

# St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshipping God Loving People Making a Difference

## IN THIS ISSUE

**Pg. 1** From the Pastor

**Pg. 2** Upcoming Sermon Themes

- Upcoming Dartball
- "Be The Change You Long to See" Info
- Council Highlights

**Pg. 3** February Birthdays

- Bulletin Sponsor
- Holiday Office Closings
- Congregational Meeting
- Spaghetti Supper Info
- Nursery Workers/Ushers
- Perfect Attendance-Month of December

**Pg. 4** Christian Educ.

- Goodie Booth Items
- Thank you from Beth
- Thank you from Janet
- Thank you from Rev. Burney
- Confirmation Retreat

**Pg. 5**

- Thank You Notes
- Memorial Gifts
- Condolences
- Prayer List
- New Address
- Catch Healthy Habits Program

**Pg. 6** Treasurer's Report

**Pg. 7** February Calendar  
Insert: Spaghetti Supper  
Flyer

"Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." —  
Martin Luther King Jr.

Recently while preparing for a mediation I ran across a very honest, but perplexing story. It shows how personal prayer and real time circumstances can collide. I want to share it with you and ask that you think about it and seek to understand it from your practice of personal prayer time as well as the real circumstances in your life.

Rene Schafer was a Dutch soldier who, during World War II, spent three and a half years as a prisoner of war in Japan. He was put to work building tankers in a Hiroshima shipyard. He suffered greatly during those years and learned to hate his guards and all Japanese. Every night he would offer a silent prayer that God would bring about an attack on the city that would both exact revenge and end the war. On an August day in 1945, Schafer came to his own conclusion that his prayer was answered when an American bomber dropped an atomic bomb. Schafer describes the scene:

"I thought I was living after the end of the world. I stumbled back to our camp where one of the Dutch officers gave orders to search for other POW's and to carry the wounded up a nearby hill and out of the way of the fire. I went back and forth three times that night, taking not only POW's but injured guards as well. These were men I had hated that very morning and had wished to be dead. Now I was saving their lives. From the moment the bomb went off, you see, there was no hatred left. It was a strange experience--how hate can be turned to pity by a single bomb. There was no difference for me between the Japanese victims and my friends. I felt myself a victim among other victims, not a Dutchman among Japanese. The bomb had killed all hate."

Prayers are answered by God. Prayers are not answered via our own conclusions. Prayer is personal and powerful. This month of January we pause with honor and gratitude to remember the contributions to freedom and civil rights that Martin Luther King, Jr. gave the world. We sometimes forget that he was not only an activist, but he was also an itinerant theologian and he speaks to us, in this quote about the power of prayer: "***To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.***"

I guess for me the lesson here is two fold: First, prayer can and should be looked at as prevalent in our lives as our last and next breath. Secondly, perhaps we need to be more aware of our personal practice of prayer in our everyday circumstances in life and discover that we really should be praying for God's will to 'be done on earth, as it is in heaven.'

Amen.

## BUILDER - January 16, 2013

### Upcoming Darball Matches

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

#### JANUARY

- January 21 - St. Stephen at Arcade Baptist
- January 28 - Ralph Ave. Baptist at Home

#### FEBRUARY

- February 4 - St. Stephen at Fairdale Christian
- February 11 - Carlisle Baptist at Home
- February 18 - St. James at Home
- February 25 - BYE Week

### ***“Be The Change You Long To See: Leading God’s People Today”***

Presented by Anthony B. Robinson  
January 27th, 2013 from 2pm - 5pm  
St. Andrew UCC, Louisville, KY  
Cost is \$10

Our year-long exploration of the joys and potentials of church vitality will feature a day-long seminar with Anthony Robinson. Join us as we reflect on the Biblical foundation of Christian leadership as modeled in the book of Acts and how leadership expectations are changing to reflect the diversity of the 21st Century. Anthony will also help us explore ways to provide bold leadership that can bring about relevant and Biblical change in our churches.

### **UPCOMING SERMON THEMES**

January 20  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
***Extravagant Sign***  
John 2:1-11

January 27  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
***Good News, Good Ways***  
Luke 4:14-21

February 3  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
***Prophet on the Edge***  
Luke 4: 21-30

February 10  
Transfiguration  
***Astounding Glory***  
Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 13  
Ash Wednesday

February 17  
First Sunday in Lent  
***Wilderness Companions***  
Luke 4:1-13

February 24  
Second Sunday in Lent  
***Strong and Tender***  
Luke 13:31-35



## **Council Highlights**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 27 following the worship service. This is your chance to voice an opinion or ask questions about the workings of your church. A luncheon will follow worship. A sign up sheet is in the hall for those planning to attend the meeting and luncheon.

