

# St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshiping God Loving People Making a Difference

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Recently, the Thursday Night Bible Study began. The focus of the study is "social justice" and for our first session eleven people met together to share ideas and glean nuggets of wisdom from the material. The lesson is designed to be a tool and a resource both to inform and challenge us as we uncover and discover the message of God from the scriptures. The message from the scripture is an individual message yet collective message poised to bring the issues of social justice into personal transformation.

We recognize that the presence of the Lord is the escort at each session as our spirit intersects with the Spirit of God to guide us through the root cause(s) of social justice into the action(s) we can bring about for social justice in our home, school, church and community.

All are invited to join together on Thursday evening throughout August at 6:30pm for our Bible study. Please don't be afraid of the term Bible Study, let us embrace the time of study in the Bible as the practical practice, a rudder for our ship, strength for our journey and "Light for our path." (Psalm 119:105)

Here are two views for the 21c church in responding to the needs of social justice:

Fred Everybody, Thomas Somebody, Pete Anybody and Joe Nobody were neighbors. They all belonged to the same church, but what church members! Everybody went fishing. Somebody wouldn't speak to him so Nobody went to church. Really Nobody was the only decent one of the four. Nobody worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday School teacher. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, and Somebody thought Everybody would be glad to teach. Guess who did it? That's right – NOBODY! It happened that a new neighbor came to live among them. Everybody thought somebody should try to win them. Anybody could have at least made an effort. Guess who won him to Christ and the Church? That's right – NOBODY!! (unknown source)

Good food for thought! Social justice works both ways, for those who are shut out and those who shut others out, this second view explains what I mean:

*"He drew a circle that shut me out-  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But Love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle that took him in!"*  
Poem by Edwin Markham (American Poet)1

As a practice of justice, "Social Justice" is like an embrace which is a natural action of Christian love. Which view holds true for you?

The back to school season is upon us as the children, teachers, bus drivers and staff return to school please keep safety in mind as you drive throughout the neighbors and add a wave and a smile to your day!

Shalom for your Journey, Rev. Burney

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### **St. Stephen UCC Church Directory**

We are beginning the process of updating our Church Directory. The last time the directory was published was in 2010. Please submit any corrections or additions to your current listing to Beth Tanner. You can give her a call, drop it in the church office on Sunday, or send her an email at [ststephe\\_@bellsouth.net](mailto:ststephe_@bellsouth.net). We are looking for updates to phone numbers, addresses, email addresses, etc. **Corrections need to be in to the church office no later than Sept. 4th.** Thank you for your help with this endeavor!

### **Installation of Reverend Brenda Burney**

The congregation of  
**St. Stephen United Church of Christ**  
Requests the honor of your presence  
**Saturday, September 22, 2012**  
**At 4 o'clock in the afternoon**  
To worship and celebrate with us  
As we install  
**The Reverend Brenda Burney**  
**As Pastor and Teacher**



*A Reception will follow the service.*



### **Stay, Learn, Grow, and Connect ...**

at an Intergenerational class on Sunday, August 26th following Worship. A lunch of BBQ sandwiches, chips, and salad will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen so we know how many plan to attend. The class prior to worship will remain the same. Come join in the fellowship!

### **UPCOMING SERMON THEMES**

August 19, 2012

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wisdom's Spirit Fills Us**

Eph 5:15-20



August 26, 2012

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**At Home with God**

Ps 84

September 2, 2012

Twenty - second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Be Love**

James 1:17 - 27

September 9, 2012

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Who Released the Dogs?**

Mark 7:24-37

September 16, 2012

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Who Are You, Jesus?**

Mark 8:27-38

September 23, 2012

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First in Caring**

Mark 9:30-37

## **Council Highlights**

AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE AS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS EDITION OF *THE BUILDER*. THEREFORE, THE CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST 14TH MEETING WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SEPTEMBER EDITION OF *THE BUILDER*.

### **FAITH 101**

You are invited to a six week conversation of study for those new to the faith, those who want to renew their faith, and individuals who may want to become new members. Classes will be held at St. Stephen UCC beginning on Sunday, September 9th and continuing each Sunday thru October 21st. Class times will be announced soon. Light refreshments will be served.

