

# Steeple Views

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## Changes in September

Worship times are changing - but not really. If you've been attending 10:00 a.m. services through the summer, then I guess they are not really changing for you, but staying the same. If you were looking forward the returning to the 11:00 a.m. time, you'll still come at 10:00 a.m., but there may still be something at the 11:00 am hour for you to **PARTICIPATE** in.

8:30 a.m. services will be staying the same for now. However, at 10:00, 15-20 Sundays will be even more traditional than they are now. These will be the church holy-days or festivals. 15-20 Sundays will be a lot like what we do now. 15-20 Sundays will be different - still Lutheran and liturgical, but different. **Eclectic.**

Sunday School - now called, **Pathfinders**, will begin at 9:45 a.m. and will run concurrent with the 10:00 service; it will end in time for families to Commune together.

The late service and the Pathfinders hour are actually flip-flopping. At 11:00, **PARTICIPATE** will offer things of interest to different people like Fellowship events, Youth activities, God's Work, Our Hands outings, choir practice, Trinity Trails, service, etc.

There will still be coffee and snacks available on Sundays starting at 9:30.

### Worship. Service, Fellowship.

It's what we're about. Look for new ways to **PARTICIPATE** !

**Looking ahead**, August has many celebrations for us.

**Aug 1** 6:30pm Matthew, Mark, Luke & (beers with) John

**Aug 2** 12-4pm Buckeye Homeschool

**Aug 6** 3pm Worship Meeting

**Aug 6** 6:30pm Finance Meeting

**Aug 7** 7pm Lost in Translation

**Aug 7** 7-8:30pm JrYG Bowling

**Aug 10** 8:30am Crochet/Knit

**Aug 12-14** Interim Pastors

**Aug 13** 7pm Council Meeting

**Aug 14** 7pm FORGE

**Aug 16** 6:30pm Girl Scouts

**Aug 18-25** FAMILY PROMISE

**Aug 18** Back-to-School Blessing both services

**Aug 18** 11am Trinity Trail

**Aug 20-22** Indian Trail Kindergarten Screening

**Aug 27** 10am JOY Trip to Maltz Museum

**Aug 28** 7pm Bells Practice

## **Talking to Myself about Worship...**

**Why change? Or, actually, not change back to the 11:00 service?** Well, I don't think worship is being done E.P.I.C. – ly enough.

**Huh?** E.P.I.C. worship means Experiential, Participatory, Image-rich, and Connective worship.

**Is that really the reason?** Yes, worship, which involves the Word, Communion, and Baptism, is the center piece of what we do. It should be excellent. And ours isn't as excellent as it could be.

**Why?** Well, to me, this is because, particularly at the 11:00 service, we had two groups of people. I'll call them traditional Lutherans and families. And the world is so different today, that speaking or communicating to the traditionalists and the families is two different things. When our worship is only 'blended' it doesn't really speak to either of these groups.

**So, what will we do?** 8:30 is staying the same for now. At 10:00, 15-20 Sundays will be even more traditional than they are now. These will be the Church holy-days or festivals. 15-20 Sundays will be a lot like what we do now. 15-20 Sundays will be different – still Lutheran and liturgical, but different.

**What will we call it?** I am calling it Eclectic Worship.

**Catchy; but how will I know which is which?** St. Stephen will tell you ahead of time; although, this is only going to work if people still attend services as they normally would – even if it isn't their 'preferred' style.

**Yeah, what's stopping me from only attending the 20-40 services I like and skipping the others?** Nothing, except your love of St. Stephen, all its different people, your willingness to grow in the gospel and in grace, and your sheer desire to hear and visit Pastor John every. single. week.

**Okay, let's switch it up. What does this mean for Sunday School and choir?** Good question.

**Is that your answer? Because, if so, it's not a very good one.** No, my answer is that choir is moving their practice. Sunday School will still meet, but as 'Pathfinders'. It will overlap with and run concurrent to the 10:00 service; it will end in time for families to Commune together. In this format, we'll call it Pathfinders. The Adult Forum is probably the most effected – but St. Stephen is bolstering its Thursday night lineup to include more educational activities – including bible study sessions called Table Talks, brewery nights, and book and theology and film nights. We are also going to utilize the 11:00 – 12:00 time slot as a Participation hour, which will offer things of interest to different people at different times like God's Work Our Hands Outings, kids and youth activities, and occasional worship services, service opportunities, and fellowship events.

**Huh? Somewhere in there, did you say concurrent?** Yes, but the point here is about making Christian Education as accessible to as many people as possible, helping families enjoy what best fits their situation, AND E.P.I.C. worship. All that's really happening time wise is that the old 'late' service is flip-flopping with the old 'Sunday School' hour, and both things – worship and Christian Education and Participation will be done better and better. The evening studies for adults have been well received in recent years and sitting in worship with kids – although still possible – need not be so anxiety inducing. I also said Participation hour. This way, families and kids will have options.