The annual Spaghetti Supper will be February 8 from 4:00 to 7:00. Please spread the word to your friends and family.

Our church will take part in a worship service at Luther Lockett Correctional Facility on Friday, March 8. We may bring 10 visitors, including the pastor, but we must notify the facility in advance. Please ask a council member or the pastor if you wish to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hoback



# BUILDER - January 16, 2013

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

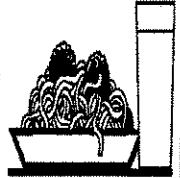
- Feb. 2 - Rev. Gary Tatum
- Feb. 3 - Kennedy Ward
- Feb. 4 - Todd Jennings
- Feb. 6 - Bradley Dwyer, Kaitlin Glasscock,  
Sean Thixton, Sarah Goble,  
Ellen Goble
- Feb. 7 - Jennifer Thixton, Frank Medeiros
- Feb. 8 - Karen Reeser,  
Robert Glasscock
- Feb. 9 - Jacob Key, Brady Keehn,  
Sharon Mueller
- Feb. 10 - Earl Wieting
- Feb. 11 - Pat Panter, Crystal Shanks
- Feb. 12 - Linda Leanhart
- Feb. 14 - Thelma Goss
- Feb. 15 - Pamela Reeser
- Feb. 16 - Codie Mudd
- Feb. 17 - Bethany Hill
- Feb. 21 - Lindsey Jennings
- Feb. 22 - Anya Rene Bijlani
- Feb. 23 - Jeannie Raderer
- Feb. 25 - John Tellman, Suzy Storm,  
Tina Toole-Harper, Bailey Fullen
- Feb. 26 - Brooke McNally,
- Feb. 28 - Nikki Gregory

## **Bulletin Sponsor**

The January 20, 2013 Bulletins are sponsored by C.J. Wieting in memory of Mary Weiting.

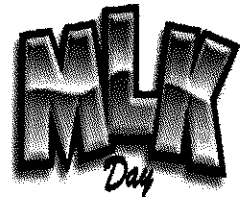
## **Spaghetti Supper**

Mark your calendars for the Spaghetti Supper. This year we have scheduled the event to be held Friday, February 8th from 4:00p until 7:00p.

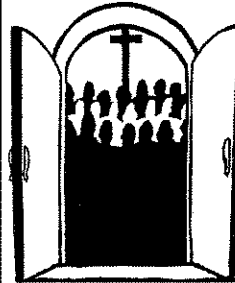


## **Holiday Office Closings**

The Church Office will be closed Monday, January 21st in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



## **Congregational Meeting**



**Congregational MEETING**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual congregational meeting and meal following worship on Sunday, January 27th. Please be sure to R.S.V.P. if you plan to stay for lunch. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board.

## **HEAD USHERS**

**MONTH OF JANUARY :**

Donna Schneider

**MONTH OF FEBRUARY:**

Gary Morris



## **PERFECT ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL** **MONTH OF DECEMBER**

**Men's Class:** Jim Harper III, Sam Raderer, Herb Raderer

**New Generation:** Frankie Williams, Nancy Skinner, Jeannie Raderer

**Middle School :** None

**High School:** None



## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY WORKERS**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 3 - Jordan Nolley
- 10 - Kathy Bauer
- 17 - Tina Harper
- 24 - Frankie Williams

### **MARCH**

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

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

**Early submissions are appreciated!**

Newsletter Deadline

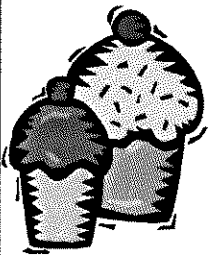
# Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee did not meet in the month of December. However, we sponsored several events. The Holiday Soiree was held on December 2. It was a time of good food, fellowship and entertainment. On December 9, a group of about 30 people went caroling at Summerfield Manor Nursing Home and delivered our gifts to the residents. We also sponsored the Mitten Tree. We collected 1 scarf, 16 hats and 48 pairs of gloves! Thank you to everyone who brought in items, to Barbara Perry for delivering them to Shively Area Ministries and to Suzy Storm for counting the items for me.

