

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.

You are invited to join us for a wonderfully exciting week of vacation Bible school again this summer.

Our theme this year is “all nature shouts for joy to God who created the universe!”

Our magnificent adventure together will begin on Sunday, July 7th and continues every evening from 5:30 – 7:40 pm through Thursday, July 11th.

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 the amazing adventure. Together we will hear Bible stories, give our imaginations a work-out, take part in exhilarating games, learn lively Bible songs, make awesome crafts, and enjoy delicious snacks as we discover more about God’s love, Moses and the Exodus, and Jesus’ resurrection from the dead.

All children Ages 4 through the completion of 6th grade are invited to join in the magnificent fun of VBS.

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. We need lots of older youth and grown-ups to come and have fun as helpers too. The more generous volunteers we have, the easier the week will be for the fearless and faithful Christian Education Committee. There will be something everyone can do to help make this week extra special. We need families to provide supper each evening. We need donations of supplies. We need small group leaders and small group helpers.

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

I look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ –

Pastor Kerri



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the website!**

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Pentecost Geranium Donations

We will decorate the Saint Stephen worship space for Pentecost with pots of red geraniums. **Pentecost is on June 9th this year.** If you would like to honor or remember your loved ones, you may sign up in the narthex to donate one or more geraniums. We do not yet have the cost per pot, but last year their cost to St. Stephen was \$10 each. We would like to recover our costs. You may pick up your geraniums after the worship services on the 9th. When we have the cost, you may put your check or envelope in the offering plate with a note that states "geraniums". **Please sign up no later than Sunday, June 2nd.** If you want to donate, but you do not have a place in your yard for the geraniums, please let Cheryl Markley, 239-7778, know so that they can be planted at the church. Thank you in advance for your donations!

Cans for Kids!!!

Summer break means no school based free or subsidized breakfast and lunch for the children in our community who need it the most.

62% of JCPS students receive reduced price breakfast and/or lunch every day during the school year. During the summer these children must rely on other sources like the Food Pantry at FCHUM.

Unfortunately the Pantry food inventory is at the lowest during the summer.

Let's fill the FCHUM Food Pantry to the rafters!

Any food item is appreciated, but they especially need high protein foods like peanut butter, canned pasta with meat, tuna, macaroni and cheese, and hearty soups.

Please bring your donations by Sunday, June 16th.

Golden Sneakers Will Take a Break

The Golden Sneakers will not be meeting for their monthly lunch or outing together during the summer months. Watch your newsletter and bulletins later in the summer for information about a meeting in September to plan outings for this fall and the following spring.



Prayer Shawl Group

Usually the St. Stephen Prayer Shawl Group does not meet in the summer. However, this year, they will meet in **June on Tuesday, the 4th at 12:30pm.** The group will take a break from meeting in July and August and resume in September. If you have not previously met with the group, they meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30pm. They bring their own lunches and enjoy them together from 12:30 to 1:00pm, followed by the regular meeting. They usually make hand-knitted or crocheted prayer shawls or other items for needy people. If you would like to participate, please see Pastor Kerri.

Vacation Bible School Preparation

St. Stephen's Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on the evenings of **Sunday, July 7th through Thursday, July 11th** for children Ages 4 through 6th grade. The theme is "**Roar! Life is Wild, God is good**". There will be a light dinner from 5:30 to 5:55 pm, and Vacation Bible School will be held from 6:00 pm to 7:40 pm each evening. If your child plans to attend, please fill out a registration sheet on the table in the narthex. Also, there is a sign up sheet for families to provide the light meals each night, and there is another sign up sheet for other volunteers. Please consider signing up and joining the fun! Soon, look for requests for help in providing materials for props or snacks.





Confirmation Celebration!

On Sunday, May 19th, four Saint Stephen teens, (Everett Seifert, Ella Markley, Mallory Allen, and Lucy Zimmerman) celebrated their Confirmation at the 10:00am worship service, followed by a delicious coffee hour. Congratulations!

Directory Update

The St. Stephen directory will be updated this summer, but we would like for it to be as accurate as possible. There is a table in the narthex filled with lists of contact information for each of our Saint Stephen member families and many of our non-member frequent attendees. Please check the lists to see if your information is complete and correct, and make any corrections or additions on those provided sheets. 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 along with your contact information on any of the provided sheets. Also, college students, please send us your school addresses as soon as you know them. Thanks for helping us keep in touch!

As you may have noticed, we print birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the newsletters and bulletins. If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary and would like for it to be added, please contact the church office, 502-239-7778 or secretary.ststephen@gmail.com.

Pennies From Heaven Gala Successful!

Pastor Kerri and St. Stephen won the Heavenly Halo for the 4th year in a row at the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries' 2019 "Pennies From Heaven" Gala held on May 11th. **Pastor Kerri's s'mores bars raised \$770!** Overall the gala raised **more than \$27,000**. Thank to Pastor Kerri and all who contributed.

Condolences

Phil Davidson

Long time St. Stephen attendee Phil Davidson passed away quite suddenly on Tuesday, May 14th. Pastor Kerri led his funeral service at Ratterman Funeral home at 3800 Bardstown Road on Monday, May 20th. We extend our condolences to his friends and relatives. Phil's wife, Nancy, passed away in February of this year. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Kentucky.

Dwight Sarson

We extend condolences to Steve Sarson and his family as they mourn the death of his brother, Dwight, who passed away after a long illness. Steve would like to thank everyone for their notes, cards, prayers, and kind thoughts. Memorials can be sent to

Year of Love, Dwight Sarson Memorial Fund
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1325 Mission Road
Latrobe, PA 15650

Coffee Hour Summer Break

The coffee hour after the 10:00 am Sunday morning worship service is taking a break for the summer. Join us for coffee hour in the fall in September after Sunday school resumes. Later in the summer as you worship with us, please look for a coffee hour sign-up sheet to help provide and serve treats this fall.



