

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.*

“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ -

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

We will celebrate Thanksgiving this month. For Christians, Thanksgiving is much more than a relaxing long weekend when we eat a bit too much, watch football, and start our Christmas shopping. Thanksgiving is a special time to express our thanks to God for the many blessings God showers upon us each and every day of our lives.

We have a lot for which to give thanks. God blesses us in amazing ways. In fact, God blesses us in more ways than we could ever count. Just think about all of the ways God blesses you. You might try keeping a list of God's blessings to you. I started a list this week and have been adding to my list each day. Keeping a list helps me be much more aware of God's incredible blessings to me, and to be more grateful for those blessings.

Some of God's blessings to us include: life itself, the forgiveness of our sins, and the promise of eternal life. Every breath we take is a blessing from God. Our talents are gifts from God. The water we drink and the food we eat are blessings from God. Our clothes, homes, church, and the money we earn are gifts from God. Our friends, families, and brothers and sisters in Christ are blessings from God. All we are and all we have are blessings from God.

The Bible calls us to give God thanks for these blessings. One important way to give God thanks is to share these blessings with others so that we can be part of God's work in the world.

On Sunday, November 8th, we will gather together to praise and thank our amazing God. As a part of our worship we will be filling out offering commitment cards for 2016. These offering commitments are not about the church budget. They are not about fundraising. Our offering commitment cards are about worshipping God and giving God thanks for all of the ways God blesses us every day of our lives.

I encourage you to take time to thank God for all he has given you. Think about what Saint Stephen means to you. Take the time to remember how truly amazing God's love for you and God's grace truly are. Thank our Lord for his blessings to you.

May God bless you and keep you in his loving care today and always.

In Christ, *Pastor Kerri*

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St. Stephen's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for Saint Stephen's annual Thanksgiving Dinner on **Sunday, November 22nd at 5:00 pm**. We will gather together for a brief worship service in the sanctuary at 5:00 pm followed by a delicious meal together in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to drop off their tableware in the fellowship hall before our time of worship and thanksgiving. Our fine hosts and their dedicated crew will provide the mashed potatoes, gravy and veggies, but we are asking for volunteers to bring desserts, sweet potatoes, and stuffing/ dressing. We also need a few volunteers to roast turkeys. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex.

Change of Plans for the Golden Sneakers

On **Wednesday, November 18th**, the Golden Sneakers will meet at church to do some fun activity, but the originally planned activity, visiting the Falls of the Ohio Museum, needs to change because the museum is closed for renovation. The Golden Sneakers will meet soon to discuss an alternative activity. Stay tuned! If you have questions, call Bill or Vivian Wise, 239-1162.

Youth Monthly Activities

On September 20th, there was a youth planning meeting to plan activities for the school year. The following activities were planned:

Month	Activity	Sponsor
November 14/15	Fall Cabin Retreat	Utleys
December	Caroling	Kisers
January 8-10	Youth Quake Cincinnati	TBD
February	TBD	Summers
March	Laser Tag	Markleys
April	Hiking	Utleys
May	TBD	Morris
June	Summer Cabin Retreat	Utleys

This month, the **confirmation class and high school youth** are invited to attend a fun retreat at the Utleys' cabin on Rough River Lake. We will leave from the church on **Saturday, November 14th at 1:00 pm and return on Sunday, November 15th around 1:00 pm**. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Please eat lunch before you arrive on Saturday. Bring your sleeping bag and pillow. Also, you may choose to bring favorite games and/or DVDs. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board next to the church office. Questions? Call Tammy or Marcus Utlej, 964-8546.

Wanda Ferguson's Memorial Service

Our fellow St. Stephen member Wanda Ferguson passed away on September 1st, 2015 in Washington State, where she had recently moved as her health declined to live with her son. Pastor Kerri will officiate her memorial service on Saturday, November 21st, at 2pm at South Union Church (Baptist) at 5947 Sunfish Rd, Brownsville, KY 42210. FYI, if you are driving there, the church is at the corner of Hwy 187 and Hwy 1075. Hwy 187 is also called Shrewsbury Road, and it becomes Sunfish Road near the church. Hwy 1075 is also called Sunny Point Road. You are invited to have a bite to eat at the church and talk with her family after the service as you celebrate Wanda's life.



