

St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshiping God Loving People Making a Difference

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One Sunday in a Midwest city, a young child was acting up during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

I will make a deal with you; you pray for me during the season of Lent and I will pray for you. Prayer is such a powerful and purposeful part of our spiritual disciple as a follower of Christ.

Do you know another person so intimately that you know the wishes and desires of their hearts?

Three guys stranded on a desert island find a magic lantern containing a genie, who grants them each one wish. The first guy wishes he were off the island and back home. The second guy wishes the same. The third guy says, "I'm lonely. I wish my friends were back here."

If you and I are going to pray for each other during Lent, we must know what to pray. We must know each others desires and wishes. It can be done; but it takes effort, discipline and practice.

Prayer is the one thing all faithful people can do. We can not all sing. We can not all teach Sunday School. We can not all preach like Fred Craddock or James Forbes or Prathia Hall Wynn. We can not all even read our Bibles. But we can all pray. Some of the Bible's most beautiful sacred orations are precisely that: the prayers of Abraham, Solomon, Moses and Jesus.

Karl Barth is credited with saying: "To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world." What the world needs now; what our community of faith needs now; what you and I need now is PRAYER!

I invite you to journey with your Church family this season of Lent as we explore deeply and divinely the practice of prayer on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.; join us for a community meal at 6:15 p.m.

Amen.

"If we do pray, all things are possible. But if we don't pray..."
—That person known only as Anonymous

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Upcoming Darball Matches

The following are the scheduled Dartball Matches for the remainder of February and March:

FEBRUARY & MARCH

- February 25 - BYE Week
- March 4 - Mosaic U.M.C. vs. St. Stephen at Home
- March 11 - Playoffs
- March 25 - Banquet

Please Join Us During Lent

on the Following Six Dates

for a Mid-Week Service & Meal

Meals begin at 6:15pm and Worship begins at 7pm

Feb. 13 - Ash Wednesday - Communion - *Put a New High Spirit Within Me*

Lenten Theme: Does Prayer Change Us or God? Or Both?

Feb. 20 - *The View from Above*

Feb. 27 - *Why Pray?*

Mar. 6 - *Keeping Company with God*

Mar. 13 - *How to Pray*

Mar. 20 - *Prayer Problems/Does Prayer Change Anything?*

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday Services

Worship Service begins at 7pm both days

Mar. 28 - Maundy Thursday Service - Communion

Mar. 29 - Good Friday Service



UPCOMING SERMON THEMES

February 24

Second Sunday in Lent

Strong and Tender

Luke 13:31-35

March 3

Third Sunday in Lent

Open Invitation

Isa 55:1-9

March 10, 2013

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Embracing Love

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 17, 2013

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Something New

Isa 43:16-21

March 24, 2013

Palm Sunday

Confirmation Sunday

Into Jerusalem

Luke 19:28-40

March 28, 2013

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 2013

Good Friday



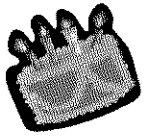
Council Highlights

- Our church has volunteered to conduct a worship service at the Luther Luckett Correctional Facility in March. For the time being the facility has cancelled these services. For those of you who were interested in attending we will let you know if the facility reinstates these services again.
- A tentative date of June 15, 2013 has been set for our Yard Sale. When it is time for spring cleaning please donate your "treasures" to the sale instead of discarding them.
- Registration for summer camp will begin soon. Please contact Lisa Nolley if you are interested in attending.
- A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who attended or helped with the Spaghetti Dinner. It was a success again this year.
- Please plan on attending the mid-week services during Lent. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board if you want to come to the supper before the service. Our Food Service volunteers always have a wonderful menu planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hoback

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS



- March 3 - Elaine Marheine
- March 4 - Alexandra Hill
- March 5 - Julie Mayfield
- March 6 - Judy Dwyer
- March 8 - Carol Seewer
- March 16 - Jenny Burke
- March 18 - Jeffrey Estes
- March 19 - Angela Worth,
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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY WORKERS

MARCH

- 3 - Linda Jennings
- 10 - Lisa Nolley
- 17 - Madison Harper
- 24 - Karen Haines
- 31 - Becky Flaherty

APRIL

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

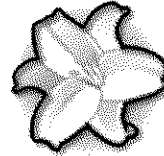
The next Builder will be sent out March 20th. The last day to submit articles will be March 17th.

Early submissions are appreciated!

Newsletter
Deadline

EASTER SERVICES

Please join us **March 31** for:



- Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.
- Easter Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
- Easter Service at 10:00 a.m.

Spaghetti Supper Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped with or donated goodies to the Spaghetti Supper on Friday, February 8th! The evening was a success due to the great food and fellowship that was shared. None of it could have been accomplished without the hard work of everyone involved. Thank You!



Menu for the Mid-Week Lenten Meals

February:

- 13 - Fish
- 20 - Brats/Hotdogs
- 27 - Chicken

March:

- 6 - Chili
- 13 - Hot Ham & Cheese
- 20 - Leftovers

Please join us! Sign-up sheets will be located on the bulletin board.