**What else?** I am removing weekly children's sermons from both services and will be doing these at Pathfinders or Participate instead.

**Oh no – that's my favorite part!** Well, they're still going to happen from time to time; but, it's also going to mean more scripture, more verses of songs, better participation, and seasonally appropriate prayers and connectivity.

**So, bottom line, what does this mean for St. Stephen?** St. Stephen is unique. God has formed us and molded us in a unique way. But, at the same time, St. Stephen has always been about its mission – about its being grounded in the Word and its calling in the world. And all of this has to do with continuing to be molded and called, but also in the world as it currently looks. Stow, Ohio needs the gospel and this is our way to proclaim it E.P.I.C.-ly!

## Worship, Service, and Fellowship Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am	<b>Sunrise Service</b>	Blended
Sunday 9:30 am	<b>Engage</b>	(Better snacks, same coffee!)
Sunday 9:45 am	<b>Pathfinders*</b>	
Sunday 10:00 am	<b>Eclectic Service</b>	Liturgy Heavy, Liturgy Medium, or Liturgy Light
Sunday 11:00 am	<b>Participate</b>	

Nursery Available 8:00 to 12:00 each Sunday

Wednesdays 7:00 Bell Choir, Lenten Gatherings, Youth Activities

Thursday 7:00 pm	Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (beers with) John	(1 <sup>st</sup> Thursdays)
	Table Talks	(2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays)
	Theology and Film	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)
	Diet of Words Book Club	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)

\*Formerly Sunday School



Look for new ways to **Participate** during the 11:00 a.m. hour after worship.

- Choir practice
- Fellowship Activities
- Service Projects
- Youth/Confirmation

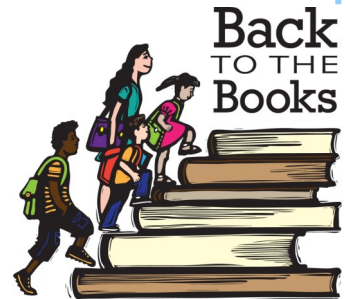
# Blessing of Backpacks & Teachers



**Sunday, August 18**  
**8:30 & 10:00 a.m.**

Bring your backpacks - or a picture of it - for a Blessing of the Backpacks at both services on Sunday, August 18.

Teachers returning to school will also receive a blessing.



## Interim Pastor Training Returns

**August 12-14**

The Northeastern Ohio Synod will be hosting the Interim Pastor Training at St. Stephen on Monday,

August 12 through Wednesday, August 14. Thirty-five pastors are expected to attend.

If you would like to help, please contact Barbara Miller.



**Northeastern Ohio Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**



## Lost in Translation

**Wed., August 7**  
**7-8:30 p.m.**

Drawing from Bart Ehrman's book,

*Misquoting Jesus*, each gathering will focus on how the Bible came to be, how it came to us

and the impact on faith today.

Meet in the narthex.



### **Host Week #6 August 18 - 15**

Our next Family Promise Host week is scheduled August 18-25. Please consider volunteering for this important mission.

It's not too soon to sign up since many of the slots fill up quickly. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Morning or evening driver
- Dinner (make the meal) Try it with a group of friends or family

or purchase a meal, such as pizza on Saturday night.

- Evening host
- Overnight host
- Saturday morning breakfast
- Set-up and/or Tear down

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Koch.

You won't be sorry that you participated in this rewarding week making a difference for a less fortunate family.

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board or SignupGenius.



Please contact **Jane Koch**, Family Promise Coordinator at 330-688-0581 (home), 330-338-3731 (cell) or [jekoch@neo.rr.com](mailto:jekoch@neo.rr.com) with questions..

## **FORGE**

### **FORGE Fellowship for Men Wed., August 14 7:00 p.m.**

St. Stephen will be hosting the FORGE group for men on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Plan to attend and bring a friend for a beer sampling and snacks.

No need to RSVP.  
Come as you are!



## **Endowment Committee Update**

The Endowment Committee granted two funding requests at its quarterly meeting in July: \$400 for a member's participation in a medical training workshop and \$500 to support the outreach activities of Lutheran Campus Ministries at Kent State. For more information on the Endowment Committee, see Nancy Brown, Chris Collins, Michelle Rousseau, Cathy Reynolds or Bob Dieter.

# Matthew, Mark, Luke, and (Beers with) John

**Missing Mountain**  
**August 1, 6:30 p.m.**  
**2811 Front St.**  
**Cuyahoga Falls, OH**

We will once again be gathering the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30pm visiting local craft breweries.

