

**ST. STEPHEN
ELCA LUTHERAN
CHURCH**



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STEEPLE VIEWS

AUGUST 2025

School Supplies Collection

Lydia's Food Pantry has been very busy providing food for people in Stow and surrounding areas. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to meet these needs.

In addition to food, our pantry could also use **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**. Last year, we distributed school supplies and they were very appreciated.

School Supplies needed:

- Paper
- Pencils/erasers
- Crayons
- Markers
- Folders
- Notebooks
- Backpacks
- Pencil box
- Lunch box

NEW: LifeGuide 101

A new support group will begin on Saturday, September 13 from 10:00am - 11:30am in the Lounge led by our new member, Isobel Faltisco, a past Harvest Home Case Manager. The group will meet every other Saturday.

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.

Looking ahead to August:

- Aug 3** 9:30am Worship
9:30am YouTube & FB
10:35am Finance Mtg
- Aug 9** **2:00pm Ice Cream & Splash Pad (Cuy Falls)**
- Aug 10** 9:30am Worship
9:30am YouTube & FB
- Aug 10** **1:05pm Rubber Ducks Game (Canal Park)**
- Aug 11** **9:00am JOY Breakfast**
- Aug 14** **4-6pm Open Table**
- Aug 17 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**
9:30am Worship
9:30am YouTube & FB
10:35am Council Mtg
- Aug 21** **Stow-Munroe Falls Back-to-School**
- Aug. 24** 9:30am Worship
- Aug 31** 9:30am Worship
9:30am YouTube & FB



Rubber Ducks Baseball Game

Rubber Ducks Baseball Game

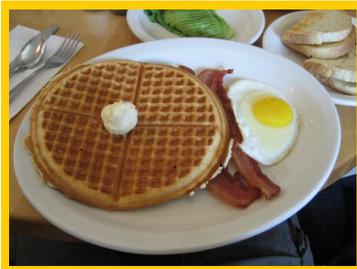
**Sunday, Aug. 10
1:05pm**

Join us for some summer fun at the Rubber Ducks Baseball game on Sunday, August 10.

The game against the Chesapeake Baysox starts at 1:05pm. Tickets are \$13 each. We will be sitting together. Lunch is on your own. It's Sunday Family FUNday.

- Catch on the field 12:15-12:30p
 - Player autographs 12:15-12:30p
 - Kids under 12 run the bases Postgame
- Sign-up on the bulletin board to attend.

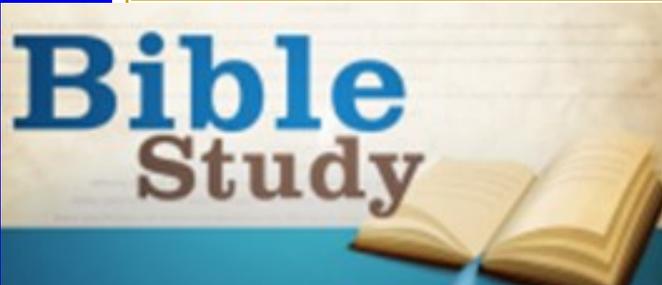
J.O.Y. Breakfast - August 11



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
August 11**

Thursday Bible Study



Thursday Bible Study

The Thursday Bible Study has been on break for the summer.

See you after Labor Day.

SUMMER BREAK

Happy 4th of July Parade, Kids' Activities & Bake Sale



The Bake Sale earned \$621 for future Youth trips!!

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

**20
tickets**

**Sign-up
today**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

CANAL PARK

★ **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN** ★

★ **GAME: 1:05pm** ★

TICKETS: \$13 EACH

To reserve your tickets, please sign-up and make your
check payable to St. Stephen
(with **Rubber Ducks** on the memo line).

A paper ticket will be available,
or you can scan the QR code to have it on your phone.



