

SPIRIT OF ST STEPHENS

A SMALL CHURCH WITH A BIG HEART

DECEMBER 2014

CELEBRATING OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH

**Come join us
and celebrate
Christmas this
year.**

December 6, starting at 9:00 AM please come to "The Hanging of the Greens" this fun day allows everyone to share in making the church beautiful for Christmas. We have many visitors during this Holy Season so help us look our best.

December 7, at 11:30 we will be having our first ever St. Stephen's Christmas Dinner. The cost is \$12 for Persons 11 years old and up and Children 3 to 10 are \$8 with Toddlers under 3 free. We will have a wonderful catered dinner with dessert and drinks

included. Come join us as we celebrate Christmas with a group dinner. If you have not made your reservation and you want to come please **call Linda Mitny at 839-7364**. She will add your name and you can pay Sunday.

December 13th, Santa Shop 9-12

This community service project has been enjoyed by many children in the community for years. With the addition of the Food Pantry families we expect a larger crowd than ever before, so please mark you calendar. They need help setting up on the 11th and 12th at 6:00 PM. Then starting Saturday morning at 9:00 AM we open the doors to many excited fami-

lies who are looking for a safe place for their children to shop for items at half price (or less). We need bakers for the bake sale, wrappers, shoppers, just HELP. Talk with Gennie Reed to help.

December 24, 7:30 PM. Christmas Eve Candlelight Com- munion Service of Lessons & Carols.

You've been before you know it's the perfect way to make Christmas "all about Christ". Bring your family, your friends, and enjoy the beauty of a candlelight service and joy on Christmas Eve.

God Bless you and Your Family through this season of love.

CALENDAR:

- *December 4 Ruth Circle Christmas Luncheon 11:30*
- *December 6 The Hanging of the Greens 9 AM*
- *December 7 Catered Christmas Dinner at St. Stephen's 11:30 AM*
- *Dec 13 Santa Shop 9 AM — noon*
- *December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service 7:30 PM*
- *December 27 Food Pantry 9:00 - 11:00 AM*

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PROPERTY MEETINGS AND PROGRESS

MEMBERS : JEFF A., RON C., GREGG B., WALLY R. TOM L. AND JEFF M.

1. **Sanctuary Roof re-placement:** the property committee compared all three bids for the roof and chose the company we thought would complete the job required at the best price / warranty. The Sanctuary roof has been replaced. Two sheets of decking had to be replaced due to a leak on the North Side.
2. **Parking Lot repairs:** the property committee again compared all three bids for the repair of the parking lot.
3. **Side walk repair / addition:** we repaired a section by the back door (kitchen) and completed an extension that leads over to both doors on the fellowship hall. This was completed at no cost to the Church. Four members of the property committee went in together and purchased the concrete necessary for the side walk, plus adding about a one foot extension to the ramp going into the shelter house garage. The work to dig it out / frame and finish the concrete was donated by our roofing company.
4. **Carpets ...** All carpets inside the church building were professionally cleaned.
5. **Windows ...** Two windows have been ordered and replaced. One for the Fellowship Hall and one for Pastor's office. Replacing these two will get us through the winter and we will replace the other five windows in the Spring.
6. **New vinyl flooring** has been installed in the kitchen. The Ruth Circle paid for the flooring and the property committee arranged for the installation, we also moved the appliances and painted the kitchen.
7. **Wall on North side of Sanctuary** has been completed. It hides the storage area. This had been requested and commented on so we hope our members are happy with this change.

These guys have been SO busy this summer and fall. I'm sure I forgot something. Thank you so much!

GET INVOLVED

The property committee meets the first Monday of every month.

The Evangelism Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month.

The Worship & Music Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month.

The Ruth Circle meets the first Thursday of every month at 11:30 AM.

The Social Ministry, Christian Education, and Stewardship/Finance Committee meet as necessary.

The Congregation Council meets the third Thursday of every month.

If you have any interest in getting involved in the operation and direction of the Church, please let President Genie Reed, Vice President Ron Covington, or Pastor Bob know .

EVANGELISM MEETINGS

Members Present: Pastor Bob, Genie R., Marilyn C., Sandy C., Jerry L., Skip L., Ron C.

Items of discussion:

1. **Placemat sales:** we have four spots sold to date. Still working to fill the rest.
2. **Noodles:** Jerry is working to schedule the Noodles fund raiser on Aug. 14, 2014.
3. **The Hendricks Co. 4-H Fair:** we started scheduling volunteers to man the booth this year. We stuffed 250 bags with literature about the activities at our Church to hand out.
4. **Fall Festival:** we have several items to use for the raffle and silent auction. The tent has been scheduled. Binky the clown has been scheduled. Bounce House. Car show is being advertised. Need to start bringing in water and soft

drinks next month.

5. **Blood Drive:** The Blood Drive is scheduled for July 12, 2014.

