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A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Keeper of the Spring —

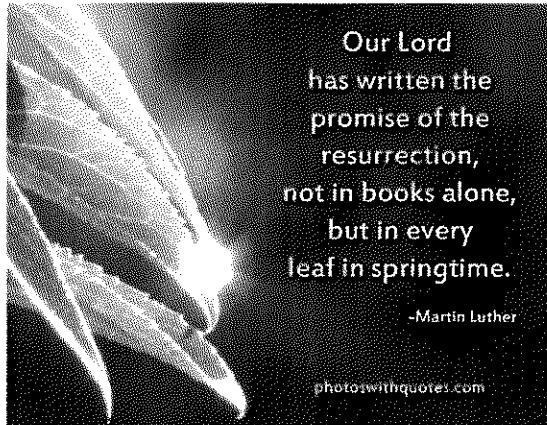
The late Peter Marshall was an eloquent speaker and for several years served as the chaplain of the US Senate. He used to love to tell the story of the "Keeper of the Spring," a quiet forest dweller who lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slope of the Alps.

The old gentleman had been hired many years earlier by a young town councilman to clear away the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevices that fed the lovely spring flowing through their town. With faithful, silent regularity, he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt that would otherwise have choked and contaminated the fresh flow of water. The village soon became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal clear spring, the mill wheels of various businesses located near the water turned day and night, farmlands were naturally irrigated, and the view from restaurants was picturesque beyond description.

Years passed. One evening the town council met for its semi-annual meeting. As they reviewed the budget, one man's eye caught the salary figure being paid the obscure keeper of the spring. Said the keeper of the purse, "Who is the old man? Why do we keep him on year after year? No one ever sees him. For all we know, the strange ranger of the hills is doing us no good. He isn't necessary any longer." By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with the old man's services.

For several weeks, nothing changed. By early autumn, the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools, hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the spring. A few days later, the water was much darker. Within another week, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks, and a foul odor was soon detected. The mill wheels moved more slowly, some finally ground to a halt. Swans left, as did the tourists. Clammy fingers of disease and sickness reached deeply into the village. Quickly, the embarrassed council called a special meeting. Realizing their gross error in judgment, they rehired the old keeper of the spring, and within a few weeks, the veritable river of life began to clear up.

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**MAY
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday Schedule

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

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Disciples Together

Acts 16:9-15 • Psalm 67 •
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 • John 14:23-29

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Breaking Chains

Acts 16:16-34 • Psalm 97 •
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 • John 17:20-26

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Pentecost Sunday

Gathered and Scattered

Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-35 •
Romans 8:14-17 • John 14:8-17, (25-27)

Sunday, May 22, 2016

First Sunday After Pentecost – Trinity Sunday

Wisdom Calls

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 • Psalm 8 •
Romans 5:1-5 • John 16:12-15

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Faith of an Outsider

1 Kings 18:20-21, (22-29), 30-39 • Psalm 96 •
Galatians 1:1-12 • Luke 7:1-10



PENTECOST

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

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The wheels started to turn, and new life returned to the hamlet in the Alps.

You and I should never, never become discouraged with the seeming smallness of our tasks, our jobs, or our lives. We should cling fast to the words of Edward Everett Hale: *"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do."* The key to accomplishment is believing that what you can do will make a difference.

You and I also should never, never lose focus on the fact that we are also the *"Keepers of the Resurrection"* and every time we are found faithful in the smallest parts of our faith, we are bringing the power of the unexplainable Resurrection of Christ into the world in tangible parts.

— Believe in the Resurrection and Be the Resurrection for all to see!

REV. JIM HARPER III



MUSIC NEWS
From Janet Storm
Music Director

Choir is going well this year. We will be singing several times before the end of May. We will be singing on April 24, May 1, May 15 and May 22. I hope you have been enjoying having a choir, even if it's not every week. We have been working hard and have made great progress since September.

The choir will be taking the summer months off again this year. Rehearsals will start again the Sunday after Labor Day.

