



# The Herald

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge UCC

"Making God the Foundation of Every Day Living"  
Serving Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark Counties  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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## For Sunday Service of January 22, 2012

January Special Benevolence/ Open M

The Rev. Dr. John M. Schluep will be giving the message.

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
9:00 a.m.	Sunday school – all ages
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation I & II
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
10:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsals
11:00 a.m.	Linger longer
11:15 a.m.	SPCM mtg. – John's office
11:15 a.m.	Mission Tour mtg
7:00 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship

Greeters: Christie and Olivia Speicher & Karen Jones  
Ushers: Jim McNenny

Altar Flowers given by:

Karen Jones in memory of her father; Robert Postma  
Terri Poff in memory of her father; Gerald Liggett

(High School Youth)

**Sunday Fellowship**

January 22, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**Super Bowl Sub Sale**

February 5 meet in the kitchen at 8:30 AM to make subs to support the Youth Mission Tour.

**Winter Lock-In**

February 10-11. Registration Forms are available on the Youth bulletin board, or contact Rev. Matt Wooster.

**Lunch Club**

February 19, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## Middle School News

**Fellowship and Youth Ringers-Weds. evening**

6:00-7:00 PM Middle School Fellowship in the Youth Room 100

7:00-7:45 PM Youth Ringers in the Sanctuary

**Winter Lock-in** Save the date: February 24-25 at the church and snow tubing at Brandywine. Registration Forms will be available soon. Adult chaperones are needed – contact Rev. Matt Wooster.



## The HERALD Newsletter

NOTE: The next "Herald" mailing date will be on **Wednesday, February 22**. The **deadline** for receiving articles is **Friday, February 17**. Thanks!

Please email all articles to Beth Loresch, [bethfcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethfcc@sbcglobal.net).

### "Herald" Announcement:

The Herald will be published once a month. Because of this new schedule it is important for all boards, committees, groups and individuals to look ahead and plan announcements and articles. Thank you!

## High School Youth

### Youth Mission Tour Meeting

January 22, 11:15 AM for students and parents interested in the Youth Mission Tour to Birmingham, Alabama June 11-16, 2012. Meet in the David Bacon Room.

## Super Bowl Sub Sale

Enjoy the famous Sub Sandwiches for Super Bowl Sunday on February 5, 2012. Order the Classic Sub with meat, cheese and lettuce or the Veggie Sub with cheese and veggies.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

# of Classic Subs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 each

# of Veggie Subs \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 each

Please CUT OUT THIS FORM, fill it out, and return to the youth at the table in the Atrium on Sunday morning.



## PASTOR'S SIDEBAR

***True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high-school class is running the country.***  
Kurt Vonnegut

In 2010, a small group of church members, Roberta Nehrenz and I sat down in the David Bacon Room to discuss what the needs are of our church members 75 years of age and older. I asked the question; "What would you like to see your church doing?" The responses varied from worship services, requests for old hymns, and sermons on defining the faith of Christians. From that meeting we held our first afternoon retreat at Mingo Pavilion in the Akron/Summit Metro Park and we started including an elder's blessing in several services of worship. An afternoon retreat was held last fall and we are planning a February retreat as well as a spring retreat focused on spiritual formation and deepening the faith.

Over the past several months several of our elders have visited Children's Sunday School classes and talked with the students about their faith and growing up in the church. The children are creating art work to express words of wisdom from the elders. We will continue to build community through the integration of generations.

Our culture seems to treat the elderly and aging as a problem to be solved, a burden to carry, a "disease" of society. Culturally we measure the value of an individual by the cost of health care or special needs that we may sometimes feel is an inconvenience for the rest of us. Advertising assures us that growing old is something to avoid as if that were possible. Pills, surgery, magical elixirs will "cheat" nature's progression of aging.

In other cultures and in other times aging was viewed as a sacred process instilling wisdom born from experience and younger people would seek the blessings of the elders asking for their guidance. This came to my realization through the healing circles of Sunday evening's Warriors 'Journey Home Ministry where veterans of World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Iraq, and Afghanistan sit in the same circle with the People of Strong Heart (aka civilians). The elders of World War II often say little but their presence is felt and necessary for the health of the community. I raised the question: "Would it be possible to replicate this sense of community in the church?" The Elder's Ministry at First Congregational Church was born.

