

# St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshipping God Loving People Making a Difference

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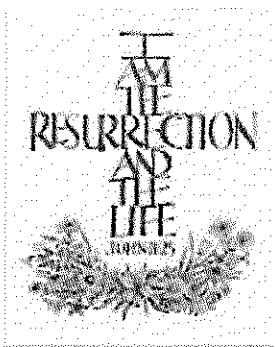
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Gold Scramble Flyer



Robert Coles is a well-known psychiatrist who, knowing that he was subject to the military draft, joined the U.S. Air Force in 1958. He was stationed at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, and made a number of visits to New Orleans. While visiting the crescent city he saw many scenes of racial conflict. He began to personally wrestle with what he witnessed and it propelled him to write many thoughtful articles and books about these things that bothered him so. His articles in *The Atlantic Monthly* about Ruby Bridges, one of the first black children to help desegregate Southern schools, are classic. He won a *Pulitzer Prize* for his book, *Children in Crisis*.

In 1965, Coles interviewed a young white man from Birmingham, Alabama who had come to a point in his life that he openly opposed segregation. The young man explains himself in this monologue:

"I don't know why I put myself on the line.  
I don't know why I said no to segregation.  
I'm just another white Southerner,  
and I wasn't brought up to love integration!

But I was brought up to love Jesus Christ,  
and when I saw the police of this city use dogs on people,  
I asked myself what Jesus Christ would have thought,  
and what He would have done—  
and that's all I know about how I came to be here, on the firing line!"

It is interesting that this man credits his love of Jesus Christ as the catalyst for his change. Because of Jesus, he struggles with and sees the world differently. Is it the same for each of us? Have we tried looking at the world and at our own lives differently during these days of Lent? Have we taken the time to see the world as Jesus sees the world? The change is more than ashes on one's forehead or new clothes on Easter; the change is total transformation of one's life.

Bernard Iddings Bell (1886-1958) was born in Dayton, Ohio. After studies at the University of Chicago, he was ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church USA. He served as dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin from 1912-1919. He was warden of Bard College from 1919 to 1933.

Bell writes these words:

"We need to forget the imaginary Christ who has been ours too long and to rediscover the real Christ, the Christ of the prophets and the martyrs and the confessors, the Christ who is not only the lover of souls but also the master, a monarch with demands to make in industry, in finance, in education, in the arts, in marriage, in the home."

May you and I journey to all the places in our lives and in our hearts these days of Lent. May you and I forget the imaginary Christ who has been our way too long and may we rediscover, perhaps again for the very first time, the real Christ. May we experience transformation these high and holy days.

God's Blessing and God's Speed!  
Jim Harper III

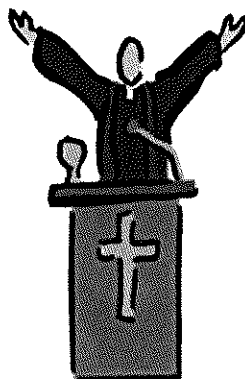
## **April Worship Schedule**

### **Sunday Schedule**

8:45 AM Faith Development Classes  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 Faith Development Classes

### **Sunday, March 23, 2014**

Third Sunday in Lent  
*Thirsty Voices*  
John 4:5-42



### **Wednesday, March 26, 2014**

Mid-Week Lenten Worship  
7:00 PM

### **Sunday, March 30, 2014**

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
*Restored*  
John 9:1-41

### **Wednesday, April 2, 2014**

Mid-Week Lenten Worship  
7:00 PM

### **Sunday, April 6, 2014**

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
*Breath of Hope*  
John 11:1-45

### **Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

Mid-Week Lenten Worship  
Healing Service with Rev. Karen Barth of  
Empty Vessels Healing Ministry  
7:00 PM



*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

### **Wednesday Night Lenten Services Meal Menu**

**Meal at 6:15 PM;**

**Worship at 7:00 PM**

March 19 - Chili

March 26 - Hot Ham & Cheese

April 2 - Fried Chicken

## **Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule**

### **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014**

10:00 AM Worship  
*Palm Sunday*  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

