

Our Stewardship of Attendance last week: (8:30) 38 (9:45) 11 (11:00) 44
Wednesday Service: (12:30) 29

The Spirit of St. Stephen's Weekly for January 3 – January 10, 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: 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) 12:30PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	12:30PM: Wednesday Worship Service (Sanctuary & Online: No Singing) 2PM: Blood Drive (Gym) 6PM: Confirmation Class (Zoom) 7:30PM: AA/AI-Anon meetings (Social Hall/Parlor) 7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall) 7PM: AA Meeting (Social Hall)
Thursday	
Friday	
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) 12:30PM: Jr. & Sr. Youth (Gym)

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.

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 6th "Epiphany Blessings"**

Our 2021 Flower Calendar is available for sign up! Please find the calendar in the narthex. There are LOTS of open dates including January 17th, 24th, and 31st.

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.

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