The Bible is filled with stories of elders and the place they hold in the family as well as the community. The place they hold is sacred and holy. I want that same sense of place to be replicated here.

***Old age is the most unexpected of all the things that happen to a person.*** Leon Trotsky (my editing)

Love,  
Dr. J.

### Church Attendance

<u>December 18, 2011</u>		
8:30 a.m.	Worship	42
10:00 a.m.	Worship	328
<u>December 24, 2011</u>		
5:30 p.m.	Worship	190
11:00 p.m.	Worship	294
<u>December 25, 2011</u>		
10:00 a.m.	Worship	103
<u>January 1, 2012</u>		
10:00 a.m.	Worship	172
<u>January 8, 2012</u>		
8:30 a.m.	Worship	45
10:00 a.m.	Worship	264
<u>January 15, 2012</u>		
8:30 a.m.	Worship	36
10:00 a.m.	Worship	250

### **Financial Status Update as of December 31, 2011:**

Total Operating Income Received YTD:	\$470,763.56
Total Operating Expenses Incurred YTD:	\$470,763.56
Difference:	\$ 0.00

### PRAYER CHAIN

The Power of Prayer is needed today in all our lives. We have an active Prayer Chain at First Congregational Church. If you have a concern for health or strength and need help with our Prayer Chain -- call Dorothy Taylor at 330-633-3008 or Karen Sauerbrey at 330-920-1285



### Please Remember in prayer

Virginia (Ginny) Acken  
 Alberta Bauch  
 Michelle Brown (sister in law of Ken & Wendy Brown)  
 Carol Carter  
 Gwen Dove  
 Debbie Eagle (sister of Barbara Tanner)  
 Bob Hostutler  
 David Huth (*Jane Huth's son*)  
 Odell and Shirley Kalbaugh  
 Grace Kish  
 Zell Lambert  
 George and Pat Paler  
 Stephen Parker  
 Gary and Vicky Rambler  
 Margretta Stocker  
 Bob Weiss (Teresa Snyder's uncle)  
 Don Woerz  
 Lou Wray  
 John Zreny (*son-in-law of John & Wanda Strott*)  
 Wheels4Change  
 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 145<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment (Ohio Nat'l. Guard)

- Prayers for Families who are Unemployed
- Prayers for Inspired Giving
- Prayers that we may find a new Stephen Leader to add to our Team

### *Trailmarkers*



What is the Christian message in seven words?

In a world of slogans, text messages, twitter, and sound bites, I worry about what is lost when we reduce communication to the smallest spaces. Our lives are too wonderfully complex and nuanced to be chopped up like that.

On the other hand, the challenge to be concise is a great tool. It brings focus and clarity, and it can help us to communicate. This is why, several months ago, *Christian Century* writer Steve Thorngate asked pastors and theologians to write the gospel in seven words. Here are some of their answers.

Martin Marty, a church historian: **“God, Through Jesus Christ, Welcomes You Anyhow.”**

Scott Cairns: **“Christ’s Humanity Occasions Our Divinity”**

His message draws on the 4<sup>th</sup> century Christians who said that God became human in order that we humans could become divine.

Kathleen Norris wrote **“God is Love: This is No Joke.”**

She seeks to reclaim a word that is used too loosely. This love, she writes, is “serious and demanding, merciful and not judgmental. It is life-giving and self-sacrificing. It is love that sees and tells the truth, whatever the cost.”

Stephanie Paulsell, of Harvard Divinity School, only used four words: **“To Dwell in Possibility.”** She explained: “When my daughter was confirmed in the Christian faith last spring, I gave her Emily Dickinson's poem, “I dwell in Possibility.” I wanted her to remember that, in God's house-- “More numerous of Windows--/Superior--for Doors”--there is room to turn and be changed, to choose mercy over revenge, to give away everything we have and follow Jesus. Within God's possibility, even death is not the last thing to be said about us.”

What would your seven words be?

