

St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshiping God Loving People Making a Difference

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Insert: Thanksgiving Food Basket Envelopes

Look for your Thanksgiving Food Basket Envelope inside! We are counting on you!

With heartfelt Thanks!

He handed out gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christians in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults. (Ephesians 4:11-13 THE MESSAGE: © 2002 by Eugene H. Peterson)

The words of instruction from Paul's letter to the Ephesians are a reminder of the gifts God has for the universal church. On Saturday, September 22, 2012 members of the Kentuckiana Association along with many friends and family from Chicago to Nashville to St. Louis, joined our church in the Installation ceremony recognizing the gift of God for the church.

I wish to echo a St. Stephen's member who said that the Installation service was a spirit-filled community event.

It would be unfair of me to list each name, because I know that I would unintentionally forget to mention someone, so in my reflection of that day I am grateful for each person who helped in anyway, helping Donna Schneider as ushers and greeters; Penny in the area of hospitality; Linda and Mrs. Leitner with the beautiful decorations; Beth in the office and especially Pastor Harper for his guidance and assistance overall.

That day was a sunny day, bright and full of the expression of creation coming together as a show of God's grace. The Installation appeared to match that expression as an ecumenical celebration of God's gift.

My plan was to create a variety of movements in our celebration; by the elements of worship, in ritual, by the elements of the Installation and in community, by the participation of those whom covenant with me in ministry. Who covenant with us here at this church for the mission of the "still speaking God."

Our celebration included a dynamic sermon from the Reverend Sharon Davis, from Chicago, IL as she spoke to the universal church. Her message of hope for the future, captured our biblical history as a Christian community from the leadership of Moses through the leadership of the Christian community today, looking ahead as to how Jesus is to be the focus in every aspect of the universal church. (each church)

Our worship included the gift of GOD CAN dance ministry, the gift in song as we blended our voices as a congregation, then led by the gifted voice of Rev. Cason. Speaking of voices, what an awesome prayer and scripture reading from the youthfulness of Peyton, Leon and Maria! Don's hearty welcome, received the compliments of many as joining us in harmony. Janet, thank you for the gift of music and a special thank you for our deacons, our Council President, Sam, I smile each time I think of the lovely gift from the church which symbolizes for me our connection to Christ in the UCC as we lift up Jesus for practical living and transformative relationships. Even in the gift of giving we collected more than \$400 for the "Neighbors in Need Fund."

Thank you St Stephen's Church family for coming together to celebrate our union in covenant with Christ as we go forward by faith into our future toward Kingdom building.

To God Be the Glory! Pastor Brenda

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Upcoming Darball Matches

The following are the scheduled Dartball Matches for the remainder of October and November:

OCTOBER

- October 22nd - St. Stephen at Mosaic U.M.C.
- October 29th - St. Stephen at Garrs Lane U.M.C.

NOVEMBER

- November 5th - Shively Christian at St. Stephen
- November 12th - St. Stephen at Farmdale Christian
- November 19th - First Cumberland at St. Stephen
- November 26th - St. Stephen at Shively Baptist

UPCOMING SERMON THEMES

October 21, 2012

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Great Service

Mark 10:35-45



October 28, 2012

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Take Heart

Mark 10:46-52

November 4, 2012

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wherever You Go

Ruth 1:1-18, Ps 146

November 11, 2012

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Risk and Restoration

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

November 18, 2012

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Holy One

1 Sam 1:4-20

November 25, 2012

Reign of Christ

A Wise Reign

John 18:33-37



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The envelopes included in this edition of the Builder are for donations towards the *Thanksgiving Food Baskets*. It is the time of year to begin thinking about the benevolent work of preparing for holiday assistance. Let us be thankful for all that we have been granted in spiritual and material goods and pass on our abundance to those who are struggling. Again this year we are asking for your generous gifts. *Baskets will be delivered on Sunday, November 18th. All contributions should be in no later than Sunday, November 11th.* We will also need volunteers on that Sunday to help pack and deliver the baskets. Please consider sharing your time and treasure in this worthwhile ministry.

