

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.

“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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ –

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

Did you know that government assistance programs do not cover toiletries? As a result of this, many people in our community are forced to go without these items. Imagine not having shampoo or soap. Imagine catching a cold and not being able to afford to purchase a box of tissues. Imagine not having toothpaste or toilet paper.

You can help. You can make a difference for our neighbors. You are invited to help us share God’s incredible love with the world.

On Sunday, November 6th Rev. Ron Loughry from the Fern Creek-Highview United Ministries will be leading worship at Saint Stephen. Since, one of the main ministries of FCHUM is the food pantry for our community, we will be hosting a food pantry shower for FCHUM during October. Hopefully we can send Rev. Ron Loughry back to FCHUM after his visit with a trunk full of toiletries to share with our neighbors.

The food pantry at FCHUM is always in need of toiletry items like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, conditioner, tissues, and deodorant. These folks need and will use everything you use to get ready in the morning.

The need for these items is great. So let’s see what we can do. Let’s gather a ton of toilet paper, a dome of deodorant, oodles of shampoo, and an expanse of toothpaste! Let’s see how many folks we can bless.

From now until Sunday, November 6th we will be collecting toiletries for the Fern Creek-Highview United Ministries Food shelf. You may place your items on the display table in the narthex or in the basket under the table with all of the sign-up sheets in the narthex.

May God bless you and keep you today and always.

In Christ –

Pastor Kerri

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



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FAMILY! FAITH! FUN! FELLOWSHIP!

I-K SYNOD - SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE FALL PICNIC

SUNDAY, October 2, 2016 - 1:00-5:00 PM



At Riverside: The Famsley-Moremen Landing
The Pavilion at 7410 Moremen Rd., Louisville, KY 40272
www.riverside-landing.org



FREE LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE SCC COUNCIL
(FREE-WILL OFFERING)

Games, Fellowship, Ohio River Vistas
Louisville Loop, Historic Gardens, Gift Shop

Discounted tours of the historic home will be available. Please bring donations for Dare to Care at First Lutheran.

Acolyte Training

All 4th-6th grade students who would like to join the ranks of acolytes at Saint Stephen are invited to attend an acolyte training session during Sunday school on **Sunday, October 9th**. This training session will be conducted by Kenna Markley. Please let Pastor Kerri know if you are interested. As a reminder, all confirmation students are required to acolyte at least until they are confirmed. If you are a confirmation student and you have not been an acolyte before, you are required to attend. Also, you are welcome to attend if you are already an acolyte but would like a refresher class.

Youth Group Planning Meeting

Reagan Morris will be hosting a Youth Group planning meeting **following morning worship on Sunday, October 9th**. All Saint Stephen youth from 6th –12th grades



are invited and encouraged to come to this important planning meeting. Don't forget to bring your calendars and your ideas for community service and other fun activities.

Golden Sneakers Will Visit Glendale

On **Wednesday, October 12th at 9:30am**, the Golden Sneakers will be leaving from the church to visit Glendale, KY. At 11:30 am, we will dine at *Tony York's On Main* at **201 East Main Street, Glendale**. Afterwards, we will visit some of the local shops together. All are welcome! Many of our typical participants are retired senior citizens. However, anyone who has the day off on the day of our events is welcome to join us. Bring friends! Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to participate so that we can make lunch reservations. Call Diane Post, 502-507-8006, if you have questions.

Directions to Tony York's: Take I-65S to Exit 86. Head West about 2 miles on Hwy 222. The restaurant is on the left.

Church Property Work Day

Saint Stephen's outdoor property needs to be cleaned up for the Fall. We will have a church property work day after the morning worship service on **Sunday, October 16th**. Bring your work gloves and gardening equipment. It will be an opportunity to share some fellowship while we make St. Stephen look its best. Pastor Kerri will provide lunch for our crew of workers. Join us!



Saint Stephen's *Oktoberfest!*

It's *Oktoberfest* time! With the beginning of the autumn season, it seems only fitting we should bring out our best German attire and put on our dancing shoes to celebrate *Oktoberfest!* You are invited to join us for a traditional Bavarian celebration on **October 15th**. **The cost to attend is \$10.00 per person through Sunday, October 9th and \$12 at the door to help defray the cost of our festivities. You may purchase tickets from Brenda Firquin.** Cost of admission will include traditional Oktoberfest food (including bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and more.) Additional food items will be available for purchase in the event you want more!

We are so excited that Hank and company will be providing wonderful music again. If you missed it last year, now is your chance to see what all the excitement is about!

Put on your most festive attire (lederhosen welcome!), invite your family and friends, and join in the fun for a great time! There will be dancing, laughter, great food, and best of all, incredible music. Doors will open at 7:00 pm for socializing, and food will be served at 7:30 pm. Feel free to bring your own libation and share if you wish!



Come celebrate *Oktoberfest* with good food and friends!

Saturday, October 15 – 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Wear Red on Reformation Sunday

Wear red to worship on **Sunday, October 30th** as we celebrate Reformation Sunday and the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in God's glorious creation.