Pastor Kerri Will Be On Vacation

Pastor Joe Kiser will be leading worship on Sunday, November 15th. We thank Pastor Kiser for his service.

No Sunday School on November 29th

There is no Sunday school on November 29th, since many people will be away celebrating the holiday and the long weekend with family members. We look forward to seeing you all back on Sunday, December 6th.

Advent / Christmas Decorating Schedule

The complete and detailed 2015 Saint Stephen Advent / Christmas decorating schedule will be posted in various places around the church, but here are the dates to remember:

<u>November 23:</u>	Decorate for Advent, 6:00 pm
<u>December 20:</u>	Decorate for Christmas following the 10 am service
<u>Week of January 4 – 8, 2016:</u>	Take down all decorations except the large glass star. (Decorated trees will remain in place until after the 5 pm service on Jan 3 rd – 2 nd Sunday of Christmas)
<u>Week of February 1- 5, 2016:</u>	Remove large glass star prior to the 10 am service on February 7.

If you have questions, please see Brenda Firquin, 231-2901.

Youth Quake Poinsettia Fundraiser

This coming Advent season, we will again hold a poinsettia sale to help fund our youth going to **Youth Quake in Cincinnati on January 8th-10th, 2016**. We will start the sale soon, and as they were last year, these beautiful plants are **\$10.00 each**. The first round of poinsettias sold in November will be delivered to the church and can be picked up during the first week in December. The second round of poinsettia orders are due by December 20th. They will be delivered to the church a couple of days before Christmas Eve, where they will be used to decorate the sanctuary. For Christmas Eve, you may designate the poinsettias in honor or memory of your loved ones. If you order poinsettias in the second round, you may pick up your plant (s) after the 11:00 pm worship service on Christmas Eve or after. Order forms are available in the narthex. You may turn in your order with payment to Andrea Goebel or place it in the offering plate.



Annual St. Stephen Ladies Christmas Tea

At **1:00 pm on Saturday, December 5th**, all mothers, daughters, sisters and friends are invited to enjoy a fabulous Christmas tea provided by the Fellowship Committee and then enjoy a fun activity. If you plan to come, please sign up in the narthex so that we will know approximately how many people are coming. Come enjoy the fellowship!



4th Qtr Special Ministries Collection

On **Sundays, December 6th & 13th**, our 4th quarter special collections will be taken for social ministries. 50% of the money collected will be sent to Fern Creek Highview United Ministries, and 50% will be kept for other social ministry needs.

Calling All Christmas Carol Lovers!

Do you love Christmas carols? Do you find you never get to sing all of your favorites? Well, now you have an opportunity to make sure that doesn't happen this year!

On **Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 pm**, join us for an old-fashioned hymn sing featuring the most beloved Christmas carols. We are planning a very special joint event with St. Alban's and Messiah-Trinity churches. The festivities will begin at 5:00 in the sanctuary where members of the three choirs will join together in singing a special Christmas anthem. You are invited to shout out the numbers of your favorite Christmas carols and Hank will accompany us all as we sing them.

Following the hymn sing, we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a cookie decorating (and eating!) party. We promise to have plenty of cookies and all of your favorite toppings!

Don't miss this chance to hear and sing the beautiful sounds of the season, feast on the sweet tastes of sugar cookies, and enjoy some very special fun and fellowship! Hope to see you there!!

Scripture Reading Changes for Stewardship Campaign

***"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."***

– Joshua 1:9

We are in the middle of our stewardship emphasis, which runs through the first two weeks of November, and we are thinking together about the multitude of ways our God is at work in our world, our church, and in our lives. We are looking and listening for God's presence as well as considering how each of us might accept God's invitation to us to be a part of his life-giving work. The Bible passages used in this campaign during worship have helped us focus on this endeavor. For the last two weeks of the campaign, we will be using the following readings from the Bible:

Readings for Sunday, November 1, 2015

1st Reading - Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24

2nd Reading - Revelation 21:1-4

Gospel - John 11:32-44

Lector

Cheryl Markley

Readings for Sunday, November 8, 2015

1st Reading – Hebrews 13:5-6

Psalms 107:1-9

2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Gospel - Mark 10:17-27

Lector

Ellen Ullom

If you would like an advance copy of the readings, please see Pastor Kerri.

