

Scout Sunday	2
Souper Bowl	
LifeGuide 101	
Elaine Hedrick	3
Ginny Dorsey	
MML&J	4
Get Creative	5
Lenten Study	6
The Book of Lent	7
Ash Wednesday	8
Shrove Pancakes	
JOY Trip	
Choir	9
Ladies Night Out	
Open Table	10
Prepare Sunday	11
Be the Change Bells	
JOY Breakfast	
Servant Keeper	12
Acme Cash Back	13
Website	
Live Stream	14
2026 Flowers	
Giving Envelopes	
Nursery Open	15
Knit/Crochet	
Men in Mission	
Shrove Pancakes	16
Lydia's Pantry	17
Feb Youth	18
Adult Easter Egg Hunt	19
Quake	20
Birthdays & Anniversaries	22
Volunteers	23



Lent Begins

Start off the Lenten season with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30pm and plan to worship on Ash Wednesday at 7pm on Feb. 18 to receive the disposition of ashes.

The Book on Lent

This year's focus during Lent is to read more books. Your goal can be:

- Quantity based
- Thematic based
- Process focused
- Skill focused
- Mindfulness based

If you need help in choosing a book, Pastor has a spinning book selector to help. You will be granted access to St. Stephen's Google Classroom for discussion and study and the 3-minute Book Club is coming back!

During the Sunday School hour (10:45-11:45am), adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor will present **A Lenten Study - Centrifugal: Living Our Faith in Public**. Class will begin on Sunday, February 22 (the First Sunday of Lent) and will continue for the next five weeks. Book discussion will include: **When Church Stops Working** by Andrew Root; **Disarming Leviathan** by Caleb Campbell; **Following the Call** by Eberhard Arnold; and **Life Together** by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

Also during Lent, our Sunday School sessions will be recorded and the new resource via Google Classrooms will begin.

There are so many benefits to reading. God wants to work on you. God wants to build you up for what's ahead.

What book would interest you?

Looking ahead to February:

Feb 1	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:45am Adult SS
Feb 2	11:00am Elaine Hedrick
Feb 5	6:00pm MMLJ
Feb 7	10am LifeGuide 101
Feb 8	SUPER BOWL 9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:45am Adult SS
Feb 9	9:00am JOY Breakfast
Feb 9	7pm Get Creative w/Kim
Feb 12	4-6pm Open Table
Feb 15	9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:45am Adult SS
Feb 15	3:30pm JOY Trip
Feb 17	5:30-7pm Pancakes
Feb 18	7pm ASH WEDNESDAY
Feb 21	10am LifeGuide 101
Feb 22	LENT 1 9:30am Worship 9:30am YouTube & FB 10:35am Pathfinders 10:45am Lenten Study
Feb 24	6:30pm Ladies' Night Out

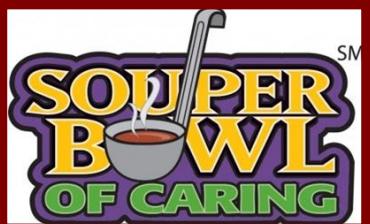
Scout Sunday - February 1



**Sunday,
February 1 is
Scout Sunday**



Souper Bowl Sunday - February 8



Sunday, February 8

Sunday, February 8th is Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday.

Support your favorite team by **wearing your favorite team's logo** attire.

AND....

Which side of the sanctuary will you sit on??

Seattle Seahawks
OR
New England Patriots

Choose your winner for the Superbowl by placing your donation in the "soup bowl" and see how your prediction compares to the actual game results! Donations will benefit Lydia's Pantry.



10 - 11:30am
Saturdays,
February 7 and 21

LifeGuide 101

A new support group is scheduled on **Saturdays, February 7 & 21** from 10:00am - 11:30am in the Lounge led by our member, Isobel Faltisco, a past Harvest Home Case Manager. The group will meet **TWO** times in February.