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### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Sept. 1 - Dennis Jennings
- Sept. 2 - Emily Haines
- Sept. 5 - George Rogers
- Sept. 6 - Kathy Goodin
- Sept. 8 - Sharon Keehn, Victoria Bauer,  
Angela Altman
- Sept. 9 - Herb Raderer
- Sept. 10 - Sherill Harris
- Sept. 11 - Robert Dale, McKenzie Poyser
- Sept. 12 - Chris Key, Charles Baxter
- Sept. 14 - Alex Eckerle
- Sept. 18 - Jo Ann Cranmer, Jennifer Leitner,
- Sept. 19 - Joe Flaherty, Charles Bockting,  
John Spencer
- Sept. 20 - Mark Hoback
- Sept. 22 - Hazel Carroll, Sondra Ferren
- Sept. 23 - Taylor Ann Jennings,  
William Jennings
- Sept. 24 - Jacob Thixton
- Sept. 26 - Jennifer Elmore
- Sept. 28 - Kristina Garvey

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY WORKERS

##### SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Linda Jennings
- 9 - Lisa Nolley
- 16 - Madison Harper
- 23 - Karen Haines
- 30 - Becky Flaherty

##### OCTOBER

- 7 - Victoria Bauer
- 14 - Joyce Bray
- 21 - Anne Goble
- 28 - Nancy Skinner

The next Builder will be sent out September 19th. The last day to submit articles will be September 16th  
***Early submissions are appreciated!***

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

#### 108th Kentucky State Fair

August 16 - 26, 2012

It's that time of year again... Kentucky State Fair time! This year the gates open at 7a with the exhibit buildings opening at 9a.

- Monday, August 20th is Military Monday. Active Duty and Veterans' families will receive 50% discount on admission. Offer available with a valid military I.D.
- Tuesday, August 21st is Senior Day at the Fair. Seniors will be admitted for \$1 before 6p on Tuesday.
- Wednesday, August 22nd is Early Bird Discount Day. You must enter the fair before noon to receive the discounted price. The price for the Early Bird Discount is \$6 per person.

Regular admission price at the gate is \$10 per person, children ages 3-12yrs \$6, and Seniors 55 years and older \$6. Parking is \$8 per vehicle. Advanced fair admission tickets can be purchased at Kroger for a discounted price.

Senior Citizens are invited to visit Heritage Hall, sponsored by Humana, in South Wing C Rooms 109-112 for fun activities daily. This air-conditioned entertainment area will offer complementary morning coffee, musical entertainment, Bingo, and several unique contests. Additionally, seniors can visit the Health Horizons area for various **free** health screenings or the Main Street KY area with exhibits showcasing ways to contribute to a cleaner, safer, and healthier community.

#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### MONTH OF JULY

**Men's Class:** Bill Kroeckel, Jack Bensing

**New Generation:** Don Bauer, Kathy Bauer, Jenny Elmore, Ann Goble, Tina Harper, Carleen Leitner, Gary Leitner, Emma Mosier, Jerry Mosier, Lisa Nolley, Janet Storm, Richard Storm, Blanche Baxter, Bob Dale, Dee Dale

**Middle School:** Ellen Goble, Sarah Goble, Camryn Harper

**High School:** Emma Goble, Peyton Nolley, Gabriel Riggs

## **Christian Education**

During the summer, the Christian Education Committee does not meet. However, we are still active. We will be doing Sunday school a little differently. In the past, the class after worship has taken the summer off. This year, we will be holding class once a month. The last class will be held on Sunday, August 26th. We will be serving barbecue sandwiches, chips and salad. Stay, learn grow and connect! The class before worship will remain the same.

If you have any suggestions, please see someone on the committee or put a note in the office. We are always looking for different ways to reach out to our community. We will be looking at activities for the fall and winter. If you have any ideas for entertainment for the Soiree, please let someone on the committee know. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

**Seeking Social Justice Bible Study**  
Facilitated by Rev. Brenda Burney and held at St. Stephen UCC  
Thursday, August 23rd and August 30th  
6:30p - 8:00p

**Please bring a Bible, writing tool, a heart for God, a heart for seeking social justice, and a friend!**  
**All are welcome!**

### **Bulletin & Flower Sponsors**

Bulletins on August 12 were sponsored by Ruth Lane & Thelma Goss in memory of Alberta Griffor and in remembrance of her birthday on August 13th.

### **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

A memorial gift was given in memory of Lillian Diersing by Angie Lowen and Family.



Bill Montgomery called in to the church office to report that he is doing much better. He also wanted to thank all the members of St. Stephen for the prayers and well wishes that have been sent his way! He especially would like to thank Donna Schneider and Larry & Marsha Vowels for the gift!



### **CHILIFEST**

Chilifest is approaching quickly! Please be sure to mark your calendars! The date for Chilifest this year is set for Saturday, October 13th. Much participation will be needed to make this year's event a success. Watch for more information soon!

### **DARTBALL PRACTICE**

Dartball practice will be held Monday, August 20th and Monday, August 27th at 7p in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in playing Dartball is invited to attend! If you have any questions please contact Nancy Skinner.