Help Feed the World on September 13th

Since 1998, Rise Against Hunger (RAH) has worked to feed hungry people around the world. To accomplish that goal, RAH engages with groups of volunteers to package dried ingredients that can be rehydrated into a nutritious meal. To date, volunteers across the U.S. have packed nearly 600 million meals that have been distributed to 78 countries.

On Saturday, September 13, volunteers will gather in the fellowship hall at St. Stephen at **9 a.m.** to pack 10,000 meals in about **two hours**. Children (with parents), teens and adults are all welcome to participate in this fun and meaningful activity. The event is funded by the family of Clyde and Jean Bolinger, Anjalee Wagers's parents, in honor of their commitment to creating a more just and equitable world. To volunteer, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Neighbors and friends are welcome too!

We need 40 – 60 volunteers to pack these meals.

To learn more about RAH, visit

<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

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



See you on
Thursday,
September 4
at 6pm

MATTHEW
MARK LUKE
& beers with
JOHN 

Summer Special Music

Want to sing or play an instrument during worship? If you are interested in sharing your talent during the summer to provide some special music during the worship service, please see Dawn Horner and she will add you to the music schedule.



Clear Bags Recycled into Park Benches

The local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter is collecting clear plastic bags. The DAR chapter meets here at St. Stephen on Saturdays.

The clear plastic bags are collected and taken to the Kent Lions Club, who then delivers them to Terex. Terex takes the bags and recycles them into park benches. (see photo)

The following clear plastic items are accepted for recycle:

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap
- Ice bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Case overwrap (drinks)

If you have clear plastic to donate, please place it in the bag in the narthex.



Servant Keeper Online Giving

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Scan QR Code

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

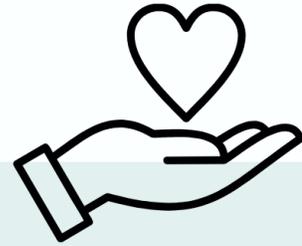
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Sign up/Sign in

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

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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.

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



Welcome Jennifer Cupak

Please welcome Jennifer Cupak, our new Jubellation Bell Choir Director!

Jennifer grew up in a very musical family and started ringing bells when she was five years old under the direction of her mother, Marilyn. Jennifer and all of her siblings had no choice but to ring in the bell choirs, but this only grew their love of the instrument. Through her musical education, she has been granted so many wonderful opportunities. She has attended two International Handbell Symposiums (England, '88 and Australia, '94) and numerous National and local festivals. She continues to ring today with her sister, Sherri Stoffer, in the Stow Heritage Ringers, Inc. and Summit Bells, Inc. Sherri and Jennifer currently organize and participate in the North Hills Handbell Festival, which was started 47 years ago by her mother and other local bell directors in the Western PA area. The Jubellation ringers have attended this event for the past several years.

In her spare time, Jennifer and her husband, Brian, run a small business, B & J Cupak Photography, LLC, a photography scanning and video-to-digital conversion service. They also love to spend time taking nature photos.



Welcome
Jennifer Cupak



Human Trafficking 101 Training

September 7, 2024

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
3725 Kent Rd, Stow, Ohio 44224

Learn the surprising truths
about human trafficking
& concrete ways you can help
survivors find freedom. This training is
free of charge.

*Session material is sensitive in nature,
children should not attend .*

Join us for

“God’s work. Our hands.”

A dedicated day of
service in our community.





Sign-up to help at OPEN TABLE on the bulletin board

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,
August 14 4-6pm.
Our Table is OPEN.**

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

- ♦ September 11
- ♦ October 9



Call for Artists & Vendors

Fall Craft Market

Saturday, October 11
10am-3pm

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
3725 Kent Road, Stow, OH 44224

Interested in becoming a Vendor?
Contact office.ststephenstow@gmail.com

\$25 for an indoor (8'x6'space) or outdoor (10'x10'space)

