

ST. STEPHEN SCROLL

St. Stephen Lutheran Church is a community of believers, saved by the grace of God, who are called to:

- *share his love through words and actions;*
- *welcome others into the family of Christ.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will be celebrating the incredible joy of Christmas at Saint Stephen this month. On Sunday, July 23rd we will ignore the soaring temperatures and the blazing sun while thinking Christmas-y thoughts. We will sing Christmas carols, hear the Christmas story proclaimed, celebrate the awesome blessing of our Savior's birth, and eat delicious Christmas treats. And we hope there will be Christmas presents galore for the children of our community.

Starting Sunday, July 9th, you will find paper decorations in the narthex with Christmas present ideas printed on them. All of these presents will be school supplies for needy children in our community.

Bring your Christmas gifts with you to worship, and we will make sure they are delivered to the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries in time to bless as many children as possible this upcoming school year.

The following school supplies would make marvelous Christmas in July gifts for children in need in our community:

Pencils and Erasers	Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
Glue Sticks	Zip-lock Bags (gallon)
Washable Markers	Colored Pencils
Folders (with brads or pockets)	Composition books
Spiral Notebooks	Wide Rule Notebook paper
Pencil bags/boxes	Backpacks (new or gently used)
24 count Crayons	Ink Pens (black, blue and red)

We will need to collect all of our school supply donations by Sunday, July 30th because they must be delivered to FCHUM no later than Monday, July 31st. School supply distribution will begin at FCHUM on Monday, August 7th.

Another wonderful early Christmas present idea would be to pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox or three or four. Back to school time is a great time to purchase supplies for these boxes, because of all of the wonderful sales on things like pens, pencils, and notebooks. You will find instructions for packing Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in the narthex.

Merry Christmas in July!

In Christ –



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the website!**

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Vacation Bible School (VBS) Preparation

VBS at St. Stephen is **July 9th-13th!** The theme is **Rome: Paul and the Underground Church.** The evening begins with a light dinner at 5:30p.m., and the program is from 6:00–8:15p.m. for children Age 4 to Grade 6, who are invited to enjoy crafts, games, food, and music. They will also meet Paul and his Roman guard and Christians who are hiding from the Romans. Team leaders will do a group activity every night. Invite your neighbors and friends to join the fun! Please fill out a registration sheet in the narthex. Also in the narthex, please sign up to help provide some of the ingredients for VBS snacks.

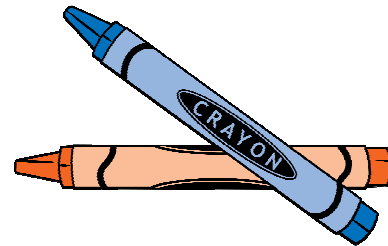
On June 25th, we started to transform Saint Stephen into an underground church in ancient Rome by painting and creating our VBS decorations for this year. On Sunday, July 2nd we will put the finishing touches on our decorations and begin setting up for VBS following morning worship. Please plan on joining us! Feel free to wear your work clothes to worship, or bring a change of clothes so that we can all roll up our sleeves and get to work following worship. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide.

Golden Sneakers Will Take a Break

The Golden Sneakers will take a break for the remainder of the summer. We will meet again in September to plan activities for the upcoming year. Be thinking of fun things to do together, local tours to take, or new restaurants to try. Watch for information about the date and time of the meeting in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

School Supplies for FCHUM

Starting July 9th at Saint Stephen, look for paper decorations in the narthex with Christmas present ideas (school supplies) written on them. All of these school supplies will be given to Fern Creek Highview United Ministries to give to needy children in our community. See Pastor Kerri's note on Page 1 for more details. Look for sales now!



Operation Christmas Child Preparation

As you look for schools supplies for FCHUM, please consider picking up a few more for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox too. There will be room for more school supplies or toys in your shoebox this year, because **candy and toothpaste will no longer be accepted in shoebox gifts.** This change is due to customs regulations and could keep a shoebox from getting to a child who needs to hear about and experience God's love. In addition to this change, the suggested donation for shipping a shoebox is going up to **\$9 per box.** This suggested donation has not changed in a very long time, but costs are increasing, and we want the shipments of boxes to continue. Have fun filling your shoebox, and look for sales! The final collection will be at the morning worship service on November 19th, but feel free to bring a box for the Christmas in July worship service on July 23rd at Saint Stephen.

Church Directory Will Be Printed Soon

An updated Saint Stephen address, phone and e-mail directory will be printed later this month. Although, the contact information for all of our members has been removed from the narthex, there is still a short time to get your new or corrected information to the church office before printing. Also, if your college student now has their school street and e-mail addresses, please send that information too so that we can keep them updated.