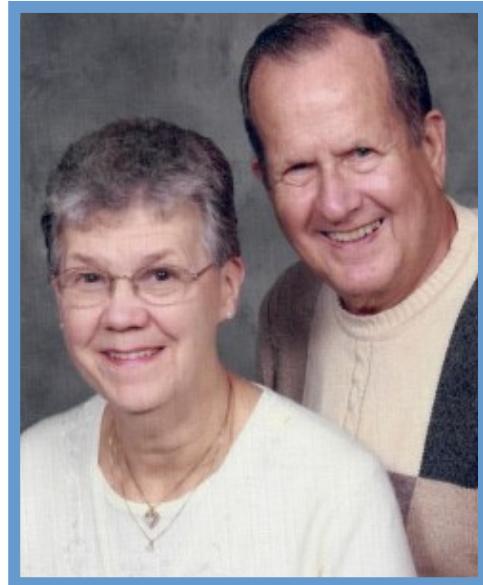
LifeGuide 101 will discuss addiction issues, mental health issues, boundaries, entitlement, family issues, suicide support and anything people bring to the table. Share this opportunity with family and friends who might need support.



A Loss in the Church Family

Elaine Hedrick

Elaine Hedrick, 88, passed away on December 24 at Mulberry Gardens in Munroe Falls. Bob & Elaine, with their four children, joined St. Stephen in 1967. Bob passed away in 2022. She leaves daughters, Donna, Denise and Diane, and son, Dale and their spouses; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at St. Stephen on February 2 at 11:00am. Calling hour at 10am. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the church in Elaine's name. Private interment at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.



Virginia Dorsey

Virginia "Ginny" Dorsey, 92, passed away at home on January 4, 2026. She joined St. Stephen in 1971. She leaves her children, Debbie, Wendall, Kim, Lester and Dave and her grandson, Jacob.

Private services were held at Dover Burial Park with Pastor John Corsi officiating on January 28.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ginny's name to St. Stephen.



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

Thursday, FEBRUARY 5

6:00pm

HiHo Brewing

Join your St. Stephen friends and family on a Brewery Trail.

1707 Front St.

Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Order your favorite beverage (it doesn't have to be a beer) and snacks and catch up with friends.



**MATTHEW.
MARK.LUKE
& beers with
JOHN**



Matthew, Mark, Luke and (beers with) John

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 at 6pm

Date	Location	Address	Food
2/5	HiHo Brewing Company	1707 Front Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	V, GF, Vegan
3/5	Missing Mountain Brewing Company	2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221	V, GF, Vegan
4/2	The Brew Kettle	11 Atterbury Blvd. Hudson, OH 44236	V
5/7	Bell Tower Brewing Company	310 Park Ave. Kent, OH 44240	V, GF, Vegan
6/5	Lock 15 Brewing Company	21 W. North St., Suite TL 1 Akron, OH 44304	V, GF

Locations are subject to change –notice will be sent



Get Creative with Kim

**Monday, February 9 at
7:00pm**

**Celebrate the Valentine season with friends
by making a heart garland.**

**The class includes personal instruction and all the
materials needed to create your own heart garland to
decorate your home.**

Cost is \$20 per person.

**(Please pay at the door with cash, debit/credit card,
Venmo or PayPal)**

Snacks and dessert will be provided.

