



# St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshiping God Loving People Making a Difference

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Did you ever stop and think how controversial Jesus was in relationship to the people and the times that he lived, preached, healed and attacked status quo religious practices? When I think about the kinds of things that Jesus said, it makes me think of many fascinating and faithful people and one of them is Tony Campolo. Tony is an ordained American Baptist minister who says outrageous things that, when you stop and think about them, turn out to be right on the mark. Many years ago, the Southern Baptists invited Campolo to address their convention. At the time that Campolo addressed that crowd, the Southern Baptists were having a battle about the inerrancy of the scriptures--in other words, are there any mistakes in the Bible. The overwhelming majority were saying that the Bible is inerrant--no mistakes. But when he stood up to speak, Campolo said:

"I don't know why you're worrying so much about the inerrancy of the Scripture; after you prove that it's inerrant, you're not going to do what it says anyway."

That's not what those people expected to hear. It's not what they wanted to hear. I'm sure that some people said, "Who is this guy anyway? Who does he think he is?" I'm sure that some people took offense at Campolo--just like they took offense at Jesus when he challenged the Pharisees and the religious establishment of his day.

Campolo has done other outrageous things, and I invite you to read any of his 24 plus published works.

But we need people like that, don't we? We need people who will rock us out of our comfortable ruts. We need people who will tell us the truth. Jesus did that. He told the truth, and he rocked people hard. We've become so familiar with the Jesus stories that they no longer shock us. We need people like Tony Campolo to tell us the Gospel in a fresh way. We need people like Campolo to comfort the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable.

What about you and me? Frankly, most of us feel too ordinary to believe that God can do anything important or shocking or risky through us. But I'm here to tell you that God has a plan for each of our lives--so every one of us is important. All that God needs from us is a little cooperation--a little faith and our willingness to take a risk for matters that deal with faith from time to time. Jesus said that, if we have faith even the size of a mustard seed--we can move mountains--and that's true.

I'm convinced that God does things through us every day that go unnoticed by most people. I could point out all the programs that we have in this church--but that would be just the tip of the iceberg. Even more important is what happens when we leave the sanctuary and go out into our various worlds--each of us inhabits our own special world. When we carry our faith into our various worlds, we nudge this person a bit in one direction and that person a bit in another direction--and we work out God's purposes for our lives. In the end, we'll all be surprised to learn how much our lives mattered--how much our faith empowered us--and how much God did through us.

Susannah Wesley was the mother of John and Charles Wesley. Her sons did amazing things for Christ. They did that, at least in part, because of what they had learned at their mother's feet. Susannah Wesley had said:

"There are two things to do about the Gospel -- believe it--and behave it."

If you want to do something bold, something faithful or something constructive for the Gospel, believe it and behave it. Have faith and let your risk match your depth of faith.

One person with a belief is a social power equal to ninety-nine who have only interests. -- John Stuart Mill

## BUILDER - July 25, 2012

### Disaster Relief Calling Project

The IKC Disaster Coordinator has asked our Association to head up a calling project to keep Disaster Response work moving forward. We have been asked to make phone calls to approximately 332 homes inquiring about any unmet needs from the March storms. The calling dates are August 7th thru 9th from 2p until 9p in the call center located at the American Red Cross, 510 E. Chestnut Street. Please call Ann Beckemeyer at 502.636.2283 or email harlanandann@insightbb.com if you are able to participate or if you have any questions about this worthwhile project.

### **ATTENTION!**

- Anyone who would like to receive email updates regarding upcoming events or church information, please email Beth at [ststephe\\_@bellsouth.net](mailto:ststephe_@bellsouth.net) and let her know you would like to be placed on the email list for church news.
- Mark your calendars for a benefit concert for Luther Luckett Christian Church (DOC) at St. Andrew UCC on Sept. 16th at 4p. Marsha Charles, pastor at Bluegrass UCC in Lexington, will provide the music. Seating is limited. Reservations can be made before Sept. 10th by sending an email to [Lutherluckettccdoc@gmail.com](mailto:Lutherluckettccdoc@gmail.com) or by calling 895.559.8804.