Operation Christmas Child

On the Christmas-themed table in the narthex, you will find boxes for Operation Christmas Child full of toiletries, school supplies, toys, and candy that will be sent to children in war zones, disaster zones, and areas of extreme poverty. If you would like to participate in this fun and worthwhile program, brochures with instructions are still available on that table. You are asked to either wrap the lids and boxes separately (so that they may be opened), or line a clear plastic shoebox with wrapping paper or a bandana or other fabric, or use an opaque plastic shoebox. Secure the shoebox with a rubber band. Lists of suggested items as well as items that should be avoided are also available on the table. Please do not include liquids, perishables, war toys, or anything that could be used as a weapon. If you wish, you can provide a note and/or a picture of yourself. Sometimes, the children like to practice their writing skills and will write back to you.

We would love to collect a total of **70 or more boxes**. This might seem like an aggressive goal, but we can do it together! We will take your donations through **Sunday morning, November 22nd**. On that afternoon, the boxes will be transported to a local relay center. Enjoy filling your boxes for those who can't wait to receive them! If you do not want to make a whole box yourself, you are welcome to donate items for the youth to fill shoeboxes with all of the donated items. **If you are bringing items for the youth to use in assembling boxes, please bring the items by November 8th, so that there is time to complete the assembly.** Thank you for your generosity!

Sharing Christmas Cards With Fellow St. Stephen Members

Near the end of November, file folders will be located in the narthex for members to share Christmas cards and Holiday greetings with other St. Stephen families. This will give you an opportunity to save a little money on postage and send cards to a few more people. Each file folder will be labeled with a family name. Please remember our shut-in members and reach out to folks you haven't seen in church in a while. Check your folder weekly, and if you see members who live close to you or relations of yours that haven't been in church for a while, please consider taking their cards to them. The folders will be in the narthex until Sunday, January 10th.

Yours in Christ,
Rita Sarson

Thermostat Reminder

Just a reminder that you can help the church save money in the winter months by turning the thermostats in unused rooms to 55°F. Thanks for your help!

Please Send a Note

Dear Friends in Christ - We wanted to give a quick update about our Brad (niece's husband). He was flown by medical flight to Atlanta on Monday (10/12) to Shepherd Center. This is a specialized center for spinal, brain, stroke and nerve damaged cases. We are excited because they have such a great reputation. They will test him from head to toe and review all possibilities. At this time, he still has no feeling below the waist. We get mixed messages; some say too soon and some are not so encouraging. We want to thank you so much for your prayers and concern. If you'd like to send him a cheer card to let him know fellow Christians are praying for him and Taylor: Shepherd Center, 2020 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30309 - Brad King - Room 535.

Cathy & Bob Meyer

Please Remember the St. Stephen Shut-Ins

Please take time to send a note to St. Stephen's shut-ins. Their addresses, except Katie Edward's address, can be found on the list tacked to the bulletin board in the narthex or in the church directory. Katie has been moved to

Mary Katherine Edwards
Kindred Hospital
1313 Saint Anthony Place
Louisville, KY 40204



Nancy Davidson
Lucile Duke
Andrea Eshenaur
Dave Hommel
Marie Pfau

Norma Steiner
Tom & Maxine Swasko
Catherine Thonen
Rueben Zander

FCHUM Thanksgiving Holiday Cheer Program

The Fern Creek/High-view United Ministries, FCHUM, is asking for everyone's help. We hope to make **at least 8 Holiday Cheer Thanksgiving baskets** for needy families in our community. Holiday Cheer baskets contain everything a family needs to prepare their Thanksgiving dinner. These baskets will be distributed by the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries just before Thanksgiving.

