

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 2017 Fern Creek-Highview United Ministries' Gala on Saturday, May 13th starting at 6:00 pm.

The Gala is FCHUM's biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year the Gala raised over \$33,000. Thanks to generous donations from area businesses and churches the cost of the Gala was just \$500. This meant 98% of the funds raised through the Gala (\$32,500) went straight into helping folks in need.

The money raised supports powerful ministry in our community and blesses the lives of so many folks. In February, FCHUM helped 351 families with groceries which means, they helped feed 1,105 hungry people who live right here in our community. Of those folks, 400 were children and 115 were seniors. 19 families were helped with their electric bills, 18 families with water bills, and 9 with rent. Lots of families received donated clothing. The Adult Day Center provided care for 24 older adults living with dementia or Alzheimer's. Many, many Meals on Wheels were delivered 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 \$25.00 ticket from Michelle Sarson and join in the fun of the Gala on Saturday, May 13th. Last year the fellowship was delightful, the food amazing, and the auction competitive.

The Food Shelf always needs those 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, 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 Sarson about how you can adopt a theme basket to donate to the Gala for the silent auction.

Drop your pennies into the bucket in the narthex to help Saint Stephen win the penny challenge at the Gala.

Help your pastor win the Heavenly Dessert contest. I am currently selling washcloth cupcakes to raise money for the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries Heavenly Dessert competition between the area pastors. The washcloth cupcakes cost \$3.00 or \$4.00. All of the money we raise will go towards supporting the powerful, life-changing ministries of FCHUM. These would make awesome Mother's Day presents or just because I love you gifts!

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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the website!**

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Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

There is no Sunday school on **May 21st**. Instead, we will celebrate our Sunday school teachers at the annual Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at **9:00 am in the fellowship hall**. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many are coming. We will honor the following teachers:

**Preschool & Kindergarten—Peggy Zimmerman
& Elaine Peterson**

1st-3rd Grade—Sean & Reagan Morris

4th-6th Grade—Tammy Utley

Confirmation—Glenn Eisenbrey

High School—Paul Kiser

Adult—Pastor Kerri

Music—Ibosh Chertmanov, Brenda Firquin, Marilyn Mills

See you there!



Celebrate the Confirmation of 5 St. Stephen Youth!

Five Saint Stephen youth, (Maddie Allen, Jacob Curtis, Ellerie Seifert, Emma Morris, and Caroline Zimmerman), will be confirmed at the **10:00 am morning worship service on Sunday, May 21st**. You are invited to celebrate this milestone in their spiritual lives by joining them and their parents at a special coffee hour following the service.

2nd Quarter Special Ministries Collection

Our second quarter special ministries collections will be on **May 14th and 21st**. 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 in advance for your generosity!

Golden Sneakers Will Make May Baskets

The Golden Sneakers will be making May baskets at the church for Saint Stephen's shut-ins at **10:00am on May 17th**. Afterwards, we will head to Mark's Feed Store at 6501 Bardstown Road in Fern Creek for lunch and then back to the church for dessert. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know how many to expect. Materials for the baskets will be provided. If you have questions, please contact Ellen or Chuck Ullom, (502) 817-3426.

Pastor Kerri Will Be on Vacation



Pastor Kerri will be on vacation from **Monday, May 1st through Sunday, May 7th**. Glenn Eisenbrey will lead worship services on Sunday, May 7th while she is away. We thank Glenn for his leadership and dedication.

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 20th, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm**. Later in May, look for a sign up sheet in the narthex. You might just save a life!

Isn't the lawn lovely?

St. Stephen has a new lawn care service which is doing a fantastic job! However, this wonderful service is roughly \$115 per week. We would love to have a little more help in paying for it so that we can continue to enjoy our lovely, welcoming lawn at St. Stephen. Please take this into consideration as you plan your 2017 giving. Thanks!

Geraniums for Pentecost

We are continuing the Saint Stephen tradition of decorating the worship space for Pentecost with pots of red geraniums. **Pentecost is on June 4th this year**. If you would like to honor or memorialize 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 they were \$10 each**. You may pick up your geraniums after the worship services on the 4th. 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, May 28th**. Thank you in advance for your help and your donations!

Vacation Bible School Scheduled

St. Stephen's Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for the evenings of **Sunday, July 9th through Thursday, July 13th**.