Please consider joining us. We have a good time and, hopefully, make a joyful noise during the worship service. Remember, you don't have to sing well, just enjoy singing.

REFUGEE FAMILY SPONSORSHIP

***I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU WELCOMED ME
~MATTHEW 25:35***

St. Stephen is co-sponsoring a Refugee Family from Sri Lanka. Pakirathi Nagenthiram and her two children, will arrive in Louisville on April 21, 2016. Less than two weeks ago, we received a call from Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) asking if St. Stephen if we would consider co-sponsoring this family. After discussion with Kentucky Refugee Ministries, the recommendation for sponsorship was sent to the Church Council and it was approved on April 17, 2016.

We set up a display board with items we will need to collect before the arrival of the Nagenthirams. Members of this Congregation are now shopping for these items. KRM is providing furniture and some household items for the apartment. We will provide other household items and food for a month. We are also providing a welcoming meal for them on the night of their arrival.

We will be paying the Nagenthiram's rent for four months and we will need \$700 per month to do this. This will provide living expenses for them until they can find employment in Louisville. Typically a refugee family finds employment in four months after arriving in the United States. There are two requirements that our government requires of any refugee family: the first is that they find a job and the second is that they learn English.

Pakithathi Nagenthiram is a widow with two young boys ages 15 and 7. Pakithathi is 43 years of age and reads, speaks, and writes some English. The family is currently in a refugee camp in Medan, Indonesia. They originally came from Sri Lanka and their ethnicity is Tamil.

We will providing monthly updates on the Nagenthirams and share their progress with you. Please pray for this family as they make their journey to the United States. It is our desire to ease their fears and to make them feel safe in their new home. We ask for God's blessings and grace in this endeavor.



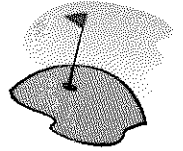
ANNUAL YARD SALE

JUNE 18, 2016

It is not too early to start gathering your treasures for our Annual Yard sale. As you are doing your spring cleaning, merging, and purging, remember us! What you purge just might be someone else's treasure!



**ST. STEPHEN UCC
ANNUAL GOLF
SCRAMBLE**



**JUNE 4, 2016
SENECA GOLF COURSE**

**Entry Fee of \$60.00 includes Lunch,
Green Fee, Cart, & Door Prize Chance**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
MAY 29, 2016**

**FLYERS ARE ON
THE BULLETIN BOARD**

**SEE RICHARD STORM
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

It's hard to believe that Easter Sunday has come and gone already. We would like to thank our anonymous Easter Bunny for providing baskets for our children. They really enjoyed receiving them on Easter morning.

Faith Journeys Camp at Merom is approaching very quickly. Seven young people will attend camp this year from June 13-18. We have four church members and three of their friends who have attended Merom the last couple of years. All the young people have made friends and have stayed in touch with them. Please keep all the young people attending Merom in your prayers.

We will be preparing for summer/early fall in the very near future. If you have any ideas for us, please see someone on the committee or leave a note in the office. Thank you for all your support. We couldn't do what we do without your thoughts, prayers, and support.



THE BUILDER - May 2016



May 1	Penny Kline,
May 3	Emma Anne Goble
May 4	Ivy Vowels
May 7	Ellie Simpson
May 11	Daryl McNally,
May 13	Hope Gregory
May 14	Wayne Skinner, Clifford Ellis
May 20	Samantha Sheehan, Matthew Sheehan, Cindy Morrison, Cameron Keehn
May 22	Michael Roney
May 24	Steven Key
May 27	Amanda Tharp Prestigiaco
May 30	Jeffrey Tatum
May 31	Tony Glasscock, Russ Kline, David Wright

CHILDREN'S CHURCH / NURSERY WORKERS

May	June
01 - Emma Goble	05 - Linda Jennings
08 - Joyce Bray	12 - Lisa Nolley
15 - Krystal Cox Gramlich	19 - Madison Harper
22 - Nancy Skinner	26 - Karen Haines
29 - Camryn Harper & Maile Fowler	



HEAD USHERS

May	June
Jenny Elmore	TBD



QUILTERS GROUP
Thursday May 12, 2016
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 WORK DAY

There will be a work day at the church on Saturday, June 11, starting at 8:00 AM. There are plenty of things to do both inside and outside. We hope to see you there!