New to the brewery tours, we will be asking attendees to bring a monthly Lydia's Pantry item. In August, the pantry items are **peanut butter and jelly**. The monthly pantry items will be included in the 2019-2020 passport.

First up! We will meet at **Missing Mountain** located at **2811 Front St. in Cuyahoga Falls** on Thursday, August 1. New passports will be available.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



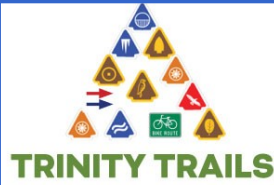
## Matthew, Mark, Luke and (beers with) John

### 2019-2020 Schedule

Date	Brewery	Address	Menu/Food option
August 1	Missing Mountain	2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	Menu available, V, GF
September 5	Lock 15 Brewing Co.	21 W. North St Akron, Ohio	Menu available, V, GF
October 3	Mucky Duck Brewery	4019 S. Main Street Akron, Ohio	Menu available
November 7	R. Shea Brewing	1662 Merriman Rd. Akron, Ohio 44313	Menu available, V
December 5	Hop Tree Brewing	1297 Hudson Gate Drive Hudson, Ohio	Menu available, V
February 6	HiHo Brewing Co.	1707 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	The Pizza Kitchen, V
March 5	Hoppin' Frog	1680 East Waterloo Rd. Akron, Ohio	Menu available, V
April 2	The Brew Kettle	11 Atterbury Blvd. Hudson, Ohio	Menu available, V
May 5	Thirsty Dog Brewing	587 Grant Street Akron, Ohio	Menu available, V
June 4	IGNITE Brewing Co.	600 W. Tuscarawas Ave. Barberton, Ohio	Bring your own food



# Trinity Trails



**Sunday, August 18**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Trinity Trails is a eco-ministry dedicated to renewing connections with God's creation through liturgical hikes. Join Val Huddleston and Pr. John a Trinity Trail the 3rd Sunday of each month.

You will be given a passport that will be stamped each time you hike.

The passport will also provide direction and a description of each hike. Invite your family and friends to hike and worship outdoors.

Communion will be given at each hike.

**NEW THIS YEAR:**

Bring a monthly pantry item to help support Lydia's Pantry.

**This month we're collecting Peanut Butter & Jelly.**



## Trinity Trails 2019-2020 Schedule

**11:00 a.m. - the 3rd Sunday of each month**



Date	Location	Trail Name	Distance
8/18	Tannery Park	Bike Trail	1.5
9/15	Munroe Falls Metro Park	Indian Spring Trail	2.2
10/20	Nature Realm	Seneca Trail	1.4
11/17	Deep Lock Quarry	Quarry Trail	1.4
12/15	Munroe Falls (Rt. 91-Tallmadge)	Meadow Loop	0.35
1/19	Adell Durbin	Cliff Trail/Shrub Trail	0.6/0.8
2/17	Wood Hollow	Downy Loop	1.2
3/15	Firestone Park	Redwing Trail	1.1
4/19	Munroe Falls (Tallmadge Area)	Meadow Trail	2.0
5/17	Ledges Trail	CVNP System	2.2
6/21	Silver Springs	Hike & Bike Trail	1.5
7/19	Blue Hen Falls	Blue Hen Trail	0.4

## J.O.Y. Group Trip in August

**Maltz Museum**  
**Tuesday, August 27**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Join the J.O.Y. Group for an interesting day visiting the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Plan to meet in the church parking lot to carpool. The museum is located at 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood, Ohio.

The current tour is **Judaism-Introduction to the Faith and Traditions.** The tour will explore the common threads of Judaism and Christianity and an overview of Jewish history, religion and culture.

The lunch location will be determined. A stop at Cold Stone for ice cream will finish the day.

Sign-up on the bulletin board to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Tacy Raymaley or Gary Parker.



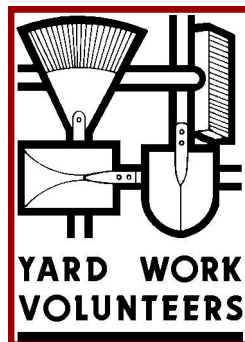
## AmazonSmile Donations



**St. Stephen** is now registered as a charitable organization at **Amazon-Smile**. A simple and automatic way to support St. Stephen every time you shop on Amazon, at no cost to you, by donating a portion of the purchase

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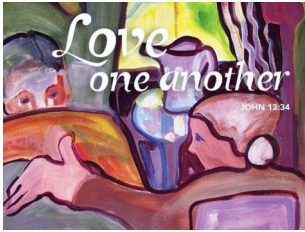
selection will be remembered and every eligible purchase will then result in a donation. You can use your same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.