We also keep track of birthdays and anniversaries of our Saint Stephen members so that we can congratulate them in the newsletters and bulletins. If you have not seen your birthday or anniversary or the birthday or anniversary of a member relative listed, please contact the church office, 502-239-7778 or secretary.ststephen@gmail.com, so that we can update our records. Also, please also let us know if we need to make a correction. Thanks so much for your help.

Thank You for Sending Food to FCHUM

We collected food throughout May and through part of June at St. Stephen to help the Fern Creek Highview United Ministries stock their food pantry for needy families for the summer, since local school children do not receive food from their schools in the summer and this creates higher demand. Thank you to all who helped us collect:

- 18 boxes of cereal
- 29 boxes of pasta
- 10 boxes of rice or stuffing
- 18 boxes of noodles
- 8 family sized meals
- 12 cans of pasta sauce
- 20 cans of vegetables
- 1 large grocery bag of miscellaneous toiletries
- 29 cans of soup
- 20 cans of tuna or chicken
- 8 jars of peanut butter or jelly
- 3 boxes of Pop-tarts
- 6 boxes of pudding
- 11 cans of fruit
- 60 cans of pasta

Blood Drive Thank You and Results

Thank you to all who participated in the St. Stephen/American Red Cross blood drive on June 20th. 10 of 13 potential donors gave blood successfully. Your generosity will be much appreciated by those who will benefit.

Yard Sale Thank You

Saint Stephen held a yard sale on April 29th. The final total yard sale proceeds were **\$1305**. \$125 will be used for youth activities, and \$1180 will be used to pay the principal on the church mortgage. We thank all of those who helped and all of those who contributed items for sale.



We Welcome a Birth

Rachel Clark's son, **Isaac Lowell Clark**, was born on Friday, May 26th at 9:57 pm, weighing in at 7 lbs, 15.3 ounces and 20 inches long. Mom and baby are both doing fine, but Big Sister Aubrey had a little trouble adjusting to having to share Mom's attention. Grandmother Connie Clark has been helping with the adjustment. We wish them all well!

Condolences



We express our dearest condolences to Chuck and Ellen Ullom for the death of their son Scott. Scott Ullom was living in Arizona and died in May, but a memorial service, officiated by Pastor Kerri, was held at Saint Stephen on June 10th.

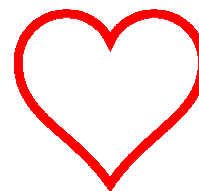
Thank You From the Ulloms

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the loving acts of kindness shown us when our son Scott passed away.

