

ST. STEPHEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6330 Owenby Court
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Meeting in Lansdowne School
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FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY:

The past seven weeks have been the most rewarding and exciting period of my ministry. During this time we have seen a church come into being and grow to 110 members in this short time. Surely God has blessed us as He has called people into our church.

As your minister I want you to know it is my desire to serve you in any way possible. I hope that you will feel free to call on me if I can be of service. I would appreciate it if you would notify me of any illness or other need so that I can minister to you.

We are growing at a wonderful pace, and this is due in a large measure to our people greeting visitors and making them feel at home and welcome. Let us always be mindful of welcoming our visitors.

You can be of great help to me and our church if you will tell your neighbors about St. Stephen and invite them to come and worship with us, and if you will tell me about any of your neighbors who might be interested in our church. It is important that all of our members help make our church known in our community. Your invitation and your comments about St. Stephen mean much to our new residents or prospects.

I want to thank each of you for your cooperation and ask that you join with me in prayer that God will continue to bless our church and help us in our progress.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Our church has made wonderful strides forward in many ways that we are all aware of and proud of. As your temporary treasurer, I am particularly concerned about the financial pace we are setting. It is a pleasure to report that in 7 weeks our collections have totaled \$2,098.91 - or an average of \$299.84 per week. Let us report that out of some 40 member families we have received only 16 signed commitment cards with a grand total pledge to our church of \$134.00 a week. It is not difficult to see that our families are supporting the church in a very real financial way; however, they are hesitating to commit themselves. You have been generous-- now let us all prayerfully make our personal commitment to this great new church - St. Stephen - which we love in our hearts already and want to have a real part in its growth.

M. Y. F. NEWS:

The newly elected officers of the M. Y. F. are:

President: Brenda Harris
Vice-President: John Harris
Secretary: Linda Bean
Treasurer: Chip Porter

The attendance has been very good at the M. Y. F. meetings. This Sunday night the meeting will be at the home of Mr. & Mrs. George Cox, 6708 Newhall Road.

We would like to express our thanks again to Lee and Carol Griffith and Bill and Ann Robertson for working with our young people.

There will be a Halloween party Saturday, November 2nd, from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the home of John Bos, 7400 Valley Brook Rd. All M. Y. F. members are invited.

On October 31, Halloween night, the M. Y. F. members will meet at the parsonage at 7:00 p.m. and go "Trick-or-Treating" for UNICEF. We will return to the parsonage at 8:30.

METHODIST MEN:

The Methodist Men of St. Stephen will meet at the Barclay Cafeteria on November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Each man in our church is invited to come and participate in the work of our Methodist Men. We will go through the line at the cafeteria and meet in a private room. The Barclay Cafeteria is located in the Amity Gardens Shopping Center behind Clark's.

Dr. James Price, the District President of the Methodist Men will be present and have our program. We will have our election of officers at this time, so it is important that all members plan to be present.

W. S. C. S.:

The W. S. C. S. will have their next meeting at the parsonage, 6330 Owenby Court, on November 12 at 8:00 p.m. Our Women's Society is already serving our church in many ways, and we invite each lady of our church to be a part of this fellowship of study and service.

Financial Report (Cont.)

Your signed personal commitment card is treated as strictly confidential information and is subject to cancellation or change by you upon notification to the church treasurer.

Mrs. Fred Penley, Treasurer

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