### **Maundy Thursday, April 17, 2014**

7:00 PM Worship and Communion  
*Remember Me*

### **Good Friday, April 18, 2014**

7:00 PM Worship  
*Last Things*

### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014**

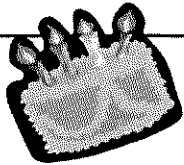
7:00 AM Sunrise Service and Communion  
7:45 AM Breakfast  
8:45 AM Faith Development Classes  
10:00 AM Worship and Communion



## **Lenten Healing Service Wednesday, April 9, 2014 7:00 PM**

Rev. Karen Barth of Empty Vessels Healing Ministries will be conducting a healing service for the last Mid-Week Lenten Service. Empty Vessels Healing Ministry seeks to be a healing and sacramental community that creates an environment for persons across the socio-economic and cultural spectrum to live into their wholeness as beloved children of God. Based in the teachings and presence of the living Christ this ministry seeks to give and receive God's healing.

Empty Vessels Healing ministries offers the Open Hands Wellness Clinic at Grace Emmanuel Church, 1612 Story Avenue, Louisville on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 AM to noon.



**April Birthdays**

- April 2 Emma Jean Mosier
- April 4 Ruth Lane  
Jean Slusher
- April 8 Jack Bensing, C. J. Wieting
- April 9 Chris Alan Craven
- April 10 Tom Schlatter, Debbie Judd,  
Elmira Bott
- April 15 Eric Hoback
- April 18 Jason Gregory
- April 19 Mary Lee Simpson, Sandra Trusty
- April 20 Angela Tatum Bijlani
- April 21 Patti Durbin
- April 22 Charles Leanhart
- April 24 Dorothy Lea
- April 27 Rachael Elliott
- April 28 Holly Poyser

**Children's Church/Nursery Workers**

**MARCH**

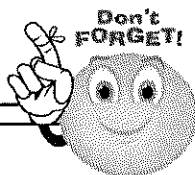
- 23 - Karen Haines
- 30 - Becky Flaherty

**APRIL**

- 6 - Emma Goble
- 13 - Joyce Bray
- 20 - Jordan Nolley
- 27 - Nancy Skinner

**MAY**

- 4 - Ann Goble
- 5 - Kathy Bauer



**Head Ushers**

- MARCH** - Bill Kroeckel
- APRIL** - Sam Raderer
- MAY** - Peggy and Irv Schmidt

The next *Builder* will be sent out April 16th. The last day to submit articles will be April 12th. Early submissions are appreciated!

Newsletter Deadline: April 12th



Memorial Gifts were given by Vic Morris in memory of Dorothy Morris.

**Bulletin Sponsorship**

The Worship Bulletin on March 16, was sponsored by Patti and James Durbin and Bonnie Braun in memory of Arnie Braun

**Sunday School Perfect Attendance**

**MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

**Men's Class:** Jack Bensing, Jim Harper III, Bill Kroeckel Herbert Raderer, Sam Raderer



**New Generation:** Jeannie Raderer, Nancy Skinner, Marsha Vowels



I want to thank the congregation for all their prayers during my illness. I also want to thank Rev. Harper for all his prayers as well.

Sincerely,  
William Montgomery



WAYSIDE  
CHRISTIAN  
MISSION

**Thank You Note**

Rev. Tim Moseley of Wayside Christian Mission sent us a thank you note for our benevolence gift that was sent in February and our continuing prayers and support.

**AL-ANON Meetings**

St. Stephen UCC is hosting 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.