**Thank you to everyone who has helped clearing all the flower beds and worked outside!**



# Volunteers Needed for Family Service



The Family Service (formerly known as Christian Service) Committee serves our St. Stephen family in many ways.

- Cards are sent to members when they are in the hospital or after they return home.
- A meal is offered to members who return home from the hospital.

Sherry Petrosky and JoAnn Schoonover lead the Funeral Team. Calls are made to the funeral volunteers for donations of food for a meal, if requested by the family.

Cards and stamps are supplied and the list of volunteers is included in a notebook as part of the Family Service bag. Members volunteer for one month.

Please sign-up for this important committee to help show God's love in our member's time of need. Consider sharing a month with a friend or family member.

## Do You Enjoy Singing?



The St. Stephen Choir will be starting rehearsals again during the PARTICIPATE hour at 11:00 a.m. in the choir room.

The choir sings at the 8:30 or 10 a.m. services, occasionally both services, on a Sunday morning. Please see Connie Wilson, if you are interested.

Share  
your love  
of Music

## Join Jubellation Handbells

**Wednesdays  
7-8:30 p.m.**

The Jubellation Handbell Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesday evenings between 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning on August 21.

If you can read music (or not), you can get started playing the bells.

Stop by on a Wednesday evening to give it a try! Musicians of all ages are welcome.

Please contact Connie Wilson if you have any questions or would like to join.

There is a place for you!



# J.O.Y. Trip to Medina







# Nursery to Open in September

## Nursery Open

**Sunday, September 15**

**8:15am - 12:15pm**

Welcome back, Erin Bivens!

We are so happy that Erin has agreed to come back to the nursery beginning on Sunday, September 15. Erin will be available to watch newborn - 3 yrs. In the nursery from 8:15 a.m. through 12:15 p.m..



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## It's time for a New Directory!

**Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.**

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions (provided at church and through a separate email).**
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio here at St. Stephen.**
- **Appointment dates:** Thursday, Sept. 12, 2-8pm, Friday, Sept. 13, 2-8:30pm and Saturday, Sept. 14. 10:30am-4pm.

**Stop by the table in the narthex to choose your session time!**

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Give us today our daily bread;  
let everyone be clothed and fed.  
Forgive our sins, as we forgive  
when others hurt us as we live.  
Help us to dwell in harmony  
and serve each other willingly.

# The Corsi Report

July 2019

## ***My Absolute Darling*—Tallent**

**(.5 out of 5 Stars)**

Oh my word, this book was not at all what I thought it was. My normal, in-depth vetting process let one through! Several scenes in this book are disturbing and the all-too-quick-I've-gotten-over-it ending makes them even worse. I cannot recommend this book.

## ***Manhattan Beach*—Egan**

**(2.5 out of 5 Stars)**

Egan has a book called *A Visit from the Goon Squad* that is creative, original, and enjoyable; so I thought I'd try to read her again. *Manhattan Beach* isn't bad – it is a period novel that takes place in the U.S. during WWII – but it is never quite the crime noir it bills itself as, and it is not *Goon Squad*. It deals with womanhood in this era and is a fairly quick and reasonably engrossing read.

## ***The Truth about the Harry Quebert Affair*—Dicker**

**(3.5 out of 5 Stars)**

So meta! Written by a European and set on the East Coast of the U.S., with so many twists and turns and some intertwining asides it ends up being deeper than its story. Although it went one twist too far for me, it's very readable. Think French author writing an *American Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*-type story about a writer in the process of his master piece while having the narrator comment on writing and getting published.

## ***Before Mars*—Newman**

**(3.5 out of 5 Stars)**

I consistently tell people that I do not like science fiction; but then I read a book like this and discover that is either untrue or that maybe truly great science fiction is okay? The story and the mystery of this book are okay. The science fiction elements are fairly subtle. But the philosophy, or the message about existence – that lies behind the narrative and the genre tricks – are great.

## ***Benediction*—Haruf**

**(4 out of 5 Stars)**

Haruf has a whole series of books set in the fictional town of Holt, Colorado. Each of them are good. This is the finale in the *Plainsong/Eventide* trilogy. The writing mirrors the setting. The stories are simple but powerful. If you want a book that takes you to a place, gives you pretty real stories, and somehow elegantly speaks to you through simple means, this series is for you. I mean, who would think such simple dialog and subdued story lines could be so affecting?

## ***Winter's Bone*—Woodall**

**(2.5 out of 5 Stars)**

Set in the Ozarks, *Winter's Bone* – through both dialog and content – will truly take you there. I couldn't quite get into it; but, again, this is fairly simple read, it has a who-dunnit-type plot (although I felt like I always knew who-dunnit and I am almost never capable of this), and it really, really captures a place and a time.