We will resume our meetings in January. We will be discussing the upcoming Lenten season, along with Easter morning. Other items that may be discussed are Mother's Day and Vacation Bible School. These dates will be here before we know it.

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.

We hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.



## **Goodies Booth Items Wanted for the Spaghetti Supper**

There will be a "Goodies" Booth at the Spaghetti Supper on Friday, February 8th and we are in need of donations of candy, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, or any other of your favorite desserts or treats. When preparing your items for donation, please be sure to package and price them. Goodies can be dropped off at the church anytime Friday during regular office hours of 9am until 2pm. Thanks, in advance, for your donations!

### ***A Note of Thanks from Janet Storm...***

My family and I would like to thank you for your very generous gift at Christmas. As Sam mentioned, my family really helps me each Sunday morning and more. Richard fills in for Carol Hawthorne as superintendent when she is out, Suzy takes clipboards out for the children and brings them back each week. Alicia and Kelli fill in at nursery when they are in town. They also help with special events at church. Once again, you make us feel as if we are a part of a large family. I'm glad to say that I am a member and work at St. Stephen UCC. Thank you again and I hope each of you have a blessed 2013!

### ***A Note of Thanks from Beth Tanner...***

I wanted to express to all of you my sincere gratitude for the generous Christmas gift along with all the well wishes, treats, and cards that I received during the holiday season. I appreciate all of you so very much and feel blessed to be a part of such a welcoming church community. Thanks again and I wish you all a wonderful new year to come!

### ***A Note of Thanks from Pastor Brenda...***

During this season of giving, the gift of love from God is the gift for life. I am grateful to the congregation and friends of St. Stephen UCC for your love, the many cards, and lovely gifts, and yummy treats, "thank you!" Happy Holidays, Happy Kwanzaa and blessing for a Happy New Year!



### **Confirmation Retreat**

This year's Confirmands will be attending a retreat at Merom. They will travel to Merom Friday, January 18th and will return home Sunday, January 20th. Please pray for them to have safe travels along with a reflective, spiritual weekend on their journey to Confirmation.

## BUILDER - January 16, 2013

### Thank you notes received this month from:

- Rev. Tim Moseley, President/CEO of Wayside Christian Mission thanking St. Stephen for the gift given in November and for the all the prayers and support throughout the year.
- Missy Fountain, Director of Community Development of Brooklawn Child & Family Services wrote to thank St. Stephen for the generous sponsorship of Darius & Caleb. The contribution given helped Brooklawn make sure Christmas was a safe and loving holiday for these two young men and a memory they will surely treasure.



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

Our condolences are offered to Ethel Voll on the death of her sister-in-law, Bernice Bickel wife of Rev. Eugene Bickel. Ms. Bickel passed away on December 26, 2012. Her funeral service was held Monday, December 31, 2012.

Our condolences are offered to Jack Lannan on the death of his sister-in-law, Ethel (Goff) Tinnell. Ethel passed away Saturday, December 29th and her funeral was held on Thursday, January 3rd.

Our condolences are offered to Jerry Mosier on the death of his brother-in-law, James Edwin Stierle. James passed away Thursday, January 10th and his funeral service was held Tuesday, January 15th.

### Christmas Basket Thank You

Thanks to all that helped out with packing/delivery or donating to the Christmas Baskets this year. The following heartfelt thank you note was sent to the church office:

*Hello and Merry Christmas from the Parrish Family. We would like to thank all of you for the wonderful food baskets that you have blessed us with over these glorious holidays. We have just moved here from Alabama and the kindness and caring that you all have shown us has been greatly appreciated. We can not thank you enough. God Bless all of you, keep God first, stay humble, and we love you.*

*The Parrish Family*

*Rejoice in your generosity for it has truly touched the lives of others during the holiday season!*

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

**Jerry Mosier, Leslie Schmidt, Hazel Carroll**

### 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 Schaefflein, Larry McAllister, Bill Montgomery, Charles Waller Sr., Charles Baxter, Emma Jean Mosier, Jerry Mosier, Hazel Carroll*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS



A memorial gift was given by C.J. Wieting in memory of Mary Wieting.