There are autumn leaves in the narthex with food items printed on them. Please take a leaf or 2 and purchase the items listed on them. We need to have all of the food and gift items returned to the church **no later than Sunday, November 22nd**. Working together, we can be a blessing to our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving. We need the following items for each basket:

- stuffing mix
- 1-5 lb. pound of potatoes (**bring close to FCHUM delivery date**)
- 1-3 lb. bag of onions (**bring close to FCHUM delivery date**)
- 2-cans of cranberry sauce
- 3 to 5- cans of green vegetables (green beans, peas...)
- 3 to 5 cans of mixed vegetables (corn, yams...)
- 1 to 2 cans of pie filling
- 1 bag of flour and 1 bag of sugar
- \$15-\$20 gift certificate to buy meat/perishable items



Thank you in advance for your generosity!

2016 Sanctuary Flowers and Candle Donors

Sign-up sheets for 2016 sanctuary flower and candle donors are in the narthex in the Flower and Candle binder near the literature rack. We ask that the donation be \$20.00 for flowers and \$2.00 for the sanctuary candle. Please take this opportunity to honor or memorialize your loved ones in 2016. We need to have the flowers and candles donated as many weeks as possible so that we can continue to provide them. Thank you for your care and generosity.

Mortgage Fund Update

As a reminder, during our St. Stephen annual meeting in February, we decided as a congregation that if we have more than 6 months of payments saved in the mortgage fund, we would use the excess to pay on the loan principal. Presently, we have still have only 4 months saved. Please help us to exceed 6 months during the fourth quarter of 2015 so that we can pay more on our principal.

Octoberfest Raised Money for Youth

\$611.99 was raised for youth activities at St. Stephen's Oktoberfest held on October 17th. Thank you to all who attended the event; to the worship & music committee & other members for planning the event; and to Hank and his friends for entertaining us as we danced and enjoyed the delicious German food. Also, the money raised would not have been possible without donations totaling over \$600 from generous members who provided food, beverages, decorations, or raffle items. Thank you to all of these generous members.

Thanks For The Update

Ray Grinestaff, who owns Graphic Ad Signs, has made many signs for St. Stephen in the past, including our sign for the Trunk & Treat festival. This year, he updated that sign with the new date at no charge. Thanks, Ray!

Note From Jim Brotzge:

Thank you for the cards, gifts, and telephone calls. Also, thanks to the church council for the party.

I am glad I was able to serve. I have had good help.

Love, *Jim Brotzge*

St. Stephen/American Red Cross Blood Drive Successful

An American Red Cross blood drive was held at St. Stephen on Tuesday, October 20th. **18 donors** successfully donated. Thanks to all who gave blood and helped in other ways!

New Acolyte, Peace Kahn

On Sunday, October 18th Kenna Markley held a brief acolyte training session during Sunday school for anyone who wanted to become an acolyte. We welcome **Peace Kahn** as a new acolyte. We also appreciate the 14 returning acolytes. If you want to become an acolyte, but you were not able to make it to the training session, please call the church office, 239-7778, or send a message to secretary.ststephen@gmail.com, and we will arrange a time for training. New acolytes will be paired with experienced acolytes in the worship server schedule starting in December.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the congregation council was called to order by council president, Brenda Firquin. Prayer was offered by Pr. McFarland. Members present: Brenda Firquin, Cheryl Markley, Andrea Goebel, Larry Faue, Duane Steines, Michelle Sarson, Paul Kiser, Pr. McFarland, Kenna Markley, Rod Firquin (recording secretary). Members absent: Connie Miller, Buddy Zimmerman.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the September 13, 2015 meeting were printed in the October newsletter. D. Steines / L. Faue motion and second to accept the minutes as printed. Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pr. McFarland

1. The stewardship campaign is in progress. Time and talent sheets will be out soon. All members are asked to prayerfully consider how each of us can share our talents, gifts, and time to serve God's people. Many small acts of support and outreach can make a big difference in the church and community. Please fill out the sheets and return them to the designated place.
2. St. Alban's members have been joining us in worship the last few months. They plan on visiting on November 8, December 6 and January 24. Please welcome them into our worship and extend a hand of friendship and support.
3. Pr. McFarland informed the council she is in the early stages of application for a Lilly Corporation grant to receive a clergy renewal sabbatical. Pastor will provide much more information to the council and the congregation as the process goes forward. The grant is to support clergy as they renew their commitments to their church and the work of the Lord.
4. The new chairperson of the ELCA Conference of Bishops is our very own Bishop William O. Gafkjen of the Indiana-Kentucky Mission Territory (Synod). The ELCA Conference of Bishops is an advisory body of the ELCA that includes the 65 synod bishops, and the presiding bishop and secretary. The role of the Conference of Bishops is very influential within the life of the ELCA. The Conference of Bishops advises the presiding bishop in matters related to churchwide planning and ecumenical relations.