### **The Browns Blues—Pluto**

**(3 out of 5 Stars)**

Training camp is here! This is our year! Pluto writes another Indians/Cavs/Browns book and I keep reading them all. Pluto is a newspaper man and this book is a kind-of a compendium of his articles over the years, so it's not a hard read. In the end, I liked *Things I Learned from Watching the Browns* and *False Start* better (this book rehashes a lot of the content of these two books, meshing those two ideas into one); but I read a book by Pluto at least once every year and I never regret it. (Thanks J.H.!!)

### **Patrimony—Roth**

**(3.5 out of 5 Stars)**

I am a moderate Philip Roth fan. I am not much of an autobiography reader. Thus, I thought this would be less enjoyable than it was. *Patrimony* is probably my favorite Roth book. It is about the last couple years of his father's life after being diagnosed with a weird, benign brain tumor. It's poignant and funny. If you've ever gone through the death process with a loved one, it may hit too close to home. Like all of Roth, it is strongly Jewish in content; but, for me, unlike other Roth books, this book transcends that and is universal.

### **How Soccer Explains the World—Foer**

**(2 out of 5 Stars)**

If I read a Browns book every year before training camp, I also read a soccer book every year just as the season gets under way. This book tried to explain globalization by telling soccer stories. Having read them elsewhere, I had heard all of the stories before. The link to globalization and its ramifications was never all too direct. Maybe Foer is on to something, maybe not. But, hey, I'm talking about a book about soccer – so that's something!



## **Rubber Ducks Game**



St. Stephen Lutheran Church

July 9, 2019

Michelle Amato

Sherry Petrosky

Gary Reynolds

Ray Rousseau

Ed Holland

Tim Johnson

Absent- Dan Camburn

**Business:**

The council has tried to become more efficient in our regular council meeting, so there are things that come out during the month that need to be address electronically. Below is one of those times. Michelle Amato made the motion to accept these requests and Gary Reynolds seconded. Motion carried.

1. Connie Wilson has asked about a fundraiser for the Bell Choir:
2. As most of you may know, we had an issue with water entering into the church just outside the sanctuary. We had a 40lb raccoon decide to make a nice home for himself in our building. . Unfortunatly he had left behind some damaged drywall and it also affected the newly painted ceiling. We are in the process of getting estimates for the drywall repair and repainting the portions that need it.
3. Pastor had met with a local AA Chapter recently. They have been meeting at a Church in Silver Lake for over 30 years and are looking for a new location. They currently pay \$600 a year and would pay us the same amount. The meetings are on [Saturday](#) evenings and can be done in such a way so as to keep them separate from other events that take place
4. As we are now in the summer months, the flower beds are flourishing with weeds. We seem to have this same issue come up during the nicer months of the year. I had a thought of bringing this to our congregation. . I was thinking of having members "adopt-a-spot". They can adopt a spot for the next year and they can maintain and plant what they would like to see in their own spot. Taking on a small area seems to be more doable and easier on people instead of looking at the entire flower beds surrounding our church. They can make it a family event of their own and do this at on their own time and not one set date and time that we deem. We aren't asking for money, just some time to at least maintain their spot. If they want to plant flowers great, if not great (some sections don't need any more plants in certain areas), just maintain their own section.

### **Opening:**

Gary Reynolds opened with prayer.

### **Minutes:**

Gary Reynolds made the motion to approve the May Council minutes. Tim Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Old Business:**

The scholarship fund was again discussed and no decision to set up until further information on the correct way to proceed.

The raccoon is still a problem and has caused damage in the narthex, an estimate of \$1,800 for repairs.

This estimate does not include painting only drywall work. The trap has been reset and hopefully the problem will be solved. Gary Reynolds will talk to Brian Clark and get at least two estimated to repair the walls.

Parking lot entrance into the back of the church has had only one estimate of \$880.00, and Gary will proceed with getting two more estimates.

A motion has been made to change the worship time changes to 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. throughout the year. After much discussion and Pastor explaining how this will help our congregation, Ed Holland made the motion to accept the change and Michelle Amato seconded. Motion carried. (Dan Camburn voted yes electronically.)

### **New Business:**

Ed Holland has worked with Jane Hecht and Bill Choler to help change and clarify the financial reports that are given to council. Banker's report to be streamlined, and Endowment reporting needs to be updated with the Endowment committee. Ed went over the Banker's report and Treasurer's report line by line.

Ed Holland made a motion to authorize Gary Reynolds a limit of \$900.00 for the repair of the parking lot entrance. Sherry Petrosky seconded and motion carried.

