

St. Stephen United Church of Christ

Worshipping God Loving People Making a Difference

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"The answer to the question, 'Where is God in all the pain?' is answered by yet another question, 'Where are God's people?'" (Tony Fitzgerald).

Can you look at this graphic (<http://markgoudy.blogspot.com/2013/02/consumer-church-or-missional-church.html>) and see something dramatically taking place in the arena of religious communities?

There is a paradigm shift that is needed in today's society when it comes to effective, growing, relevant communities of faith and it is somewhat illustrated in this diagram.

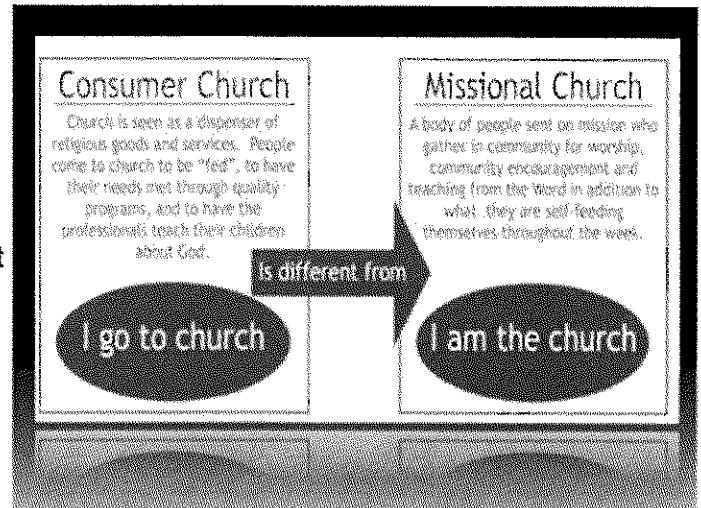
We really don't have much to lose. We have been a mostly CONSUMER CHURCH for now almost 50 years. It has served a purpose and many folks have come to the Church and been

fed, had their spiritual needs met and a whole hall full of pictures show evidence that the professional laity have taught the children about God and initiated them into the membership. But in relationship to being educated we run into the problem of our youth and young adults not being empowered.

To borrow a quote from a friend and once Interim Conference Minister of the IKC, John Gantt; "Confirmation over the years has been the format in which we graduate young people out of the Church!" As I look up and down our 'Hall of Confirmation Pictures', I can't help but see less than 35% retention of the Youth in any church experience, and somewhere around 23% retention into the life of our own community of faith.

We might need to consider a paradigm shift that is reflective in the above diagram. But before we can get to a paradigm shift we need to see 1. "Who Were We?"; 2. "Who Are We?"; "3. Who Are We Going To Be?" That is why we gathered ON Sunday night at the Ice Cream Social/Brainstorming meeting. Those are three vital questions for all of us to consider. If you did make it to the meeting, then you know the information and the energy that fill the fellowship hall that night. If you didn't get to be a part of the evening, there is still time for you to answer these questions and share them with the whole community. I invite all of us to bring our ideas to the table. If you want to share your ideas, then please answer these questions from your perspective and turn them into the office. In a week or two, all of our ideas will be shared with all.

God's Blessing and God's Speed!

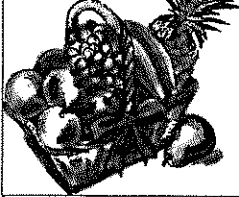


BUILDER - October 16, 2013

Congregational Meeting Sunday October 27th

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on **Sunday, October 27th**. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect members to the Church Council and Christian Education Committee for 2014. Please plan to be in attendance.

Thanksgiving
Food Baskets



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 distributed on Sunday, November 24th. All contributions should be in no later than Sunday, November 10th.* We will also need volunteers on that Sunday to help pack and possibly deliver some of the baskets. Please consider sharing your time and treasure in this worthwhile ministry.

UPCOMING SERMON THEMES

October 20, 2013

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***Asking Boldly, Living Justly,
Remaining Faithfully***

Luke 18:1-8



October 27, 2013

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Don't Pretend To Worship, Worship Authentically

Luke 18:9-14

November 3, 2013

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

How a Person Can Grow Up in a Day

Luke 19:1-10

November 10, 2013

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Surprising Gifts (Stewardship Sunday)
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

November 17, 2013

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

With God the Impossible is Possible
Isaiah 65:17-25

Council Highlights

October 2013

- The survey of the church property is progressing. It will probably be the end of year before the parsonage can be put up for sale.
- A meeting was held regarding this year's food baskets. It was decided to limit the number from 30 to 40 baskets. We are going to ask the recipients to pick up their baskets if possible. We are also planning to buy gift cards for individuals and families who are struggling with ongoing health concerns. Our goal is to gift up to ten individuals or families.
- There will be a weekly financial report available for anyone who wants it starting Oct. 13th. See the head usher for a copy of the report.
- Eva Morse will be our featured vocalist for November and December.
- The Derby City Brass Band approached us about participating with us during worship one Sunday during Advent.

