

St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshipping God Loving People Making a Difference

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You might like the wording found in the New Revised Standard Version of John 14:1, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.*"

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You might like the phraseology of Eugene H. Peterson's *The Message* as he writes in John 14:1, "*Don't let this throw you. You trust God, don't you? Trust me.*"

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Either way, Jesus is saying two things here: First, "don't worry;" Second, "believe in God." How are we in respect to these two mandates from the Man of Nazareth?

Many centuries ago, a monk, Brother Lawrence, wrote a small book entitled *The Practice of the Presence of God*. That little book has strengthened Christians through the ages. In it, Brother Lawrence says:

We cannot avoid the dangers and the reefs of which this life is full, without the real and constant help of God.

Let us ask him for (help) without ceasing.

But how can we ask him without being with him?

And how can we be with him without often thinking of him?

And how can we often think of him

without forming a holy habit of doing so?

Brother Lawrence was calling people to spiritual discipline — to prayer — to the reading of the scriptures — to worship. He continues to call us today to those things that will enrich our spirit and strengthen our soul. He tells us what we already know — that we cannot be strong spiritually without regular communion with God.

Let us also consider recently Sainted Pope John Paul II. He was in his teens when World War II started. His name was Karol Wojtyla (pronounced voy-TIH-wah). After the Nazis invaded Poland, Wojtyla worked as a common laborer. Some of his friends were joining the resistance, but Wojtyla—believing that only God could help—spent his time praying.

There are those who say that, in that terrible time, the future pope didn't do enough. But there are others who say that nobody could have done more—because he took seriously Jesus' two-fold commands: First, not to worry, and second to believe in God.

Truth is that for all of us the years that lay ahead have the potential to be difficult at any time, and we all will face two challenges. The first will be knowing what to do. The second will be finding the strength to do it. We will find both wisdom and strength in a whole and healthy relationship with God. Let us begin to prepare ourselves now. Let us talk daily with God. Let us follow Jesus daily with our lives. Let us find strength for every circumstance.

Jesus says, "*Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.*" That might not seem like much in a world full of turmoil and trials and tragedies, but as the faithful who have lived before us have learned, it is foundational to finding peace in every problem of life.

Be there for one another; just as God is here for us!
Jim Harper III

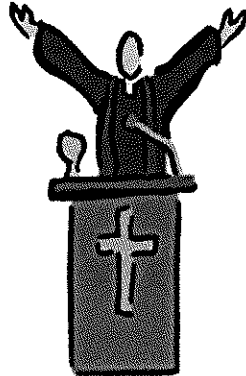
June Worship Schedule

Sunday Schedule

8:45 AM Adult Faith Development Classes
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Faith Development Classes
(As announced)

Sunday, June 1, 2014

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Spirit of Witness
John 17:1-11



Sunday, June 8, 2014

Pentecost Sunday
Communion
Strengthen the Church
Offering
Acts 2:1-21



Sunday, June 15, 2014

Trinity Sunday
Father's Day
This is Good
Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Sunday, June 22, 2014

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daring Discipleship
Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Holy Welcome
Matthew 10:40-42

From
Janet
Storm
Music
Director



I would like to thank the 10 faithful people who came to church early every Sunday from the first Sunday in March through Mother's Day. We met at 9:10 every Sunday and rehearsed for about 40 minutes. We sang one to two times each month. These faithful people put in a lot of hard work to help bring another aspect to our worship service. I really appreciate all they did and Eva Morse for helping me direct. We will be taking the summer months off and will be starting again in the fall, probably after Labor Day. If you are interested in joining us but cannot make it at 9:10, please see me. We may be able to change times. Also during the summer months, we are talking about having a choir as we did in the past. A familiar hymn will be picked and we will go over it right before worship. Everyone is invited to join in. Watch the bulletin and Builder for more details about this.



**UCC Strengthen the Church Offering
Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014**

About Strengthen the Church

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking."



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendar

St. Stephen Golf Scramble

Sat, May 31 - 7:15 AM

Registration - Seneca Park Golf Course
Flyers are on the table in the narthex.