The Maintenance Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX HILL

Alex Hill, Russ and Penny Kline's granddaughter, has committed to play field hockey with Bellarmine University. Congratulations, Alex!



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 June 2016 issue therefore articles are due May 13.**

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

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 15, 2016

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to re-imagine and build the future of the UCC. Shared at the conference and national levels, STC largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.



As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message. St. Stephen UCC will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016. Offering envelopes are included in this Builder and will be available in the church pew slots.

In Special Need of Prayers

Emma Jean Mosier
Family & Friends of Yvonne Cohron



At Home

Charles Baxter, Jack Bensing,
Michael Roney

Care Facilities

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



MEMORIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN IN
MEMORY OF DOROTHY A. MORRIS BY
VIC MORRIS.

MEMORIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JEROME W.
MOSIER BY:

- † TERRI LYNN STILES † JANICE OSTERMAN
- † RUSS & PENNY KLINE † GEORGE ROGERS
- † GARY & CARLEEN LEITNER
- † CORTLUND & HOLLY SATTLER

MEMORIAL GIFTS WERE GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ANGILEE
SIEWERT LOWEN BY:

- † BILL KROECKEL † THELMA SHINE
- † DAVID & KAREN SIEWERT † LINDA SIEWERT
- † LLOYD & JOYCE SIEWERT † SUSAN SIEWERT
- † RUSS & PENNY KLINE † HULIN & MARY BUNDY
- † PAUL & VIRGINIA PURLEE † DUANE & LORI KROHN
- † STEPHEN & DINA BAILEY † JAMES & GAYLE KRAUTH
- † WAYNE & NANCY SKINNER † MARY LEE SIMPSON
- † GARY & CARLEEN LEITNER † BARBARA PERRY
- † CHARLES E. SIEWERT † FRANKIE WILLIAMS
- † JAMES & PEGGY HOSTETTLER
- † GEORGE & PHYLLIS SETZER
- † WAYNE & MARY DOEBLING

A MEMORIAL GIFT WAS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF EDWARD &
MARY SIEWERT BY GEORGE & PHYLLIS SETZER.

A GIFT TO THE REFUGEE FAMILY FUND WAS GIVEN IN
MEMORY OF JAMES WILLIAM MONTGOMERY BY:
† LARRY & MARSHA VOWELS † DONNA SCHNEIDER

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

Sunday, April 10, 2016 - Bulletin

The Bulletin was sponsored by Lillilu & Tony Tabler in honor
of their 30th Wedding Anniversary which was April 12, 2016

Sunday, April 10, 2016 - Flowers

Flowers on the Altar were sponsored by Jenny Shanks &
Crystal Mitchell in honor of Jack Bensing's 92nd Birthday
which was April 8, 2016

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED



Uspiritus

Thanking us for our recent
benevolence donation. In addition,
Samantha Jewell, Chaplain, delivered
an Easter lily to St. Stephen grown by the children in
Uspiritus' greenhouse. The lily was a small expression
of thanks for our support of their mission to challenged
children and families.

**Plymouth Community Renewal Center and
Wayside Christian Mission**

Thanking us for our recent benevolent donations and
asking for our continued prayers.

From the Mosier, Goble, Mudd, and Stiles Families

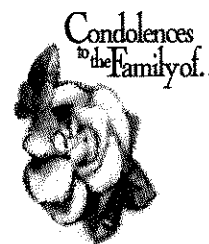
Thanking Rev. Harper and the people of St. Stephen for
their time, prayers, love, and care during Jerry Mosier's
illness and passing.

From Sharon Mudd

Thanking Rev. Harper and the people of St. Stephen for
their love and support to Angie Lowen during her illness
and passing. Also a thank you to the Bereavement
Dinner Committee for the lovely dinner after the funeral.