**Class size is limited to
12 people**



Centrifugal: Living Out Faith in Public - A Lenten Study



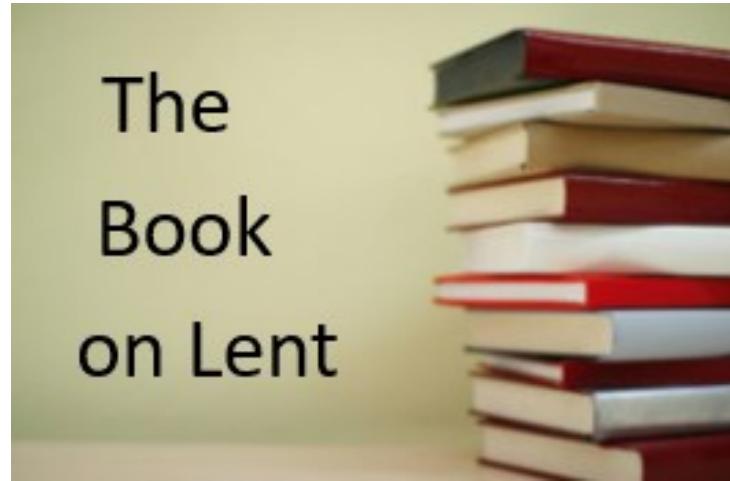
During Sunday School Hour - 10:45-11:45am in the Fellowship Hall

Date	Topic	Learning	Book
2/22	List	Sarai and Waiting	When Church Stops...
3/1	Topic 1	Matthias v. Saul and Acts	When Church Stops...
3/8	Topic 2	Kierkegaard	Following the Call
3/15	Topic 3	CS Lewis	Following the Call
3/22	Topic 4	Bonhoeffer	Following the Call
3/29	Odds/Review	Public Church	(What next?)

Books:

When Church Stops Working	Andrew Root	Council, Church-y people
Disarming Leviathan	Caleb Campbell	Sunday School
Following the Call	Eberhard Arnold	Devotional
Life Together	Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Theology, history, community

Also during Lent, our Sunday School sessions will be recorded and access to a brand new resource via Google Classroom will begin.



The world is crazy. God wants to work on you. God wants to build you up for what's ahead.

The Benefits of Reading are Manifold:

- Reading Reduces Stress
- Reading Encourages Empathy
- Reading Lessens Cognitive Decline
- Reading Decreases Loneliness
- Reading Increases Life Expectancy
- Reading Improves Critical Thinking

Reading is Easy. Your goal can be...

Quantity Based

- # of books you'd like to read during Lent
- Amount of time you'd like to spend each week reading

Process Focused

- Write a review of each book
- Discuss each book with friends

Thematic

- Read all the books by one author
- Read books that have been made into movies

Skill Focused

- Read to learn a subject
- Increase your reading stamina

Mindfulness Based

- Decrease screen time
- Re-read childhood favorites

At St. Stephen, there will be a spinning book selector to help you along, you'll be granted access to St. Stephen's Google Classroom for discussion and study, and the 3-Minute Book Club is coming back!

Ash Wednesday - February 18



Ash Wednesday
February 18 7:00pm
Worship Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00pm at St. Stephen. A service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.

Shrove Pancake Supper - Feb. 17



February 17th
5:30-7:00pm

The Shrove Pancake Supper is planned on Tuesday, February 17th from 5:30-7:00pm by the Jubellation Bell Choir. Proceeds will benefit the choir's

trip to the North Hills Handbell Festival Assoc. Festival in the spring. The all-you-can-eat pancakes: plain, buckwheat, blueberry and chocolate chip, are a taste delight.

With sausage, juice and coffee included, \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 3-11 yrs. (Under 3 FREE), this supper will also please your wallet. Plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

J.O.Y. Trip to Organ Concert

**ARTS @
HOLY TRINITY**

J.O.Y. Trip
Sunday,
February 15

Join the J.O.Y. group to bring in the season of Lent with an organ concert, featuring Rees Taylor

Roberts at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church located at 50 N. Prospect, Akron. The doors open at 3:30pm. There is an offering, but no admission.

Plan to meet at the entrance of the Holy Trinity at 3:30pm.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board, if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Koch.

Choir is Welcoming New Members

St. Stephen's choir will practice on Sundays at **8:30am** in our choir room.

We rehearse Sunday mornings before our church service and sing twice a month. We have a strong core of wonderful, talented, music reading musicians. If you would love to join us, but you don't read music, you will have plenty of support from that group.

We laugh, sing and work hard.