May God's peace be with you,  
 Rev. Matt

### Treehouse Preschool Registration

We are registering our current families right now, but having open registration on February 1. Treehouse Preschool opens the registration for past families and active church members from **9:30- 2:30 on February 1** and then to everyone else in the evening from 6-7. If you are a member of First Congregational Church and have a child that you are interested in signing up for Treehouse Preschool, you are invited to do so on February 1 from 9:30 – 2:30. You will need a registration form and the fee of \$35 to reserve a spot in a class (additional \$15 fee if registering for Monday enrichment). If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Brown.

### Sunday School

We have started back to our “normal” Sunday morning routine with:

Sunday School	9:00- 9:50
Children’s Choirs	10:00- 10:30
Children’s Worship	10:30- 11:00

### Grades 3-4-5 Lock-in

On February 17 to 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade lock-in. Come at 7:00 PM and enjoy games, food and fun. It is an evening full of activity so you won’t want to miss it! You may invite ONE friend for the festivities. The cost is \$5 per person and a registration form must be filled out by February 12. Watch the mail; you will be getting a registration form soon.

### In the Future

On March 4, we will be sharing First Communion with our 4<sup>th</sup> graders. More information will be coming out about this special Sunday soon; you just might want to mark your calendars. There will be 2 classes the two Sunday’s before that that we recommend your 4<sup>th</sup> grader attend at 9:00 AM so they understand the meaning, symbolism, and act of taking communion. If you have questions, please talk with Wendy Brown.

**Keeping the troops in our hearts...** On Sunday, **January 29<sup>th</sup>**, in our 10 a.m. worship service, we will be honoring the men and women who serve in our military. Please submit any updates to the reading list or care package list to the church office or Ann Carter. [Dcarter674ster@gmail.com](mailto:Dcarter674ster@gmail.com) by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be collecting donations of Valentine’s candy (conversation hearts) for our military care packages. Donations may be placed in the collection box underneath the WJHM bulletin board in the hallway. Shipment date is January 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This year the holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will observe the start of this sacred time of reflection and repentance with a Seder Meal in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. This will be followed by a Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please mark your calendar and make plans for attending as a part of your spiritual preparation for Passion Week and Easter Sunday.

**Yarning for Peace** will meet on **Monday, Feb. 13** at 7:00 PM in the David Bacon room. We always welcome anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet and/or make prayer shawls for this ministry. For further information contact Dee West at 330-633-4421.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, SUNDAY, JAN 29**

The Constitution of the First Congregational Church of Tallmudge calls for an annual meeting to be held each year. Classically, this meeting has been held during the month of January and is used to approve the annual budget of the church as well as to elect officers of the church, board chairs and members of the respective Boards of Ministry of the Church.

During the last year, the Executive Council approved a motion to adjust the calendar year of the church from the January to December calendar year to a fiscal year that will run from July to June. As a result the approval of the budget and the election of officers and board members will occur at a later date. The leadership retreat will be held in the spring rather than in the winter. This schedule will help our church in several ways: 1) Our Ministry Boards will have the summer months to prepare and bring new board members “up to speed”. 2) Many of our members head for warmer climates from November through January and some find it difficult to manage the cold weather and cannot be present for meeting held in the winter months. 3) The church’s ministries were making membership adjustments during “high holy” days of Advent and Christmas. Essentially our leadership will remain intact through the academic year, September through June, creating a sense of continuity and momentum.

In order to meet the requirements of the Constitution, there will be an annual meeting held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting we will present a “State of the First Congregational Church of Tallmudge”. There will also be a presentation of the prestigious “Oh No” award.

We ask that you make plans to join us that date in support of our church.

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9:00 a.m. Sunday school

9:00 a.m. Confirmation I & II

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsals

10:30 a.m. Children’s Worship 5<sup>th</sup> grade & younger

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

11:00 a.m. Linger Longer – Atrium

**Greeters:** Eleanor & Lynn Hall, Barbara Botimer

**Ushers:**

**Altar Flowers given by:**

Chuck & Paula Victor in memory of their parents.



Have you noticed the new sign-up charts for not only flowers, but also Ushers and Greeters for the New Year, 2012? These are now located in the hallway across from the copy room. Please take time to sign up for the Sunday you can usher or greet, and also sign up on the flower chart in memory or celebration of a special person or event.

