

**Our Stewardship of Attendance last week:** (8:30) 40

*Our 9:45 and 11 AM services were cancelled due to power issues*

Wednesday Service: (12:30) 36

**The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for January 10 – January 17, 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 and Expenses for 2020 will be published as soon as they are finalized.

**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	<b>8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary &amp; Online: Singing)</b> 9:30AM: Family, Faith, and the Father Sunday School (Social Hall) <b>9:45AM: Worship Service (Gym: No Singing)</b> 10:15AM: Family, Faith, and the Father Sunday School (Social Hall) <b>11:00AM: Worship Services (Sanctuary: Singing)</b> 12:30PM: Jr. & Sr. Youth (Gym)
Monday	9AM: Preschool 12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Tuesday	9AM: Preschool
Wednesday	9AM: Preschool <b>12:30PM: Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary &amp; Online: No Singing)</b> 6PM: Adult Class (Gym) 6PM: Confirmation Class (Zoom) 7:30PM: AA/AI-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor)
Thursday	9AM: Preschool 7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	<b>8:30AM: Worship Service (Sanctuary &amp; Online: Singing)</b> 9:30AM: Family, Faith, and the Father Sunday School (Social Hall) <b>9:45AM: Worship Service (Gym: No Singing)</b> 10:15AM: Family, Faith, and the Father Sunday School (Social Hall) <b>11:00AM: Worship Services (Sanctuary: Singing)</b> 12:30PM: Council Meeting (Hybrid/Zoom)

Congregation Council approves causes to be featured monthly. **January ELCA World Hunger** More than 800 million people — that's 1 in 8 people in our world today — are hungry. As members of the ELCA, we are called to respond. **ELCA World Hunger** is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

**Hospitalized:** Marge Spears, Home

**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, January 13<sup>th</sup> "Tata Jesus Is Bangala!"**

**Our 2021 Flower Calendar is available for sign up!** Please find the calendar in the narthex. There are LOTS of open dates including January 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>!

**Mission Lexington:** Thank you St. Stephen's for your generous food donations in 2020. We exceeded our end of the year goal with **3,550.5 lbs.** of food donated. Our food donations for 2020 were **12,372 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.

**Thank you** to everyone that came out to our Red Cross Blood Drive on January 6<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Hester, Bob Pittman, Jan Riddle, Lu Bickley, Glenn Hayes, and Paul Rouillard. Thanks also to Susan Huber for taking temperatures of potential donors. It was wonderful to see some new faces at our drive and we look forward to seeing everyone again in April. We collected **36** units!