Trunk & Treat

Our traditional Trunk & Treat festival at Saint Stephen will be on **Sunday, October 30th at 6:00pm after the evening worship service.** We will start "trick-or-treating" from our trunks in the parking lot at 6:00pm. When everyone is finished, we will file inside for a fabulous meal of hot dogs and chili followed by other fun activities, like the haunted house. Feel free to dress in costumes (adults too), decorate your car trunks, or bring some scary music. Also, bring a friend, if you can!

We will gladly receive donations of food for this event. Look for a sign up sheet in the narthex for opportunities to donate hot dogs, buns, shredded cheddar cheese, chips, or crock pots of chili. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



Committee Chairs' Input Needed

Committee chair people and members are encouraged to evaluate your committee's budget for this year and to make your budgetary suggestions to the Finance Committee (Pat Markley, Cheryl Markley, Karen Davis, and Buddy Zimmerman) by November 1st.

Bring Photos on All Saints Sunday

On **All Saints' Sunday, November 6th** we will be remembering and giving thanks for the saints of God who have gone before us in the faith. We will read the parish necrology for the past year and pause to remember prayerfully these beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. As a part of our worship on All Saints' Sunday, everyone will be invited to light a candle in memory of loved ones. **You are also encouraged to bring pictures of loved ones to place on the back altar in the sanctuary.**

Beverage Fundraiser for Youth

As a reminder, the youth of Saint Stephen are having a year-round fundraiser providing soft drinks in the small refrigerator in the kitchen to raise money for their 2018 trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX. There is no set fee for the soft drinks, but they hope to get at least \$0.50 for each drink. Please help send our kids to this fabulous, inspirational event that they will remember for a lifetime!

Lawn Care Volunteers Needed

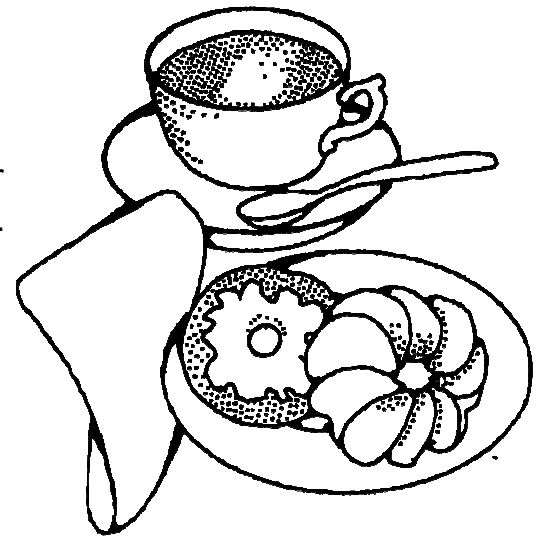
We do not have anyone signed up to volunteer to mow the grass at the church for the rest of this growing season. We could really use everyone's help. If you have not operated the tractor before, please see Rod Firquin, 231-2901, who can show you how to run the mower and provide you with a garage key. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex on the bulletin board. Also, if large tractors make you nervous, we could always use help weeding the flower beds, picking up sticks, and trimming around trees, bushes, and flower beds. If can help with any of these, feel free to help any time. No sign up needed!

We Are Still Collecting Operation Christmas Child Boxes!

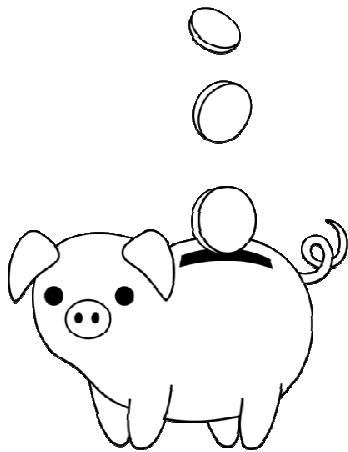
Shoebox-sized gifts have been appearing in the narthex for Operation Christmas Child! If you have not yet started a box, you can find in the narthex brochures with box labels, a completed example shoebox, and a list of suggested items to include and those that you should avoid. The Final Collection Sunday for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at St. Stephen is **November 20th**, so there is still time to get your shoebox(es) together. These shoeboxes are sent to one of the eight distribution centers around the USA and then shipped to children in war zones, disaster areas, and areas of extreme poverty around the world. In 2015, over 11 million OCC shoeboxes were sent to children in 109 countries. Let's help them send even more!

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

We would like to continue to offer a coffee hour after our Sunday morning worship services, but we need more volunteers to provide treats. Consider using this time to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or anything else! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. There is one opening in October and several in November and December. Thank you in advance for helping us to continue this fellowship opportunity.



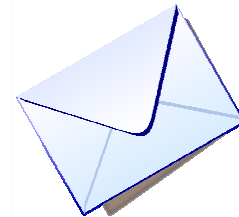
3rd Qtr Social Ministry Collection Results



A total of **\$401.26** in social ministry donations were collected in September. Half of the total will go to the Fern Creek/ Highview United Ministries (FCHUM), and half will go to St. Stephen's social ministry fund. Thanks to all who donated!