Council Highlights

OCTOBER CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS WERE NOT AVAILABLE AS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS EDITION OF *THE BUILDER*. THEREFORE, THE CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE OCTOBER 9TH MEETING WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NOVEMBER EDITION OF *THE BUILDER*.

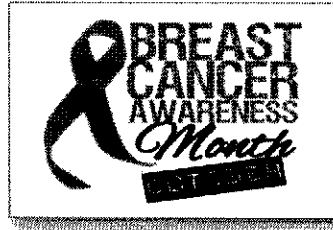
Birthdays



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- Nov. 3 - Janet Storm
- Nov. 5 - Judy Drouant, Glen Craven, Barbara Perry
- Nov. 6 - Gabriel Riggs
- Nov. 7 - Bailey Flaherty
- Nov. 10 - Larry McAllister, Ashley Bauer
- Nov. 13 - Sarah Waller
- Nov. 18 - Bethany McAllister, Melody Bauer
- Nov. 19 - Carleen Leitner
- Nov. 20 - Kayleigh Mills
- Nov. 26 - Brandon Ferren, Alicia Storm, Kelli Storm
- Nov. 27 - Betty Hartley, Delores Dale, Esther Duncan
- Nov. 28 - Alexandria Cecil
- Nov. 29 - Emma Altman
- Nov. 30 - Kim Spencer, Kelly Parkinson



Breast Cancer is a very treatable disease that strikes thousands of women every year.

According to the American Cancer Society, common risk factors for developing breast cancer include:

- **Age** - Women age 50 and older are at greater risk.
- **No children** - Women with no children or those who had a child after age 30.
- **Menstrual Periods** - Beginning menstruation before age 12 or beginning menopause after age 50.
- **Family History** - History of breast cancer on either parent's side of the family.
- **Race** - Caucasian women are slightly more likely to develop breast cancer than women of other races. However, African-American women are more likely to be diagnosed at a more advanced stage.
- **Obesity, a high fat diet, excessive alcohol use, inherited gene mutation, and previous radiation are also risk factors.**

Prevention includes performing breast self-exams to become familiar with breast tissue and report any changes to your health care professional. Have regular clinical breast exams performed by a physician including yearly mammograms starting at the age of 40, or earlier if family history is present.

The most common sign of breast cancer is a new lump or mass in the breast or underarm area. Other symptoms may include any change in the texture or breast tissue, changes in the size of the breast, or nipple discharge that starts suddenly. Remember, 80% of all detected breast lumps are NOT cancerous and present no health risk. If a lump is detected, contact your physician for a complete evaluation.

...taken from the Norton Cancer Institute www.nortonhealthcare.com

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY WORKERS

NOVEMBER

- 4 - Jordan Nolley
- 11 - Kathy Bauer
- 18 - Tina Harper
- 25 - Frankie Williams

DECEMBER

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

The next Builder will be sent out November 14th. The last day to submit articles will be November 11th.
Early submissions are appreciated!

Newsletter Deadline

PERFECT ATTENDANCE SUNDAY SCHOOL MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Men's Class: Jim Harper III, Sam Raderer

New Generation: Tina Harper, Janet Storm, Richard Storm

Middle School: Camryn Harper

High School: Madison Harper



Christian Education


The Holiday Soiree will be held on December 2, 2012 immediately after worship. Tickets will go on sale the first Sunday in November and continue the entire month. They will be sold after worship. The menu will be pulled chicken and pork, green beans, potato casserole, slaw, buns, pie, coffee, tea and lemonade. We are still trying to finalize the entertainment. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date. Watch your Bulletins and future editions of The Builder for more information.

We will, once again, be caroling at Summerfield on December 9. We will be making favors again this year. We are still working on the exact craft. We'll be asking for help to make these, so watch for details and information.

Our Confirmation class has begun with 4 young ladies. Please keep these ladies, teachers, parents/guardians and sponsors in your prayers during this journey of faith.

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.