The goal for this coming year budget is to have a draft by the Oct. council meeting. Ed asked the council members to talk with their ministries and to see their needs for the coming year. Stewardship was discussed in length and the need is to promote online giving.

### **Financials:**

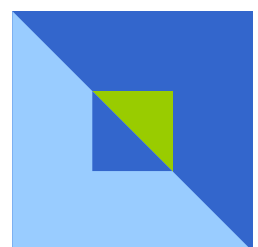
May and June financials were reviewed and Gary Reynolds made the motion to approve and Tim Johnson seconded, motion carried.

Sherry Petrosky made the motion to close the meeting, seconded by Ed Holland. Motion carried.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Petrosky



## J.O.Y. Monthly Breakfast



The J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth) meets for breakfast the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Stow Café.

**See you on  
Monday,  
August 12**



## Crocheting/Knitting Group for a Cause



**Saturday,  
August 10, 2019  
8:30-10:00 a.m.**

A group has formed at St. Stephen to crochet, or knit, scarves, hats, and afghans for Harvest Home (part of Haven of Rest) that

houses 52 women and children, often more, in their residence. Each woman receives an afghan or quilt when they leave the facility so there is a constant need of items.

ALL ages are welcome! We will continue to meet once a month to work on projects together or you are welcome to work alone and join us when convenient.



## Men in Mission Bible Study



**MEN in  
Mission**

**Saturdays  
8:00-9:30 a.m.**

Men in Mission is a faith-based study group for men of all ages that meets every Saturday from 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. in the church library. Donuts and coffee are *always served*.

Throughout the year, the path of study is chosen from books of the Bible or Christian-themed literature. The conversations each week are the best part of this group. You can attend any time. Come as you are, whenever you can.



# Family Promise August 18-25

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## FAMILY PROMISE

### August 18-25

Our next Family Promise Host week is scheduled August 18-25. Please consider volunteering for this important mission.

It's not too soon to sign up since many of the slots fill up quickly. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Morning or evening driver

- Dinner (make the meal) Try it with a group of friends or family or purchase a meal, such as pizza on Saturday night.
- Evening host
- Overnight host
- Saturday morning breakfast
- Set-up and Tear down Crew on Sunday mornings.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. You won't be sorry that you

participated in this rewarding week making a difference for a less fortunate family.

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board or SignupGenius.

Please contact **Jane Koch**, Family Promise Coordinator at 330-688-0581 (home), 330-338-3731 (cell) or at [jekoch@neo.rr.com](mailto:jekoch@neo.rr.com) with questions..

## Rose Parade Tour



### Rose Parade & Southern California Sightseeing Tour

**December 28, 2020 - January 2, 2021**

Help to decorate a float, tour Southern California by motor coach, watch the Rose Bowl Parade and bring in the New Year! 2021!

The tour package includes:

- 5-nights at a deluxe Newport Beach Hotel
- Breakfast daily, 4 dinners and New Year's Day lunch.
- Private motor coach
- Hands-on float decorating

- Rose Bowl Parade with Grand Stand seating
- Souvenir Parade Program
- New Year's Day lunch
- Bowl Game Viewing
- New Year's Eve Dinner
- Admission to all listed attractions.
- All local city tax & hotel tax

Tour does not include air transportation, airport to hotel transfers, gratuities and meals not listed or trip cancellation insurance.

Tour prices per person:

- \$1870 Double occupancy
- \$1870 Guaranteed share\*
- \$2070 Guaranteed single
- \$1670 Triple occupancy
- \$1570 Quad occupancy

How to Register:

Visit [www.luthertours.com](http://www.luthertours.com). Click Join a Tour, select the Rose Parade Tour, click the link at the bottom of the detail page to submit your registration and \$350 per person deposit by credit card by **September 30, 2019**.

For more information, contact Ron Lombardo, Trip Coordinator at 330-703-7361.

# J.O.Y. Group at Sarah's Vineyard









# Lydia's Pantry

Acts 16: 12-15



The Lydia's Pantry is open every Sunday morning from 8:30am-12pm and Tues-Thurs from 9am-3pm. Please spread the word that the pantry is available.

If you would like to donate items to the pantry, please check out at the list of needed items.

Monetary donations are always welcome.