If you love to sing, want to meet new people and want a morning filled with laughter and a sense of accomplishment, the choir is a place for you. See you on Sunday in the choir room.

Dawn Horner, Choir Director



Ladies' Night Out - February 24

Ladies' Night Out

Tuesday, Feb. 24

6:30pm

Let's shake off the cold and enjoy a hot, Italian meal together! Plan to join us at Zeppe's Bistro & Pizzeria on Tuesday, February 24 at 6:30pm. Zeppe's is located at 5843 Darrow Road.

If you haven't been to Zeppe's lately, they have recently remodeled. Please sign-up to attend.

If you need a ride, please contact Pam Collins at (330) 673-3697.

Family & friends are welcome!



**Just a reminder that in the case of inclement weather,
PLEASE use your own judgment about traveling to church.**

Stay Safe!



Sign-up to help at OPEN TABLE on the bulletin board **Pasta & Salad**

St. Stephen offers a FREE community dinner on the second Thursday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

OPEN TABLE DINNER is open to everyone. We invite St. Stephen members to join us for dinner with friends and family, as well as our Stow neighbors.

Everyone who uses the building has received an invitation. The meal is advertised by outdoor signage, in the pantry and word-of-mouth.

Plan to come and join us in this fellowship and service activity.

Want to help?

If you would like to help with the meal and become part of a meal team, there's a place for you.

On the day of the meal:

- ◆ 2:30 - 5pm Meal Prep
Cook and Serve
- ◆ 5pm Deliver meals
- ◆ 5:00-6:30pm Serve and clean-up

Menus have been predetermined and food will be purchased in advance. Most of the cooking will be done in the St. Stephen kitchen.

Monthly sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to volunteer for future dinners.

**JOIN US on
Thursday,
February 12
4-6pm.**

Future Open Table dates on the 2nd Thursday of each month:

- ◆ March 12
- ◆ April 9

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY



Have you checked out Pastor John's **PREPARING FOR SUNDAY** email? In case you may have missed it, or meant to open it, but never did, check it out!

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY comes in your email and is also available on YouTube.

Listen and watch this weekly Bible Study and text reference.



**February Be the Change
WORSHIP
Help with Utility Costs
\$1,000**

Join Jubellation Handbells

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

Have you always wanted to play, but didn't know how to start?

The Jubellation Handbell Choir rehearses on **Wednesday** evenings from **7-8:30 p.m.**

The bell choir typically plays once a month during worship.

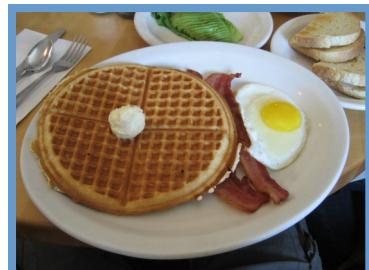
Please see Jennifer Cupak and talk to her about



J.O.Y. Breakfast

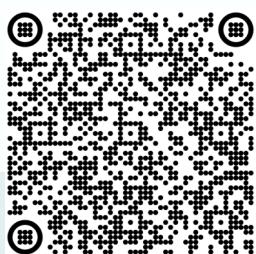
The J.O.Y. Group (Just Older Youth) meets for breakfast the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:00am at the Stow Café.

**See you on
Feb. 9**



Servant Keeper Online Giving

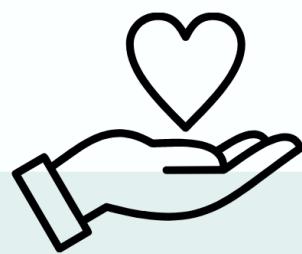
01



02



03



Scan QR Code

Our QR Code will take you directly to our custom giving page

Sign up/Sign in

If you haven't yet created a donor login, this is your chance! Login if you already have.

Donate!

You can now process a donation, and set up your recurring donation!