Kentuckiana Association Night at the Bats

Sun, June 1, 6:05 PM

Strengthen the Church Offering

Pentecost Sunday

June 8

St. Stephen Annual Yard Sale Set-Up

Thu & Fri, June 12 & 13

St. Stephen Annual Yard Sale & Children's Yard Festival

June 14

Church Work Day



There will be a work day at the church on Saturday, June 7, starting at 8:00 AM. There are plenty of things to do both inside and outside. We hope to see you there!



**St. Stephen Annual Yard Sale & Children's Yard Festival
Saturday, June 14, 2014**

Start gathering "Treasures" from your house and garage and bring them to the church to be priced and sold. This fundraiser takes a lot of work, so it would be greatly appreciated if you could mark your calendars to come to the church to help get things ready on the Thursday (6/12) and Friday (6/13) prior to the event and also to help sell on the big day. Please contact Jenny Elmore if you have any questions.

If you have any gently used stuffed animals for prizes for the Children's Yard Festival please bring them. There is a donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

**Yard Sale
"Goodies" Booth**

There will be a "Goodies" Booth at the Annual Yard Sale on June 14th.

Donations of bread, cookies, cakes, pies, candy, or any else you would like to bring will be appreciated.

Please come early in the morning and mark prices on your items.

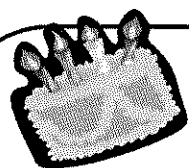
Thank you!
Ruth Lane and June McNally

**St. Stephen UCC Annual Golf Scramble
May 31, 2014**

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

**Entry Fee - \$60.00
Includes lunch and chance at door prizes!
Registration at 7:00 AM**

Flyers on table in the narthex.



June Birthdays

- June 1 Frankie Williams
- June 4 Dana Haines
- June 5 Doris Bauer
- June 5 Sheryl Medeiros
- June 7 Donald Bauer
- June 8 June McNally
- June 8 Sarah Johnson
- June 9 Lisa Foster
- June 9 Kerrie Fullen
- June 10 Michelle Elmore
- June 15 Hubert Slusher
- June 16 Angie Lowen
- June 16 Kelsey Hupp
- June 19 Bryce Ceil
- June 21 Jesse Mudd
- June 22 Brianne Stoff
- June 22 Delaney Stoff
- June 23 David McNally
- June 23 Marcie Raderer
- June 24 Glynda Brooks
- June 24 Anne Goble
- June 25 Erin Kline
- June 28 Kyla Leanhart

Sunday School Perfect Attendance

MONTH OF APRIL

Men's Class: Jack Bensing, Jim Harper III

New Generation: Don Bauer, Doris Bauer, Kathy Bauer, Victoria Bauer, Jenny Elmore, Lisa Nolley, Barbara Perry, Donna Schneider, Nancy Skinner, Marsha Vowels, Frankie Williams



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.

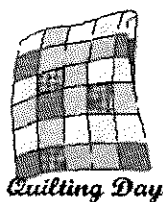


ATTENTION!

New Facility Usage Policy

Effective 4/8/14 we have a new policy in place for congregation members who request use of our facility (Fellowship Hall, Family Life Center, Kitchen, etc). There is typically no set charge for members (although most make a donation); however, we will now be asking members this additional question to determine whether or not a fee should be paid — "Will anything be sold at the event for personal profit?" If the answer is "Yes," there will be an up front fee of \$50.00

Quilters Group



Quilting Day

The Quilters Group will meet May 8th and June 12th (second Thursday) 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. Contact Debbie Cahill for more information. 502-

**Children's Church/
Nursery Workers**

JUNE

- 1 - Linda Jennings
- 8 - Lisa Nolley
- 15 - Madison Harper
- 22 - Karen Haines



Head Ushers

- JUNE** - Don Bauer
- JULY** - Carol Hoback

The next *Builder* will be sent out June 25th. The last day to submit articles will be June 20th. **Early submissions are appreciated!**