## Collect in August

Each month we are going to concentrate on collecting a specific item for the pantry:

**Peanut Butter & Jelly**

## Lydia's Pantry

### Food Items

**Hot Cereal:** Oatmeal, Single Packs  
**Cold Cereal:** Boxes, Single Packs  
**Breakfast/Cereal/ Granola Bars**  
**Pancake Mix & Pancake Syrup**  
**Macaroni & Cheese** Boxed, Single Cups  
**Hamburger Helper**  
**Manwich Sauce**  
**Pasta & Pasta Sauce**  
**Peanut Butter & Jelly** Grape, Strawberry  
**Boxed Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing Mix**  
**Rice, Egg Noodles**  
**Fruit, Applesauce, Jello, Pudding Cups**  
**Crackers:** Peanut Butter, Cheese Packs  
**Salad Dressing**  
**Juice, Juice Boxes**  
**Single Chip Snack Bags, Microwave Popcorn**  
**Coffee/Filters/Tea Bags/ Hot Chocolate Packs**  
**Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Pasta**  
**Canned Soup**  
**Canned Meats:** Tuna, Chicken, Ham  
**Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Beans, Tomatoes**

### Hygiene Items

**Soap/Shower Gel, Hand Soap**  
**Shampoo**  
**Toothpaste, Toothbrushes**  
**Feminine Products**  
**Diapers & Baby Wipes**

### Paper & Cleaning Products

**Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue**  
**Dish Detergent, Clothes Detergent**

# August Youth News

Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your summer.

**Pathfinders** will start on September 15 at 9:45 a.m.

See you there!

**RALLY DAY!**

Join the fun!

**September 8**

Details to come!



## We've Changed our Name!

**Pathfinders is here!**

Sunday School is now called Pathfinders.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays where

Pastor John will give his Children's Sermon.

Children will be dismissed and join their parents for communion during the worship service.



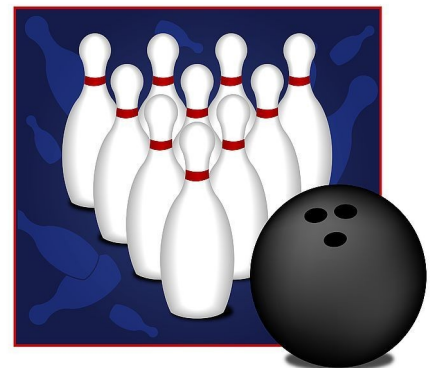
## JrYG Bowling

**JrYG Bowling**  
**Wed., August 7**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The JrYG will meet on Wednesday, August 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Stow Kent Bowling Lanes on Fishcreek in Stow. The cost is \$9 per person for 2 games, shoes, hot dog and a drink.

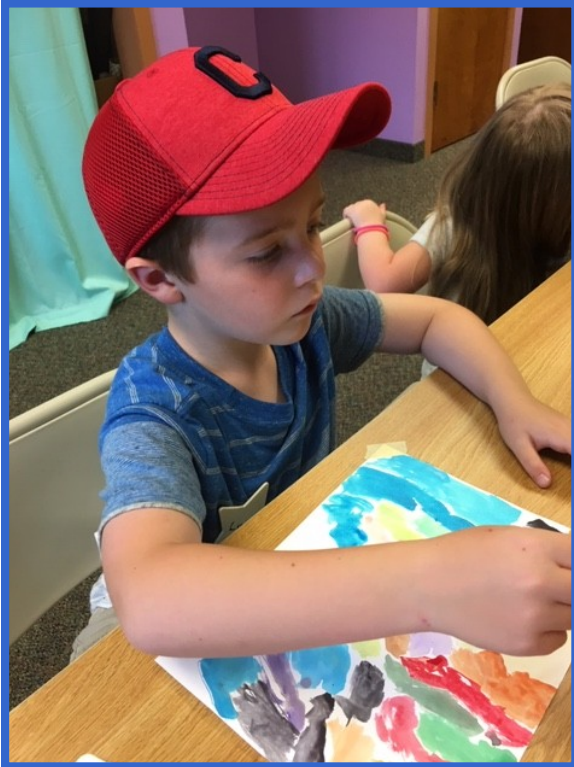
You're welcome to bring a friend. Please RSVP to Val so she can make the reservation.

See you there!





YeeHaw!











It was a great weekend!  
Thank you,  
Dawnya LaMantia, teachers  
and helpers for making  
VBS special!







## Acme Cash Back to Begin

Acme Community Cash Back program will run from **August 8 through December 28, 2019.**

Please start collecting your Acme receipts. For questions, contact Mary Appleby.

Please remember to turn in the **ENTIRE** receipt. Do not cut anything off, or it will be invalid. Please place them in the collection box in the narthex.

All money earned will go toward the Mission Support.



## Save Your Box Tops



Please remember to clip and bring your box tops to church to help Stow- Munroe Falls schools.

Mary Appleby is collecting box tops for

Echo Hills, but will get the box tops to any elementary or middle school that you prefer. A collection box is in the narthex.