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 & EARN 5% CASH BACK

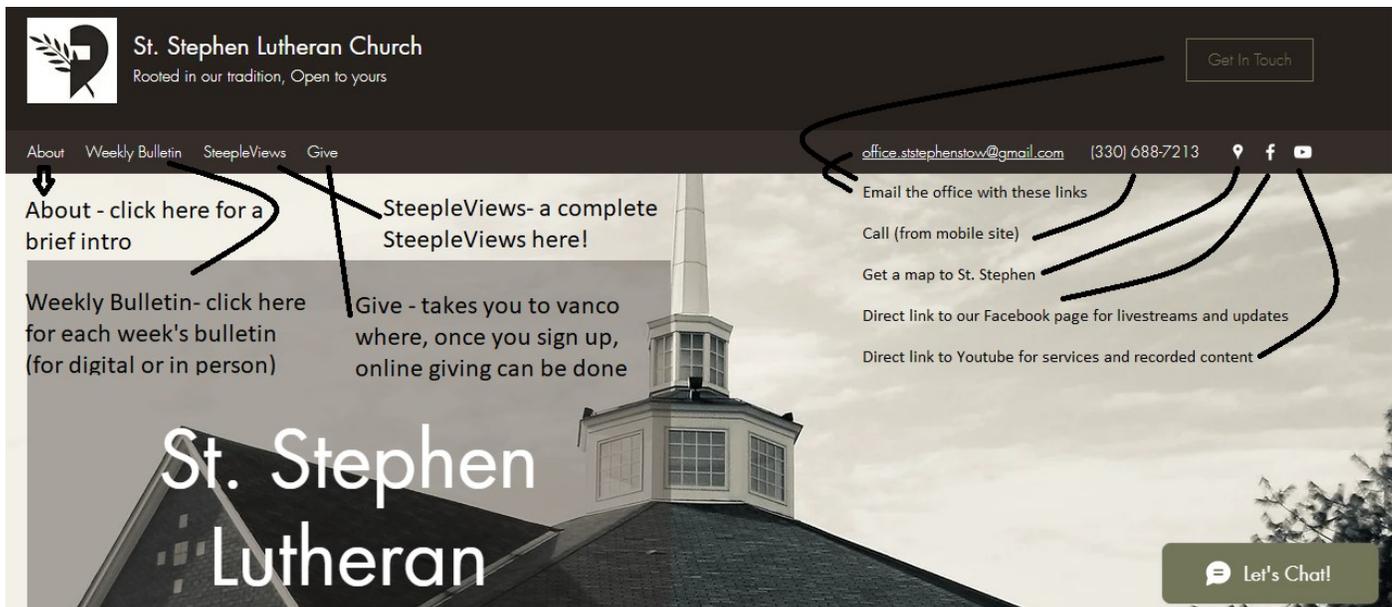
IT'S EASY!
Save your Acme Fresh Market receipts dated August 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 to help us raise money!

Earn 5% Back on Participating Brands!

Earn 5% Community Cash Back on these Participating Brands:

- ACME Fresh Market
- food club
- TopCare
- tippy toes
- simply done
- circle K
- sweet P's
- Paws Happy Life
- WIDE AWAKE COFFEE CO.
- PURE HARMONY
- THAT'S SMART!
- Cape Covelle
- over the TOP

Check Out Our Website



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

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

St. Stephen Lutheran

Let's Chat!

Annotations:
- About - click here for a brief intro
- SteepleViews - a complete SteepleViews here!
- Weekly Bulletin - click here for each week's bulletin (for digital or in person)
- Give - takes you to vanco where, once you sign up, online giving can be done

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

Look for your weekly bulletin on the site.

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.



**August Be the Change
Service
Care Team Supplies
\$500**

Join Jubellation Handbells

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

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

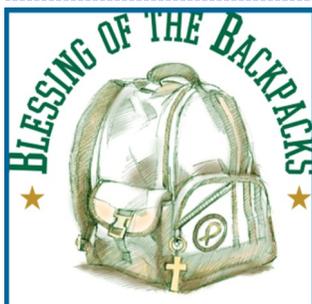
The Jubellation Handbell Choir rehearses on **Wednesday** evenings from **7-8:30 p.m.**

The bell choir typically plays once a month during worship.