Newsletter Deadline: June 20th

Council Highlights

May 13, 2014

- ◆ Final repairs and cleaning will be made to the old parsonage on the workday scheduled for June 7. After that we will have a realtor take a look at the property and give us a fair market value in preparation to put the house on the market.
- ◆ Our front lawn sign has been repaired.
- ◆ The Missions Committee had a very successful campaign for donated items to SAM and the Diersen House. In the month of May they will concentrate on collecting sponges and brushes for the Disaster Buckets.
- ◆ We are still accepting donations to the Bereavement Meal Fund to offset the cost associated with this worthwhile ministry.
- ◆ The choir will take the summer off but hopefully once a month we will get a mass choir together.
- ◆ The last two bake sales have been successful fundraisers for the youth going to camp this year. On May 18th they will have a Soup and Salad luncheon after worship service to raise money for their activities.
- ◆ Golf Scramble – 5/31/14
- ◆ KYA Night at the Bats – 6/1/14
- ◆ Yard Sale – 6/14/14

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Hoback

Christian Education

Church Camp will be held June 16-21 at Merom. We will have 6 children going this year. We would like to thank everyone who participated in the fundraisers this month. Whether you brought something to sell, purchased an item (or more) or both, you helped send our children to camp for a great experience. Hopefully we will hear about these experiences when they return.

We will be having a Children's Festival on the front lawn on June 14 in conjunction with the yard sale. This will help to offset the cost of the Young Ambassador trip. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Thank you again for your continued support of the Christian Education Committee.

THANK YOU

Thanks from the Youth Group

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who helped with the Bake Sales and Soup and Salad Bar fundraisers for our trip to Camp Merom June 16-21. Your donations, help baking, and help making soup and salad is greatly appreciated. We also want to thank all of you who purchased our tasty treats, delicious soups, and crisp salads. It's because of your love that we will be enjoying another wonderful memory filled year at Camp Merom this summer! Thank you again so much from each of us for all you have done and continue to do in our lives!

Prayer List

Please Remember These People In Your Prayers

Home

Emma Jean Mosier, Jerry Mosier, Mary Musick,
William Montgomery, Victor Morris, Jean Slusher,

Care Facilities

Hubert Slusher - Camelot Healthcare, 1101 Lyndon Lane 40222

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

Thelma Goss - Emeritus at Stonecreek Lodge
9251 Stonestreet Road #114 40272

Charles Waller, Sr. - HeartsonmemoryCare
9300 Stonestreet Road 40272

Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift was given in memory of Anna Knoop by Sharon Melton

A memorial gift was given in memory of Dorothy A. Morris by Vic Morris

Flower and Bulletin Sponsorships

Sunday, May 4 - The Bulletin was sponsored by Barbara Perry in remembrance of Marguerite Ford's birthday on May 2.

Sunday, May 11 - Flowers on the altar were sponsored by Jeff, Jenny, and Michelle Elmore in memory of Francis Elmore.

Sunday, May 11 - Bulletin was sponsored by Frankie Williams in remembrance of Bobby Clark's birthday.

Thank You

Karen Barth - Senior Minister, Empty Vessels - Thank you for our support and encouragement of Empty Vessels Healing Ministry and our contribution toward the Association appeal. Also thank you for the honorarium we provided for the Wednesday Lenten Service she conducted. Letter is posted on bulletin board.

Congratulations to our Graduates!



Kelli Storm - Graduated from Western Kentucky University on May 17, 2014 with a major in Communication Disorders.

Alicia Storm - Graduated from Western Kentucky University on May 17, 2014 with a major in Math Secondary Education.

Emma Anne Goble - Will graduate from Atherton High School on June 9, 2014. Emma is a 2014 National Silver Key Art winner. She will be attending University of Louisville majoring in Psychology and minoring in Art.

Kelland Goodin, Redwood City, CA - Kellen is the grandson of Carol Hawthorne. He will be graduating from Clifford Middle School (8th Grade) on June 5, 2014. He will be attending high school in Redwood City, CA.



To the Church Congregation of St. Stephen United Church of Christ:

Thank you very much for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers during this difficult time. Mom really loved her church. Tony and I really appreciate the love and compassion shown to us after Mom's recent death.