Wrap Up by the Editor

The Fall Festival was successful this year, earning over \$500, even though we had much working against us this year. The temperature was in the 40's most of the day which held the attendance to the lowest level we've seen in years. We also had some difficulty getting volunteers. There were also many other events going on at that time and we've had some trouble getting the following we had hoped to achieve with this event. All of these things considered the committee chose to not have a fall festival next year, instead we will look for a new event and focus on the things that are working. Comments and Suggestions could be directed to Genie Reed or Jerry Land.
***** All Church members are always welcome to attend our meetings. *****

MORE SUMMER / FALL EVENTS



On September 14, we welcomed Theodore Riley Schoeff into the Kingdom of God through Holy Baptism. Theo is the son of Deanna and Jason Schoeff, and grandson of Gloria Kocher.



These are a few photos from



the Fall Festival. It was cold but we had fun anyway. Thanks to all who participated and attended.



GRADUATE NEWS MISSED IN THE SPRING

Jenna Jarvis graduated in May 2014 from Ball State University with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics. She has been accepted into graduate school at Indiana State University where she will be completing the coordinated Dietetics Internship/Master's Degree program. She also was selected for a scholarship award by the Indiana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Jonathan is a junior studying Mechanical Engineering at IUPUI and was recently selected as a recipient of two scholarships, the Cox Scholarship award and the Hoosier Family Scholarship award.

RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle took a trip to Nashville in the Fall, we visited For Bare Feet Socks this summer and we are having our traditional Christmas Luncheon/Party at Martha's Orchard on December 4th.

Besides all this fun, with your help we sponsored a Yard Sale that raised over \$1700 which allowed us to have new vinyl flooring put down in the kitchen. Our next goal is new flooring for the bathrooms. All ladies of church are invited to join Ruth Circle. Our next meeting is Jan. 8, 2015

If you have
news or
would like
to help with
the news-
letter please
contact,
Melody
Burks

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH

The Youth of St. Stephen's have made a little progress towards their garden. On August 2 during the Ruth Circle Yard Sale the youth held a Car Wash to raise money. With the help of many friends they raised \$200 towards their dream garden. Thanks to all the youth who came and worked so hard and to the adults who made it possible by coordinating and organizing. Good Job!!



ASSORTED PICTURES FROM SUMMER/FALL



Food Pantry workers. Over the months many have come to help with this mission. Thanks to all of you. Next pantry Dec 27 at 9 AM. If you want to help call me.



Clean up day, July 12. The building storage went from crazy cramped to wide open spaces. Thanks to helpers.



Good friend and former member Shirley Manly had a terrible summer, which included the death of her daughter. This picture shows damage her house sustained after a wind storm.

BLESSINGS FROM THE CONGREGATION

Successful opening day of the Food Pantry.
 For friendships long ago. / Pastor and his humor.
 God's blessing on our church.
 Being able to come together in agreement on replacing roof.
 Thank you for this beautiful week.
 Thank you for watching over me I my move to my new home.
 Living in freedom. / Improving health
 Spared from the tornadoes.
 Family time. / Wife's improving health
 Meeting new people for my business.
 Church friends and good health.
 The blessing of people who believe we can do anything.
 Had a wonderful church service today.
 Grand-daughters visiting with me for a week.
 Knowing that the Lord is near when I need him.
 A new great grandson.
 Sister and nephew doing well after surgeries
 Family all came home to visit.
 Nice weather for Quaker Day Parade
 Good medical test results.
 More duties added to my job to make it more interesting.
 The fun me and my husband had celebrating our 23rd wedding anniversary.
 My friends and how they helped me.
 An angel spared me twice this week from and auto accident.
 Spending time with family.
 Enjoying a Friday when everything went right at work.
 Help from grandchildren cleaning my house.
 Thanks and praises for the many blessings God has given me.
 Making new friends.
 Being able to get organized – a great feeling.

FIGHTING HUNGER

This summer St. Stephen's opened a Food Pantry. Our first day to distribute food was June 28. We had 13 family-heads representing 37 people at home.

Just 3 months later on August 23, we had 38 family representatives present representing 123 people at home.

Many volunteers have helped us get through six months of food distribution. And each one has heard a story that broke our hearts.

The Lord has Blessed St. Stephen's with an opportunity to make a huge difference in this community and so far we have lived up to the promise.

We have just recently become a Gleaners Food Bank agency which will give us a way to get more stock for less money.

In the mean time our congregation has stood up to make a difference by bringing more and more food and paper

goods for our empty shelves, and donating a steady stream of money for food for others. I've been amazed and touched by the support the whole congregation has shown for this mission.

Thank you so much and God Bless each and every one of you as you help us fight hunger right here at home.

In November, Jazmyne's Girl Scout Troop came and helped. They made thank you cards that thanked us for letting them help. It's a grand feeling to know we are touching people's lives, not just those we help but those who help us help.

You can join in by donating food or funds or come on a fourth Saturday at 8:30 AM and change your life by helping us distribute food to the hungry.



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SORRY THIS HAS BEEN SUCH A LONG
WAIT FOR A NEWSLETTER. I'LL TRY TO DO
BETTER NEXT YEAR. MELODY, EDITOR

News for the Newsletter should be sent to Melody Burks at melodys451@gmail.com or on paper,
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KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



As you pass around all of
these reminders on Face-
book this December, re-
member to read them and
take some of this great ad-
vice. Have a Blessed Christ-
mas Season