A memorial gift was given by Ruth Shartzter in memory of Mom & Dad (Perry & Edna Knies)

Memorial gifts were given by Vic Morris in memory of Dorothy A. Morris.

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

A memorial gift was given by George Rogers in memory of Ethel Tinnell.

A memorial gift was given by Angie Lowen in memory of Ethel Tinnell.



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

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

**Mr. & Mrs. Todd Jennings**  
**240 Viscount Avenue**  
**Merritt Isle, FL 32953-4643**

### Catch Healthy Habits Program

Volunteer for **CATCH Healthy Habits**, a program sponsored by ElderServe, that brings teams of adults age 50+ together with kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade to learn about good eating habits and to play active games. After-school sessions forming now! Call Kim Newberry at (502) 587-8673, ext. 257, or email [knewberry@elderserveinc.org](mailto:knewberry@elderserveinc.org) for more information.

ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 TREASURER'S REPORT - December 31, 2012


	GENERAL FUND	BENEVOLENCES	REACH FOR TOMORROW	CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS
BALANCE 11/30/12	(9,924.17)	2,009.45	(567.03)	2,663.79	4,368.02	2,096.27	4,336.48	13,772.21
RECEIPTS	30,352.21	2,986.50	100.00	59.50	0.00	0.00	2,275.00	35,773.21
FUND TRANSFER	(3,084.06)	2,827.06	257.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	17,343.98	7,823.01	(210.03)	2,663.79	4,427.52	2,096.27	6,611.48	49,545.42
DISBURSEMENTS	26,469.11	6,437.49	428.94	0.00	320.36	402.00	13.00	34,070.90
BALANCE 12/31/12	(9,125.13)	1,385.52	(638.97)	2,663.79	4,107.16	1,694.27	6,598.48	15,474.52

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDO

SCHOLARSHIP FUND 3,626.69  
 MISSIONS COMM. FUND 1,117.23  
 YOUTH FUND 313.20

NOTE: FLC - RENTALS: 175.00  
 FLC - WALKERS 160.00



NOTE 1: SALES OF KROGER CERTIFICATES NETTED  
 ST. STEPHEN DURING Dec 2012 \$0.00

  
 TREASURER  
 December 31, 2012

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF	11/30/2012
CHECKING ACCOUNTS:	
PNC CHECKING	5,185.07
FIFTH THIRD GAMING ACCT.	127.25
SAVINGS A/C - FIFTH THIRD BK - BEGIN	54.14
INTEREST EARNED	0.00
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CHECKING	0.00
SERVICE CHARGE	(8.00)
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS	(46.14)
TOTAL 5/3 SAVINGS ACCOUNT	12/31/2012
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-FIFTH THIRD BK	0.00
	10,162.20
SUB TOTAL 12/31/2012	15,474.52
LESS 4TH QTR TAXES	0.00
GRAND TOTAL AS OF	12/31/2012 15,474.52

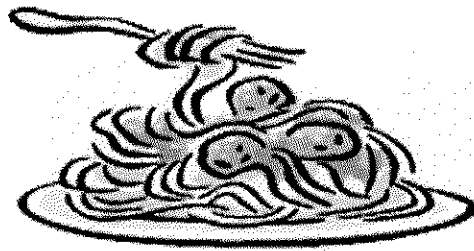
# February 2013

## ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <caption>Jan 2013</caption> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="font-size: small;"> <caption>Mar 2013</caption> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>					S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							1	2
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
	1	2	3	4	5																																																																																												
6	7	8	9	10	11	12																																																																																											
13	14	15	16	17	18	19																																																																																											
20	21	22	23	24	25	26																																																																																											
27	28	29	30	31																																																																																													
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
					1	2																																																																																											
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																											
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																											
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																											
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																											
31																																																																																																	
3 8:45 AM Adult SS Class 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 11:00 AM Sunday School	4 7:30 PM Dartball: St. Stephen at Fairdale Christian	5	6	7 7:00 PM Stewards Meeting	8 4:00 PM -7:00 PM Spaghetti Supper	9																																																																																											
10 8:45 AM Adult SS Class 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	11 10:30 AM Brooklawn Auxiliary 7:30 PM Dartball: Carlisle Baptist at St. Stephen	12 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM Church Council	13 6:15 PM Meal 7:00 PM Worship Service with Communion Ash Wednesday	14  Valentine's Day	15	16																																																																																											
17 8:45 AM Adult SS Class 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Confirmation Class 11:00 AM Sunday School	18 7:30 PM Dartball: St. James at St. Stephen  President's Day	19	20 6:15 PM Meal 7:00 PM Worship Service Builder to be Mailed	21	22	23																																																																																											
24 8:45 AM Adult SS Class 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School	25 Dartball: BYE Week	26 7:00 PM Christian Education Meeting	27 6:15 PM Meal 7:00 PM Worship Service	28																																																																																													