## Communion Services at The Briarwood

**Tuesday, August 6  
3:15 p.m.**

Communion services will be held at The Briarwood Healthcare Community, located at 3700 Englewood Drive, Stow for the residents who live there as well as visitors and the public.

Communion services will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 3:15 p.m. Pr. John will rotate the services with two other area Lutheran pastors.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



# August



## Happy Anniversary

8/1 Eric & Kim Marschik  
 8/2 Marty & Beth Harrington  
 8/3 Brian & Kim Clark  
 8/5 Charles & Tracy Martin  
 8/6 Don & Mary Appleby  
 8/6 Ted & Andie Edmond  
 8/6 Gary & Cathy Reynolds  
 8/8 Chris & Pam Collins  
 8/12 David & Jennifer Miller  
 8/14 **Steve & Theresa Hodges**  
 8/15 **Steve & Tracy Montgomery**  
 8/18 **Paul & Patti Trettel**  
 8/19 **Don & Georgia Brooker**

8/2 Renna Knotek  
 8/3 Nancy Ewing  
 8/3 Janet Koch  
 8/3 Carter Pierce  
 8/4 Maya Flory  
 8/5 Grayson Morris  
 8/9 Chuck Conaway  
 8/10 Cortney Eiloo  
 8/10 Larry Tucker  
 8/12 Dan Camburn  
 8/13 Bonnie Karlson  
 8/18 Patti Trettel  
 8/20 Abby Staats  
 8/21 Gary Parker  
 8/22 Valerie Huddleston  
 8/22 Fred Ohnmeiss  
 8/23 Don Brooker  
 8/23 George O'Connell  
 8/24 Lee McCauley  
 8/25 Cameron Ott  
 8/28 Beth Mueller  
 8/30 Ellis Augsburg  
 8/30 Dan Gleghorn  
 8/31 Larry Kribs

# August Volunteers

## 8:30 a.m. Worship

	Asst. Minister	Acolyte	Lector	Greeter	Ushers
4	Val Huddleston	N/A	Bob Dieter	Fred Ohnmeiss	<u>Dave Daugherty</u> , Barb Reid, Ron Lombardo,
11	Doug Berkey	N/A	Fran Dieter	Chloe Martin	<u>Gary Reynolds</u> Ted Edmond
18	Dawn Zinsmeister	N/A	Dawn Zinsmeister	Mary & Ray Appleby	<u>Brian Clark</u> Doug Henderson Fred Ohnmeiss
25	Bob Dieter	N/A	Barb Reid	Chuck & Joan Conaway	<u>James Karlson</u> Emma & Andrew Karlson

## 10:00 a.m. Worship











4	Dave Renninger		Nancy Ewing	Jim & Janet Erickson	<u>Ed Holland</u> , Rhonda Holland, Kevin Dwenger
11	Nancy Brown		Trevor Hodges	John & Chris Lawrence	<u>Dan Gleghorn</u> , Mary Gleghorn, Dan & Nancy Camburn
18	Dave Lang	Logan Slater	Patty Hardwick	Nancy Brown	<u>Steve Finley</u> , Jacob & Zach Finley
25	Bernie Dougherty		Wendy Raymaley-Hoffman	Autumn Johnson	<u>Anjalee Wagers</u> Jane Hecht, Janet Koch

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Hecht Linda Knapp
<b>Family Service</b>	Church Office 330-688-7213

Date	CPOD	Counters
4	Michelle Amato	Jim & Janet Erickson
11	Gary Reynolds	Jim & Janet Erickson
18	Dan Camburn	Pam Collins & Scott Schlea
25	Tim Johnson	Pam Collins & Scott Schlea



# August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Lydia's Pantry Collection for August:</b> <b>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly</b>				<b>1</b>  6:30pm Brewery (Missing Mountain)	<b>2</b> 12-4pm Buckeye Homeschool	<b>3</b> 8am  6:30-9:30pm Silver Lake Involvement
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 3pm Worship Committee 3:15pm Briarwood 6:30 Finance	<b>7</b>  7-8:30pm Lost in Translation 7-8:30pm JrYG	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8am  8:30am Crochet 6:30-9:30pm Silver Lake Involvement
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9am  JOY Breakfast	<b>13</b>  7pm Council	<b>14</b>  7pm FORGE Beer Sampling	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (FH)	<b>17</b> 8am  <b>CHOLER WEDDING</b> 6:30-9:30pm Silver Lake Involvement
<b>18</b>  11am 	<b>FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK #6</b>					<b>24</b> 8am  6:30-9:30pm Silver Lake Involvement
		<b>Indian Trail Kindergarten Screening</b>				
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10am JOY Trip to Maltz Museum	<b>28</b> 7pm Bells	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8am  6:30-9:30pm Silver Lake Involvement