## **Council Highlights**

**March 11, 2014**

- Our Yard Sale will be held on June 14, 2014. Please bring your donations to the church. Your "trash" may be someone else's "treasure".
- Discussions were held about the possibility of having a kid's carnival along with a health fair this summer. The proceeds would be divided between the Young Ambassadors and expenses related to camp registration.
- We have been designated to collect sponges and brushes for the Disaster Buckets. All donations will be appreciated.
- A committee has been formed to start making plans for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Anyone who would like to work with the committee should contact Donna Schneider.
- St. Stephen UCC Golf Scramble is set for May 31. We are in need of players and sponsors. Anyone interested should see Richard Storm. Registration deadline is May 25.
- Chili Fest is set for November 1, 2014
- The Indiana/Kentucky Conference is offering boundary training for lay members. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jenny Elmore.
- Choir rehearsal starts at 9:10 on Sunday. Please see Janet Storm if you would like to sing in the choir.
- There will be no Vacation Bible School this year.
- We will again provide the worship service for Diersen House on April 29.
- A workday will be scheduled soon. Please notify Richard Storm if anything you see that needs repair.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Hoback

## **Christian Education**

It's hard to believe, but Church camp is right around the corner. It is June 16-21. Camp is for children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the fall through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year, there is also a spot for 18-25 year olds. This is open to everyone. If you or your child is interested in attending camp, please see Lisa Nolley for more information. There will be some fund raisers to help offset the cost. Watch the Builder and bulletin for updates.

Instead of having Vacation Bible School this year, we have decided to focus on our youth. We will be contacting area churches to see how many are interested in getting together for fun activities and mission-based activities. This is in the planning stages, so there is not much information yet. If you have any ideas for our youth, please see Tina Harper. More information will be coming in future Builder articles and the bulletin.

## **New Life in Christ Christian Church Worship at Diersen House**

**April 29, 2014 - 7:00 PM**

St. Stephen UCC will again lead worship for the women of Diersen House on Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 PM. We will be leaving St. Stephen at 6:15 PM. We will still be accepting donations of feminine hygiene products for Diersen House.

## **FAITH DEVELOPMENT CLASSES**



The Faith Development Classes before and after church during Lent will be looking at a series on the Bible, our ethics, and our daily lives. Join us each week for this time of discussion.



Condolences are offered to Lillilu and Anthony Tabler on the passing of Lillilu's mother, Magdaline Kuchenbrod, on Monday, March 17, 2014. Magdaline's funeral was held on Friday, March 21, at Owen Funeral home with burial at Resthaven.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Magdaline's family.

### **Prayer List**

Please remember those who are at home or at a care-giver facility

Thelma Goss, Blanche Baxter, Mary Musick, Virginia Cahill, Hubert & Jean Slusher, Michael Roney, Jerry Mosier, Emma Jean Mosier, Charles Waller, Sr., William Montgomery

### **Prepare for Lent, Emergencies and Conference Annual Gathering all at the Same Time!**



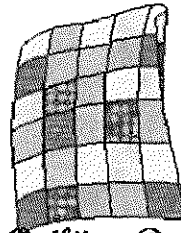
The Indiana-Kentucky Conference is creating 145 Emergency Cleanup Buckets for Church World Service at this year's Annual Gathering. Our Kentuckiana Association is responsible for collecting **SPONGES** of assorted sizes and **SCRUB BRUSHES**. We will be collecting these throughout March and April. Please look for the box in the narthex to drop off your items

### **Missions Committee Monthly Collection**

The Missions Committee collects items each month for Shively Area Ministries. These items are of great help to people in need. The Missions Committee will deliver the items you bring in.

**Please watch the Sunday announcements for the items to be donated in April.**

### **Quilter's Group**



#### *Quilting Day*

There is a Quilters' Group that began meeting on Thursday, March 20, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The group meets in the Fellowship Hall. You are most welcome to join this group and bring your lunch with you. After March 20, the quilters will meet the second Thursday of the month. In April that will be the 10th of the month. Contact Debbie Cahill for more information. 502-935-9606

## **Notes From the Church Office**

### *We Need Your Help!!*

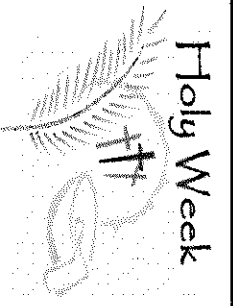
Recently we had some problems with gremlins in our church email. Fortunately, we recovered all our email, but the associated malware reeked havoc with our contact list.

