



Beacon of St. Stephen

October 16, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

IN OFFICE: 10AM-1PM

PASTORAL CALLING 1-3PM

other appointments as scheduled

Thursday & Friday: Emergencies only

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY—THURSDAY— 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

WELCOME.....

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign our guest book, take a visitor bag, a booklet, and fill out a visitor card so that we may get to know each other better.

ST. STEPHEN IS AN ACTIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SEEKING TO GLORIFY GOD BY SERVING OTHERS. WE FOSTER AN OPEN AND LOVING ENVIRONMENT WHERE PEOPLE GROW CLOSER TO CHRIST AND ARE INSPIRED TO SHARE HIS LOVE WITH EVERYONE.

Today, October 16, we welcome Pr. Peter back, as he fills in for Pastor Glen who has a prior commitment.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 PRAYER

8:30 WORSHIP

9:45 SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES

11:00 WORSHIP AND PRAISE

LARGE print service bulletins are available. Ushers have copies.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOU BY NAME! Nametags are on the table. Replacements available upon request.

LET EVERYONE KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

GATHERING SPACE (adults) **9:45**. We meet in the Adult classroom (large double room) off the fellowship hall. Rodney Pearson leads a book review of "*Holy Ignorance*". thru **October 23**, All Kids, age 4-grade 6, are invited to **KidZone Hour** while parents are at Spiritual Growth class

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME in our worship service. Our nursery (age 9 mo. to 3 yr.) is also staffed & available for you during the service and Spiritual Growth classes. *The worship service broadcasts into the nursery* **CHILDREN'S CLIPBOARDS, CRAYONS, PENCILS, PAPERS** are inside sanctuary entrance

SUNDAY LESSONS

Kids, PRESCHOOL—4TH GRADE Get your name tag & join us for **SUNDAY LESSONS** following the Children's Sermon during the 11:00 service. There's a fun lesson & snack. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN THE FUN!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSALS are Wednesdays at 7:00PM. Let Scott know if you can join in the celebration. We will perform the music December 18 at a single 10AM service.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on **November 20TH**. At that time we will elect/re-elect 4 council members. John Lock has elected not to run for a third term, so we are looking for 1 additional council member who would be willing to take the lead and serve a two year term. This individual should be highly organized, work well with others, and be able to lead a team of volunteers to plan, execute, and deliver on their assigned liaison in a defined timeline. If these are your skills and this volunteer position is of interest, please contact Marilyn Scuralli, council president, by November 1ST.

MEN OF FAITH meet at Nautica the 2ND & 4TH Thursdays @ 6:30AM each month for coffee, study & discussion. Join us October 27.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE A bar graph is on the bulletin board reflecting the results of our Ministry Profile survey. Thank you to everyone for your responses.

SYLVANIA FALL FESTIVAL: is today, **OCTOBER 16TH**. We invite you to visit our booth and help us present and introduce St. Stephen to the community in a different setting.

MUSICAL ENSEMBLE Scott Ballard will set up some group training sessions for anyone interested in participating with the musical ensemble Sundays at 11:00. See him or call him at 419-475-8435; email: sballard@bex.net.

WOMEN'S Coffee, Cookies, & Conversation will meet **MONDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 7:00-9:00PM** at the PEARSON HOME Come and relax for some simple and sweet fellowship. The mission is to strengthen our times with laughter and warmth, all supported by the love of God. Please sign up so I can have

enough yummy things for all. *Patti Pearson (CC&C)*

JOY CLUB Join us **OCTOBER 20TH at 11:30** at **VENTURA'S** 7742 Bancroft, for a **MEXICAN FIESTA LUNCHEON**. Wear your most colorful Mexican attire and plan on a fun time. Sign up on the church bulletin board and indicate if you would drive yourself or carpool.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to stay after worship on Sunday, October 23, to wish Dick Lock a happy birthday. We will have a sweet treat. No presents, please, *altho'* a shower of cards would be wonderful.

COLLEGE SECRET PAL Any parents of students not already assigned a secret pal, please contact: Jeni Liaros 419-885-0843 or jeni@bex.net to have your college student participate in the College Secret Pal program. Remember to let me know of any changes in your students address or college info so I can let their Secret Pal know. *Jeni Liaros*

Lord, open our hearts to your **WORD** of truth. Speak to us and help us listen.

Amen. .

PASTORAL CARE remains available throughout our transition. Pastor Stadler will respond directly to any concerns of pastoral care addressed to him; however, you may also contact Wendy Staup for the St. Stephen's care team which remains available in this time of transition.

SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS, you may fill out a prayer slip today (*inside the blue Friendship Registers at each row of chairs*), call 419-885-1551, or e-mail your requests to the church at sslcsecretary@bex.net. When the office isn't staffed, messages may be left on the church answering machine, (do **NOT** leave confidential requests on the answering machine). For crisis situations, when you want the entire congregation to join in prayer, contact the office during the day (419-885-1551) and Wendy Staup (419-474-3086 or wjstaup@aol.com) evenings and weekends to activate the Information Chain.

"INFORMATION CHAIN" Please keep the office updated with changes to your address, email and phone number, so we may keep in touch with you.

HEALING PRAYERS: anyone who wishes to have someone pray with them after service, please look for one of the Prayer Assistants: Nancy Pfau, Rod Hochstetler, Lin McKelvey or Betty Lock. They will be happy to go into the prayer chapel with you, anoint with oil and pray for your needs or concerns.

PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS
(Cards & Prayers welcomed.)