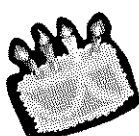
Respectfully submitted,

Carol Hoback

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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 - Delores Dale
- Nov. 28 - Alexandria Cecil
- Nov. 29 - Emma Altman
- Nov. 30 - Kim Spencer, Kelly Parkinson

Happy Birthday

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/NURSERY WORKERS

NOVEMBER

- 3 - Nancy Skinner
- 10 - Kathy Bauer
- 17 - Tina Harper
- 24 - Frankie Williams

DECEMBER

- 1 - Linda Jennings
- 8 - Lisa Nolley
- 15 - Madison Harper
- 22 - Karen Haines
- 29 - Becky Flaherty

The next *Builder* will be sent out November 20th. The last day to submit articles will be November 17th.
Early submissions are appreciated!

Newsletter
Deadline:
Nov. 17th

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Chilifest and Yard Sale a success! Your support of this annual event helps St. Stephen UCC continue to assist with the needs of our community.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday
9am until 2pm**

AL-ANON Meetings

St. Stephen UCC is hosting AL-ANON meetings every Tuesday morning at 10:30am in the Hope Room of the Family Life Center (Rm 107-108). Anyone is welcome to attend.

Daylight Savings Time is Ending!
Don't forget to set your clocks to "fall back" an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 2nd.

HEAD USHERS

MONTH OF NOVEMBER :

Greg Schmidt

MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Gary Morris



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Men's Class: Jim Harper III, Bill Kroeckel, Jack Bensing, and David Wright

New Generation: Madison Harper, Tina Harper, Carleen Leitner, Gary Leitner, Lisa Nolley, Nancy Skinner

High School: Camryn Harper



Christian Education

Advent will be here before we know it! The Soiree is scheduled for December 1 after worship. However, as of this writing, we do not have a caterer. If you know of a caterer, please see someone on the Christian Education Committee or leave a note in the office. If we don't find a caterer soon, we may have to cancel. We are checking with a couple of companies, but have not gotten a reply.

We will be caroling again at Summerfield Manor Nursing Home. It has been scheduled for December 15th after worship. Please join us on that date – the more the merrier! The residents and staff enjoy the visitors and singing along with us.

We will again be sponsoring the Mitten Tree. For those of you not familiar with this, we collect mittens, gloves, scarves and hats of all sizes throughout the month of December. They are then donated to Shively Area Ministries to give to clients in need.

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



**St. Stephen UCC
Presents
Trivia Night
Friday, November 15**

1875 Farnsley Road
Louisville, KY 40216

Doors Open at 6:30p
Trivia Begins at 7:00p

Sign up your team of up to
8 players and compete for
the \$250 cash prize to be
awarded to the winning team!

Refreshments will be available for purchase

*There is a no alcohol policy

For reservations or more information call 502.448.2544 or register your team
by email at ststeph_@bellsouth.net

**SPACE IS
LIMITED
SO
SIGN UP
TODAY!**

Trivia
\$15 per
person

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



BUILDER - October 16, 2013

Rev. Harper & Members:

Thank you all so much for the use of the chairs, tables, and parking lot on Friday, October 11th for Summerfield's Fall Festival. Our festival was wonderful and made memories to last. Thanks for your help and support.

Love and Thanks,

The SHRC Fall Festival Committee



Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

- **Sunday, Oct. 27th** we will have a Congregational Meeting following worship to elect members to the Church Council and Christian Education.
- **Friday, Nov. 15th** St. Stephen UCC will host a Trivia Night!
- Thanksgiving Food Baskets - **Sunday, Nov. 24th**
- Caroling at Summerfield - **Sunday, Dec. 15th**
- Christmas Food Baskets - **Sunday, Dec. 22nd**

Upcoming Dartball Matches

OCTOBER

- Oct. 21 - St. Stephen at Ralph Ave. Baptist
- Oct. 28 - Ormsby Heights Baptist B at Home

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 4 - St. Stephen at Carlisle Baptist
- Nov. 11 - Farndale Baptist at Home
- Nov. 18 - St. Stephen at First Cumberland
- Nov. 25 - Garris Lane U.M.C. at Home

*You can find the 2013-2014 Dartball League Schedule posted on our website: www.ststephenucc.net under the "Notable News" tab.