President's Report: B. Firquin

1. Through September the average weekend attendance was 83.

Financial Reports: P. Markley, B. Zimmerman, B. Wise

1. Printed reports at the end of these minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report: A. Goebel/C. Markley motion and second to accept the report as presented. Carried
3. Financial Chairman's Report: The January-September report was presented. P. Kiser/A. Goebel motion and second to accept the report as presented. Carried .

Old Business:

1. A St. Stephen Appreciation day is being discussed. Many of our newest members do not have the historical background of St. Stephen. An appreciation celebration is in the process of planning. If you have suggestions, contact Pr. McFarland or Brenda Firquin.
2. With the continuing safety concerns we see in the world, the council discussed what the church does to secure the building during worship services. The old front door is to be locked at all times, even during the service. All other doors are locked at all times, except the main entrances to the sanctuary. The council suggests at least one usher stay in the narthex during services and monitor not only the activity in the church, but also to visually monitor the parking lot traffic. It was also suggested when at the church during the week, when leaving please leave in groups. If your group is meeting be sure the front door is locked. We want to do everything we can to provide a safe worship environment and meeting space for all. If you see anything that is not normal or seems out of place, be sure you contact Pr. McFarland, Rod Firquin, or Buddy Zimmerman.

New Business: There was no new business brought forward.

Church Committee Reports:

Finance: See reports at the end of the minutes.

Evangelism: R. Sarson (Reported by M. Sarson)

1. Church information cards will be available for those visiting our church for the Trunk and Treat event in October. This will be an opportunity to reach out to those who come and provide them information about our church.

Fellowship: C. Miller

1. Donations are needed for the Trunk and Treat event. Please see the sign up in the narthex.
2. The Ladies Christmas Tea will be held on December 5. Watch for more information as that date approaches.

Worship and Music: B. Firquin

1. Sunday, December 6 an "old fashion" Christmas hymn sing will be held at 5:00 p.m. Our choir and the choirs of St. Alban's and Messiah/Trinity will join their voices to sing prepared selections. Those in attendance are encouraged to request favorite hymns for all to sing. This will be a great way to start the Christmas season and join our fellow community churches to sing some hymns we may not sing during the seasonal services. Following the hymn sing, everyone is invited to join in a Christmas cookie decorating party in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for adults and children alike to get into the Christmas spirit. Look for more details soon, but mark your calendar now to participate.
2. The Advent/Christmas decoration schedule is being finalized. Please put November 23 at 6:00 pm on your calendar, as the first decorating evening. Many hands working together make the decorating go much more quickly and the fellowship is wonderful.
3. OctoberFest evening will be October 17. We look forward to a fun and "oom-pah" filled evening.
4. The Advent Season worship focus will be on HOPE-PEACE-JOY-LOVE. Look for ways you can show your hope, peace, love, and joy during this season.

Property and Grounds: R. Firquin

1. A new self-propelled lawn mower has been purchased. About \$50.00 dollars was saved by waiting until the end of the season to purchase. We now have a very light push mower and this new very light self-propelled mower ready to finish the mowing season and ready for the spring mowing to begin in 2016. We will be switching the mowing attachment with the snow blade in the coming weeks to prepare for the coming winter.
2. Fall cleanup was held on October 10. While the turn -out was small, much was accomplished. The items not completed are as follows: cleaning out gutters (will wait until leaves fall in next few weeks) as well as the drains on the flat roof, flower beds weeded, painting of the south entrance eave. If you have some time and wish to weed the flower beds, that would be a great addition to our fall clean-up efforts. Overall, the exterior is in good shape. The men's restroom toilet will be repaired.
3. The chair discussed the price of a snow blower. The large machines run in the neighborhood of \$600.00. The cost for one that size does not seem to be what we need. The chair will do some more investigation and shopping for a blower which better suits our needs and report back to the council.