The theme is "Rome, Paul, and the Underground Church". In upcoming bulletins, announcements, and newsletters, look for requests for volunteers and for help in providing materials for props, crafts, or snacks.



Feed the Children

During the month of May, we at St. Stephen will be collecting food to help the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, (FCHUM), protect our area children from the "Perfect Storm" this summer. Summer vacation means no school-based free or subsidized breakfast and lunch for those who need it most! Continuing economic uncertainty means record numbers of families seeking emergency aid. 62% of JCPS students receive reduced price breakfast and/or lunch (0 to 40¢) every day. In addition, 2,500 students in elementary school receive a "backpack" every Friday afternoon with food for the weekend. However, that is every day and every Friday afternoon DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. During the summer, those 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. During those times, the amount of food a family receives is much less than they receive the rest of the year.

This summer we want to make sure every child served by the FCHUM Food Pantry has as much food as possible. 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.**

Summer should be a time of fun and frolic for kids. They should not have to worry about if they will have dinner tonight or breakfast in the morning. Please help us prevent "The Perfect Storm" this summer, and feed the hungry children in our area. The child you help feed could be your next door neighbor! Look for the collection table in the narthex. All food donations will be taken to FCHUM during the first full week of June. Thanks in advance for helping our local children!

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries' Annual

Pennies from Heaven Gala

is on **May 13th, 6:00 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 5503 Bardstown Rd.**

This event is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and support for the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries in their largest fundraiser. **Tickets are now available, and tables seat 8. Tickets always sell out, so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. Tickets are \$25 each. I can only reserve tickets for those with payment.** St. Stephen Lutheran typically fills one table each year, and we would like to be able to fill more! Tickets to this event include a wonderful dinner, live and silent auctions, as well as mystery bags and more!

There are plenty of ways to be a part of the festivities even if you are unable to attend. Theme baskets will be auctioned at this event. A list of theme basket suggestions are found on the table in the narthex. If you would like to create a theme basket, please contact me regarding the theme to ensure it is still available, so that we do not have duplicates. Also, if you want to create a theme basket that is not on the suggested list, let me know beforehand so that I can inform those in charge to update the list. We ask that baskets be valued between \$35-50 in order to receive the best return value.

There will also be raffle tickets for gift cards and opportunities for sponsorships.

Donations are welcome towards the pastor's halo, since we want Pastor Kerri to hold onto it another year!

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for the ministries. God Bless, **Michelle Sarson**, [502-303-0896](tel:502-303-0896)

Congratulations, Graduates!

We have a couple of graduates at St. Stephen this spring:

Hanna Rae Allen is graduating from Eastern High School and will go to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green in the fall to pursue a degree in business.

Olivia Jo Utley is graduating Magna Cum Laude from University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's of Science in Biology and has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in Biology at Michigan State University, where she will study the behaviors of kestrels.

Congratulations to both of you on all of your accomplishments, and best wishes on your endeavors after graduation!



Please Remember St. Stephen While You Are Away

While you are away on vacation this summer, we will keep the lights on and the bulletins and newsletters coming from Saint Stephen, but we can only do this if everyone remembers to send their offering even when they can't be with us. We really appreciate your continued support.

Time for a Directory Update

Soon, look for a list of addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses in the narthex. This is the contact information for that we have for all of our St. Stephen members and friends. 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. 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. Thanks for helping us keep in touch!

ELCA World Hunger Campaign Results

We have just completed the ELCA World Hunger Campaign at St. Stephen this year. We collected:

1. **\$133 in the 2017 Buck-a-Chick program.**
2. **\$159.05 in pew envelopes.**

for a grand total of **\$292.05** at Saint Stephen this year. Thank you to all who participated in this world-wide campaign!

Thermostat Adjustments

In this season of weather transition, be careful setting the thermostats back to their positions as you leave the building. If the weather is cold, either turn the heat off or leave the heat on, but set the thermostat to 55F. If the weather is hot, turn the air conditioning off, or leave it on and set the thermostat to 85F. Thank you for helping us save on our LG&E bill.