I need to update our email list. Please send your current email address to the church office. You just need to send an email to us with Email Address Update in the subject line.

The church email address is:  
[ststephe\\_@bellsouth.net](mailto:ststephe_@bellsouth.net).

Kindest regards, Janet Manzo

# **Thank you !!**



Holy Week

April 2014

St. Stephen United Church of Christ



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers Square Dance Group	2 6:15 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM WORSHIP	3 9:00 AM Quilters' Group	4	5 2:00-6:00 PM RENTAL-Fellowship Hall
6 <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 9:10 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM Faith Dev. Class (SS) 3:00 PM KYA Association Mtg. - Bluegrass UCC	7	8 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:30 PM Finance Comm 7:30 PM Church Council	9 6:15 PM Lenten Meal 7:00 PM WORSHIP	10 9:00 AM Quilters' Group	11	12 1:00-5:00 PM RENTAL-Fellowship Hall	
13 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 9:10 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM Faith Dev. Class (SS) 1:00 PM RENTAL-Fellowship Hall	14	15 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers Square Dance Group	16	17 <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 PM Worship & Communion	18 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00 PM Worship Ser-vice	19	
20 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 7:00 AM Sunrise Service & Communion 7:45 AM Breakfast 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 9:10 AM Choir Practice 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:00 AM Faith Dev. Class (SS)	21	22 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 7:30 PM Christian Ed Meeting	23	24	25	26	
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ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 TREASURER'S REPORT - February 28, 2014

	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCES REGULAR	GOOD SAMARITAN	REACH FOR TOMORROW	CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS
BALANCE 01/31/14	(7,898.57)	2,980.07	480.29	2,663.79	3,185.20	8,799.40	1,119.27	5,755.00	17,084.45
RECEIPTS	25,911.72	196.50	25.00		35.50	0.00	0.00	270.00	26,438.72
FUND TRANSFER	(1,895.76)	1,737.78	157.98						
TOTALS	16,117.39	4,914.35	663.27	2,663.79	3,220.70	8,799.40	1,119.27	6,025.00	43,523.17
DISBURSEMENTS	17,013.53	2,003.68	364.46		95.30	0.00	0.00	194.73	19,671.70
BALANCE 02/28/14	(896.14)	2,910.67	298.81	2,663.79	3,125.40	8,799.40	1,119.27	5,830.27	23,851.47

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	3,696.69
MISSIONS COMM. FUND	1,010.39
YOUTH FUND	313.20

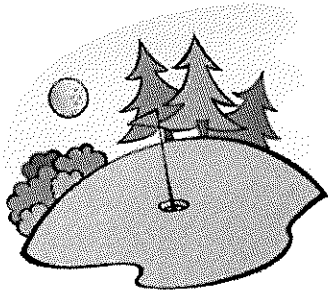
NOTE: FLC - RENTALS: 410.00  
 FLC - WALKERS: 101.00

NOTE 1: SALES OF KROGER CERTIFICATES NETTED  
 ST. STEPHEN DURING Feb 2014

*Shelby Bowen*  
 TREASURER  
 February 28, 2014

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF 01/31/2014

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:	
PNC CHECKING	7,276.22
PNC GAMING ACCT.	340.13
SAVINGS A/C - FIFTH THIRD BK - BEGIN	7,993.96
INTEREST EARNED	0.06
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CHECKING	0.00
SERVICE CHARGE	0.00
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS	0.00
TOTAL 5/3 SAVINGS ACCOUNT	7,994.02
HILLIARD & LYONS BROKERAGE ACCOUNT	8,995.80
SUB TOTAL 02/28/2014	24,606.17
LESS 1ST QTR TAXES	(754.70)
GRAND TOTAL AS OF 02/28/2014	23,851.47



# St. Stephen United Church of Christ Annual Golf Scramble



**May 31, 2014**

**Seneca Golf Course  
2300 Seneca Park Road  
Louisville, KY**

**ENTRY FEE.....\$60.00  
(Includes Lunch, Green Fee, Cart & Door Prize Chance**

Registration will be at 7:15 with tee times to follow.

