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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

"Well, it's sort of like having your arm taken from you."

That's what concert violinist Roman Totenberg told his daughter, Jill, in 1980 after his priceless Stradivarius was stolen from the music school where he taught.

Thirty-five years later, a California woman contacted a violin appraiser, asking him about an old violin her ex-husband had given her before his death in 2011. She'd put it away for a year or so because it was in a locked case she couldn't open. After breaking the lock on the case, she realized it was an antique instrument.

Recognizing it to be a Stradivarius, the appraiser alerted the authorities, who contacted the FBI's Art Crimes Unit. When informed the instrument was known to be stolen and worth millions, the woman promptly turned it over. She has not been charged.

Had the woman broken the case open as soon as she'd received it Mr. Totenberg -- then 100 years old -- might have held his prized violin in his hands once again. But it was not to be. He died the next year, before the instrument was recovered.

NPR legal correspondent Nina Totenberg -- another of Mr. Totenberg's daughters -- said her father long suspected the woman's ex-husband, an aspiring violinist named Philip Johnson, was the culprit. But he couldn't prove it, and the police didn't think his suspicion was enough to justify a search warrant.

Nina Totenberg told the New York Times her father would have been furious "if he'd known that the person that he'd thought took it had, in fact, taken it, and all those years had it hidden away, not maintaining it the way one should, not caring for it as a special baby, not having it played."

Great violins like that one, she went on, "are meant to be played by great artists. ... [It] will eventually be in the hands of another great artist, like my father, and the beautiful, brilliant and throaty voice of that violin, long stilled, will once again thrill audiences in concert halls around the world."

~ Michael Cooper, "Roman Totenberg's stolen Stradivarius is found after 35 years," The New York Times, August 7, 2015. nytimes.com. Retrieved August 10, 2015.

~ Jennifer Smith, "Grand finale: A stolen Stradivarius comes home," The Wall Street Journal, August 6, 2015. wsj.com. Retrieved August 10, 2015.

My prayer for you (and me) this Lent, is we let our lives be placed back into God's hands and the world will be thrilled with the Godly music that is just waiting to be shared. Many of us have been still and silent way too long. After all these years the Godly music that is hidden away can be shared liberally and lovingly with the world.

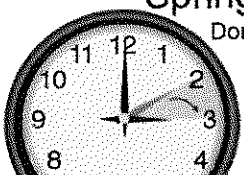
Rev. Jim Harper III

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 **The Builder**

Spring forward

Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 13th



THE BUILDER - March 2016

MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Schedule

8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Classes
10:00 AM Worship
11:15 AM All Ages Faith Development Classes

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Embracing Love

Joshua 5:9-12 • Psalm 32 •
2 Corinthians 5:16-21 • Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Something New

Isaiah 43:16-21 • Psalm 126 •
Philippians 3:4-14 • John 12:1-8

Sunday, March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

Into Jerusalem

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • Luke 19:28-40



Thursday, March 24, 2016

Maundy Thursday

Remember Me

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10), 11-14 • Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 •
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • John 13:1-17, 31-35

Friday, March 25, 2016

Good Friday

Last Things

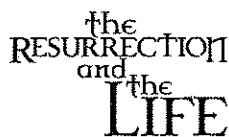
Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22 •
Hebrews 10:16-25 • John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

Resurrection Joy

Isaiah 55:1-9 • Psalm 63:1-8 •
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 • Luke 13:1-9



PRAYER WHEEL

Please sign up on the Prayer Wheel for a thirty minute block of time during our **24 Hour Prayer Vigil** beginning after Maundy Thursday Worship on March 24th. You are rendering a service to your brothers and sisters in Christ and to God with your participation. Thank you for taking part.

MID-WEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wednesday Evenings
Through March 16, 2016

6:15 PM Family Dinner
7:00 PM Worship Experience



**FIVE GIRLS OF
MATTHEW ONE...**
SPIRITUALITY, SCRIPTURE,
SOCIETAL ISSUES,
SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION

March 2, 2016

RUTH - Matthew One:Five & Six

A Moabite women who found hope from Naomi and Boaz who were of a different nationality and culture. We will talk about Immigrant/Refugee issues in Louisville and we will welcome a speaker from **Kentucky Refugee Ministries**.

March 9, 2016

BATHSHEBA - Matthew One:Six

King David and his wife heartbreakingly loose a child to death. We will welcome Chaplin Adam Ruiz, a **Pastoral Care Specialist from a Norton Hospital NeoNatal Unit**.