**ATTENTION:** If you helped grace our Altar with flowers in 2011 and have yet to pay for them, please do that this month. We have not collected all monies from last year. New for 2012: You will have to submit a check or cash with your flower request form. Thank you for your help.

**A DATE TO REMEMBER**

February 26 we will be "Walking in My Shoes" at Fairlawn West UCC Church. It is sponsored by Family Promise-Interfaith Hospitality. (more information later)

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday, April 14, 2012 @6:30 pm.  
Great Food! Special Music! Joy! Fun!  
Adult-Youth Mission Trips Fundraiser  
You MUST be a part of this!!

**SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, APRIL 28.**

This year the adult mission tour will once again work with the local unit of the national organization Rebuilding Together rehabbing a home in our area. Anyone 14 years and older can participate whether you are skilled or unskilled. There are jobs for everyone. You only need to commit to this one Saturday blitz. Last year our church with the help of some members of the Tallmadge First Church of God had the opportunity to help Grace, a 92 year old homeowner, make needed repairs, landscaping and decluttering of her home. It was a rewarding experience. Please consider helping with this most worthwhile project. For further info or to sign up see Dee West 330-633-4421

**CHURCH GIFT CARDS**

This Year we raised \$3500 which will go towards the Atrium! We are up from last year by \$1400. Thank you to all who participate. As those Kohl's credit card statements come in, don't forget you can use our Kohl's gift cards to pay on your account!  
Diana Fiocca 330-923-8745

**CONGREGATORS** will meet **Tuesday, February 7**, at 12 noon at Bellacino's, 3657 Fishcreek Rd. Stow  
Call Margie Nicholson for information: 330.923.9171

**Condolences..**

Our sincere sympathy to Doris Parson and family on the loss of Howard on January 15, 2012. A service in celebration of Howard's life will be held Thursday, January 19, 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge with Rev. Dr. John Schluep officiating. Visitation Wednesday 1-3 & 6-8 at Donovan's, or one hour before the service at the church.



**Thanks** to everybody who worked so hard to perform a beautiful Christmas concert. We are all so very fortunate to be a part of a loving church family, and to have so many who give freely & willingly of their time.

Roy and Marjorie Morrow

**Teresa**, our night custodian would like to thank Woman's fellowship, Sandy, Susan and Denise for the gifts.

**We would like to thank** everyone for their cards, kind words and keeping our families in their prayers during the recent loss of our father, Robert Mason, on December 5, 2011. Thank you for your generous support.

Barb and Mike Forfia Karen and John Byron

**Dear Friends:**

Thanks you so much for your generous gift to help the poor and homeless of our community. We are grateful for your faithful partnership with us as we together meet the needs of men, women, and children.

Your support has helped Haven of Rest Ministries provide delicious meals and other vital care during this holiday season to our hungry, homeless guests-to make them feel "at home" for the holidays. And through your support we have the opportunity to share the good news of Christmas that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son...(John 3:16).

The value of your special gift to "the least, the last, and the lost" in our community is absolutely priceless. May each of you have a blessed Christmas and a happy new year.

Sincerely, Jeff  
Rev. Jeff Kaiser, Exec. Director

**Dear Congregational Church,**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity and support. We have received several "Care Packages" filled with dozens of boxes of very delicious cookies and candies. The cookies and candies were distributed and shared with sixty happy and grateful Soldiers at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Hughie, Afghanistan. It is the kindness and generosity from patriotic people like you that keep us strong, and raise the morale of the Soldiers-knowing that their hard work and sacrifice are not forgotten, especially during the holiday season.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your time and thought put in to the care package is greatly appreciated.  
Sincerely, Douglas D. Jones Lieutenant Colonel/Commander

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**  
2012 Programs

**March 1, 2012**

Program "Bingo" 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch 12:00 Noon

**April 5, 2012**

Program "Clara Driscoll and the Tiffany Girls 10:30 a.m.  
Local historian, Linda Alexander  
Lunch 12:00 Noon

**May 7, 2012**

6:30 p.m.  
JOINT MONDAY EVENING MEETING WITH  
WOMEN'S NEW INITIATIVE

"Jackie Kennedy"  
Performed by Carol Starre-Kniecik  
WF/WNI Officers Installation

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

We are looking forward to the **February** groups work. There will NOT be a Women's Fellowship Meeting this February, but **AARP** will still meet on Friday.