May 2017 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	5/7/17	5/14/17	5/21/17	5/28/17	6/4/17
Lector	Reagan Morris	Brenda Firquin	Chuck Ullom	Paul Kiser	Tammy Utley
Ushers	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Marcus Utley Barry Mills	Pat Markley Jim Clark	Glenn Eisenbrey Andy Morris	Bill Wise Vivian Wise
Acolyte	Lucy Zimmerman	Ella Markley	Maddie Allen	Kayleigh Kiser	Ellerie Seifert
Communion Table	Buddy Zimmerman Sean Morris	Peggy Zimmerman Nicole Legg	Marcia Peterson Sarah Giles	Brennan Summers Jennifer Summers	Kaitlyn Kiser Wendi Morris
Commun. Deacon	Rod Firquin	Cheryl Markley	Tammy Utley	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer
Nursery	Jessica Allen	Morgan McCauley	Elaine Peterson	Connie Miller	Cheryl Markley
Cantor	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer
Worship Coord.	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin
Greeter(s)	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Phyllis Boston	Jan Wilkins	Darlene Clark	Bill & Vivian Wise
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Ellen Ullom	Take Mom to lunch instead!	Confirmation Parents	See you in the fall!	See you in the fall!

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 McCauley
Cantor	Bob Meyer	Susan Johnston	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride
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Coffee Hour Summer Break

The coffee hour after the 10:00 am Sunday morning worship services is taking a break for the summer. Join us for coffee hour in the fall on September 17th when we resume the coffee hour schedule.

Help With Weeding

We now have a fabulous lawn care service for St. Stephen. However, we still need all of the help that we can get in weeding the flower beds. Please consider helping with this whenever you have time. No sign-ups needed!

May Council Meeting

Council members, please note that the May council meeting will follow the 10:00 am Sunday morning worship service on May 7th instead of May 14th to avoid holding the meeting on Mothers' Day.

God's Blessings to these May birthdays:

Jason McFarland	2	Hank Zimmerman	16	Tracy Fajardo	24
Ellen Ullom	8	Andrew Hoke	17	Duane Steines	25
Matthew Peterson	10	Florence Loy	17	Erin Zimmerman	25
Dorothy Raso	12	Kim Williams	18	Matthew Collini	30
Mario Samora	12	Brade Zimmerman	18	Michelle Sarson	31
Gary Reynolds	16	Michael Craig	22	Rachel Utecht	31

We celebrate with these couples having May anniversaries:

Bob & Cathy Meyer	(13th/1972)
James & Darlene Clark	(27th/1978)



April Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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2nd, 9th - No flowers during Lent

16th - Connie Clark in honor of Daemon Schultz's birthday
23rd - Carolyn Graham in memory of Mary Beth Graham
30th - McFarland family in honor of Jason McFarland's birthday

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

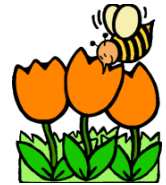
April Sanctuary Candle Donors

2nd - Candace Thonen & Jacob Kanipe in memory of Jack Kanipe's birthday
9th - Kim Thonen in honor of Amanda's birthday
16th - the McFarland family for the glory of the Lord
23rd - Connie Clark in honor of Daemon Schultz's birthday
30th - McFarland family in honor of Jason McFarland's birthday

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



May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 6:00 - 8:00— Creative Hands Sew Group	<i>2</i> 6:30—Worship & Music Committee	<i>3</i> 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Oaks 6:00 - 8:00— Girl Scout Troop 8	<i>6</i> Derby 8:30— Weight Watchers
<i>7</i> No Sunday School, 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Fellowship Committee 11:30—Council 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group 6:30—Christian Education Committee	<i>10</i> 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 6:00 - 8:00— Girl Scout Troop 8	<i>13</i> 8:30— Weight Watchers 6:00— FCHUM “Pennies From Heaven”
<i>14</i> Mothers’ Day, Social Ministries Collections 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6:00—Finance Committee	<i>17</i> 10:00—Golden Sneakers Make May Baskets 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 6:00 - 8:00— Girl Scout Troop 8	<i>20</i> 8:30— Weight Watchers
<i>21</i> 9:00—SS Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Social Ministries Collections 10:00—Holy Communion, Confirmation 11:30—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	<i>24</i> 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 6:00 - 8:00— Girl Scout Troop 8	<i>27</i> 8:30— Weight Watchers
<i>28</i> 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	<i>29</i> Memorial Day	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	Upcoming Events: June 20th—St. Stephen/ Red Cross Blood Drive July 9th-13th—St. Stephen Vacation Bible School June 4th—Pentecost (Wear red!)		