Christian Education: A. Goebel

1. The children's Christmas program will be presented on December 13. Please mark this on your calendar. This is always a highlight of the Christmas celebrations.
2. The "Youth Quake" in Cincinnati, OH will be January 8-10. Adults, both male and female, are needed to chaperone the youth for this weekend. Please contact Andrea Goebel if you can be a part of this important youth event. Youth who are going are asked to get the money to hold your spot at a reduced rate to Andrea as soon as possible.

Social Ministry:

1. St. Stephen will be hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross on Tuesday, October 20 from 3:00-7:00 pm. If you are able to give, please do so. If you are not, please ask a family member to give. The need is great.

Youth: K. Markley

1. The youth will be serving at the OctoberFest. This will be a youth fundraiser.
2. The youth will be assembling Operation Christmas Child boxes. Please gather your donations and drop them off in the fellowship hall. The youth will put the boxes together from the donations. If you wish to create/fill your own box, see the information in the Narthex.
3. The youth will also be on hand during the Trunk and Treat night on October 25. Look for a sign up in the narthex for food donations. We look forward to another big crowd.

Special committees/organizations:

1. Paul Kiser reported on the South Central Conference's picnic last weekend. A large crowd was in attendance at the Farnsley/Morman landing in South Jefferson County on the river. About 150 local Lutherans were in attendance.

P. Kiser/ M. Sarson motion and second to adjourn the meeting.

The next regular meeting of the council will be November 8 following the 10:00 am service.

Treasurer's Report:

September 2015	Republic checking	memorial	social min.	mortgage fund	mission invest	property annex
Beginning Balance	5,750.79	2,064.77	925.13	4,478.27	11,313.38	12,485.04
Deposits	13,156.23	90.00	0	860.00	0	600.00
Disbursements	9,382.56	0	201.82	1,076.00	0	0
Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjustments	(100.10)	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance	9,424.36	2,154.77	723.31	4,262.27	11,313.38	13,085.04

Notes:

1. # months in mortgage fund = 4, and current mortgage= **\$143,835.45**
2. No Mission Investment statement for September.

Trunk & Treat

St. Stephen's Annual Trunk & treat Festival was held on Sunday, October 25th. Approximately 67 kids and their families attended. Thank you to the fellowship committee for serving yummy hot dogs & chips, and thank you to all who provided pots of chili.



November 2015 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	11/1/15	11/08/15	11/15/15	11/22/15	11/29/15
Lector	Cheryl Markley	Ellen Ullom	Pat Markley	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride
Ushers	Andy Morris Fred McBride	Rod Firquin Adolphus Kahn	Pat Markley B. Zimmerman	Tom Curtis Mikayla Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson
Acolyte	Brennan Summers	Lucy Zimmerman	Ella Markley	Rachel Utecht	Kayleigh Kiser
Communion Table	Deb Steines Kaitlyn Kiser	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser	Charlie Boston Phyllis Boston	Madeline Allen B. Zimmerman	Nicole Legg P. Zimmerman
Commun. Deacon	Kenna Markley	Bailey Goebel	Rod Firquin	Bob Meyer	Tammy Utley
Nursery	Jessica Allen	Julie Zimmerman	Cheryl Markley	Morgan McCauley	Jennifer Kiser
Cantor	Bob Meyer	Cathy Meyers	Paul Kiser	Karen Eisenbrey	Hank Evans
Worship Coord.	Pat Markley	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Rita Sarson
Greeter(s)	Charlie & Phyllis Boston	Jan Wilkins	Johna Wilson	Darlene Clark	Bill & Vivian Wise
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Steines	Needed	Needed	See you at dinner!	Needed
For this season:	before 11/08	before 11/15	before 11/22	before 11/29	---
Grass Mowing	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	---

God's Blessings to these November birthdays:

Adolphus K. Kahn		Sarah Schultz	15
(Peace)	2	Rachel Clark	17
Sean Morris	3	Paula Morris	19
Morgan McCauley	6	Cole Summers	19
Shawn Utecht	6	Jessica Franks	21
Jennifer Kiser	7	Nancy Davidson	22
Meg Thompson	7	Tim Reynolds	22
Karen Christopher	9	Rachael Williams	24
Kirk Emberg	9	Andrea Eshenaur	26
Karianne Leard	11	Hayden Allen	27
Ruby Zimmerman	11		

