy area children have to rely on other sources like the Food Pantry at FCHUM. Unfortunately, the Pantry food inventory is at the lowest during the summer. Our collection table in the narthex is getting full, but we would like to provide even more food, so **we have extended our collection through June 11th**. Then it will be taken to FCHUM. Any item is appreciated, but we need high protein foods like peanut butter, canned pasta with meat, tuna, and mac and cheese. Hearty soups are always good choices too. **Although all food is important and appreciated, green beans and corn are so popular that we are asking you to consider other nutritious foods.** Thanks for helping our local children!

Directory and Birthdays and Anniversaries



Contact information for all of our Saint Stephen members and friends is listed on a table in the narthex. Please check the lists to see if our information for you is complete and correct. Feel free to make corrections or additions on those sheets. **This information will be used to create the new directory later this summer.** If you are not yet a member but want to be in the directory and do not see your name, feel free to add it. We hope to publish the new directory later this summer. Thanks for helping us keep in touch!

We also keep track of birthdays and anniversaries of our Saint Stephen members so that we can congratulate them in the newsletters and bulletins. If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary or the birthday or anniversary of a member relative listed, please contact the church office, 502-239-7778 or secretary.ststephen@gmail.com, so that we can update our records. Also, please also let us know if we need to make a correction. Thanks so much for your help.

Six Teens Continue Their Faith Journey



Congratulations to 6 teens, (Madeline Elise Allen, Thomas Jacob Curtis, Adolphus Kpayee Kahn, Jr. (Peace), Emma Grace Morris, Ellerie Anne Seifert, and Caroline Elizabeth Zimmerman), who were confirmed at the 10:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 21st. We wish them well on their continued journey of faith and look forward to serving with them at St. Stephen.

Confirmands celebrating at coffee hour: Ellerie, Emma, Jacob, Maddie, and Caroline. Peace is not shown.

Pastor Kerri Wins Halo for the Hungry, Again!

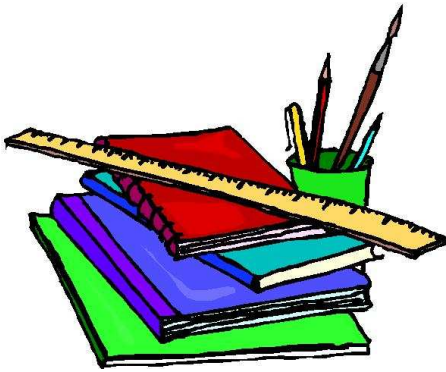


For the second year in a row, Pastor Kerri won the halo at the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries' Annual ***Pennies from Heaven Gala*** on May 13th at St. Gabriel! Desserts submitted by participating FCHUM pastors earned donations from their congregations. Pastor Kerri submitted quadruple chocolate brownies and raised \$225 for the Gala through sales at Saint Stephen of her washcloths, fashioned into cupcakes. She was honored with a dessert halo, which she wore for the remainder of the festivities and for the Saint Stephen Sunday worship services on the day following the Gala. All proceeds helped FCHUM. The Gala raised **over \$28,000, but more donations are coming in every day!** Thanks to all who participated and all who donated!



School Supplies for FCHUM

In July at Saint Stephen, we will collect school supplies and backpacks for the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) to distribute to area needy children to prepare them for the next school year. Keep an eye out for sales and pick up a few extra items as you shop for your own children's school supplies this summer. Look for more information regarding this collection in the July newsletter!



Operation Christmas Child Heads Up

In addition to keeping FCHUM's school supply drive in mind, you might want to pick up one more small, shoebox-sized set of school supplies for an Operation Christmas Child box. Saint Stephen has participated in Operation Christmas Child since 2000, but this year, there is a change in the shoebox requirements:

- **Candy and toothpaste will no longer be accepted in shoebox gifts.**

This is due to customs regulations and could keep a shoebox from getting to a child who needs to hear about Jesus and to experience the joy of a Christmas gift. So, since you can't put candy and toothpaste in the box, there might be a bit more room for another toy or a few more school supplies. Watch for sales! We will have more information about Operation Christmas Child in upcoming newsletters.