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/StStephenLutheranChurchStow>

St. Stephen has a New Online Giving Application

To use Servant Keeper Online Giving, scan the QR code or use the URL. (above). Sign-up. Follow the directions and enter your personal email. Update password of your choosing. (An email will be sent to verify). The new password will need to have 8 characters, one capital, one symbol. Add the payment method: credit card or bank account transfer. Schedule. Choose account. Enter amount. Cover Processing Fee to pay for it out of your personal account. Choose frequency. (Weekly, Semi-Monthly, Monthly, Annual) SAVE.

You can change your giving amount or frequency whenever you choose. Once complete, you will receive a confirming email from Servant Keeper.

Servant Keeper will automatically add an app to your device so that you can change your options easily. It will default to a St. Stephen screen when opened and can be used for **Give Now** occasions when you may want to additionally give for other instances, i.e. Mission Support, Be the Change, etc. You can access your scheduled giving by clicking the '3 lines' in the upper left corner.

Acme Cash Back

ACME Community Cash Back Collection

Earn 5% Community Cash Back.

The Acme Community Cash Back program runs between **AUGUST 1, 2025 to**

FEBRUARY 15, 2026.

Please turn in your ENTIRE Acme receipt to the collection box on the table in the narthex. We will be collecting these receipts through the end of January. All money earned will go toward Mission Support. If you have any questions or need your receipts picked up, please contact Mary Appleby at 330-931-9368 (call or text).



Help Support Our Organization!

SHOP ACME Fresh Market & EARN 5% CASH BACK

IT'S EASY!

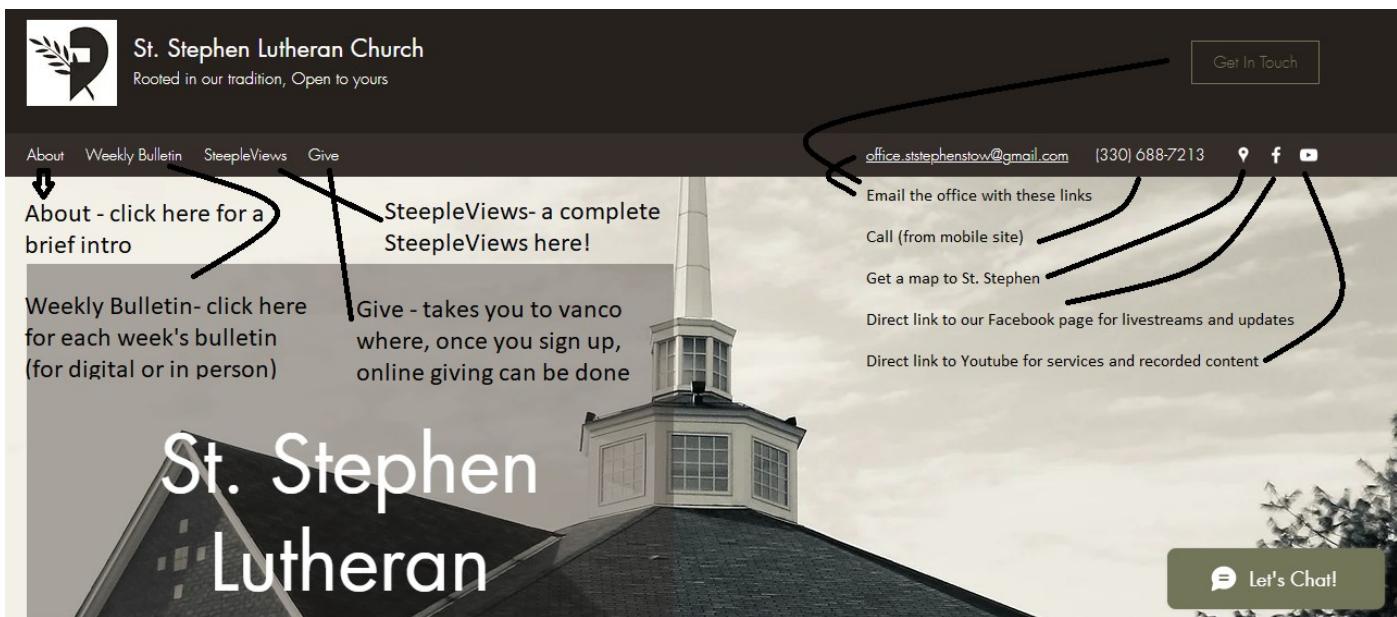
Save your Acme Fresh Market receipts dated August 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 to help us raise money!