23rd Annual  
**SPAGHETTI  
SUPPER**

Sponsored by  
St. Stephen United Church of Christ  
1875 Farnsley Rd. Louisville KY 40216  
448-2544  
[www.ststephenucc.net](http://www.ststephenucc.net)



**Friday, February 8, 2013**  
**4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Adults: \$8.00  
Children under 12: \$3.00  
Family Plan (Parents and all children under 12): \$20.00  
Includes salad, bread and drink. Dessert \$1 extra

**CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE**



ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
1875 FARNSLEY ROAD  
LOUISVILLE, KY 40216-4701

NON PROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PERMIT NO. 725  
LOUISVILLE, KY

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Pastors:**

Rev. Brenda Burney, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Jim Harper III, Senior Pastor

**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.  
OFFICE PHONE: 448-2544 FAX: 448-2526  
E-MAIL: ststephe\_@bellsouth.net  
WEBSITE: www.ststephenucc.net

The BUILDER is published once a month by  
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**

Associate Pastor.....Rev. Brenda Burney  
Senior Pastor.....Rev. Jim Harper III  
Music Director.....Janet Storm  
Vocalist.....  
Office Secretary.....Beth A. Tanner

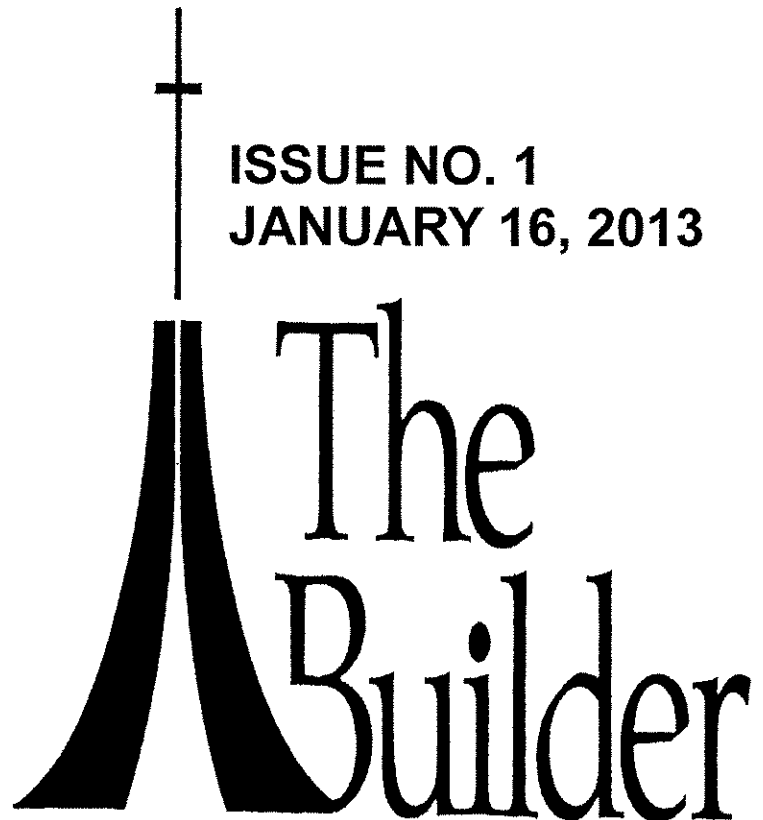
**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

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

**ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH COUNCIL**

Sam Raderer, President  
Jenny Elmore, Vice President  
Carol Hoback, Recording Secretary  
Don Bauer, Treasurer  
Gary Leitner, Financial Secretary  
Members at Large:  
Kathy Bauer....Lisa Nolley....Herb Raderer  
Elders: Lisa Nolley....Sam Raderer....Herb Raderer

ISSUE NO. 1  
JANUARY 16, 2013



St. Stephen United Church of Christ