### **St. Stephen United Church of Christ Kickball Kick - Off Celebration**

**Everyone** is invited to the St. Stephen UCC Kickball Kick - Off Celebration on Saturday, September 1st beginning at 10:00a and lasting until noon. The celebration will include:

- ◆ Base Running & Kickball Clinic
- ◆ Singing
- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ And more!



**Please plan to come join in the fun!**

**\*\*Now Showing\*\***  
**Ststephenucc.net**

The new St. Stephen UCC webpage is up and running but will continuously be changing and updated! Items of interest are Weekly Bulletins and Announcements, electronic copies of The Builder, church photos, and the Notable News section where you can find all kinds of information regarding whats going on in the St. Stephen UCC community! Be sure to visit our website often!

**Friends on our Prayer List who have been hospitalized since our last issue...**



Emma Jean Mosier, Jerry Mosier

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

Jerry Mosier, Emma Jean Mosier,  
Hazel Carroll, Thelma Goss, Thelma Shine,  
Mary Musick, Virginia Cahill, Dave Wright  
Hubert & Jean Slusher, Michael Roney  
Mildred Schaefflein, Larry McAllister,  
Bill Montgomery, Charles Waller Sr.

# **SACRED MOMENTS**

*shared to benefit Mission Behind Bars and Beyond  
Luther Lockett Christian Church(DOC)*

**An afternoon of inspired song featuring  
The Rev Marsha Charles, Pastor  
Bluegrass United Church of Christ**

**Sunday afternoon  
4:00pm  
September 16, 2012**

**St. Andrew United Church of Christ  
2608 Browns Lane  
Louisville**

*Seating is limited. Reservations can be made before  
September 10<sup>th</sup> by sending an email to  
[Lutherluckettccdoc@gmail.com](mailto:Lutherluckettccdoc@gmail.com) or by calling 895-559-  
8804. Reserved Tickets: \$20.00. Tickets at door, if  
available, \$25. Checks to be written to Luther Lockett  
Christian Church (DOC). Memo: Benefit*

# Imagining



## Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

The Neighbors in Need offering, which begins in September, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continue its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

**Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support.**

Please give generously. Envelopes are provided in this edition of *The Builder*, and remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: [www.ucc.org/nin](http://www.ucc.org/nin)

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Pastors:**

Rev. Brenda Burney  
Rev. Jim Harper III

**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Church School - 8:45 a.m. & After Worship  
Divine Worship - 10:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
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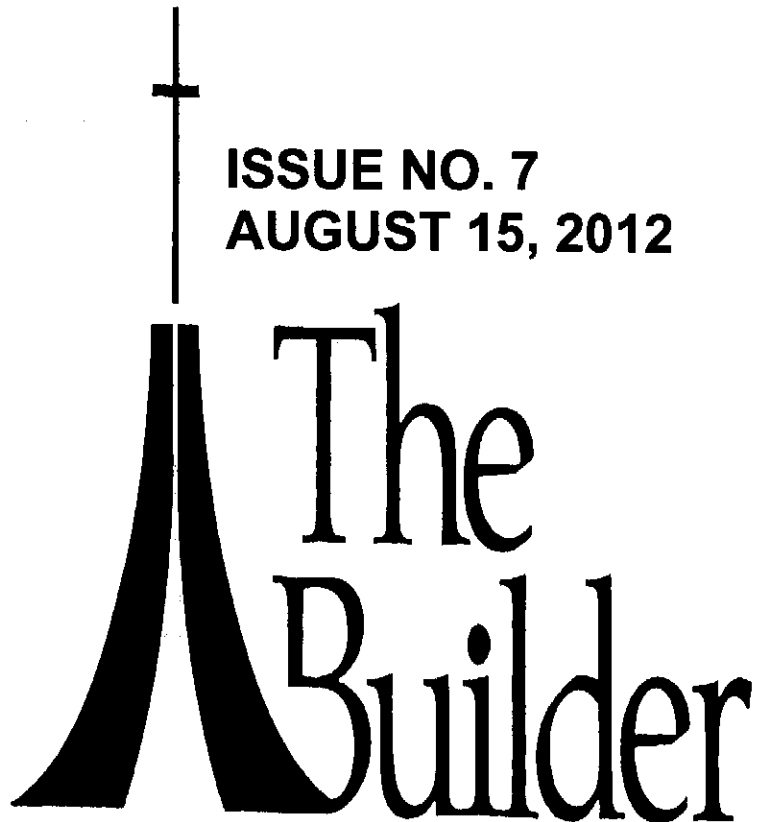
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