Help Maintain Our Beautiful Property

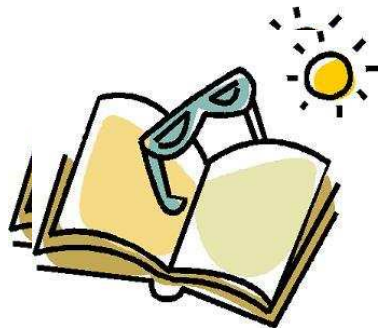
We would love to keep our St. Stephen property and grounds looking welcoming and loved. Please help us do that by picking up sticks after wind storms and weeding the flower beds as needed whenever you have time. Thanks in advance for your help!



June 2019 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	6/2/19	6/9/19	6/16/19	6/23/19	6/30/19
Lector	Nicole Legg	Marcia Peterson	Connie Miller	Steven Sarson	Cheryl Markley
Ushers	Rod Firquin Ruth Kleitz	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Barry Mills Marilyn Mills	Teta Kahn Pat Markley
Acolyte	Everett Seifert	Mara Legg	Kayleigh Kiser	Ella Markley	Mallory Allen
Communion Table	Charlie Boston Phyllis Boston	Maddie Allen Buddy Zimmerman	Peggy Zimmerman Vivian Wise	Grace Summers Jennifer Summers	Sean Morris Emma Morris
Commun. Deacon	Bob Meyer	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride	Steven Sarson	Cheryl Markley
Nursery	Cheryl Markley	Beth Lynch	Elizabeth Seifert	Connie Miller	Carol Ochs
Cantor	Susan Johnston	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride	Bill Wise
Worship Coord.	Pat Markley	Jack McFarland	Rod Firquin	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley
Greeter(s)	James & Darlene Clark	Bill & Vivian Wise	Teta Kahn	Marcia Peterson	Steven Sarson

On Your Vacation, Remember St. Stephen



When you head out for vacation this summer and leave Louisville behind, please do not forget your church. We will be here waiting for you when you return, but we need your offering to continue to pay the bills while you are gone. We would even love to receive a post card from your vacation with your offering check! Thank you in advance for your continuing support of Saint Stephen Lutheran Church.



God's Blessings to these June birthdays:

Mikayla Curtis	1	Adam Peterson	7	Gavin Faue	24
Christina Clark	2	Rita Sarson	8	Glenn Eisenbrey	27
Julie Gall	2	Brandie Curtis	14	Marilyn Mills	28
Harrison Zimmerman	4	Elizabeth Seifert	20	Madelynn Beckman	29
Gene Sprowl	5	Bobby Utecht	22	Bryce Peterson	30
Dianne Brockman	7	Jonathon Warren	22		

May Candle Donors

5th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Matthew Peterson's birthday

12th - Connie Clark in honor of all mothers
& in memory of Pete Clark's birthday

19th - Pat Kisling in memory of Howard Kisling

26th - Connie Clark in honor of Isaac Clark's birthday

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

We celebrate with these couples having June anniversaries:

Marcus & Tammy Utley (13th/1992)

Pr. Kerri Jason McFarland (21st/1997)


Pat & Cheryl Markley (24th/1989)

Ray & Karen Christopher (25th/1964)

Adolphus & Teta Kahn (30th/2018)



June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 9:00—Weight Watchers
<i>2</i> 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:30—Christian Education Committee 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>3</i> 6:00—Creative Hands Sew Group	<i>4</i> 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 6:30—Worship & Music Committee	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 9:00—Weight Watchers Lilly Morris-Cheerleading Fundraising Car
<i>9</i> Pentecost (Wear Red!) 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 9:00—Weight Watchers
<i>16</i> Fathers' Day, Last Day for Cans for Kids Collection 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 	<i>22</i> 9:00—Weight Watchers
Secretary will be out of the office.						
<i>23</i> 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 9:00—Weight Watchers
<i>30</i> 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion			Upcoming Events: July 7th-11th—St. Stephen Vacation Bible School			

Celebrate Pentecost!

Celebrate Pentecost by wearing red or other “fire” colors on **Sunday, June 9th** to commemorate the descent of the [Holy Spirit](#) upon the [Apostles](#) and other followers of [Jesus Christ](#) while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the [Feast of Weeks](#), as described in the [Acts of the Apostles \(Acts 2:1–31\)](#). This event is often referenced when describing the birth of the early Christian church.

Keep an Eye Out for School Supplies

Through the month of July until the 28th, we will collect school supplies for FCHUM to distribute to needy kids in the area before school starts. They will need pencils/erasers, composition books, glue sticks, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, 24-ct crayons, pencil bags/boxes, gallon Zip-lock bags, folders with pockets, wide rule notebook paper, Fiskars scissors, ink pens (black, blue, red), and new or gently use backpacks. Start looking for sales now!

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June 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



July 2019 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	7/7/19	7/14/19	7/21/19	7/28/19	8/4/19
Lector	Ellen Ullom	Pat Markley	Rod Firquin	Jason McFarland	Karen Davis
Ushers	Elaine Peterson Glenn Eisenbrey	James Clark Darlene Clark	Bill Wise Vivian Wise	Fred McBride Rod Firquin	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis
Acolyte(s)	Lucy Zimmerman	Jack McFarland	Genevieve Morris	Everett Seifert	Ella Markley
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