From Mary Jo Siewert Doebling

Thanking Rev. Harper for his kind words and beautiful
memories at Angie Lowen's funeral service. Mary Jo is Angie
Lowen's niece.



Condolences are offered to the Leitner
and Nolley families on the death of Gary
& Carleen Leitner's brother-in-law, **Aian
L. Lee**, who passed away on Monday,
March 14, 2016. The funeral was held
on Thursday, March 17, at Our Lady of
Mt. Carmel Catholic Church with burial
in Mt. Washington.

We offer our condolences to Sharon & Eddie Mudd and
Mike & Arnette Lowen and their families on the death of
their mother, **Angilee Frances Lowen**. Angie passed
away on Sunday, March 27, 2016. Angie's Celebration
of Life was held on Friday, April 1, at Ratterman Keenan
Southwest Chapels on Cane Run Road. Burial was at
Louisville Memorial Gardens West.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these families
during this difficult time.

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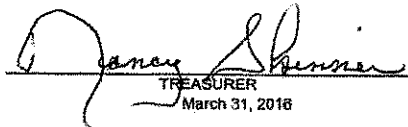
ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TREASURER'S REPORT - March 31, 2016

	BENEVOLENCES			CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	REGULAR	GOOD SAMARITAN					
BALANCE 02/28/16	43,737.05	5,858.09	1,076.17	4,418.00	8,799.40	364.27	4,344.50	68,597.48
RECEIPTS	17,491.01	1,273.50		35.50	0.00	0.00	455.00	19,255.01
FUND TRANSFER	(1,975.08)	1,810.49	164.59					
FUND TRANSFER								
TOTALS	59,252.98	8,942.08	1,240.76	4,453.50	8,799.40	364.27	4,799.50	87,852.49
DISBURSEMENTS	28,057.36	2,320.00		151.59	0.00		40.00	30,568.95
BALANCE 03/31/16	31,195.62	6,622.08	1,240.76	4,301.91	8,799.40	364.27	4,759.50	57,283.54

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDO
SCHOLARSHIP FUND 5,886.69
MISSIONS COMM. FUND 914.10
YOUTH FUND 313.20

NOTE: FLC - RENTALS: 353.00
 FLC - WALKERS 60.00

NOTE 1: KROGER COMMUNITY AWARDS NETTED
ST. STEPHEN DURING MARCH \$0.00


TREASURER
March 31, 2016

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF =====>	02/28/2016
CHECKING ACCOUNTS:	
PNC CHECKING	6,859.58
PNC GAMING ACCT.	68.63
SAVINGS A/C - PNC - BEGIN	55,847.00
INTEREST EARNED	4.04
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CHECKING	0.00
SERVICE CHARGE	0.00
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS	(5,325.00)
TOTAL PNC SAVINGS ACCOUNT	03/31/2016 50,526.04
SUB TOTAL 03/31/2016	57,454.23
LESS 1ST QTR TAXES	(170.69)
GRAND TOTAL AS OF =====>	03/31/2016 57,283.54



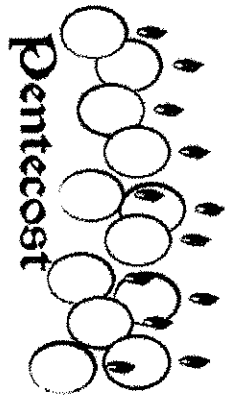
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 17, 2015

- ◆ Plans are going forward for our 50th Anniversary celebration. Donna Schneider has been in touch with Rev. Kallenbach and he is going to try to attend.
- ◆ Our refugee family from Sri Lanka will be arriving in Louisville on Thursday April 21. Preparations are being made to welcome them to their new home. Please see Donna Schneider if you would like to contribute to this short term ministry.
- ◆ We are in the process of being approved as a site for a Metro Government Senior Nutrition Program. This is a part of our continuing outreach ministry to the community.
- ◆ Donna Schneider and Jenny Elmore have created a job description for a part-time position as a Family Life Center/Fellowship Hall Rental Coordinator. Filling this position will not only free up our secretary, Janet

Manzo, to perform more tasks suiting her job description, but will hopefully bring in more rentals to boost our income. The rental fees have been increased to offset the salary of this new hire.

