



Beacon of St. Stephen

September 25, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Summer Interim Pastor: Peter Martyn

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

IN OFFICE: 10AM-1PM

PASTORAL CALLING 1-3PM

unless a scheduled office appointment.

Tuesday & 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.

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 are meeting in the Sanctuary for a session with Pr. Peter on Support Experience. Join Us!

All Kids, age 4-grade 6, are invited to **KidZone Hour** while parents are at Spiritual Growth class

PRE-SCHOOL— 4TH GRADE will attend SUNDAY LESSONS following the CHILDREN'S SERMON at the **11:00 SERVICE**. This year we have *PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN, 1ST & 2ND, 3RD & 4TH*. Pick up your nametags on the way into church.

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

MEN OF FAITH meet at Nautica the 2ND & 4TH Thursdays @ 6:30AM each month for coffee, study & discussion. Join us October 13 & 27.

SUNDAY LESSONS

Kids, Get your name tag and join us for **SUNDAY LESSONS** following the Children's Sermon during the 11:00 service. There will be a fun lesson and snack.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU FOR LOTS OF EXCITING FUN!



LOSS:

“Can't Live With It; - Can't Live Without It”

A Support Experience

for anyone who has suffered a loss – a death, a divorce, a loss of a pastor, etc. etc.

led by Pastor Peter R. Martyn

CONTINUES through OCTOBER 2TH

In the Sanctuary – at 9:45AM

COVENANT OF RENEWAL

REMEMBERING WHAT IT MEANS TO CALL OURSELVES MEMBERS OF ST. STEPHEN

This is the time of year that we take the opportunity to reflect upon what it means for us to be members of Christ's church. Through September 25th we will collect the Covenant of Renewals in the basket on the altar during the Sunday morning worship services. We ask that you prayerfully consider your promise to God and the work of His kingdom. If you forgot to bring yours with you today, you may pick up a copy from an usher. You may place also mail it to the church.

October 16, Pr. Peter will return to fill in for Pr. Stadler who has a prior commitment that day.

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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.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSALS Scott will begin Christmas Music rehearsals on October 12. Let him know if you can join the celebration. He will give you the details.

OCTOBER 16: SYLVANIA FALL FESTIVAL: we'll have a booth & need outgoing people to help present/introduce St. Stephen to the community in a different setting. See an Evangelism member to help.

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING Pr. Glen Stadler to St. Stephen beginning **OCTOBER 3RD**. We will have a **MEET & GREET OCTOBER 9 at 9:45**. Stop by on your way to Gathering Space and get to know him better.

Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul" (*Psalm 25:1, KJV*).
Wrap us in your love and peace as we open ourselves to your Word.

PASTORAL CARE remains available throughout our transition. Pastor Peter 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

Chuck Estes

Dorothy Estes

Ken Kopfmann @ Kingston

Marilyn Martin

Jayne Pratt
Jackie Ritzenthaler
Pr. Tom Schutt

GIFTS

General: \$3259.00
Future Needs: \$0.00
Building Fund: \$275.00
Other Designated: \$15.00

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 to 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

September: BAKED BEANS, DRIED BEANS, RICE

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

Next NOISY OFFERING October 2

October donation to OCC

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

6:30 - 7:30 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM AT ST. STEPHEN

Anyone interested in community service, sharing ideas, organizing projects, or lending a hand, is welcome and encouraged to attend. We will be getting ready to begin organizing Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets collections for Sylvania Area Family Services.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Anyone interested in providing MEALS for—or TRANSPORTING — for members of our congregation on request, please sign up on the bulletin board.



DON'T FORGET: YOUR SHOE BOXES
as of last week we had 104 filled boxes.

OCTOBER 23 Last chance to bring in 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

WALK TO DEFEAT ALS, 11:00AM October 2. Walk with other St. Stephen folks at Flower Hospital. Check the bulletin board for more information. Thanks for supporting the walk. We expect a big crowd as we have 11 new teams - some of which are 10-20 strong.

Interim Pastor : Rev. Peter Martyn ~ Music: Scott Ballard ~ Counter: Ken Marvin
Musicians: Jacob Pratt, Tim Tefft **CD Recording:** Marty McKelvey

September 25 8:30

Council Person

Tom Schmidt

Lay Assistants

Rod Hochstetler

Acolyte

volunteer

Altar Preparation

Linda McDonough

Greeters

C&D Gustafson

Ushers

C&D Gustafson

September 25 11:00

Council Person

Kathy Aldrich

Lay Assistants

Marilyn Scuralli

Acolyte

Austin Mercer

Altar Preparation

Barb Davis

Greeters

J.Cunningham / J.Haddox

Ushers

N&B Rieck

October 2—8:30

Council Person

Tom Schmidt

Lay Assistants

Rod Hochstetler

Acolyte

volunteer

Altar Preparation

Pat Hoehing

Greeters

P&H Hoehing

Ushers

P&H Hoehing

October 2—11:00

Council Person

Marilyn Scuralli

Lay Assistants

Dave Haddix

Acolyte

Sydney Seretsky

Altar Preparation

Pat Hoehing

Greeters

S&J Kahl

Ushers

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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

September 25—October 2

ON-GOING LSS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

SUNDAY:

8:00AM Prayer

8:30AM Worship

9:45AM Spiritual Growth +
11:00AM Worship & Praise & Baptism#

MONDAY:

TUESDAY:

PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE
10:00AM Employment Resource Center

WEDNESDAY:

THURSDAY:

10:00AM Pastor in Office
6:30AM Men of Faith

FRIDAY:

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY:

NOISY OFFERING

8:00AM Prayer
8:30AM Worship
9:45AM Spiritual Growth +
11:00AM Worship & Praise #
11:00AM Walk to Defeat ALS

+During the Spiritual Growth classes, children may visit the KidZo# 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

3RD & 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 2nd

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm: 80:7-15

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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