

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

Rejoice Voice

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**Bulletin and
Newsletter**
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Sunday Worship
10:30am
(In-person, Face Book Live,
or posted later on our web-
site)

Adult Formation Class
9:30am on Sunday

Bible Studies
Tuesdays at 1:00PM
at Rejoice

Wednesdays
8:00pm
on zoom

Thursday
7:00pm
on zoom

Dear Friends:

“These special holidays give rise to various liturgical calendars that suggest we should mark our days not only with the cycles of the moon and seasons, but also with occasions to tell our children the stories of our faith community's past so that this past will have a future, and so that our ancient way and its practices will be rediscovered and renewed every year.”

— Brian D. McLaren, Finding Our Way Again: The Return of the Ancient Practices

I have always enjoyed the season of Lent because I know that Easter is not far away. But to arrive at Easter with joy and renewal, it is important to take the forty-six days of Lent with seriousness and discipline. To engage the “old, old story” and to share that story with members of the community so that, as McLaren states above, “our past will have a future.”

What can you do this Lent to be ready for Easter?

Start the season right with the worship of God. Our **Ash Wednesday** observance, on February 14, will be held at Saint Stephen's Church in Stow like it was last year. Come and reflect on those penetrating words, as the ashes are marked on your forehead: *“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”*

Read one chapter of the **Gospel of Mark** each weekday (your weekends are free!) Sixteen chapters, at one chapter a day, will take three weeks and one additional day. Could it be any easier?! Make a note when something strikes you in the text, positively/negatively. Then, let's have a conversation.

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Join others at the church for a two-part series: **Lent Goes To The Movies**. We will explore how God is depicted on the big screen by watching two acclaimed films: **Babette's Feast** on Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm and **The Mission** on Wednesday, March 13. Naturally, popcorn will be provided, and AJ Stokes will provide a big screen and sufficient audio. Invite a friend and enjoy the fellowship.

Three simple acts to reflect and remember the story of Jesus. I Look forward to being in ministry with you.

Brian



Rejoice Council Members for 2024

President: Chris Wisbar; liaison to Fellowship committee

VP: Jake Biltz; liaison to Outreach committee

Secretary: Pete Moore

Treasurer: Tim Boebel; liaison to Care Committee

Mike Procop: Council member; liaison to Worship

Council will be officially installed during an upcoming Sunday worship service.

Rejoice Committee Chairs

Worship: Chad Bryant

—Altar Guild Leader: Nancy Fasnacht

Care: George Arnold

Fellowship: Kathy Jacobsen

Outreach: Bethany Bryant

All committees are open to receiving additional members. See the committee chairperson for details or to volunteer.



Rejoice Annual Chili Cook-Off Saturday, February 24th @ 5 PM

Get your best recipes out the
competition is on

Come with your entry or just come to
be a judge. Your votes will support a
Charity TBD

Fellowship Time Hospitality

Enjoy Coffee and Snacks After Worship?

Looking for volunteers to bring a snack, make coffee and clean up after. Since everyone likes a snack now and then, weekly volunteers are needed to make Sunday morning coffee, put out the snacks and stay to clean up afterwards. Sign up sheet is at the coffee bar window.



HCSA Food Pantry News—February 2024

This month will be our second time servicing only those within the Hudson School District boundaries. We are hoping to be better able to keep our shelves stocked each month as well as allowing our neighbors more choices and fewer limitations on number of products.

Thanks to MANY donations from numerous community organizations in Hudson during December we are able to begin this year with a well-stocked pantry and overflow room. We have also received many gift cards which we can use at local businesses to purchase needed items not commonly available at the Akron Canton Food Bank.

Hudson League for Service will again continue the tradition of providing Easter baskets for children and grandchildren of our neighbors. We will begin the registration process this month, since Lent begins on February 14th with an early Easter upcoming.

**Women's
Bible
Study –
Via Zoom**

The Women's Bible Study group is now studying — "The Coming King"

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



February Birthdays

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

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@rejoicec.org

**Wednesday–Evening Bible Study will be on
Thursday's until after Easter**

(No bible study on Feb 8)

Everyone is invited.

Here's the zoom link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)
[pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3222400299?pwd=eDQ3NIB1WEc0NnhEUCs0cDM3OW9Bdz09)

Meeting ID: 322 240 0299 Pass code: COSJ2020



Financial Report - December 2023

2023	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	Dec Variance to Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Variance to Budget	2023 Budget
INCOME:							
General Revenue	\$13,020	\$8,638	\$4,382	\$132,813	\$103,650	\$29,163	\$103,650
Capital Revenue	\$5,942	\$2,667	\$3,275	\$37,759	\$32,000	\$5,759	\$32,000
Other	\$2,811	\$1,251	\$1,560	\$20,490	\$15,020	\$5,470	\$15,020
Total Income	\$21,773	\$12,556	\$9,217	\$191,062	\$150,670	\$40,392	\$150,670
EXPENSES:							
General Expense	\$11,058	\$9,180	(\$1,878)	\$78,284	\$110,165	\$31,881	\$110,165
Capital Expense	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$500	\$75,970	\$54,000	(\$21,970)	\$54,000
Total Expenses	\$15,058	\$13,680	(\$1,378)	\$154,254	\$164,165	\$9,911	\$164,165
VARIANCE							
Total Variance	\$6,715	(\$1,124)		\$36,808	(\$13,495)		(\$13,495)
Benevolence Giving	\$1,250	\$417	\$833	\$5,157	\$5,000	\$157	\$5,000

