

Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30) 72 (9:45) 24 (11:00) 63
Wednesday Service: (12:30) 34

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for December 27 – January 3, 2021

Our Stewardship of Offerings for 2020 and Debt Retirement:

Total Owed on Principal: \$1,742,000.00

Amount Paid on Principal for 2020: \$290,000.00

Total Received Building Fund 2020: \$196,645.41

General Offering Totals for 2020 \$759,452.94

Expenses to date 2020 \$790,172.61

Our weekly offerings are about returning back to God a portion of what he has first given us. We are able to be generous givers when God is at work in our hearts. St. Stephen's Activities for this week include:

TODAY **8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary & Online: Singing)**
9:30AM: No Sunday School
9:45AM: Worship Service (Gym: No Singing)
10:15AM: No Sunday School
11:00AM: Worship Services (Sanctuary: Singing)

Monday Office Closed
12:30PM: AA meeting (Social Hall)

Tuesday

Wednesday **12:30PM: Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary & Online: No Singing)**
7:30PM: AA/AI-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)
7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)

Friday Office Closed – Happy New Year!

Saturday

Sunday **8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary & Online: Singing)**
9:30AM: Family, Faith, and the Father Sunday School (Social Hall)
9:45AM: Worship Service (Gym: No Singing)
10:15AM: Family, Faith, and the Father Sunday School (Social Hall)
11:00AM: Worship Services (Sanctuary: Singing)

Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, January 6th from 2-7 PM in the gym!
Donors can sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org with Sponsor Code: sslc
January is National Blood Donor Month! All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies.
Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need.

Congregation Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **December: Lutheran Services Carolinas** With the help of thousands of volunteers, donors, and faith partners, LSC helps veterans and others transition from homelessness to dignity; protects children at risk of abuse and neglect with foster care; improves the lives of those battling severe and persistent mental illness through innovative programs; encourages growth and independence for those with developmental disabilities; places children in loving adoptive homes; provides warmth and welcome to refugees seeking sanctuary; and enables many men and women with varying life challenges or disabilities to live proudly and independently with residential or supportive services. Please consider supporting this worthy organization and its cause with your love offering donations during the month of December.

Join us for the Wednesday Eucharist Service held at 12:30PM in the sanctuary to enhance your weekly worship experience and to share God's Word in a unique, shortened, but spiritual time of worship. **Wednesday, December 30th "Living In The In Between Time"**

Our 2021 Flower Calendar is available for sign up! Please find the calendar in the narthex.

Mission Lexington: Our end of the year food drive continues with **3,524.5 lbs.** of food donated. We have exceeded our goal of 2,500lbs between Reformation and Dec. 31st! Our food donations for this year total **12,247 lbs.** We have surpassed our donations for last year. THANK YOU! Please place your food donations and plastic or paper bags in the food barrel next to the elevator in the admin wing. The following items are the most needed: Canned Fruit, Beef Stew, Canned Chicken, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Corn, Chili, Pork & beans, Canned Soups, Rice, Dog & Cat Food. Thanks again for your support! Ron Redd Cell 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com.

Committee of 100: How would you like to be a part of bringing Jesus Christ into someone's life? Actually it could be really simple – by becoming a part of the Committee of 100 which is composed of members who contribute a special \$100.00 in a given year to help support newly organized mission churches in the SC Synod as they struggle to become self-supporting. St. Stephen's has led the way in this program since 1980 – having 69 members in 2019. Please consider this stewardship opportunity. Over \$19,000.00 was distributed to mission churches in 2019. Make your check to: Committee of 100 – drop it in the offering plate or give it to Ron Redd and he will handle the details. Ron Redd 803-360-0241 Rredd7848@gmail.com