HEAD USHERS

MONTH OF FEBRUARY :

Gary Morris

MONTH OF MARCH:

Jenny Elmore



PERFECT ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTH OF JANUARY

Men's Class: Jack Bensing, Bill Kroeckel, Herb Raderer, David Wright

New Generation: Frankie Williams, Barbara Perry, Jeannie Raderer

Middle School : None

High School: None



Christian Education

Summer Camp will be here before we know it. Camp dates for Merom will be June 17-22. Children going in to the third grade through graduating this year are eligible to attend. The cost is \$320, with church paying half of the cost. Registration needs to be in no later than May 15, or a late fee will be assessed. If you have any questions or if your child is interested in attending, please see Lisa Nolley for further details.

Another event that will be here soon is Vacation Bible School. We will be discussing dates and curriculum at our February meeting. Please begin thinking about how you can help with this outreach program.

During the Wednesday Lenten services, child care will be provided for children six years of age and younger. Child care will also be provided on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and both Easter services. If you have any questions or would be willing to help with these services, please see someone on the committee.

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

Beth Tanner would like to offer a note of gratitude to Carol Hoback and Dave Wright for volunteering their time to provide office coverage while Beth was away on vacation during the week of February 10th. Both Carol and Dave are always willing to help out in the Church Office and their time and talents are greatly appreciated! A GREAT BIG THANKS TO YOU BOTH!!!

Thursday Lenten Series:

“Building on a Firm Foundation”

Thursdays: March 7th, 14th, and 21st from Noon until 1pm

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
1925 Lewiston Place
Louisville, KY 40216

\$5 per person will be collected for lunch to support the food pantry. Lunch is provided by YUM Brands and a portion of the funds received will be matched by The Feinstein Foundation.



Shively Area Ministries
“UNITING CHURCHES FOR SERVICE”

One Great Hour of Sharing

The OGHs envelopes are included in this month’s edition of *The Builder*. As you consider your offering, please keep in mind the joy that giving brings - to you, to the recipient and to God.

The sin of lying!

A minister told his congregation, “Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17.”

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17.

Every hand went up.

The minister smiled and said, “Mark has only 16 Chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying.”

Taken from <http://sacredheartchurchbahrain.org>

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Thank you notes received this month from:

- Mary-Kate Poling, President/CEO of Brooklawn Child & Family Services, thanking St. Stephen for all the contributions given in 2012.
- Mary Ann Crist, Financial Assistance Program Coordinator of Shively Area Ministries, wrote thanking the Missions Committee for the generous participation in the Christmas Gift Assistance Program. The help given went towards providing Christmas gifts to a total of 161 households that included 407 children.
- The Rudolph Family sent a note of thanks to St. Stephen for all that was done for them to make their Christmas wonderful in 2012.
- Darius & Caleb, the two boys living at Brooklawn that St. Stephen sponsored for Christmas, giving thanks for all the wonderful gifts that were given to them this past Christmas. The generosity shown made an often difficult season more joyful and merry!

THANKYOU

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

Emma Jean Mosier

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

Thelma Goss, Magdaline Kuchenbrod, Mary Musick, Virginia Cahill, Hubert & Jean Slusher, Michael Roney, Mildred Schaeftlein, Larry McAllister, Bill Montgomery, Charles Waller Sr., Charles Baxter, Emma Jean Mosier, Jerry Mosier, Hazel Carroll, Leslie Schmidt

St. Stephen United Church of Christ is deeply saddened by the loss of long-time member and friend, Stuart Bauer on Saturday, February 16th. Mr. Bauer's funeral was held at St. Stephen on Friday, February 22nd at 11am. Prayers are requested for the entire Bauer family and especially his loving wife, Doris.

The family asks that expressions of sympathy be sent to:

St. Stephen United Church of Christ
1875 Farnsley Road
Louisville, KY 40216
or

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,
P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142
Memphis, TN 38148-0142
www.stjude.org (online donations)



Condolences and prayers are offered to the following who lost a friend or family member in January or February:

Our condolences are offered to Linda Bayens and family on the loss of her brother-in-law, Bill Miller. Bill Miller lived in Dallas, Georgia and passed away on January 13th. His funeral was held January 27th.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A memorial gift was given by Sondra Ferren in memory of Mary P. Wieting.



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

Confirmation to be Sunday March 24th

Please continue to pray for our Confirmands as they prepare and progress towards Confirmation on Palm Sunday, March 24th.



The following are updated addresses submitted to the Church Office. Please make a note of the changes.

