

Our Mission
“To rejoice in, and share
the good news of Jesus Christ “
with all people”

Rejoice Voice

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Sunday Worship
 10:30am
(In-person, Face Book Live, or posted later on our website)

Adult Formation Class
 9:30am on Sunday

Bible Studies
 Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, 1:00pm
 Women's Bible Study Wednesdays 8:00pm on zoom
 Thursday 7:00pm on zoom

Dear Friends:

Education and formation are one of the most important components of being a healthy and alive Christian. I want to thank everyone who gave me a notecard with your questions and ideas for this next semester of our Adult Forum. I have tried to cover as many subjects as possible and some of the offerings address multiple suggestions. Please join us each and every Sunday at 9:30 am.
 Brian

February	2	Applying Faith to Politics in the United States and Beyond. Round Table Discussion.
		<u>HISTORY AND THEOLOGY</u>
	9	God Against the Gods: The History of Monotheism and Polytheism – The Many and the One
	16	God Against the Gods – A World Full of Living and Defunct Gods
	23	God Against the Gods – The Beginnings of Monotheism
March	2	God Against the Gods – Death and the Afterlife
	5	<i>Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm</i>
		<u>BIBLICAL STUDIES</u>
	9	The Women of the Bible: The Victorious, the Virtuous, and the Overlooked - Miriam
	16	The Women of the Bible - Deborah
	23	The Women of the Bible – Vashti
	30	The Women of the Bible - Martha

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April	6	The Women of the Bible – Junia or is it Junias?
	13	Contemporary Women Leaders in the Church <i>Palm Sunday</i>
	17	<i>Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 pm</i>
	18	<i>Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm</i>
	20	<i>Easter Sunday</i>
		<u>BIBLICAL HISTORY</u>
	27	Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles over Authentication – Diversity of Early Christianity
May	4	Lost Christianities – Early Christian Gnosticism
	11	Lost Christianities – Infancy Gospels
	18	Lost Christianities – Gospel of Peter and a Talking Cross
	25	Lost Christianities – Acts of Paul and Thecla
June	1	Lost Christianities – Early Christianity Orthodoxy
	8	Lost Christianities – Formation of a Canon of Scripture <i>Pentecost</i>
		<u>ARCHEOLOGY and HISTORY</u>
	15	The History and Archeology of the Bible – The World of Genesis
	22	The History and Archeology of the Bible – The Story of Moses
29	The History and Archeology of the Bible – The Kingdom of David	
July	6	The History and Archeology of the Bible – The Influence of Alexander the Great
	13	The History and Archeology of the Bible – The Kingdom of Herod the Great at the time of Jesus
		<u>EVANGELISM</u>
	20	The Celtic Form of Evangelism
	27	The Celtic Form of Evangelism

**There will be a Care Team Meeting following worship on
February 2nd**

Tech Help Wanted!

The Rejoice Facebook Live-Stream is very important. The last six weeks got between 81 and 331 views. That is a lot of people that wouldn't have gotten the good news if the Live-Stream didn't exist! Right now Dave Denes and Glenn Fasnacht are the only people performing this task, and we feel it would be wise to get another person or two trained on this. If you are interested, or have questions, please see Dave or Glenn

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

Feb 6, 2025 7:00pm
 HiHo Brewing Company, 1707 Front St.,
 Cuyahoga Falls 44221 V, GF, Vegan



Join our St. Stephen friends for fellowship. Order your favorite beverage (it doesn't have to be a beer) and snacks and catch up with friends.

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Schedule through June 2025

2/6 HiHo Brewing Company 1707 Front Street Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 V, GF, Vegan

3/6 Missing Mountain Brewing Company 2811 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 V, GF, Vegan

4/3 The Brew Kettle 11 Atterbury Blvd. Hudson, OH 44236 V

5/1 Bell Tower Brewing Company 310 Park Ave. Kent, OH 44240 V, GF, Vegan

6/5 Lock 15 Brewing Company 21 W. North St., Suite TL 1 Akron, OH 44304 V, GF

Thank you! Thank you!