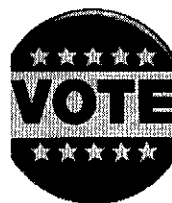
The Zion King in 3G



St. Stephen UCC will be hosting two performances of The Zion King in 3G, a Christian make believe adaptation worship arts concert PRAISEntation featuring highlights from Disney's Tony Award winning Broadway musical and animated movie hit classic "The Lion King," brought to us by Troy Bell and maBoy & 'ataGirl 'C' entertainment. Performances will be in the evening Saturday, October 27th and again Sunday, October 28th. There is no admission fee however, a free-will offering will be collected.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who planned, organized, and participated in making the Chilifest a success this year! It was a great evening that could not have been accomplished without the hard work of all involved. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated! Stay tuned...we will have a complete wrap up of the Chilifest in next month's edition of *The Builder*.



**We are counting
on each other...
Don't forget to vote
on November 6th!**



Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on October 28th. We will be electing officers for the Church Council and Christian Education Committee. Please plan to attend.



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Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering

Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$739.33 this year during our Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering.

Thank you notes received this month from:

- ♦ Vicki Buckley, Activities Director of Summerfield Health and Rehabilitation Center, thanking the Church for the use of folding chairs for Summerfield's Fall Festival.
- ♦ Rev. Tim Moseley, President/CEO of Wayside Christian Mission thanking St. Stephen for the benevolent giving. Most, if not all beds at Wayside are filled each night and St. Stephen's gift will be used to make a difference in the lives of those staying at the Mission.



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

Bill Montgomery on the loss of his brother, Thomas Montgomery. Please keep Bill in your prayers as he mourns the loss of his brother.

Thank you St. Stephen Family!

Thank you St. Stephen Family for your hospitality, graciousness, and support surrounding the installation of the Rev. Brenda Burney. This installation gives us all great reason to celebrate and even more reason to work hard at creating God's Kingdom here in our midst over the next phases of our Church life.

Thank You!

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



**Emma Jean Mosier, Jerry Mosier
Charles Baxter, Hazel Carroll**

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

Hazel Carroll, Thelma Goss, Magdaline Kuchenbrod, Mary Musick, Virginia Cahill, Dave Wright Hubert & Jean Slusher, Michael Roney, Bill App, Mildred Schaeftlein, Larry McAllister, Ethel Tinnell, Bill Montgomery, Charles Waller Sr., Thelma Shine, Charles Baxter, Emma Jean Mosier

MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

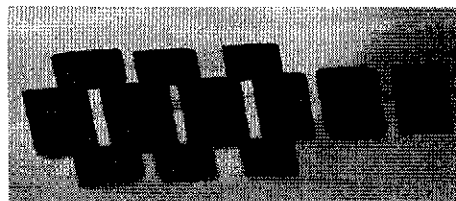


A memorial gift was given by C.J. Wieting in memory of Richard "Rich" Raderer

A memorial gift was given by Mr. William G. Morris in memory of Anna "Dolly" Haysley.

CHAPEL HILL PRESCHOOL

Chapel Hill is celebrating its 50th year of providing a Christian Early Childhood Educational Program for our community. Currently, there are openings in the Chapel Hill Preschool Program. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs. Pamela Howard, Director, at 502.449.2134 or visit the Chapel Hill Preschool website at chapelhillpreschool.com.



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST IS HALLOWEEN!
PLEASE BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS WHILE DRIVING .
PAY ATTENTION TO ALL THE LITTLE GHOSTS AND GOBLINS OUT
FOR A FUN NIGHT OF TRICK-OR-TREATING!**



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

	BENEVOLENCES							TOTALS	
	GENERAL FUND	REGULAR	GOOD SAMARITAN	REACH FOR TOMORROW	CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND		MEMORIAL FUND
BALANCE 09/30/12	(9,475.98)	3,248.85	(649.17)	2,693.79	4,628.40	8,789.40	2,098.27	3,891.48	16,192.16
RECEIPTS	20,540.33	206.00	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	20,994.33
FUND TRANSFER	(2,319.36)	2,128.08	193.28						
NON-CASH DONATIONS									
TOTALS	9,745.11	5,580.93	(455.89)	2,693.79	4,676.40	8,789.40	2,098.27	4,091.48	37,186.49
DISBURSEMENTS	15,018.10	982.50	0.00	0.00	68.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,078.79
BALANCE 09/30/12	(5,272.99)	4,588.43	(455.89)	2,693.79	4,607.21	8,789.40	2,098.27	4,091.48	21,107.70