**February 24, 2012.**

We are asking for donations of food, your time and help in the kitchen, **or** money contributions.

Please contact a **Co-Chair:**

Carol Myers @ 330-633-6547  
Cindie Anderson @ 330-688-2391  
Christie Speicher @ 330-628-0151

**Women's Fellowship Group**

Alberta Bauch	Cathy Jenkins
Carol Bell	Barbara Jones
Terese Bell	Anita Kelly
Roberta Berry	Alisa Kempf
Jan Breznak	Harriet(Bengston)Kenepp
Irene Brunot	Linda Kester
Margaret Bumpas	Donna Kiss
Suzanne Creswell	Julie Klaus
Jean Dennis	Glenna Kreitzburg
Debra Fickes	Yvonne Larson
Becky Figler	Shirley Mayfield
Lida Gardner	Jackie Mohr
Shirley Gron	Missy Newcomer
Kathy Harris	Bea Overholt
Melinda Hill	Olive Yohey
Khrys Holt	Marcia Zuravel
Jane Huffman	

**GAMES & GABBING-GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

WNI will be hosting the February meeting in the fellowship hall on Monday, February 6, @ 6:30 p.m.  
Further information regarding this event will be available from program chairs: Chris Thompson (330.633.6878), Beth Schlupe(330.929.1028), Barb Dolensky(330.633.0135)

**2011 List of Blessings**

The following remembrances were submitted by church members in the closing weeks of the year. Some are personal and some include the entire church. This is our first attempt at creating a congregational year in review list. Thank you to everyone who participated.

- My Mother has been safe, secure, and happy at Kent Ridge, overcame pneumonia during the summer, and her home was sold in August (a relief to me!)
- The new members who joined our congregation.
- I have been blessed with good health all year.
- Our church raised enough money to build a school in Mali through African Sky. Our church also received the Gold Star Award from African Sky for our support of its "10 Schools - 1000 Lives" school building project.
- All the babies and others who were baptized in the church.
- Over forty people worked together for a local home owner one Saturday in April with Rebuild Together.
- Our involvement with Family Promise, the Miller Avenue Mission, and Project Homeless Connect has brought us much joy by enabling us to give back.
- We have been blessed with no natural disasters here compared to many others who have had great hardship during this year elsewhere.
- Warriors' Journey Home has brought new faces to our church and the ministry has helped so very many veterans.
- Having Charity Omartian work with us during her internship.
- This year we celebrated our 60th anniversary, and were blessed with the birth of our 22nd great-grandchild.
- New Stephen Ministers commissioned and already serving their care receivers—bringing God's love to them.
- Youth Mission Tour to Chicago, Illinois was filled with joy and grace.
- My three daughters and their families are truly a blessing always.
- Thank you church family for all the love and support I received during my years as Stephen Leader. You have been a Blessing to me. – Diana Caldwell, who retired as a Stephen Leader in 2011.
- My good health this year.
- The love from my family, the friendships I have made.
- Blessed to attend First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, UCC.
- The caring and warm congregation we have
- The love of God.

**"B-I-N-G-O"**

Please join Women's Fellowship, Thursday, March 1, 2012 for a morning of fun, food and fellowship! Lots of PRIZES to be won! Lunch for \$5 will be served following the fun. Please sign in at the Welcome center or call Christie Speicher, 330.328.9289 for reservations.

"BINGO"! I WON!!!

**PROJECT VIETNAM**, a small group of Roosevelt High School students under the advisement of Beth Schluep, is intent on making a difference in the lives of Vietnamese students by raising \$5000 to build one of their greatest needs -A LIBRARY in Vietnam! **PROJECT VIETNAM** has raised \$2000 already!

**PROJECT VIETNAM** along with the support of **WJHM** and **Little City Catering of Kent** will be hosting:

**A TASTE OF CULTURE**  
**Vietnamese Cuisine Tasting and Catered**  
**Pasta Buffett**  
**Tuesday Feb. 7th, 5:00-7:30 pm**  
**United Church of Christ of Kent**  
**1427 Horning Rd, Kent**

**Tickets: Donation PRESALE \$10.00 or \$12 at door**  
**Tickets available at church office**

As an option, to be a financial partner in this endeavor, tax-deductible donations will be greatly appreciated. (checks payable to PROJECT VIETNAM, TRHS). Those donating \$250 or greater will have their names on a permanent plaque placed at Roosevelt HS and in the library in Vietnam. Pre-sale tickets available and donations accepted by Nancy Beken in our church office.