A big thank you to Sue Carter and the Spirited Arts group who made the Christmas Angels to be shared with those we know who need encouragement. I took one of those angels and gave it to a neighbor whose husband is battling Parkinson's Disease. His disease has progressed dramatically in the past year, and it has been tough for both of them. They loved the Christmas Angel and were so encouraged by it that she said they "will leave it out all year". We never know when those seemingly small gestures will lift someone's spirits, so Thank You and keep creating!

Joyce Clothier

Clear Bags Recycled into Park Benches - St. Stephens Collection

The local DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) chapter is collecting clear plastic bags. The DAR chapter meets 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 entryway. It is ok if there is print on the plastic.

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There is a collection basket in the hall, across from the Food Pantry.

Tuesday's at Rejoice at 1:00pm

In the Steps of Saint Paul

Bible Study with Dave Denes. Please bring:

- A copy of *In the Steps of Saint Paul* (several copies are being purchased)
- A Bible

Please plan to join as we read and discuss this book, the Book of Acts, and sections of his letters.



February Birthdays

2	Bob Giannetti
5	Zachary Ramsey
20	Gail Bergman
23	Judi Boebel



Women's Bible Study - Via Zoom

Beginning January 8 the Women's Bible Study group will begin using a Life Guide Study called "Growing Older and Wiser"

No pressure, no homework!

Just fellowship time with Christian friends studying God's Word.

Join us Wednesdays at 8:00pm on Zoom

<https://johncarrolluniversity.zoom.us/j/628894291>

Contact Lisa Ramsey with questions/problems at lisaruns1969@gmail.com or 234.380.2090

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, or it is incorrect, please help us update our info. Contact Carla Maurer at office@rejoicelc.org

Brian's Zoom Bible Study

Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm

"A Zoom study led by Brian Suntken. Meet friends from Ohio, North Carolina, Florida, and California. Zoom ID#3222400299 Password: COSJ2020 .



Financial Report - December 2024

2024	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	Dec Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2024 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$18,165	\$12,833	\$5,332	\$148,828	\$154,000	(\$5,172)	\$154,000
Capital Revenue	\$1,900	\$2,917	(\$1,017)	\$32,070	\$35,000	(\$2,930)	\$35,000
Other	\$2,706	\$358	\$2,348	\$16,009	\$4,300	\$11,709	\$4,300
Total Income	\$22,771	\$16,108	\$6,663	\$196,907	\$193,300	\$3,607	\$193,300
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$9,179	\$9,195	\$16	\$116,522	\$110,340	(\$6,182)	\$110,340
Capital Expense	\$5,546	\$5,667	\$121	\$66,972	\$68,000	\$1,028	\$68,000
Total Expenses	\$14,725	\$14,862	\$137	\$183,494	\$178,340	(\$5,154)	\$178,340
Net Total	\$8,046	\$1,246		\$13,413	\$14,960		\$14,960