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDOWN

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	3,826.69								
MISS G. S. COMM. FUND	617.23								
YOUTH FUND	513.20								
NOTE: R/C - RENTALS :	270.00								
FEC - WALKERS	20.00								

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF 08/31/2012

CHECKING ACCOUNTS:			
PNG CHECKING	6,283.32		
FIFTH THIRD GAMING ACCT.	47.82		
SAVINGS A/C - FIFTH THIRD BK - BEGIN		5,054.06	
INTEREST EARNED		0.00	
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CHECKING		0.00	
SERVICE CHARGE		0.00	
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS		0.00	
TOTAL 53 SAVINGS ACCOUNT		5,054.06	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-FIFTH THIRD BK			10,182.20

Don Ramm
 TREASURER
 September 30, 2012

SUB TOTAL 08/30/2012	21,557.20
LESS 3RD QTR. TAXES	(449.50)
GRAND TOTAL AS OF 08/30/2012	21,107.70

* This report reflects that neither all bills nor benevolences for the month of September had yet been paid.

November 2012

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Please Join us for . . . !!!

a CHILDREN's presentation of

"THE ZI☉N KING in 3G"

God, The Creator, God, The S☉N, God, The Holy Spirit

Produced, Written, Costumed, and Directed

by

Tweety Bird Tr(J)oy Terrell Tinker Bell

The 'C'entertainer

A Christian Make-Believe Adaptation Worship Arts Concert

featuring highlights from Disney's Tony Award Winning Broadway Musical and Animated Movie Hit Classic "The Lion King"

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(next to Summerfield Healthcare Center)

Rev. Jim Harper, III and Rev. Brenda Burney, Pastors

Two Performances: Saturday, October 27 @ 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 28 @ 5:00 pm

-Freewill Offering-

Free Candy treats for the children in heart!

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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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WEBSITE: www.ststephenucc.net

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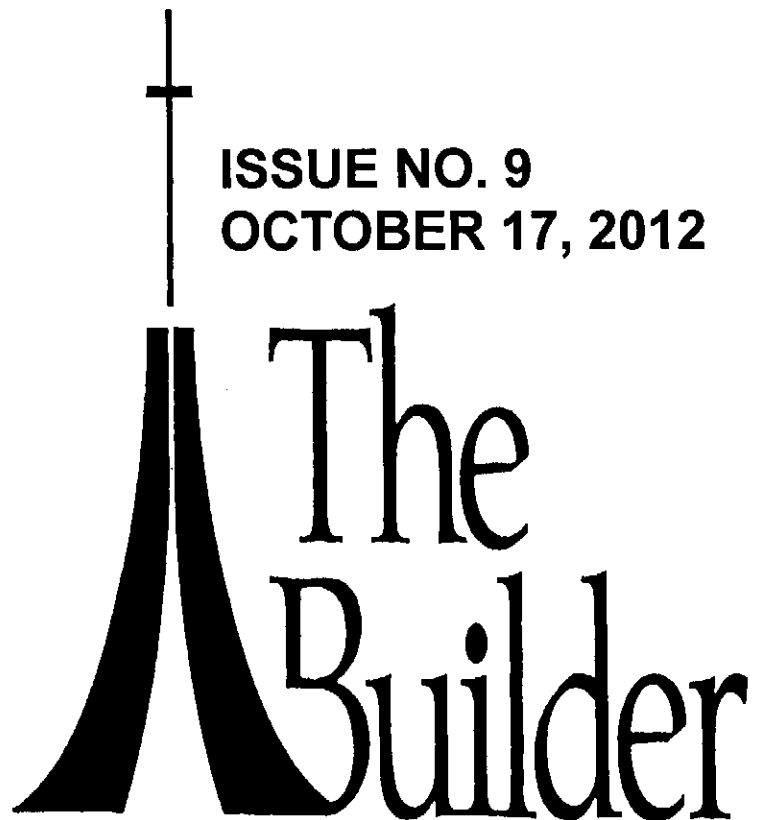
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Music Director..... Janet Storm
Vocalist.....
Office Secretary.....Beth A. Tanner

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

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