~~ Automatic External Defibrillator (AED for short) ~~

AED Video Training

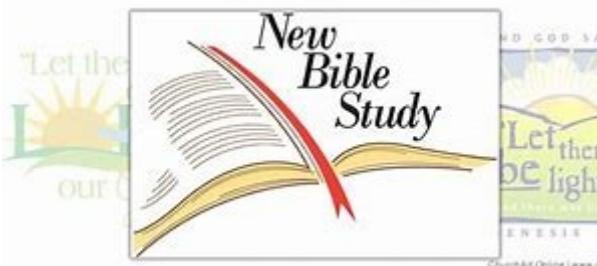
There are multiple training videos for our AED available on line at:

<https://www.zoll.com/contact/elearning/videos/aed-plus>

These are different than the video shown here at Rejoice, so you are encouraged to watch them even if you have seen the training video at Rejoice.

Daytime Bible Study—Simply Good News

Every Sunday we hear the Gospel read – dutifully responding with praise. Why? What makes the Gospel “good news” anyway? So, on Tuesdays at 1:00pm we’ll be reading and discussing the book Simply Good News by N.T. Wright. Led by Dave Denes, we will tackle this central message of Christianity. Please join us.



ACME Community Cash Back Collection at St. Stephens

Rejoice used to participate but in recent years we didn’t collect enough receipts to qualify for participation. If you can collect and turn in your Acme receipts, we can help St Stephens's earn 5% Community Cash Back, which goes toward Mission Support.

The Acme Community Cash Back program runs between AUGUST 1, 2023 to FEBRUARY 15, 2024. Place your receipt in the envelope on the Welcome desk by January 21, 2024. Please turn in your ENTIRE Acme receipt.



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

Thursday, February 1, 7:00pm

Green Valley Brewing Co..

Join our St. Stephen friends and family on a Brewery Trail at
Green Valley Brewing Co., 53 Milford Dr., Hudson.

Order your favorite beverage (it doesn’t have to be a beer) and snacks and catch up with friends. The Green Valley offers a full menu including vegetarian and gluten free options.

Helping Hands at Our Church, Spreading the Love of Jesus ...

~ Many thanks to our outgoing council members, **Bethany Bryant and Liz Franke**. We appreciate your years of service to our congregation

Please let the church office know if we missed anyone's good deeds, because we want to recognize all helping hands!

Worship Committee News

The Worship Committee is looking for Contemporary Praise singers to sing on Sunday mornings. Practice is at 9:30 Sunday morning. Please contact Derek if interested at rejoicemusicdirector@gmail.com.

Thanks and Happy New Year!



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.



**We now have a collection
basket in the entryway at Rejoice**



February 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lent is a Time to Grow Closer to Jesus				1 7:00 PM Matthew, Mark, Luke & Beers with John. Green Valley Brewing, 53 Milford Rd., Hudson	2 Ground Hog Day	3
				8 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	9	10
4 9:30 Adult Formation 10:30 Worship & Communion	5 7 PM AA Women's Group	6 6:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting 1:00 PM Simply Good News Bible Study at Rejoice	7 8 PM Women's Zoom Bible Study	8 7 PM Brian's Zoom Bible Meeting	9	10
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PRE-LENT

LENT FEB 14—MAR 24, 2024

~~~ February Worship Helpers ~~~

10:30am SERVICE	4-Feb	11-Feb	18-Feb	25-Feb	3-Mar
ALTAR GUILD	McLelland/Fasnacht	McLelland/Fasnacht	McLelland/Fasnacht	McLelland/Fasnacht	McLelland/Fasnacht
COMMUNION SET UP	J Lue / M McLelland	D Biltz / K Jacobsen	Angie Hagan / J Lue	D Biltz / K Jacobsen	J Lue / G Lue
LAY READER	Marisa McLelland	Russ Ackerman	Becky Hogue	Pete Moore	Tim Hagan
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	Janet Juliano	Jenn Lue	Angie Hagan	Chad Bryant	Bethany Bryant
GREETER / USHER	Paul Mallott	George Arnold	Tim Boebel	George Arnold	Paul Mallott
COUNTERS	N Fasnacht/ Bethany Bryant	N Fasnacht/ W Klukow	Carla Maurer / Bethany Bryant	Carla Maurer / N Fasnacht	N Fasnacht/ W Klukow
POWER POINT PREP	Judi Boebel	Carla Maurer	Judi Boebel	Nancy Fasnacht	Bethany Bryant
SOUND BOOTH	Wisbar	Dan Jacobsen	Wisbar	Tim Boebel	Dan Jacobsen
VIDEOGRAPHER	AJ Stokes	AJ Stokes	Dan Jacobsen	AJ Stokes	AJ Stokes
FELLOWSHIP	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed	Help Needed

Lay Reader – read the Scripture for the day. Readings can be emailed in advance for you to preview.

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 – ensure that altar coverings (paraments), communion cloths and banners are clean and changed seasonally (can be done prior to Sunday) Fill altar candles with oil, as needed.

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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