March 16, 2016

MARY - Matthew One:Sixteen

Mary, mother of Jesus, is so loved, revered, and worshipped as much by Muslims, as she is by Christians. We will welcome Martin Brooks **with Peace Catalyst International (Midwest Region)**, as he shares the

HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 20

10:00 AM Worship Service

Maundy Thursday - March 24

7:00 PM Worship Service & Communion

Good Friday - March 25

2:00 PM Worship for Summerfield Residents

7:00 PM Worship Service

Easter Sunday - March 27

9:00 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM Worship Service & Communion

**CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

- ◆ Thanks to everyone who agreed to participate in the Feed the Hungry event. Donations can still be made to this worthy cause.
- ◆ Our next visit to Diersen House will be May 17. All are invited to join us for the worship service. We will provide refreshments.
- ◆ The final numbers are not yet available for the Spaghetti Dinner, but preliminary accounting shows we exceeded last year's proceeds. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets and worked this event.
- ◆ The Lenten meals and midweek services have begun. Please plan on attending.
- ◆ There will be no Easter Sunrise service this year, but Easter breakfast will be at 9:00 AM.
- ◆ Please sign up for a block on the Prayer Wheel.
- ◆ Lenten Denial Envelopes will replace the Denial Folders we have previously used. They are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. All donations will go to Holy Joe's Café which is a UCC Coffee House Chaplaincy serving our military men and women.
- ◆ We will need the names of youth interested in attending Merom soon to meet the early discount deadline for camp fees.
- ◆ CEC will sponsor a dance on April 16, but instead of the Prom theme it is now a Spring Fling. The attire will be more casual. The event is still intergenerational and all are invited to come to dance, observe, or both! More details will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hoback
Recording Secretary



**MUSIC NEWS
From Janet Storm
Music Director**

Choir rehearsals are on Sunday mornings after worship at 11:15 AM. We will be singing on Sunday, March 6, Palm Sunday (March 20), and Easter Sunday (March 27), along with other Sundays before the end of May. Please consider joining us. You don't have to sing well, just enjoy singing. I hope to see you on Sunday mornings after worship in the choir room.

LENTEN DENIAL ENVELOPES

These envelopes will take the place of the Lenten Denial Folders. They are in a basket on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO
HOLY JOE'S CAFÉ**



Holy Joe's Café is a Coffee House Chaplaincy Ministry that serves U.S. troops. UCC military chaplains have found an old way to invite U.S. soldiers into a safe and informal place where they can receive spiritual care and good coffee. In supporting the café we simultaneously participate in the UCC Coffee Project by sending Equal Exchange Coffee to military chaplains overseas.

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

Nursery Available for Mid-Week Lenten Worship

We will be providing nursery each Wednesday evening during Mid-Week Lenten Worship for those who need child care during the service. Please see someone on the Christian Education Committee if you need this service.

Summer Camp at Merom

Faith Journeys Summer Camp at Merom this year will be June 13-18, 2016. This camp is for children entering the 3rd grade in the fall of 2016 through those graduating in 2016. If your child(ren) is/are interested in attending camp, please let Anne Goble know by March 13.



If you have any suggestions for us to try in the future, please see someone on the committee or leave the suggestion in the office. We are always willing to discuss new opportunities and ideas for outreach.

THE BUILDER - March 2016



MARCH

- March 3 - Elaine Marheine
- March 4 - Alexandra Hill
- March 5 - Julie Mayfield
- March 6 - Judy Dwyer
- March 8 - Carol Seewer
- March 10 - Jeff Elmore
- March 15 - Nicholas Jennings, Shawn Jennings
- March 16 - Jenny Burke
- March 18 - Jeffrey Estes
- March 19 - Blake Glasscock
- March 21 - Amanda Cecil
- March 24 - Lillilu Tabler
- March 26 - Steven Flaherty
- March 27 - Marsha Key, Ethel Voll
- March 28 - Sharon McAllister, Kelsie Ward, Alec Basham
- March 30 - Shane Dwyer, Donna Czeiszperger

CHILDREN'S CHURCH / NURSERY WORKERS

March

- 06 - Linda Jennings
- 13 - Kathy Bauer
- 20 - Madison Harper
- 27 - Karen Haines

April

- 03 - Emma Goble
- 10 - Joyce Bray
- 17 - Krystal Cox Gramlich
- 24 - Nancy Skinner



HEAD USHERS

March

Sam Raderer

April

Bill Kroeckel



QUILTERS GROUP

Thursday March 20, 1016
9:00 AM-1:00 PM

AL-ANON Meetings

Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 AM in the Hope Room of the Family Life Center (Rm 107-108). Anyone is welcome to attend.