Love, Lillilu & Tony Tabler



Bill Montgomery wanted to extend a special thank to Rev. Harper for wishing everyone a Happy Mother's Day during the May 11 worship service.

Thank You

Chicago, United, Eden - CUE Seminaries of the UCC - Thanking us for our benevolence gifts to the seminaries for the year 2013.

A thank you certificate was also included. Both the letter and the certificate are posted on the bulletin board.

Home of the Innocents - Thank you for our benevolence donation of April 22, 2014.

ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 TREASURERS REPORT - April 30, 2014

	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCES GOOD	REACH FOR TOMORROW	CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS	
BALANCE 03/31/14	420.73	4,309.11	524.65	2,663.79	3,156.20	8,799.40	1,119.27	3,000.00	23,993.15
RECEIPTS	20,210.77	846.50			52.50			120.00	21,229.77
FUND TRANSFER	(2,218.32)	2,033.46	184.86						
FUND TRANSFER	2,663.79			(2,663.79)					
TOTALS	21,076.97	7,189.07	709.51	0.00	3,208.70	8,799.40	1,119.27	3,120.00	45,222.92
DISBURSEMENTS	17,480.98	650.00	275.70						18,406.68
BALANCE 04/30/14	3,595.99	6,539.07	433.81	0.00	3,208.70	8,799.40	1,119.27	3,120.00	26,816.24

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	4,196.69
MISSIONS COMM. FUND	1,010.39
YOUTH FUND	313.20

NOTE: FLC - RENTALS : 270.00
 FLC - WALKERS 100.00

NOTE 1: SALES OF KROGER CERTIFICATES NETTED DURING APR. 2014 \$210.00

John Bauer
 TREASURER
 April 30, 2014

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF ----->


	03/31/2014
CHECKING ACCOUNTS:	
PNC CHECKING	9,952.74
PNC GAMING ACCT.	90.13
SAVINGS A/C - PNC SAVINGS - BEGIN	7,994.09
INTEREST EARNED + (Profit on Sale of PNC Stock \$67.34	67.52
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM BROKERAGE ACCT.	8,995.80
SERVICE CHARGE	0.00
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS	0.00
TOTAL PNC SAVINGS ACCOUNT	17,057.41
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-FIFTH THIRD BK	
HILLIARD & LYONS BROKERAGE ACCOUNT	0.00
SUB TOTAL 04/30/2014	27,100.28
LESS 2ND QTR. TAXES	(284.04)
GRAND TOTAL AS OF ----->	26,816.24



June 2014

St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Happy Father's Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 1:00 PM RENTAL-Fellowship Hall 6:00 KYA Night at the Bats Game		3 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers Square Dance Group			5 INDIANA-KENTUCKY CONFERENCE MEETING	6 INDIANA-KENTUCKY CONFERENCE MEETING	7 INDIANA-KENTUCKY CONFERENCE MEETING 8:00 AM CHURCH WORK DAY 10:00 AM RENTAL-FLC
8 PENTECOST SUNDAY STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM RENTAL-FLC 12:30 PM RENTAL-Fellowship Hall		10 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON		12 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Quilters Group 5:30 PM RENTAL-Fellowship Hall ANNUAL YARD SALE SET-UP	13 ANNUAL YARD SALE SET-UP	14 8:00 AM ANNUAL YARD SALE & CHILDREN'S YARD FESTIVAL 	
15 TRINITY SUNDAY FATHER'S DAY 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP		17 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 6:00 Ghost Dancers Square Dance Group 6:30 PM Finance Comm 7:30 PM Church Council					
22 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP		24 8:00 AM Ministerium Bible Study 10:30 AM AL-ANON 7:00 Christian Education Meeting				28 5:00 PM RENTAL-Fellowship Hall	
29 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:45 AM Adult Faith Dev. Class 10:00 AM WORSHIP							

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Rev. Jim Harper III

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

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Vocalist.....Eva Morse
Office Secretary.....Janet Manzo

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