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

at an Intergenerational class on Sunday, August 26th. Lunch 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

June 29, 2012

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**God's Abundant Presence**

John 6:1 - 21

August 5, 2012

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Bread of Life**

John 6:24 - 35

August 12, 2012

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Kneading Community**

John 6:35, 41-51

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



### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

July 10, 2012

- Madison Harper and Victoria Bauer have landed safely in Germany as part of the Young Ambassadors group. Let us keep them in our prayers and hope they have an enlightening, constructive, and FUN month in this beautiful country.
- Thanks to our church secretary, Beth Tanner, our website is up and running. You'll find pictures of the Young Ambassadors posted at [www.ststephenucc.net](http://www.ststephenucc.net).
- It's hard to believe but it's getting to be that time of year for nominations to the church council. It's not a time consuming job and can be very rewarding. Please consider running for council and if you have any questions feel free to talk to our Nominating Committee – Herb Raderer, Don Bauer, Cody Bauer, or Carol Hoback.
- Pastor Burney has some exciting plans in the works for this fall. Stay tuned for coming attractions!

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Hoback

# Birthdays



## August BIRTHDAYS



- August 2 - Donna Schneider
- August 4 - Jennifer Garvey
- August 5 - Scott Key
- August 8 - Brian Willoughby, Leia Bauer
- August 9 - Mildred Schaeftlein, Landon Stoff
- August 12 - Sarah Schmidt
- August 14 - Cindy Sheehan, Halle Key
- August 16 - Evan Hoback
- August 18 - Kyle Medeiros
- August 19 - David Shanks
- August 20 - Sharon Mudd
- August 22 - Scott Jennings
- August 24 - Bert Jones,
- August 26 - Marilyn Schaeftlein, Jackson  
Tharp, Reese Jennings
- August 28 - Louisa Brunson, Brian Skinner
- August 31 - Arthur Keehn

## **STROKE**

### **Know the Facts about Brain Attacks**

More than 70% of stroke risk factors are preventable. Stroke is the 4th leading cause of death and the leading cause of disability. Yet many Americans don't know how to prevent a stroke or identify warning signs. Many common risk factors such as smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, poor diet, and lack of exercise can be changed by modifying your lifestyle or seeking medical treatment. Knowing the warning signs can save a life.

### **Act F.A.S.T. to save lives**

**FACE:** Ask the person to smile.

**Warning sign:** One side of the face does not move as well as the other.

**ARMS:** Ask the person to raise both arms.

**Warning sign:** One arm doesn't move or one arm drifts.

**SPEECH:** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, such as "You can't teach an old dog new tricks."

**Warning sign:** Slurred words or unable to speak.

**TIME:** Find out when the person was last observed well.

**Advantage:** More advanced treatment options may be available if care is received within 3 hours of the start of symptoms.

***If someone you know is experiencing one or more of the warning signs, call 911 immediately.***

- Provided by Norton Healthcare Church & Health Ministries

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

### **AUGUST**

- 5- Jordan Nolley
- 12 - Kathy Bauer
- 19- Tina Harper
- 26 - Frankie Williams

### **SEPTEMBER**

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

The next Builder will be sent out August 15th. The last day to submit articles will be August 12th  
**Early submissions are appreciated!**

**Newsletter  
Deadline**

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

**Men's Class:** Jim Harper III, Bill Kroeckel, David Wright

**New Generation:** Don Bauer, Doris Bauer, Stuart Bauer, Jenny Elmore, Ann Goble, Carleen Leitner, Gary Leitner, Emma Mosier, Jerry Mosier, Lisa Nolley, Donna Schneider, Nancy Skinner, Roberta Vineyard, Marsha Vowels, Frankie Williams

**Middle School :** Kathy Bauer, Ellen Goble, Sarah Goble, Camryn Harper, Tina Harper

**High School:** Victoria Bauer, Emma Goble, Madison Harper, Peyton Nolley

## **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 class on June 24 was attended by about 20 people. Salad, pizza and good discussions were on the schedule. The second one will be held on July 22. By the time you receive this, it will have passed also. Lunch was sub sandwiches and chips. The last one will be held on August 26. The lunch menu hasn't been discussed yet. Watch the bulletin for further details. 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.



**Condolences and prayers are offered to the following who lost a friend or family member in June or July:**

Rita Augenstein and family on the passing of Wayne Augenstein on Thursday, June 14th. His funeral was held Saturday, June 16th.

Kristen Mathis Donovan and family on the loss of her Grandfather, Lawrence Lang Monday, June 18th. His funeral was held Thursday, June 21st.