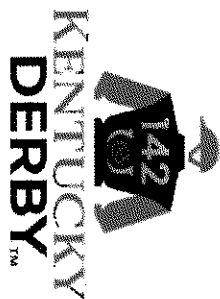
- ◆ Anyone who is going to Merom Camp this year must be signed up by May 13th. The discount payment deadline is May 15th. Anyone who signs up after May 15th will pay more.
- ◆ The date for our annual yard sale is June 18th. Remember: One man's trash is another man's treasure!
- ◆ A work day has been set for June 11th. All who can help out are encouraged to attend!
- ◆ The deadline for the St. Stephen UCC Annual Golf Scramble is May 29th. The event will take place on June 4th.


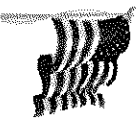
Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Hoback
Recording Secretary



May 2016

St. Stephen United Church of Christ



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal	2	3 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers	4	5 6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study	6	7 KENTUCKY DERBY 
8 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal	9 10:30 AM Uspiritus Auxiliary	10 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:30 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	11	12 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Quilters Group 6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study	13 BUILDER ARTICLES DUE	14
15 PENTECOST SUNDAY STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING 8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes 11:15 AM Choir Rehearsal	16	17 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers	18	19 6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study	20 FLC-New Century Fellowship Young Ambassadors - FLC 9:00 PM on May 20 thru 1:00 PM on May 21	21
22 TRINITY SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes New Century Fellowship-FH until 6:00PM	23	24 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 7:30 Christian Education Meeting	25	26 6:00-7:30 PM Cub Scouts FLC 6:30-8:00 New Century Bible Study	27	28
29 NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 11:15 AM Faith Development Classes	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	31 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Upcoming Events in June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 4 - St. Stephen UCC Golf Scramble • June 11 - Church Work Day • June 13-18 - Faith Journeys Camp at Merrom • TBD - Yard Sale </div>			

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Rev. Jim Harper III

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Worship - 10:00 AM

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CHURCH STAFF

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

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

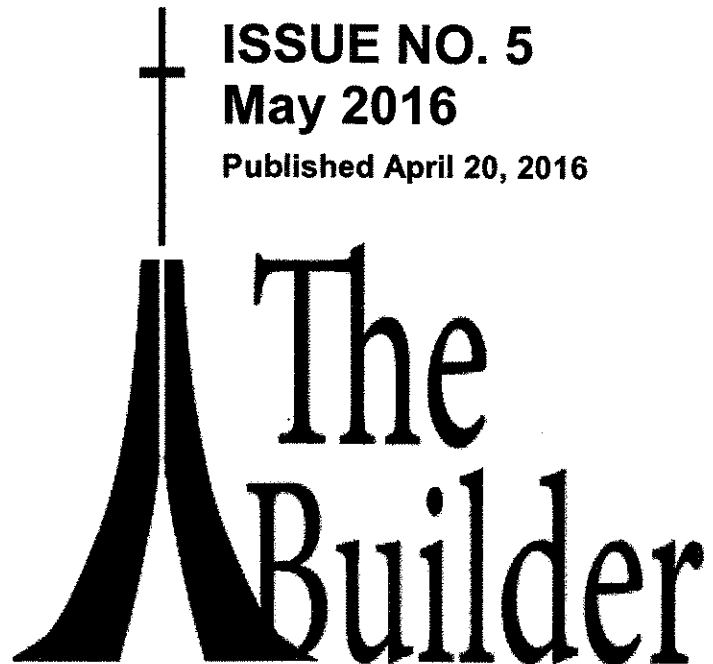
June McNally and Ruth Lane

ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH COUNCIL

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Donna Schneider, Vice President
Carol Hoback, Recording Secretary
Nancy Skinner, Treasurer
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Krystal Cox Gramlich, Madison Harper, Richard Storm

Elders:
Carol Hoback, Lisa Nolley, Donna Schneider



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