Bulletin Sponsor

Bulletins for worship on Sunday, October 20th are sponsored by Angela, John, Emma Grace, & Olivia Altman in honor of Larry & Marsha Vowels' 40th Wedding Anniversary on October 20th and Marsha's birthday on Monday, October 21st.

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

Ernie Perry, Charles Waller, Sr.

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, Bill Montgomery, Charles Baxter, Jerry Mosier



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

Mission Behind Bars and Beyond

On October 29th at 7p, St. Stephen UCC will again lead worship for Mission Behind Bars and Beyond at the New Life in Christ Christian Church located at the Dierson House, 1218 West Oak Street.

If you are interested in attending and participating in this worship service please let Jenny Elmore or Rev. Harper know. We are also in need of donations of refreshments following the worship service. We are in need of 50 cans of soda, 50 cupcakes, and 50 small trick or treat bags to share with the participants of the program.



The rose on the altar Sunday, September 22th was in honor of the birth of Miles Christian Spencer. Miles was born Monday, September 16th weighing 6 pounds 11.3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His proud parents are John and Kim Spencer, his grandparents are Joe & Becky Flaherty, and his Aunt & Uncle are Penny and Russ Kline. Congratulations to all!

Flower Sponsor



Flowers for the altar on Sunday, October 20th are sponsored by Angela, John, Emma Grace, & Olivia Altman in honor of Larry & Marsha Vowels' 40th Wedding Anniversary on October 20th and Marsha's birthday on Monday, October 21st.

ST. STEPHEN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 TREASURER'S REPORT - September 30, 2013

	BENEVOLENCES				REACH FOR CHRISTIAN ED FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PIPE ORGAN FUND	MEMORIAL FUND	TOTALS
	GENERAL FUND	REGULAR	GOOD SAMARITAN	GOOD TOMORROW					
BALANCE 08/31/13	(13,351.41)	4,225.20	91.36	2,663.79	3,381.04	8,799.40	1,119.27	5,046.47	11,975.12
RECEIPTS	21,425.69	245.50	200.00	0.00	51.50	0.00	0.00	30.00	21,952.69
FUND TRANSFER	(2,450.90)	2,246.66	204.24						
NON CASH DONATIONS									
TOTALS	5,623.38	6,717.36	495.60	2,663.79	3,432.54	8,799.40	1,119.27	5,076.47	33,927.81
DISBURSEMENTS	14,155.19	2,092.50	467.51	0.00	69.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,784.40
BALANCE 09/30/13	(8,531.81)	4,624.86	28.09	2,663.79	3,363.34	8,799.40	1,119.27	5,076.47	17,143.41

NOTE: SAVINGS ACCOUNT BREAKDO

SCHOLARSHIP FUND	4,186.69
MISSIONS COMM. FUND	977.74
YOUTH FUND	313.20

NOTE: FLC - RENTALS : 520.00
 FLC - WALKERS 30.00

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



TREASURER
 September 30, 2013

RECAPITULATION OF DEPOSITORIES AS OF 08/31/2013


CHECKING ACCOUNTS:		
PNC CHECKING		8,930.55
FIFTH THIRD GAMING ACCT.		119.13
PNC GAMING ACCOUNT		100.00
SAVINGS A/C - PNC - BEGIN		2,500.35
INTEREST EARNED		0.06
TRANSFER TO SAVINGS FROM CD		5,493.28
SERVICE CHARGE		0.00
TRANSFER TO CK FROM SAVINGS		0.00
TOTAL PNC SAVINGS ACCOUNT	09/30/2013	7,993.69
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT-FIFTH THIRD BK		0.00

SUB TOTAL 09/30/2013 17,143.37
 LESS 3RD QTR. TAXES 0.04

GRAND TOTAL AS OF 09/30/2013 17,143.41

November 2013

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CHILIFEST REPORT - 2013 - Draft

(These numbers are still subject to change).