Earn 5% Community Cash Back on these Participating Brands:

ACME Fresh Market, food club, TopCare, tippy toes, simply done, FULL CIRCLE Market, Sweet P's, Paws Happy Life, WIDE AWAKE COFFEE CO., PURE HARMONY, THAT'S SMART!, Cape Codder, over the TOP

Earn 5% Back on Participating Brands!

Check Out Our Website



St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Rooted in our tradition, Open to yours

About Weekly Bulletin SteepleViews Give

About - click here for a brief intro

Weekly Bulletin- click here for each week's bulletin (for digital or in person)

SteepleViews- a complete SteepleViews here!

Give - takes you to vanco where, once you sign up, online giving can be done

Get In Touch

office.ststephenstow@gmail.com (330) 688-7213

Email the office with these links

Call (from mobile site)

Get a map to St. Stephen

Direct link to our Facebook page for livestreams and updates

Direct link to YouTube for services and recorded content

Let's Chat!

<https://www.ststephen-stow.com/>

Look for your weekly bulletin on the site.

Live-streamed Worship

www.ststephen-stow.com

If you haven't checked it out yet, give it a try. Go to Facebook on Sunday morning at 9:30am to watch Pastor John live-stream the Service of the Word. You can follow along in your bulletin for the worship and prayers. Bulletins are also available on our website.

The morning worship is available at 9:30am on YouTube. You can subscribe and your St. Stephen videos will be kept together on the site. Both Facebook and YouTube are now available on our website. By clicking in the upper right corner on their icon, you will be taken directly to the site.



2026 Flower Calendar

The 2026 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board.

If you would like to celebrate or recognize an occasion, please sign-up for your preferred date.

On the dates that are noted as holidays on the calendar, the church will supply the flowers. If you wish one of those dates, please contact the church office.

Please include your name and the reason for the remembrance.

You are welcome to bring your own flowers or order from a local florist.



Giving Envelopes



If you need
Giving Envelopes,
please contact the
church office.

office.ststephenstow@gmail.com
or call 330-688-7213.

St. Stephen Nursery Open



The St. Stephen nursery is open from 9:15am - 10:45am. If you would like to attend worship and have your baby cared for during service, please come to the nursery. The nursery is available for the entire worship service or even a portion of it. We hope this will make it easier for new parents, but as always, children are welcome to remain with their parents during worship, if they wish.

**Please bring
your finished
items to be
given in
Lydia's
Pantry**

Crochet/Knit Needed Items

The Crochet/Knit Group no longer meets at the church.

However, if you enjoy making hats, scarves, afghans and lap

blankets at home, you can still share your items with people in need.

Items received will be placed in Lydia's Pantry for the taking.



Men in Mission Bible Study



**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-person.

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.

In-Person



JOIN US!

Shrove Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17

5:30 - 7:00pm

\$8 Adults

\$5 Kids (3-11 years)

Under 3 years FREE

***Proceeds
benefit the
Jubellation
Handbell
Choir***

Lydia's Pantry

Acts 16: 12-15



The Lydia's Pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-3pm.

If you would like to volunteer, a schedule is on the bulletin board.

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

Monetary donations are always welcome.

Collection for February

Items needed in the pantry now:

- Dish Soap
- Detergent
- Canned Meat like chicken, spam, ham, salmon
- Shampoo
- Paper towels

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
Liquid Multi-Purpose Cleaner

The pantry served 264 people in January, including 39 NEW families.