#### Warrior returns to His Battleground

On Friday, January 13, 2012 Peter and Barbara Winnen, members of Warriors' Journey Home Ministry: Listen-Speak-Heal, began their travels to Viet Nam for healing and reconciliation. Peter served in the Republic of Viet Nam from 1967 through 1968 and fought at the battle of Khe Sanh. His primary assignment was at Gio Linh where he was a forward observer for an artillery battery. His story is posted on the WJHM bulletin board. Peter and Barbara will travel with Soldier's Heart to Khe Sanh and Gio Linh as well as other areas of Viet Nam. Please keep Peter and Barbara and their fellow companions in your prayers. They will return to Ohio on February 2, 2012.

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**Fund Raiser Church Treasure** If you have an item for donation, or are looking for a specific item to purchase, watch *The Herald* or call Jim/Kathy Harris at 330-630-9627 or e-mail [kharris375@hotmail.com](mailto:kharris375@hotmail.com). There will also be an ongoing list of items available for donation and/or requests in the Atrium.

Items available For Sale: None at this time.

Items Wanted:

Kendal Taylor is looking for Quilt tops. Please call her at 330-676-9986 if you can help her!

Remember --- To Donate or put in your request:

Call Kathy / Jim Harris at 330-630-9627 or email them at [kharris375@hotmail.com](mailto:kharris375@hotmail.com).

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11:00 a.m. Linger Longer - Atrium  
11:00 a.m. Pick up Subs

Greeters: Sharnsky Family  
Ushers: Christie & Sarah Speicher  
Altar Flowers given by:  
Sandy Barabas for love of family & friends.

**For Sunday Service February 12, 2012**  
**February special benevolence/Youth Mission Tour**  
Rev. Dr. John Schluep will be giving the message.

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Greeters: Ann Stone Meyer, Ron & Hope Mitchell  
Ushers: Terri Poff & Pam Birch  
Altar Flowers today are from:  
Jim and Betty Cottrill in memory of loved ones.

## Whom shall God call for Stephen Ministry?

Are You Ready For Leadership? Here is what you might be doing.



Stephen Leaders fill one or more of these 6 leadership roles:

- Stephen Leader Team Coordinator - oversees and directs the efforts of the Stephen Leader Team - can be a lay person or pastor.
- Awareness-Building Coordinator - responsible for coordinating the ongoing efforts to build support and ownership for Stephen Ministry in the congregation
- Training Coordinator - responsible for initial training of Stephen Ministers, directs process of recruiting, selecting Stephen Ministers, and may serve as the continuing education coordinator
- Continuing Education Coordinator - responsible for scheduling and coordinating continuing education
- Referrals Coordinator - responsible for identifying those who need care, prepare them to receive a Stephen Minister and choose the Stephen Minister to be linked to the care receiver
- Supervision Coordinator - responsible for directing the entire process of small group peer supervision and responsible for training and managing additional peer group facilitators as needed

Stephen Leaders spend about 10 hours a month fulfilling on or more of these roles on a normal basis. During new Stephen Minister Training, Leaders also attend training sessions [5 hours per week for 10 weeks] and lead the training session [~ 5 hours per week when leading the training]. In addition, Stephen Leaders attend:

- Two small group peer supervision meetings each month [5 hours]
- One Stephen Leader meeting monthly [2 hours]
- One Spiritual Pastoral Care Meeting on a rotating basis [~1 hour every two to four months]
- In addition to these meetings Stephen Leaders prepare input for Executive Council Meetings on a monthly basis and occasionally attend the meeting [2 hours].

Perhaps you feel the Lord calling you to be a Stephen Minister or Stephen Leader.