Please note that our one price entry fee includes lunch after golf and a chance at door prizes. So stick around for a great ending!

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and two other spots based on luck of the draw.

Prizes will also be given for longest drive and closest to the pin on two of the Par 3's.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 25, 2014**

Please Return Entry Form and Payment to:

St Stephen UCC  
1875 Farnsley Road  
Louisville, KY 40216

## Team Entry Form

Name	Address	Fee(\$60.00 Ea)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: Richard Storm (502) 449-0257**

ITEMS TO BE USED FOR DOOR PRIZES OR \$100 HOLE SPONSORS WILL GLADLY BE ACCEPTED.



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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Pastor:**  
Rev. Jim Harper III

**SUNDAY SERVICES:**  
Church School - 8:45 AM & After Worship  
Divine Worship - 10:00 AM

**OFFICE HOURS:** Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 2 PM  
**OFFICE PHONE:** 448-2544 FAX: 448-2526  
**E-MAIL:** ststephe\_@bellsouth.net  
**WEBSITE:** www.ststephenucc.net

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St. Stephen UCC for members and friends.

In order to comply with postal regulations, it is here stated  
that the enclosures in this newsletter are clearly presenting  
material that is an extension of the life and ministry of  
St. Stephen United Church of Christ.

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor.....Rev. Jim Harper III  
Music Director.....Janet Storm  
Vocalist.....Eva Morse  
Office Secretary.....Janet Manzo

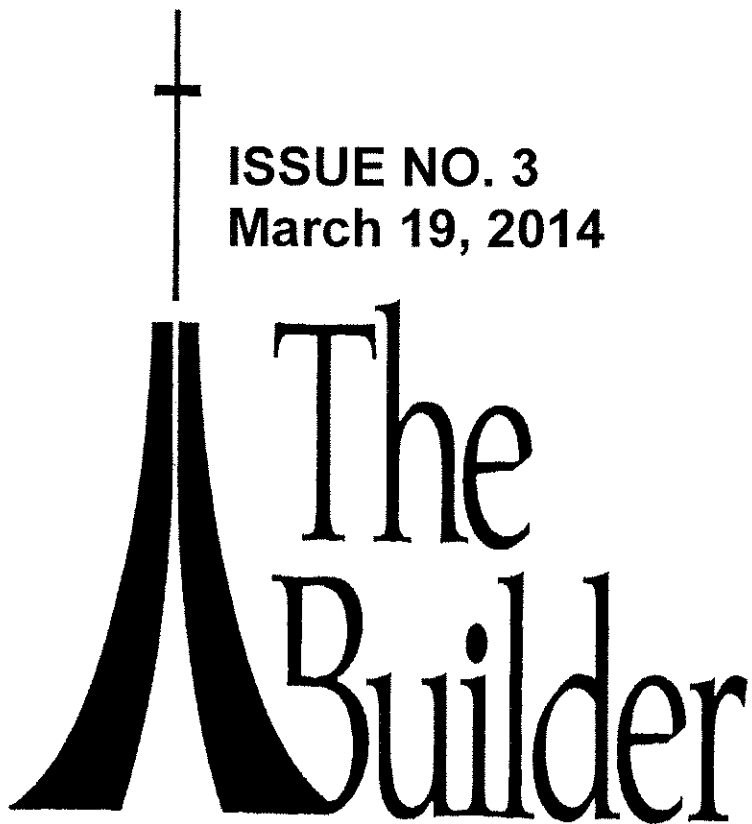
**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

Jack Bensing.....June McNally.....Ruth Lane

**ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH COUNCIL**

Jennifer Elmore, President  
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