February

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Pathfinders Sunday School

Parents:

Please give prayerful consideration to volunteering for Pathfinders Sunday School.

Pre-K - 6th grade
If you have any questions or want to learn more, please contact Mary Appleby.



The students had so much fun at Youth Quake in January. Unfortunately, the event was dismissed early because of Snowstorm Fern. However, parents met with the group as they returned home for supper on Saturday night at Cracker Barrel in Rootstown and continued the fun.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, Feb. 1

SCOUT SUNDAY
9:30am Worship
10:35 Pathfinders

Sunday, Feb. 8

SOUPERBOWL
9:30am Worship
10:35 Pathfinders

Sunday, Feb. 15

9:30am Worship
10:35 Pathfinders

Tuesday, Feb. 17

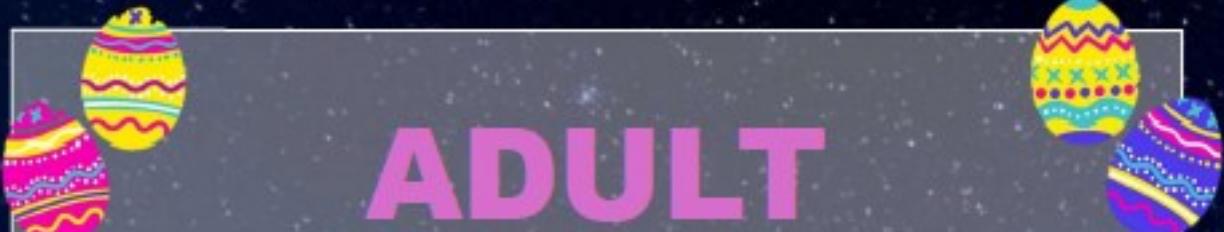
PANCAKE SUPPER
5:30-7:00PM

Wednesday, Feb. 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

Sunday, Feb. 22

LENT I
9:30am Worship
10:35 Pathfinders



ADULT FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Benefiting the Youth Group of St. Stephen

March 28th | **7:30 – 10:00**

*St Stephen Lutheran Church
3725 Kent Rd, Stow, OH 44224*



ADULTS 18+ TICKETS \$20

ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

You will need to bring a basket for collecting eggs and a flashlight for finding eggs.

The Egg Hunt will take place outside the church rain or shine.
Come dressed for the weather.

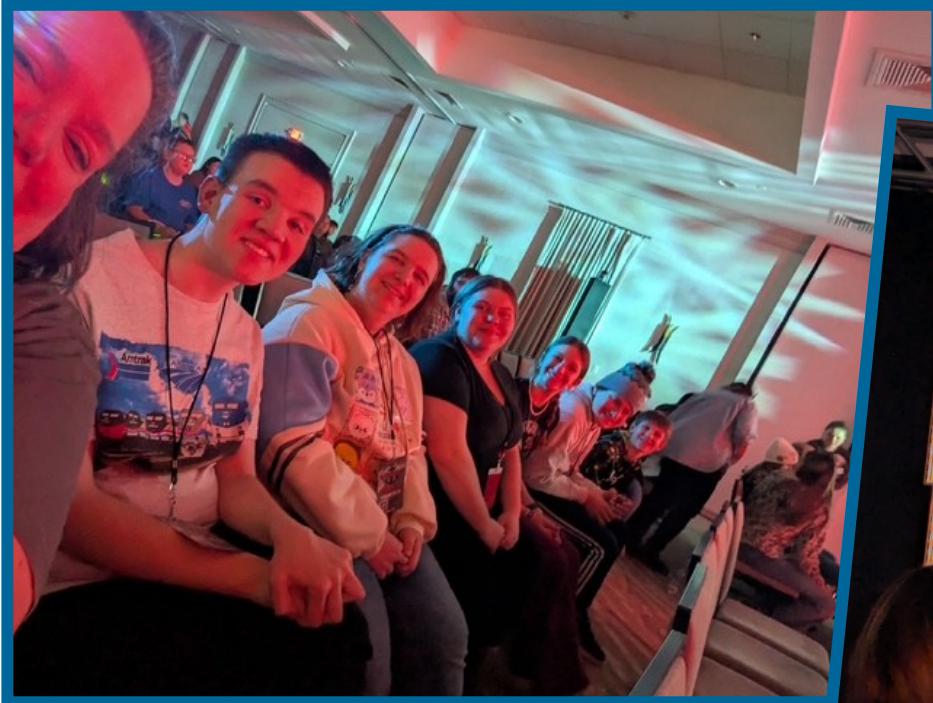
Eggs will contain Raffle Tickets. Raffle Basket Drawing and Refreshments will be located inside after the hunt concludes.