CHURCH PUBLICATION DUE DATES

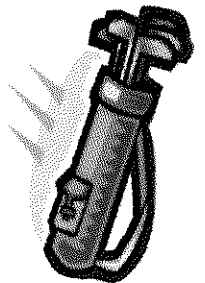
Builder Items - These are due to the office Friday morning following Church Council Meetings which are on the second Tuesday of the month. **The next Builder will be the April 2016 issue therefore articles are due March 11.**

Bulletin Items - These are due to the office by Wednesday morning

ST. STEPHEN ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

JUNE 4, 2016
SENECA GOLF COURSE

CONTACT RICHARD STORM IF YOU
ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING



DARTBALL

JAMBOREE @ SHIVELY CHRISITAN
MARCH 7, 2016

BANQUET - LOCATION TBA
MARCH 21, 2016

From the Church Office

LÓOK
at THIS!

If you have a change of mailing address, email address, or phone number please let the church office know. We are updating our records and we still have really old information on some members and friends!

ststephe_@bellsouth.net 502-448-2544

In Special Need of Prayers

PFC Peyton Nolley, USMC
Fort Leonard Wood, MO



In the Hospital

Donna Schneider had surgery on 1/27 and is on the road to recovering.

Cliff Ellis had surgery on 2/11 and will be recovering for several weeks.

At Home

Jack Bensing, Angie Lowen,
Jerry Mosier, Charles Baxter

Care Facilities

Virginia Cahill - Essex Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
9600 Lamborne Blvd. 40272



THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

From Ruth Lane and June McNally

We would like to thank everyone who donated pies which were used for dessert at our recent Spaghetti Supper on February 5th. Thanks also for the wonderful variety of goodies for the Baked Goods Booth. Our congregation is always generous in their giving and we appreciate it very much. Thanks again for all your help.

From Signature at Summerfield, Vickie Buckley, Quality of Life Director

Thanking St. Stephen for inviting their residents to the Spaghetti Supper. It was delicious and enjoyed by all.

Christena Merrill, Patient at Norton Cancer Care

Thanking St. Stephen for our holiday gift of Kroger gift cards which were very helpful. Christena spent her first Christmas with her seven month old child and appreciates our generosity.



A MEMORIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARY WIETING BY SONDRA FERREN.

A MEMORIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY A. MORRIS BY VIC MORRIS.

A MEMORIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF STUART BAUER BY C. J. WIETING.

***THE MUSTARD SEED CONSIGNMENT SHOP
PAOLI PIKE, FLOYDS KNOBS, INDIANA***

There is a new consignment shop called *The Mustard Seed* that will be using their profits to provide funding for ministries that offer counseling services for victims of abuse. They need donations of clothing, shoes, accessories, housewares, and small furniture. Donations can be brought to the church for pick-up or you can call Lisa Nolley to arrange a home pick-up. See Lisa for more information.

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

Sunday, January 31, 2016

The Bulletin was sponsored by Frankie Williams in memory of Tammy Wisehart and Bryant Wisehart.

Sunday, February 14, 2016

The Bulletin was sponsored by Frankie Williams in memory of her husband, Stu Williams.

**LIVE
JUSTLY.
LOVE
ABUNDANTLY.
WALK
HUMBLY.**



**"I am the
resurrection
and the
life."**

JOHN 11:25

THE BUILDER - March 2016

ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TREASURER'S REPORT - January 31, 2016

	BENEVOLENCES			CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	REGULAR	GOOD SAMARITAN					
BALANCE 12/31/15	39,353.59	5,856.94	750.02	4,366.44	8,799.40	364.27	2,983.50	62,474.16
RECEIPTS	\$26,993.48	1,037.50	20.00	65.50	0.00	0.00	210.00	28,326.48
FUND TRANSFER	(1,859.52)	1,704.56	154.96					
NON CASH DONATIONS								
TOTALS	64,487.55	8,599.00	924.98	4,431.94	8,799.40	364.27	3,193.50	90,800.64
DISBURSEMENTS	19,965.46	2,045.00	0.00	61.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,072.40
BALANCE 01/31/16	44,522.09	6,554.00	924.98	4,370.00	8,799.40	364.27	3,193.50	68,728.24