Please see Jennifer Cupak and talk to her about joining.

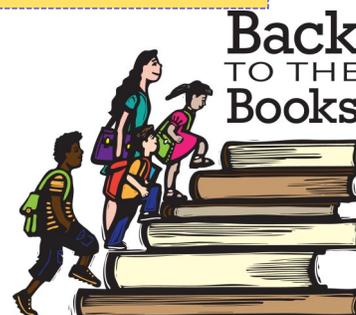


Blessing of the Backpacks - August 17



Sunday, August 17

Bring your backpacks (or a picture of them) to receive a back-to-school blessing at the 9:30am worship service.



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.



2025 Flower Calendar

The 2025 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

The St. Stephen nursery will be closed for the summer. You are welcome to use the room; however, no attendant will be present.

See you in September!



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



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-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

APPROVED May 25, 2025 St. Stephen Council Meeting minutes

Present: Daniel Holm, Jane Koch, Larry Kribs, Michelle Rousseau, Kevin Strohl, Mark Stultz, and Pastor Corsi

- Larry opened the meeting at 10:50 am with prayer
- The April 27 Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved and submitted to Jane Hecht for posting
- Kevin provided a review of St. Stephen's Finances for the past 3 years (2022, 2023, and 2024) and of the 2025 Finances to date. For the past 3 years we have held our own with giving nearly matching expenses, although dips in giving from Feb-July have resulted in cash flow problems. This year continues that trend. Giving is down in part because of the switchover from Vanco to Servant Keeper. A thoughtful letter was sent to congregants in May which provided an update on this year's financial status.
- A motion was unanimously approved to make an offer to a highly qualified Bell Director applicant (Jennifer Cupak) for the coming year, starting September.
- The Solar Panels proposal was discussed with possible funding through the matching of giving and the Endowment fund and/or through the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. Council agreed to table further consideration of the proposal until Council further explores what can be done with endowment funds.
- Council moved to begin using a secure electronically shared file storage system (possibly Google Work Space). The space would allow documents to be remotely shared by and with Council, Pastor, Jane, and others as needed. A publicly accessible file/folders space could be created as well. The file storage system would be run by a council administrator and a back-up person.
- Council discussed filling an open council seat.
- Pastor Corsi noted that Vicar Brian announced his retirement at Rejoice Church. The Covenant we have with Rejoice will stay in effect.
- Mark noted that the Ad-hoc Youth Committee has started a Youth Calendar with the goal to do something each month for each age group.
- Pastor stated that he is considering possible ways to monetize the building – but that there are challenges with doing this.

Pastor closed with Prayer at 12:30.

Next Council meeting will be held on June 29th.

Kevin moved to adjourn.

Minutes created by Daniel Holm, Recording Secretary

APPROVED June 29, 2025, St. Stephen Council Meeting minutes

Present: Daniel Holm, Larry Kribs, Michelle Rousseau, Kevin Strohl, Mark Stultz, and Pastor Corsi
Absent: Jane Koch

- Larry opened the meeting at 10:45 am with prayer
- The May 25 Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved and submitted to Jane Hecht for posting
- Kevin met with the Finance Team in June to improve communication and to better connect and align goals between Endowment and Council. As noted in the June Council meeting minutes, we have a short-term budget issue that needs to be solved. While our balance is in the black, our current year budget is in the red. Money designated for Rainy Day Funds (Thrivent) is now being used to cover operating expenses. Council members are looking into options for ‘bridging the financial gap’ including having a Fall Craft Fair (already planned), learning about potential options for monetizing space (especially the west wing), etc.
- Mark reported that the youth are continuing with their monthly meetings. These activities will be included in the monthly Steeple Views. Separate fun activities are planned in early August for younger and older youth.
- Plans and fundraising efforts are in progress for 8th-12th grade youth interested in attending the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minnesota. Registration for this exciting event will start in Fall 2026. A motion was unanimously passed “that council supports the organization of a plan for funds raised by the Youth Group”.
- It was noted that Endowment Committee meeting minutes need to be regularly provided to and considered by this Council.
- Mark is working to provide means for digitizing meetings and other documents for ease of transfer and e-storing.
- Pastor noted that he and the Bishop met with Rejoice! Lutheran Council who are considering their next steps following the resignation of Vicar Brian last month.