One More Graduate from St. Stephen

Sabrina Rose Samora graduated in May of this year from Seneca High School. She received a scholarship to go to University of Louisville and plans to major in music education. Congratulations!

We Welcome a Birth

Christine and Matt Gambrell welcome the birth of their daughter, Anastasia Grace Gambrell. She was born at 7:45am on Friday, May 12th and weighed in at 6 pounds, 8.6 ounces. All are doing very well!

Shut-in Communication

Connie Clark is now sending bulletins and notes to shut-ins. If you know of any shut-ins that are not on the list, please contact Connie, 502-386-3663, and Pastor Kerri, 502-239-7778 or 502-518-6528. Our list currently includes

Liz Chapman	Norma Steiner
Nancy Davidson	Rev. Tom & Maxine Swasko
Andrea Eshenaur	Catherine Thonen
Florence Loy	Rueben Zander

Though Connie is now sending bulletins, everyone else is welcome to send other greetings to these church family members as well. Their addresses can be found in the church directory. If you do not have a directory, please call the church office, 239-7778.

Marriage Congratulations

Morgan McCauley and Andrew Jimenez were married at Morgan's parents' home on Saturday, May 20th. Pastor Kerri officiated at the wedding. Morgan and Andrew Jimenez will live at

3604 Eastside Dr
Louisville, KY 40220

We wish them well and a long and happy marriage!



June 2017 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	6/4/17	6/11/17	6/18/17	6/25/17	7/2/17
Lector	Tammy Utley	Marilyn Mills	Nicole Legg	Marcia Peterson	Connie Miller
Ushers	Bill Wise Vivian Wise	Fred McBride Phyllis Boston	Rod Firquin Ruth Kleitz	Adolphus Kahn B. Zimmerman	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis
Acolyte	Ellerie Seifert	Peace Kahn	Lilly Morris	Lucy Zimmerman	Ella Markley
Communion Table	Kaitlyn Kiser Wendi Morris	Vivian Wise Reagan Morris	Adolphus Kahn Teta Thompson	Michelle Sarson Rita Sarson	Jack McFarland Deb Steines
Commun. Deacon	Bob Meyer	Rod Firquin	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer
Nursery	Cheryl Markley	Elizabeth Seifert	Teta Thompson	Jessica Allen	Morgan Jimenez
Cantor	Bob Meyer	Susan Johnston	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride
Worship Coord.	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin
Greeter(s)	Bill & Vivian Wise	Teta Thompson	Marcia Peterson	Paul Kiser	Ellen & Chuck Ullom



Keep the Flower Beds Beautiful!

The weeds are now just as bountiful as our flowers at St. Stephen. Please help us keep the weeds under control. Stop by whenever you have a free moment. Thanks!

God's Blessings to these June birthdays:

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

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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7th - Duane & Deb Steines in memory of Clarence & Marie Steines
14th - Connie Clark in memory of Pete Clark & in honor of all mothers
21st - Diane Post in honor of her granddaughter's and great granddaughter's birthdays
28th - James & Darlene Clark in honor of their 39th anniversary

*The cost to provide the sanctuary flowers is \$20.00.

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14th - Connie Clark in memory of Pete Clark & in honor of all mothers
21st - Kim Thonen in honor of Lindsay's birthday
28th - Steven & Rita Sarson in honor of Michelle Sarson's birthday

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



June 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Upcoming Events: July 9th-13th—St. Stephen Vacation Bible School				1	2	3 8:30—Weight Watchers
4 Pentecost (Wear red!) 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Fellowship Committee 11:30—Christian Education Committee 5:00—Holy Communion	5 6:00 - 8:00— Creative Hands Sew Group	6	7	8	9	10 8:30—Weight Watchers 1:00— Memorial Service for Scott Ullom
11 Last Day for FCHUM Food Collection 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion	12	13	14 10:15—Golden Sneakers Go To Falls of Ohio	15 6:30— Worship & Music Committee	16	17 8:30—Weight Watchers
18 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	19	20 3:00 - 7:00— Blood Drive 6:00—Finance Committee	21 6:30—Choir Rehearsal 	22	23	24 8:30—Weight Watchers
25 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	26	27 4:30— Ronald McDonald House Visit	28 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	29	30	
Secretary is out of office.						

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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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