Correction from the January Edition

Mary Lee R. Simpson
9007 Split Willow Drive
Louisville, KY 40214

Ronald & Erica Gosling
(Children: Matthew Ronald & Olivia Rose)
7855 Whelan Drive
San Diego, CA 92119-1715

Also, please make a note of Ralph Gosling's corrected email address:
TRGOZ@bellsouth.net

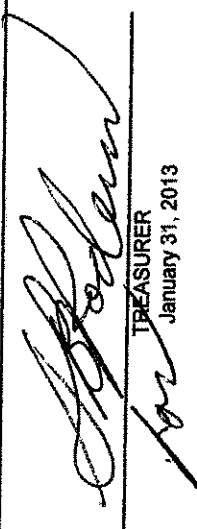
ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
TREASURER'S REPORT - January 31, 2013

	BENEVOLENCES					TOTALS			
	GENERAL FUND	REGULAR	GOOD SAMARITAN	REACH FOR CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS				
BALANCE 12/31/12	(9,125.13)	1,386.52	(638.97)	2,663.79	4,107.16	8,789.40	1,694.27	6,598.48	15,474.52
RECEIPTS	\$15,272.51	208.50	0.00	0.00	60.50	0.00	0.00	360.00	15,891.51
FUND TRANSFER	(2,557.08)	2,343.99	213.09						
NON CASH DONATIONS									
TOTALS	3,590.30	3,938.01	(425.88)	2,663.79	4,167.66	8,789.40	1,694.27	6,948.48	31,366.03
DISBURSEMENTS	16,307.98	1,841.00	0.00	0.00	338.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,487.17
BALANCE 01/31/13	(12,717.68)	2,097.01	(425.88)	2,663.79	3,829.47	8,789.40	1,694.27	6,948.48	12,878.86

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	3,626.69	12/31/2012
MISSIONS COMM. FUND	1,117.23	
YOUTH FUND	313.20	
NOTE: FLC - RENTALS:	370.00	
FLC - WALKERS	81.00	

NOTE 1: SALES OF KROGER CERTIFICATES NETTED
ST. STEPHEN DURING Jan 2013 \$0.00


TREASURER
January 31, 2013

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF =====>

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:		
PNC CHECKING		2,854.61
FIFTH THIRD GAMING ACCT.		127.25
SAVINGS A/C - FIFTH THIRD BK - BEGIN		0.00
INTEREST EARNED		0.00
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CHECKING		0.00
SERVICE CHARGE		0.00
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS		0.00
TOTAL 5/3 SAVINGS ACCOUNT	01/31/2013	10,162.20
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-FIFTH THIRD BK		0.00
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-UCC CORNERSTONE FUND		0.00
SUB TOTAL 01/31/2013		13,144.06
LESS 1ST QTR TAXES		(265.20)

GRAND TOTAL AS OF =====>

01/31/2013 12,878.86

March 2013

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Pastor:

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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E-MAIL: ststephe_@bellsouth.net

WEBSITE: www.ststephenucc.net

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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

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Vocalist.....

Office Secretary.....Beth A. Tanner

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Jenny Elmore, Vice President

Carol Hoback, Recording Secretary

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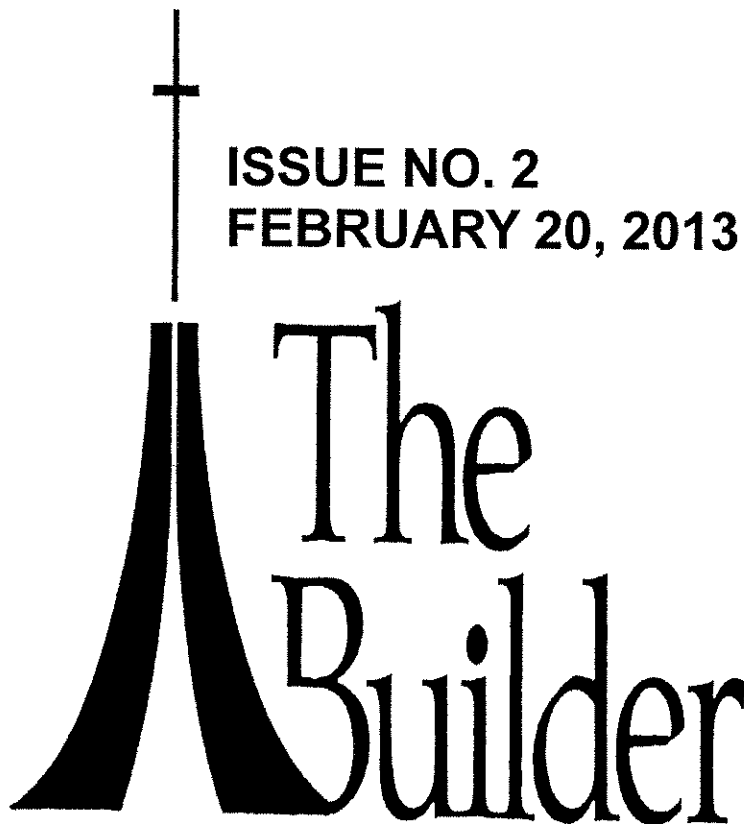
Gary Leitner, Financial Secretary

Members at Large:

Kathy Bauer.....Lisa Nolley....Herb Raderer

Elders: Kathy Bauer.....Sam Raderer.....Herb Raderer

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