Ervin Boelter @ Kingston

Richard Cutler

Chuck Estes

Dorothy Estes
Ken Kopfmann @ Kingston
Marilyn Martin
Carol Morgan
Jayne Pratt
Jackie Ritzenthaler
Pr. Tom Schutt

GIFTS

General: \$2725.00
Future Needs: \$0.00
Building Fund: \$435.00
Other Designated: \$959.25

DESIGNATE OUTSIDE THE ENVELOPE & IN CHECK MEMO AREA, THE FUND TO APPLY DONATION.

GENERAL FUND: Monthly Operating Expenses
BUILDING FUND: for future "Building Growth"
FUTURES NEEDS FUND designate offerings for future
church needs

NOTICE TO ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS,

If you have not designated your Thrivent Choice Dollars, please do so at your earliest convenience. This money is allotted to you so that you may direct it to whatever Lutheran organization in our area that you choose. You may do this by calling 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say, "Thrivent Choice". When prompted again say, "Choice Dollars". Just follow the prompts given to you. It is a very easy procedure. Thank You. *Your St.*

Stephen Thrivent Advocates

LSS Food Pantry

ON-GOING LSS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

October: BOXED INSTANT POTATOES, NOODLES, RICE

Donations may be placed in the white shopping cart in the narthex

Next NOISY OFFERING

November 6

November donation to OCC

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE FOR THOSE IN NEED.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
DON'T FORGET YOUR SHOE BOXES

as of September 18 we had 104 filled boxes!

OCTOBER 23 LAST CHANCE to bring in shoe boxes.!

NOVEMBER 6 DEDICATION OF SHOE BOXES!

NOVEMBER 14 DELIVER SHOE BOXES TO COLLECTION SITE!

For those filling shoe boxes at home, *you can bring them in ANYTIME* and place them on the table or under the table by the large windows in the foyer.

Remember to pray for the children!

Brochures for Operation Christmas Child on table by name tags

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ANYONE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING MEALS for—or TRANSPORTING — members of our congregation on request, please sign up on the bulletin board

THE EVANGELISM TEAM is looking for people to send hand-written notes to visitors. For additional information please contact Beth Thomsen.

WE ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to keep our sidewalks clean this winter which amounts to the sidewalk along Erie Street and the entrance ways. See Tom Schmidt or sign up on the bulletin board.

2011-2012 MINISTRY HANDBOOKS are NOW available. You may pick one up outside the sanctuary doors. Keep it on hand to check for upcoming events and activities. Any changes, corrections or additions will be in the monthly Newsletter or weekly Beacon for your convenience.

[CAPITAL UNIVERSITY CHAPEL CHOIR](#) concert 3PM October 30 at Holy Rosary Cathedral.

Enjoy the historic, beautiful cathedral while enjoying wonderful music by our own Lutheran Capital University..

CHECK POSTER TO CAR POOL

Celebrant : Rev. Peter Martyn ~ Music: Scott Ballard ~ Counter: Tom Pfau
Musicians: Jacob Pratt, Tim Tefft **CD Recording:** Marty McKelvey

October 16—8:30

Council Person

Tom Schmidt

Lay Assistants

Nancy Pfau

Acolyte

volunteer

Altar Preparation

Linda McDonough

Greeters

W&D Staup

Ushers

W&D Staup

October 16—11:00

Council Person

Lin McKelvey

Lay Assistants

Jean Doebler

Acolyte

Chase Mercer

Altar Preparation

Ruth Moeller

Greeters

J. Cunningham / J. Haddox

Ushers

N&B Rieck

October 23—8:30

Council Person

Beth Thomsen

Lay Assistants

Keith Taylor

Acolyte

volunteer

Altar Preparation

P&R Pearson

Greeters

P&R Pearson

Ushers

P&R Pearson

October 23—11:00

Council Person

Nick Liaros

Lay Assistants

Dick Lock

Acolyte

Anthony Russell

Altar Preparation

J. Liaros / R. Liaros

Greeters

L&L Golba

Ushers

K&L Tefft

2011 VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEET is available on the bulletin board.

Check your calendar & SIGN UP for the *BEST TIMES* to ASSIST in our services.

Or call **Cathy Gustafson** to volunteer for *Lay Assistant, Acolyte, Greeters & Ushers*.

Any slots not filled in will be assigned as in the past.

REMINDER: If you are unable to serve on your day, you are responsible to get a replacement and call the church office with the updated information.

ACTIVITIES October 16—23
ON-GOING LSS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

SUNDAY:

8:00AM Prayer
8:30AM Worship
9:45AM Spiritual Growth +
11:00AM Worship & Praise #
11:00AM Sylvania Fall Festival

MONDAY:

7:00PM Women's CC&C

TUESDAY:

10:00AM Employment Resource Center

WEDNESDAY:

7:00PM Christmas Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY:

11:30AM Joy Club
7:00PM Book Club

FRIDAY:

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+During the Spiritual Growth classes, children may visit the KidZone
Sunday Lessons after Children's Sermon thru Peace

MORE INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

2011 & 2012 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDARS

are on the bulletin board.

Dates available for Memorials, Remembrances, Celebrations

4TH Quarter *Word In Season* & 2012 POCKET CALENDARS

Available by the usher's table! Take one for yourself & a friend.

DON'T HAVE EMAIL? Look for the latest edition of the Newsletter, ***The Vision of St. Stephen***, in the information rack above the usher's table

As always, remember to call or send your changes to the office, so we may keep our records up to date & get in touch with you if needed.

READINGS October 23rd

First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm: 1

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46