Send A Note!

Please consider sending a fall greeting to our Saint Stephen shut-ins: **Liz Chapman, Nancy Davidson, Lucile Duke, Andrea Eshenaur, Florence Loy, Marie Pfau, Norma Steiner, Tom & Maxine Swasko, Catherine Thonen, and Rueben Zander.** Contact information for all can be found in the latest St. Stephen directory.



Farewell to Fairview Homemakers

Thank you to the Fairview Homemakers group for their generous gift to Saint Stephen. After meeting for many years at Saint Stephen on Tuesdays, the Fairview Homemakers voted to disband this fall. This wonderful, thoughtful group of ladies will be missed.

Council Minutes Available Later

The minutes from the September congregation council meeting will be available in the narthex when they are complete. The minutes are delayed because the meeting was one week late in September due to the September 11th Sunday School Rally Day picnic.

October 2016 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	10/02/16	10/09/16	10/16/16	10/23/16	10/30/16
Lector	Fred McBride	Karen Davis	Judy McBride	Sean Morris	Elizabeth Seifert
Ushers	Teta Thompson B. Zimmerman	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Marcus Utley Barry Mills	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Pat Markley Jim Clark
Acolyte	Peace Kahn	Emma Morris	Adam Peterson	Caroline Zimmerman	Lilly Morris
Communion Table	Marilyn Mills Madeline Allen	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser	Charlie Boston Phyllis Boston	Buddy Zimmerman Sean Morris	Peggy Zimmerman Nicole Legg
Commun. Deacon	Rod Firquin	Tammy Utley	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer	Cheryl Markley
Nursery	Jessica Allen	Julie Zimmerman	Morgan McCauley	Jennifer Kiser	Carol Ochs
Cantor	Karen Eisenbrey	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer	Paul Kiser
Worship Coord.	Paul Kiser	Pat Markley	Rita Sarson	Rod Firquin	Brenda Firquin
Greeter(s)	Ellen & Chuck Ullom	Marilyn Mills	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Phyllis Boston	Jan Wilkins
Coffee Hr Host(s)	Needed	McFarlands	Ulloms	T. Thompson	Trunk & Treat
For this season:	before 10/09	before 10/16	before 10/23	before 10/30	before 11/06
Grass Mowing	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed	Needed



God's Blessings to these October birthdays:

Aubrey Clark	2	Jeffrey Davis	9	Bill Whittle	17
Nicole Legg	2	Pr. Kerri McFarland	10	Kaitlyn Kiser	18
Kellye Firquin	3	Regina Warren	10	Connie Clark	22
Madeline Allen	5	Brennan Summers	11	Cathy Meyer	27
Danielle Hill	8	Valerie Ziemba	11	Matthew Davis	28
Elizabeth Swasko	8	Jaina Legg	13	Meredyth Peterson	31

We celebrate with these couples having October anniversaries:

Larry & Diana Faue	(3rd/2015)
Charlie & Phyllis Boston	(17th/1959)
Bill & Vivian Wise	(23rd/1965)
Stephen & Jennifer Summers	(28th/1995)

September Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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- 4th** - Bill & Vivian Wise in honor of their grandchildren & great grandchildren
11th - Andrea Eshenaur in memory of Dwight & Lilian Hess
18th - Marilyn & Barry Mills in honor of Barry Mills' birthday
25th - Diane Post in memory of John H. Post

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

September Sanctuary Candle Donors

- 4th** - Kim Thonen & family in honor of Christian Thonen Crume's 5th birthday
11th - Duane & Deb Steines in memory of Clarence Steines
18th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Grace Summers' birthday
25th - Diane Post in memory of John H. Post

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



October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30—Weight Watchers
2 NO Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Fellowship Committee 11:30—Coffee Hr 1:00-5:00—SCC Fall Picnic @ Farnsley-Moreman Landing 5:00—Holy Communion	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">JCPS Fall Break</div>	4 12:30—Prayer Shawl Group 6:30—Christian Education Committee 6:30—Worship & Music Committee	5 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 8:30—Weight Watchers
9 9:00—Education Hr, Acolyte Training 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Council 11:30—Coffee Hr 11:30—Youth Planning Meeting 5:00—Holy Communion	10 6:00—Creative Hands Sew Group	11	12 9:30—Golden Sneakers Visit Glendale 6:30—Choir Rehearsal	13	14	15 8:30—Weight Watchers 7:00-9:30—St. Stephen Oktoberfest
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30 Reformation Sunday—Wear Red! 9:00—Education Hr 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion 6:00—Trunk & Treat	31 Reformation Day & Halloween  Reformation Day	Upcoming Events: November 20th —Operation Christmas Child Final Collection Sunday November 20th —Worship Service & Thanksgiving Dinner				

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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:
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Grass Mowing	Needed	Needed	Needed		