(without yard sale \$)

Event	Credits	Debits	Start Up	Net Profit	2012 Net
Food	\$1,602.56	(\$465.25)	(\$140.00)	\$997.31	\$1,044.32
Cake & Flower Walk	\$379.50		(\$50.00)	\$329.50	\$227.00
Bouncy	\$113.00	(\$100.00)	(\$20.00)	(\$7.00)	(\$39.00)
Silent Auction	\$2,688.00		(\$50.00)	\$2,638.00	\$2,722.00
Capital Prize	\$1,121.00	(\$150.00)	(\$40.00)	\$931.00	\$593.38
Miscellaneous	\$60.00		\$0.00	\$60.00	\$4.00
Face Painting	\$40.00		(\$20.00)	\$20.00	\$8.00
Baked Goods	\$171.75		(\$50.00)	\$121.75	\$30.30
Start Up Not Used	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Expenses**		(\$283.00)		(\$283.00)	(\$160.00)
General Donation				\$0.00	\$107.00
Flower Sale				\$0.00	\$0.00
Soiree Raffle				\$0.00	\$0.00
Yard Sale	\$705.55		(\$30.00)	\$675.55	\$0.00
2013 Totals	\$6,881.36	(\$998.25)	(\$400.00)	\$5,483.11	\$4,537.00
2012 Net Profit (without yard sale \$)				\$4,537.00	
Net Increase				\$946.11	

** = stamps, stickers for signs

CHILIFEST THANK YOU

We had another very successful event! The food was excellent (thanks to our wonderful kitchen committee); the silent auction was a highlight of the event (thanks to the hard work put in by Carleen Leitner); the children had lots to do thanks to the bouncy, Debbie Cahill and Emma Goble's face painting, and the cake and flower walk (with cakes donated by many and flowers donated by a very dedicated church member); and everyone had a great time. A lot of hard work goes into this annual event, and I'm too afraid that I will forget someone if I try to name everyone; but you know who you are. The yard sale is very time consuming, but we had people helping get those items out and priced on Thursday and Friday, and people there to help the day of the sale; so it really went smoothly. June McNally and Ruth Lane sold baked goods all day Saturday; people brought cakes, pies, and baked goods to the event; volunteers handled money, cleaned tables, did dishes, made phone calls, picked up donations, and worked together for the benefit of our church. Thanks to all of you for everything you do!!

Jenny Elmore

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Pastor:
Rev. Jim Harper III

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

OFFICE HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
OFFICE PHONE: 448-2544 **FAX:** 448-2526
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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
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CHURCH STAFF

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

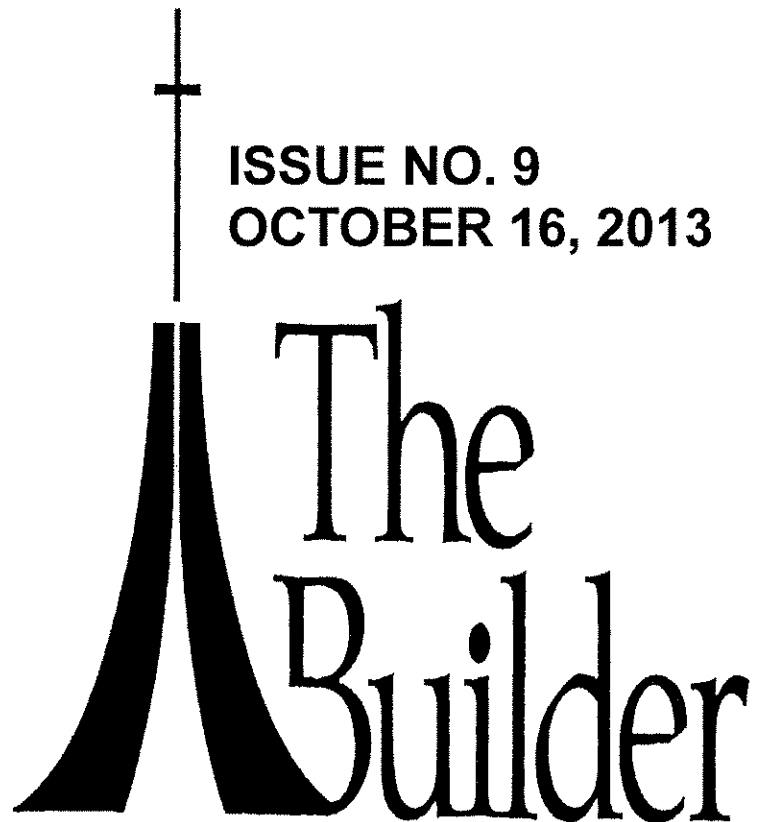
OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

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

ST. STEPHEN UCC CHURCH COUNCIL

Sam Raderer, President
Jenny Elmore, Vice President
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Elders: Kathy Bauer....Sam Raderer....Herb Raderer

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