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN

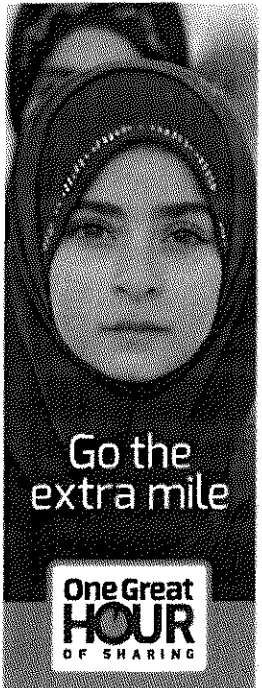
SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,686.69
MISSIONS COMM. FUND	914.10
YOUTH FUND	313.20
NOTE: FLC - RENTALS :	800.00
FLC - WALKERS	160.00

**NOTE 1: KROGER COMMUNITY AWARDS NETTED
ST. STEPHEN DURING Jan 2016 \$0.00**


TREASURER
January 31, 2016

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF =====>

	12/31/2015
CHECKING ACCOUNTS:	
PNC CHECKING	13,107.72
PNC GAMING ACCT.	76.13
SAVINGS A/C - PNC - BEGIN	57,838.71
INTEREST EARNED	4.03
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CHECKING	0.00
SERVICE CHARGE	0.00
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS	(2,000.00)
TOTAL PNC SAVINGS ACCOUNT	01/31/2016 55,842.74
SUB TOTAL 01/31/2016	69,026.59
LESS 1ST QTR TAXES	(298.35)
GRAND TOTAL AS OF =====>	01/31/2016 68,728.24



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING MARCH 6, 2016

In a world where communities are being disrupted and displaced by the catastrophes of war, famine, and natural disasters, the Church is called to live out the call of solidarity with these refugee communities as they seek to move beyond the trauma of displacement and toward a new life of well being and promise.

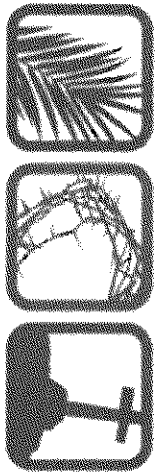
Ruth's promise to Naomi defines what 'solidarity' authentically entails. It stands as a challenge for Christians to intentionally walk with refugees as they seek to build a new home in a strange land.

*"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."
~ Ruth 1:16*

This year as you consider your gift to OGHS, for one moment, think of what it would be like to not have a place to call home and then make your very best gift. Let us live out our call and make Ruth's promise our own

SPAGHETTI SUPPER REPORT 2016


<u>Sales</u>	\$1,262.00	Food
	267.75	Baked Goods
	99.00	Raffle
	<u>\$1,628.75</u>	Total
<u>Expenses</u>	(\$ 414.53)	
<u>Startup Cash</u>	(\$ 120.00)	
Net Profit	\$1,094.22	
<u>2015 Net Profit</u>	\$ 722.28	
<u>Difference</u>	\$ 371.94	



HOLY WEEK

March 2016

St. Stephen United Church of Christ



 He is risen!
Easter Sunday


Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

MID-WEEK LENTEN		1	2	3	4	5
FAMILY DINNER & WORSHIP EXPERIENCE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THROUGH MARCH 16TH FIVE GIRLS OF MATTHEW ONE <u>TAMAR, RAHAB, RUTH, BATHSHEBA, MARY</u> FAMILY DINNER - 6:15 PM ~ WORSHIP - 7:00 PM		8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers	LENTEN FAMILY DINNER & WORSHIP 6:15 PM Family Dinner 7:00 PM Worship RUTH	6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study		10:00 AM-8:00 PM RENTAL-FLC Kenwood Montessori

6 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal	Dartball Jamboree@ Shively Christian	8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:30 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	LENTEN FAMILY DINNER & WORSHIP 6:15 PM Family Dinner 7:00 PM Worship BATHSHEBA	9:00 AM-1:00 PM Quilters Group 6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study		1:00-5:00 RENTAL-FH Debbie Hunter FLC-Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby

13 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal <i>Daylight Savings Time (2:00 PM) Set Clocks Ahead 1 Hour</i>	10:30 AM Uspritus Auxiliary	8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers	LENTEN FAMILY DINNER & WORSHIP 6:15 PM Family Dinner 7:00 PM Worship MARY	6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study	FLC-New Century Fellowship	12:00-4:00 PM RENTAL-FH Virginia Douglas 6:00-9:00 PM John Hurley-Softball

20 PALM SUNDAY	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal	Dartball Banquet Location TBA	8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 7:00 Christian Education Meeting		MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM WORSHIP 	GOOD FRIDAY 2:00 PM Summer-field Worship 7:00 PM WORSHIP 	HOLY SATURDAY

27 EASTER SUNDAY	28	29	30	31		
9:00 AM Easter Breakfast 10:00 AM WORSHIP & COMMUNION  New Century Fellowship-FH until 6:00PM				6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study		

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