Peggy Schmidt and family on the loss of her Aunt, Doretha "Dottie" Kelly on Saturday, June 23rd. Her funeral was held Tuesday, June 26th.

Bill Montgomery on the loss of his nephew, Kenneth Ashby on Saturday, June 30th. His funeral was held Friday, July 6th.

Reverend Harper,

Thank you for being there for our family during this difficult time. Your kind words have been so helpful and thank you for a meaningful service

Sincerely,  
The Augenstein Family



### **Shively Area Ministries** **Concert, Banquet, and Raffle Fundraiser** **September 27, 2012**

The banquet will be held at Incarnation Catholic Church located at 2229 Lower Hunters Trace. The buffet begins at 6pm and the program begins at 7pm. The Monarchs will also be performing. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call 447.4330, ext. 23 to order tickets or for more information.

***The Rockford Health & Rehabilitation Center*** in Shively is looking for individuals who would be willing to volunteer in their facility by interacting with and spending quality time with residents. Opportunities are available at all times of the day, evenings, and weekends. If you are interested please contact Barbara West, Activities Director, at 448.5850.



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

*The new St. Stephen UCC webpage is up and running but will continuously be changing and updated! Please visit the site often!*

## BUILDER - July 25, 2012

### Bulletin & Flower Sponsors

Bulletins on Sunday, July 29th are being sponsored by C.J. Wieting in memory of Mary Wieting and in honor of her birthday on July 29th.

#### *Thank you notes received this month from:*

- ◆ Rev. Tim Moseley, President and CEO of Wayside Christian Mission thanking St. Stephen UCC for the generous gift given in May which will be used to help the Mission serve the homeless during the warm summer months.
- ◆ Ms. Bridgett Francis thanking the Church for allowing her family to rent the Fellowship Hall in the month of July for their Family Reunion.
- ◆ Paula L. Campbell, Vice President of Development of Brooklawn Child & Family Services, offering gratitude to St. Stephen UCC for the gift given in support of all the girls and boys that call Brooklawn home.
- ◆ Sr. Jean Anne Zappa from Shively Area Ministries, thanking the St. Stephen UCC Community for the donation of 1,674 canned goods from July 2011 to June 2012.
- ◆ Dawn Lee, President & CEO of the WHAS Crusade For Children, thanking St. Stephen for the generous contribution given this year to help special needs children in all 120 Kentucky counties and more than 50 southern Indiana Counties.



### Porch Swing Raffle

Congratulations to Herb Raderer who was the lucky winner of the beautiful porch swing made and donated by Bruce Bauer. We collected \$194.00 for the general fund as a result of this wonderful gift, and we sincerely thank Bruce and Larry Vowels (who put numerous coats of varnish on it) for their time and their efforts!

**Thanks a bunch to Dave Wright and Carol Hoback for covering the Church Office for Beth Tanner during the week of July 1st. Dave & Carol are always willing to help out and they are both very much appreciated!**

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



Virginia Cahill, Dave Wright

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

*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.*

### MEMORIAL GIFTS



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

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

A memorial gift was given by Sondra Ferren in memory of Mary Wieting and her birthday on July 29th.

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

A memorial gift was given by George Rogers in memory of Rev. Marvin Marheine.



**Shively Area Ministries**  
"UNITING CHURCHES FOR SERVICE"

### **Summertime Food Drive Now through August 20th**

Children are out of school for Summer Break and Shively Area Ministries, located at 4415 Dixie Highway, is in great need of the following items: Peanut Butter, Crackers, Soup, Jelly, Cereal, Oats, Rice and packets of Kool Aid. Please contact Joe at 502.447.4330 ext. 27 to arrange a drop-off time.

### **Meals on Wheels**

Shively Area Ministries is also in need of Meals on Wheels volunteers that will deliver meals to the elderly, homebound in the 40216 zip code. Meals are picked up at St. Mary's Hospital at 4p. Each route takes about one hour. Please give them a call if you can help!

ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
TREASURER'S REPORT - June 30, 2012

	GENERAL FUND		BENEVOLENCES		REACH FOR TOMORROW	CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS
	REGULAR	GOOD SAMARITAN	GOOD	SAMARITAN						
BALANCE 05/31/12	2,900.48	2,375.64	85.05	2,663.79	4,661.14	8,789.40	2,096.27	2,986.48	26,558.25	
RECEIPTS	22,234.45	925.50			309.97					
FUND TRANSFER	(2,464.08)	2,258.74	205.34					35.00	23,504.92	
TOTALS	22,670.85	5,559.88	290.39	2,663.79	4,971.11	8,789.40	2,096.27	3,021.48	50,063.17	
DISBURSEMENTS	25,838.72	3,537.00	608.19		251.68				30,235.59	
BALANCE 06/30/12	(3,167.87)	2,022.88	(317.80)	2,663.79	4,719.43	8,789.40	2,096.27	3,021.48	19,827.58	

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	3,626.69
MISSIONS COMM. FUND	617.23
YOUTH FUND	513.20

NOTE: FLC - RENTALS :  
FLC - WALKERS

	332.00
	200.00

NOTE 1: SALES OF KROGER CERTIFICATES NETTED  
ST. STEPHEN DURING Jun 2012 \$0

*David R. ...*  
TREASURER

June 30, 2012

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF =====>

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:		05/31/2012
PNC CHECKING	2,663.84	
FIFTH THIRD GAMING ACCT.	647.62	
SAVINGS A/C - FIFTH THIRD BK - BEGIN	5,053.71	
INTEREST EARNED	0.09	
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CHECKING	0.00	
SERVICE CHARGE	0.00	
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS	0.00	
TOTAL 5/3 SAVINGS ACCOUNT	5,053.80	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-FIFTH THIRD BK	10,162.20	06/30/2012
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-UCC CORNERSTONE FUND	0.00	
SUB TOTAL 06/30/2012	18,527.46	
Less 2nd Qtr. Taxes	1,300.12	
GRAND TOTAL AS OF =====>	19,827.58	06/30/2012

# August 2012

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# A Study in the WORD

By the Heritage Foundation

Facilitator Rev. Brenda Burney

## "Seeking Social Justice"

A Bible Study for the 21st Century

**Dates:** August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

**Location:** St. Stephen UCC-1875 Farnsley Rd.

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



*"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me water . . . Showing faith by action."*

Matt.25:35; James 2:18 (NLT)

A six lesson study guide that helps to provide a framework for understanding the roots of human need and the breakdown our society experiences socially between the two. This study will assist with Biblical solutions and help guide us with what to do toward Social Justice.

***Please Join US on Thursdays in August!***

**5 week course of study each Thursday August 2nd-30th**

### **What to bring:**

- Bible
- Writing Tool
- A heart for God
- A heart for seeking Social Justice
- A Friend





# Back To School Wish List

$$2+2=4$$

$$4+4=8$$

$$8+8=\overset{\times}{16}$$

Cat

Rat

Hat

See Spot

See Spot Run

Run Spot Run



## Children Needs:

- Pencil boxes
- Pencils
- Composition notebooks
- Pencil top erasers
- Pencil grips
- Crayons
- Washable markers
- Colored pencils
- Pocket folder
- Spiral notebook (single subject)
- Wide ruled loose leaf paper
- Trapper Keeper (zip closed binder)
- Flash cards

## Clothing Needs:

- Polo Shirts - boys, mens, girls, ladies  
(solid white, navy, red & light blue)
- Pants - boys, mens, girls, ladies  
(khaki, navy, & black)
- Sweatshirts
- Socks
- Underwear

## Classroom Needs:

- 3 ring binders (1" or 2")
- Graph paper
- Safety scissors
- Highlighters
- Educational games
- Play-doh
- Coloring books
- Clorox wipes
- Construction paper (assorted colors)
- Elementary writing tablets
- Batteries (AA, AAA)
- Hand sanitizer
- Ink pens (black, blue)
- Dry erase markers
- Erasers
- Staples
- 100 piece puzzles

Thank you for your interest in helping the children at Brooklawn. Please drop items off at Brooklawn's campus at 3121 Brooklawn Campus Dr., Louisville, KY. 40218) any weekday between 8:30 AM and 5 PM. If you have any questions, please call Rachel Bruner at (502) 515-0434. You may also make a monetary donation to Brooklawn's Back to School drive by calling 515-0471.



brooklawn  
child & family services

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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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E-MAIL: ststephe\_@bellsouth.net  
WEBSITE: www.ststephenucc.net

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

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

**ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH COUNCIL**

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Don Bauer, Treasurer  
Gary Leitner, Financial Secretary  
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