Kevin closed with prayer at 12:30.

Next Council meeting will be held on July 20th

Kevin moved to adjourn.

Minutes created by Daniel Holm, Recording Secretary



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 August

Items needed in the pantry now:

- [Soup](#)
- [Bar Soap](#)
- [Dish Soap](#)
- [Detergent](#)
- [Canned Fruit](#)
- [Cereal](#)
- [Canned Meat](#)

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 278 people in July, including 59 NEW families.

August

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Scream for Ice Cream & Splash Pads!!!

**Saturday, August 9
2:00pm**

Join us at Pav's Creamery to buy our ice cream and then walk down to the Splash Pad.

Pav's is located at 2162 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls. The Splash Pad is by the clock tower.

Questions: RSVP/Contact Mary Appleby at 330-931-9368.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, Aug. 9

Scream for Ice Cream & Splash Pad Fun!!

2:00pm

Meet at Pav's in Cuyahoga Falls.

Sunday, Aug. 10

Rubber Ducks Baseball Game

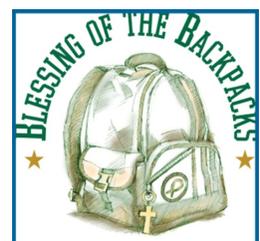
1:05pm

Canal Park

Sunday, Aug. 17

9:30am

Blessing of the Backpacks



Birthdays & Anniversaries

August

Happy Anniversary!

- 8/1 Eric & Kim Marschik
- 8/2 Marty & Beth Harrington
- 8/3 Brian & Kim Clark
- 8/6 Don & Mary Appleby
- 8/6 Ted & Andie Edmond
- 8/6 Gary & Cathy Reynolds
- 8/8 Chris & Pam Collins
- 8/15 Steve & Tracy Montgomery
- 8/18 Paul & Patti Trettel
- 8/21 Chris & Gretchen Willig
- 8/26 Brandon & Kayla Collins

- 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
- 8/18 Patti Trettel
- 8/21 Isobel Falisco
- 8/21 Gary Parker
- 8/22 Valerie Huddleston
- 8/22 Fred Ohnmeiss
- 8/23 George O'Connell
- 8/24 Lee McCauley
- 8/25 Lindsey Malin
- 8/30 Dan Gleghorn
- 8/31 Larry Kribs



August Volunteers

Date	Asst. Minister	Lector	Usher
9:30 am Worship			
3	Nancy Binzel	Kevin Strohl	Mary & Ray Appleby
10	Bob Dieter	Jane Hecht	Jim Karlson
17	Fred Biondo	Rachel Stultz	Jane Koch
24	Fran Dieter	Larry Tucker	Deb Smetts
31	Dave Lang	Fred Biondo	Ed Crabtree

Altar Guild	Care Team
Sherry Petrosky	Nancy Shorts

Date	CPOD
3	Jane Koch
10	Larry Kribs
17	Michelle Rousseau
24	Mark Stultz
31	Kevin Strohl

August 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



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Worship 9:30am

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6:30 Border

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8am MEN in Mission
1pm Wedding
2pm Ice Cream & Splash Pad

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Worship 9:30am

1:05p Rubber Ducks Game

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9am JOY Breakfast

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6:30 Border

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Bible Baptist

14

4-6pm

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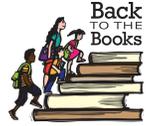
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8am MEN in Mission

17
Worship 9:30am


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19
6:30 Border

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23
8am MEN in Mission

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Worship 9:30am

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26
6:30 Border

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30
8am MEN in Mission

31
Worship 9:30am