Benevolence Giving	\$2,000	\$1,250	\$750	\$8,000	\$15,000	(\$7,000)	\$15,000
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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 AM Adult Formation 10:30 AM Worship & Communion Care Team meeting after worship	3 	4 1:00 PM Bible Study with Dave 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	5 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	6 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study	7	8
9 9:30 AM Adult Formation 10:30 AM Worship & Communion	10 6:30 PM Rejoice Quilting Group	11 1:00 PM Bible Study with Dave 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	12 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	13 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study	14 Valentine's Day 	15 5:00 PM
16 9:30 AM Adult Formation 10:30 AM Worship & Communion	17 President's Day 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	18 1:00 PM Bible Study with Dave 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	19 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	20 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study	21	22 12 - 2 PM Hudson Food Pantry Feb Distribution
PRE LENTEN SEASON—INCLUDES THE THREE SUNDAYS BEFORE LENT BEGINS						
23 9:30 AM Adult Formation 10:30 AM Worship & Communion 11:30 AM Worship Committee Meeting	24	25 1:00 PM Bible Study with Dave 6:30 AM Al-Anon Meeting	26 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study 	27 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Study	28	Lent begins next Wednesday, March 5th
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10:30am SERVICE	02-Feb	09-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb		02-Mar
COMMUNION PICK-UP COMMUNION SET UP	Procop's Jenn Lue	Carla Maurer Dana Biltz	Boebel's Kathy Jacobsen	Wendy Klukow Diane Procop		Chris Wisbar Jenn Lue
LAY READER	Pete Moore	Becky Hogue	Bill Holman	Jenn Lue		Brian Pillsbury
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Angie Hagan	Dave Denes	Francine McBride	Sue Holman		Tim Hagan
GREETER / USHER	Tim Boebel	George Arnold	Paul Mallott	George Arnold		Tim Boebel
COUNTERS	N Fasnacht/ C Maurer	Stacy Shanley/ C Maurer	W Klukow / Brian Pillsbury	W Klukow/ K Jacobsen		Dave Denes/ C Maurer
POWER POINT PREP	Nancy Fasnacht	Judi Boebel	Carla Maurer	Bethany Bryant		Nancy Fasnacht
SOUND BOOTH	Wisbar	Tim Boebel	Dan Jacobsen	Wisbar		Tim Boebel
VIDEOGRAPHER	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue	AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue		AJ Stokes, D Jacobsen or E Hogue
FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM	Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes	Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes		Glenn Fasnacht or Dave Denes

Communion Assistant – help with distribution of the Sacrament holding the wine and juice “The blood of Christ shed for you!”

Communion Set-up – cube bread and place in cups/basket, Pour wine into cups using sanitized hands and minimize touch of the communion elements.

Usher – make sure everyone has a bulletin, a chair, or any other assistance. Light the candles prior to the worship and extinguish them after worship.

Offering Counter – count the Sunday offering and prepare it for deposit.

Altar Guild members take care all things concerning the altar, including communion preparation (bread & wine), altar linens, candles, paraments, banners, and flowers. They make sure that the altar is set up appropriately for the times and seasons of the church year.

Power Point Prep – using the weekly bulletin as a guide, copy/paste the Order of Worship into a Power Point presentation (can be done at home in advance and emailed to the soundbooth).

Videographer – each week we live-stream the worship service. A new system is in place that is user friendly and training is available.

Sound booth tech and PowerPoint – sit at the sound booth, advance the power point slides when appropriate, and run the equipment.

Fellowship—ensure that someone is signed up to bring a snack, make coffee and clean-up

Help is needed in all Worship Help areas. Please see Carla to volunteer!

If you are unable to serve on the scheduled date, please make every effort to find a replacement and contact the church office no later than Wednesday, prior to the date you are scheduled. 330-653-5980

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ALTAR FLOWERS

There is a Flower Chart on the bulletin board where you can sign-up on any available Sunday to provide fresh flowers for Sunday Worship. They may be offered in Honor or in Memory of a Loved One, for an Anniversary, Birthday, Baptism, Graduation, or any special occasion.

Obtain your flowers from any source: from a florist, any flower provider, your garden, or even the grocery store.

Just deliver your flowers to Rejoice's Church Kitchen on *your* Sunday by 10:15 AM. An Altar Guild Member will place your flowers in the Altar area, and you may take them home after worship.

You may have your dedication listed in Rejoice's Sunday Church Bulletin. All the details are on the Welcome Desk.



2025 Church Council Installation



L-R Vicar Brian Suntken, Jake Biltz (partially hidden), President, Tim Boebel, Treasurer, Chris Wisbar, Vice-President, Glenn Fasnacht, Mike Procop. Pete Moore was absent.