Contact the church office or Kelly Swindler at 330-524-6914 with additional questions, to make donations, or to volunteer at the event.

ANCHORED

HEBREWS 6:19

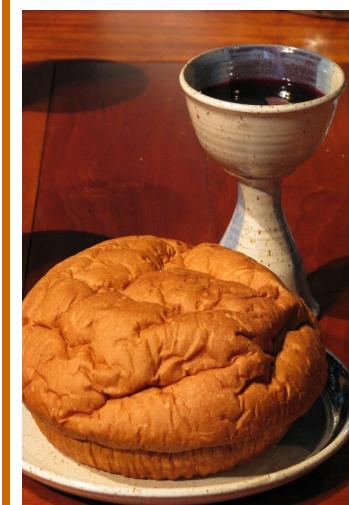






February

2/1	Andrew Karlson
2/5	Xavier Morris
2/8	JoAnn Schoonover
2/9	Peyton Johnson
2/11	Jill Kohut
2/13	Brynn Williams
2/16	Dick Hecht
2/20	Ray Appleby



Special thanks to
Great Harvest
Bread Company
for donating our
communion bread
every week.

Please tell them
Thank You! when
you stop in their
store.



February Volunteers

Date	Asst. Minister	Lector	Usher
	9:30 am Worship		
1	Scouts	Scouts	Scouts
8	Larry Kribs	Nancy Ewing	Ed Crabtree
15	Abby Preston	Doug Berkey	Mary & Ray Appleby
	Ash Wednesday	7:00pm	
18		Barb Reid	Jim Karlson
22	Fred Biondo	Larry Kribs	Debbie Smetts

Altar Guild	Care Team
Joan Conaway	Daniel Holm

CPOD	
1	Mark Stultz
8	Dave Lang
15	Kevin Strohl
22	Jane Koch

Coffee	
1	Jane Koch
8	Joan Conaway
15	JoAnn Schoonover
22	Seth Kohut

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  SCOUT SUNDAY Worship 9:30am  10:30 PATHFINDERS	2 11am Elaine Hedrick Funeral 6:30 Cubs 7pm Scouts	3 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	4 7pm Bells	5  MATTHEW MARK LUKE & beers with JOHN 6pm MML&J HiHo Brewing		7  8am MEN in Mission 10am LifeGuide 101
8  Worship 9:30am  10:30 PATHFINDERS	9  9am JOY Breakfast  7pm Creations w/Kim 7pm Scouts	10 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	11 Bible Baptist 7pm Bells	12   4-6pm	13	14  8am MEN in Mission 9:30 am DAR
15 Worship 9:30am  10:30 PATHFINDERS 3:30 JOY Trip to Holy Trinity in Akron Organ Concert	16 7pm Scouts	17  5:30-7PM SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	18  ASH WEDNESDAY 7pm Ash Wednesday	19  	20	21  8am MEN in Mission 3-8 Naso Birthday 10am LifeGuide 101
22 LENT 1 Worship 9:30am  10:30 PATHFINDERS 10:45 Lenten Study 10:45 Council	23	24  6:30pm Zeppe's 7pm Scouts	25 6:30 Cubs 6:30 Border	26  7pm Bells	27	28  8am MEN in Mission