We celebrate with these couples having November anniversaries:

Fred & Judy McBride	(7th/1975)
Andrea & Will Goebel	(12th/1997)
Hank & Julie Zimmerman	(13th/1999)
Brad & Erin Zimmerman	(17th/2007)
Steven & Rita Sarson	(25th/1978)



October Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

October Sanctuary Flower Donors

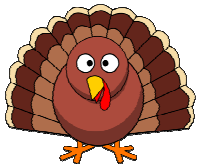
- 4th** - James & Darlene Clark in memory of their parents
11th - Sarson family in honor of Danielle & Bradley Hills' birthdays
18th - Barry & Marilyn Mills in memory of Bob Mills
25th - Gary & Suzanne Hansen in honor of their anniversary

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

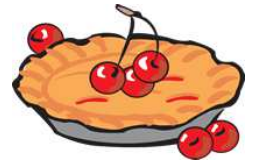
October Sanctuary Candle Donors



- 4th** - Connie Clark in honor of Aubrey Clark's 2nd birthday
11th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Brennan Summers' birthday
18th - McFarland family for the glory of God
25th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Jennifer & Stephen Summers' anniversary

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



November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 All Saints Day 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Fellowship Committee 5:00—Holy Communion</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Ends</p>	<p>2 6:00 - 8:00— St. Stephen Sew Group</p>	<p>3 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group 6:30—Worship & Music Committee, 6:30—Christian Education Committee</p>	<p>4 6:30—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8:30—Weight Watchers</p>
<p>8 Commitment Sunday 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30 Council 5:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers</p> <p>Martin Luther's Birthday, 1483</p> 	<p>11 6:30—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 8:30—Weight Watchers 1:00—Youth Leave on Cabin Retreat</p>
<p>15 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 1:00—Youth Return from Retreat 5:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers 6:00—Finance Committee</p>	<p>18 Golden Sneakers Event 6:30—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 8:30—Weight Watchers 2:00—Wanda Ferguson's Memorial Service in Brownsville</p>
<p>22 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion, Operation Christmas Child Final Collection 5:00—Worship & Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	<p>23 6:00— Decorate for Advent</p>	<p>24 9:00 - 2:00— Fairview Homemakers 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit</p>	<p>25 6:30—Choir Rehearsal ?</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28 8:30—Weight Watchers</p>
<p>29 No Sunday School 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Coffee Hr 5:00—Holy Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Upcoming Events: December 5th - Ladies Christmas Tea December 6th - 3-Church Christmas Carol Sing December 13th - Children's Christmas Program</p> </div>				

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 5903 Bardstown Road
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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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December 2015 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	12/6/15	12/13/15	12/20/15	12/27/15	1/03/15
Lector	Judy McBride	Karen Davis	Sean Morris	Elizabeth Seifert	Julia Davis
Ushers	Marcus Utley Adam Utley	Bailey Goebel Pat Markley	Marilyn Mills Barry Mills	Jim Clark Glenn Eisenbrey	Carolyn Graham Ellen Ullom
Acolyte	Ellerie Seifert	Peace Kahn & Jacob Curtis	Emma Morris	Reagan Morris	Kaitlyn Kiser
Communion Table	Andy Morris Lilly Morris	Marcia Peterson Sarah Giles	Cole Summers Jennifer Summers	Sean Morris Wendi Morris	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson
Commun. Deacon	Steven Sarson	Kenna Markley	Bob Meyer	Rod Firquin	Bailey Goebel
Nursery	Carol Ochs	Cheryl Markley	Elaine Peterson	Connie Miller	Elizabeth Seifert
Cantor	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Cathy Meyer	Bob Meyer	Karen Eisenbrey
Worship Coord.	Pat Markley	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin	Paul Kiser	Rita Sarson
Greeter(s)	Carolyn Graham	Ellen Ullom	Marilyn Mills	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Charlie & Phyllis Boston
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Needed	Needed	Needed	See you in January!	Needed