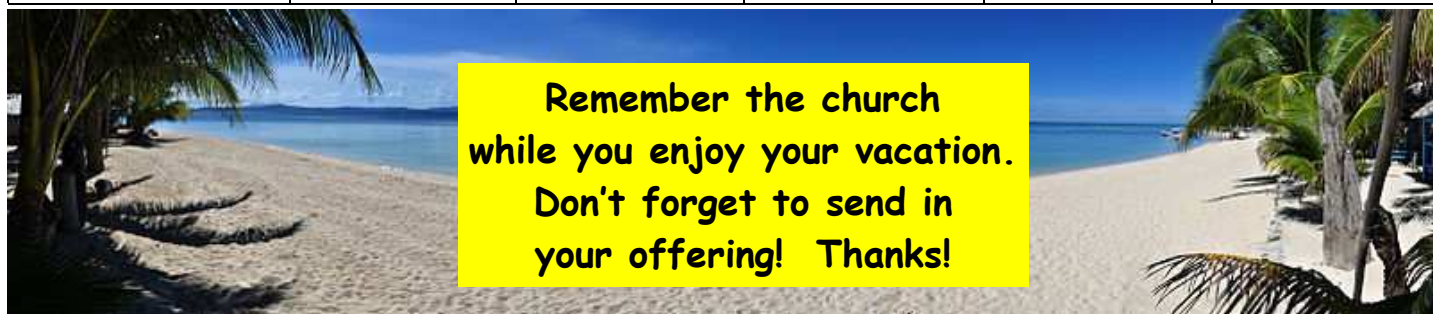
God bless you,

Chuck & Ellen Ullom



July 2017 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	7/2/17	7/9/17	7/16/17	7/23/17	7/30/17
Lector	Connie Miller	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Pat Markley	Ellen Ullom
Ushers	Tom Curtis Jacob Curtis	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson	Barry Mills Marilyn Mills	Teta Thompson Pat Markley	Elaine Peterson Jim Clark
Acolyte	Ella Markley	Kayleigh Kiser	Peace Kahn	Lilly Morris	Lucy Zimmerman
Communion Table	Jack McFarland Deb Steines	Marilyn Mills Phyllis Boston	Paul Kiser Kayleigh Kiser	Maddie Allen Buddy Zimmerman	Peggy Zimmerman Sean Morris
Commun. Deacon	Bob Meyer	Cheryl Markley	Rod Firquin	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer
Nursery	Morgan Jimenez	Jennifer Kiser	Connie Miller	Cheryl Markley	Elizabeth Seifert
Cantor	Fred McBride	Bill Wise	Bob Meyer	Susan Johnston	Paul Kiser
Worship Coord.	Rod Firquin	Jack McFarland	Brenda Firquin	Pat Markley	Paul Kiser
Greeter(s)	Ellen & Chuck Ullom	Marilyn Mills	Jack McFarland	Bob & Cathy Meyer	Jan Wilkins



God's Blessings to these July birthdays:

Maxine Swasko 3
Jennifer Summers 5
Reagan Morris 6
Chloe Boerste 9
Tammy Utley 12
Sabrina Samora 13



Pat Waskom 13
Herb Warren 16
Peggy Zimmerman 17
Lilly Morris 25
Dale Chapman 28
Stacy Simpson 28

We celebrate with these couples having July anniversaries:

Nicole & Lewis Legg (1st/2006)
Tom & Maxine Swasko (1st/2000)
Matt & Lori Young (2nd/1994)
Dale & Liz Chapman (7th/1956)
Tom & Brandie Curtis (11th/1998)
Charles & Valerie Ziemba (11th/1959)
Elizabeth & Bob Seifert (18th/2014)

June Sanctuary Flower and Candle Donors

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4th - Lucile Duke's children in honor of her life

18th - Pr. Kerri & Jason McFarland in honor
of their 20th anniversary

25th - Barry Mills in honor of Marilyn Mills' birthday

***The cost to provide the sanctuary flowers is \$20.00.**

June Sanctuary Candle Donors

4th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Adam Peterson's birthday

11th - the McFarland family for the glory of the Lord

18th - Pr. Kerri & Jason McFarland in honor
of their 20th anniversary


25th - Elaine Peterson in honor of Bryce Peterson's birthday

***The cost to provide the sanctuary candle is \$2.00.**



July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Upcoming Events: September 10th—Sunday School Rally Day</div>						1 8:30—Weight Watchers
2 10:00—Holy Communion 11:30—Fellowship Committee 11:30—VBS Set-up 5:00—Holy Communion	3	4 Office closed 	5 6:30—Choir Rehearsal?	6	7	8 8:30—Weight Watchers
9 School Supply Drive Starts 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	10 6:00 - 8:00— Creative Hands Sew Group	11	12 6:30—Choir Rehearsal?	13	14	15 8:30—Weight Watchers
Vacation Bible School: "Rome: Paul & the Underground Church" Dinner @ 5:30 pm, VBS @ 6:00 pm.						
16 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	17	18 6:00—Finance Committee	19 6:30—Choir Rehearsal?	20	21	22 8:30—Weight Watchers
23 Christmas in July 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	24	25 4:30—Ronald McDonald House Visit	26 6:30—Choir Rehearsal?	27	28	29 8:30—Weight Watchers
30 10:00—Holy Communion 5:00—Holy Communion	31					

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Worship Services:
Education Hr (during school yr) 9:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 5:00 PM

Due date for next month's newsletter articles
is always the 17th of the month before.
Send to: secretary.ststephen@gmail.com

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August 2017 Servants of the Church

Sunday - 10 a.m.	8/6/17	8/13/17	8/20/17	8/27/17	9/3/17
Lector	Rod Firquin	Fred McBride	Judy McBride	Karen Davis	Sean Morris
Ushers	Glenn Eisenbrey Fred McBride	Bill Wise Vivian Wise	Phyllis Boston Ruth Kleitz	Rod Firquin Adolphus Kahn	Buddy Zimmerman Tom Curtis
Acolyte	Jack McFarland	Everett Seifert	Ella Markley	Lucy Zimmerman	Kayleigh Kiser
Communion Table	Brennan Summers Jennifer Summers	Kaitlyn Kiser Vivian Wise	Reagan Morris Michelle Hicks	Adolphus Kahn Teta Thompson	Steven Sarson Rita Sarson
Commun. Deacon	Rod Firquin	Cheryl Markley	Steven Sarson	Bob Meyer	Rod Firquin
Nursery	Teta Thompson	Jessica Allen	Morgan Jimenez	Jennifer Kiser	Carol Ochs
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