*Stephen Ministers Shine God's glory as they care for their care receivers in their sorrow. Do you need someone to walk with you and weep with you? We are also here to support people in our community—perhaps someone you know? For more information contact Jana Caplinger @330-896-4320 or Rev. Dr. John or Rev. Matt @ 330-633-4931.*

CALENDAR JANUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 24, 2012

Thurs. Jan. 19                      6:30                      Chancel Choir                      8:00 Chancel Ringers

<b>Sunday, Jan. 22</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school & Confirmation I & II
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Choir rehearsals
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Linger Longer
	11:15 a.m.	SPCM John's office
	11:15 a.m.	Mission Tour meeting
	6:00 p.m.	WJHM
	7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Fellowship

Tues. Jan. 24                      7:00 a.m.                      Bible Study-Bagnoli home

Wed. Jan 25                      9:00 a.m.                      Quilters

7:00 p.m.                      Creative Writing Class - Narthex

Thurs. Jan. 26                      9:30 a.m.                      WF Board mtg-David Bacon

6:30 p.m.                      Chancel Choir 8:00p.m. Chancel Ringers

Fri Jan. 27                      12:00 noon                      AARP-FH-lunch & mtg. Program-Atrium

<b>Sunday, January 29</b> <b>Military Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school and Confirmation I & II
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Children's choir rehearsals
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Annual Meeting

Tues. Jan. 31                      7:00 a.m.                      Men's Bible Study – Bagnoli Home

Wed. Feb. 1                      9:00 a.m.                      Quilters

9:30 a.m.                      Treehouse Registration until 2:30 – Atrium

6:00 p.m.                      Stephen Minsters- Library

6:00 p.m.                      Treehouse Registration- Atrium

6:00 p.m.                      Youth Fellowship

7:00 p.m.                      Youth Ringers

7:00 p.m.                      Creative Writing Class - Narthex

Thurs. Feb 2                      8:00 a.m.                      Financial Advisory Ministry- Library

6:30 p.m.                      Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers

<b>Sunday, February 5</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school and Confirmation I & II
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Children's choir rehearsals
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Linger Longer
		6:00 p.m.

Mon. Feb. 6                      6:30 p.m.                      WNI program in FH

Tues. Feb. 7                      7:00 a.m.                      Bible Study- Bagnoli's home

12:00 p.m.                      Congregators – Bellacino's

2:00 p.m.                      Sr. Advisory Ministry- D. Bacon

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Wed. Feb. 8	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilters Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Youth Ringers Preaching Project Group - Library Creative Writing Class - Narthex
Thurs. Feb. 9	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir 8:00 pm Chancel Ringers
Fri. Feb. 10	7:00 p.m.	High School Lock-In FH

<b>Sun. February 12</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school - all ages - Confirmation I & II
<b>Scout Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship - grade 5 & younger
	11:00 a.m.	Linger Longer-Atrium
	1:00 p.m.	Scouts Blue & Gold Banquet -FH
	7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Fellowship meeting

Mon. Feb. 13	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	WJHM Board mtg - Library Yarning for Peace- D. Bacon
Tues. Feb. 14 Valentine's Day	7:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:15 p.m.	Bible Study-Bagnoli's Home Sr. Advisory Ministry Board Meetings Executive Council-D. Bacon
Wed. Feb. 15	9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilters Youth Fellowship 7:00 p.m. Youth Ringers Stephen Ministers- D. Bacon Creative Writing Class - Narthex
Thurs. Feb. 16	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers
Fri. Feb. 17	7:00 p.m.	Grades 3.4.5 Lock-in

<b>Sun. February 19</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school - all ages - Confirmation I & II
	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	10:00 a.m.	Children's Choir rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Worship - grade 5 & younger
	11:00 a.m.	Linger Longer-Atrium
	11:15 a.m.	Sr. High Lunch Club
	6:00 p.m.	WJHM

<b>Mon. Feb. 20</b>	<b>President's Day- Church Office Closed</b>	
	7:00 p.m.	WNI Board Meeting- D. Bacon?
Tues. Feb. 21	7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Bible Study- Bagnoli's home Card making/stamping class -FH
<b>Wed. Feb. 22</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	6:00 p.m.	Seder Meal
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thurs. Feb. 23	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	WF Executive Board- D. Bacon Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. Chancel Ringers
Fri. Feb. 24	12:00 noon 7:00 p.m.	AARP Mtg./Luncheon FH & Atrium Middle School Lock-In FH



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