

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
October 13, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig” (BWV 644)
(Ah how fleeting, ah how insubstantial)
“Fanfare”

J. S. Bach

J. Lemmens

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Selected Psalm 146*)

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ONE: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

ALL: Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

ONE: Who made heaven and earth, the sea,

ALL: And all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.

*OPENING HYMN

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

Hymn #580

*INVOCATION

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have the ability to live a new life. However, we often choose the old ways of the flesh rather than the new life of the Spirit.

This is the reason that we need to come to the Lord and confess our sins, as we do together now.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our loving God, your word says that the law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the law of sin and death. Help us to walk in the newness of life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Please forgive us for the times we yield to our old sinful flesh and not to the life-giving Spirit. Thank you for the perfect life of Jesus, and for the new life that we have in him. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Christ, have mercy upon us.

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “The Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

“A Grand Celebration”

Derek K. Hakes

St. Stephen Bells - (Meditate on Psalm 98)

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-11

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SERMON

“Life in the Spirit”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
(Sara Irvine, violin)

C. Callahan/D. Wimer

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Give us grace to thank you as the Giver of every good gift and enable us to gratefully return the firstfruits of what you have provided to us for your glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

Hymn #55

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

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L. Vierne

(Should you be moved to respond to a musical offering, a hearty "Amen" is recommended)

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PIANO PRELUDE – *Let us quiet our hearts as we silently prepare to worship*

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

Hymn #338

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CHILDREN’S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy

Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy

Down in my heart (where?)

Down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy, So very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

And I'm so happy So very happy

I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
Wednesday 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Officers Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 10/20 6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday 10/21 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 10/22 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Thursday 10/24 6:00 pm CrossNet Meal Group
6:45 pm Choir Practice

NEXT SUNDAY – October 20, 2019
SERMON: “The Spirit of Adoption”
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 8:12-17

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 6, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>\$6,426.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>\$7,746.37</u>
	Amount received for General Fund only		\$14,172.37

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 10/13/19

WELCOME VISITORS!! We are happy that you are with us. Our purpose is to share Christ through our ministries. Please sign the visitors' card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. Nursery is offered during our 10:30 worship service for children ages three or younger. KINGDOM KIDS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is available for children ages 4-7. They will be dismissed during the 10:30 service “Children's Song”.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All of our homebound members and also prayers of healing for:

Amy Weigelt – daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt	Marijane Schappell – sister of Carol Weigelt		
Kaylee Richard	Shirley Titus	Mike Jacobs	Joan Jacobs
Pat Fieger	Laine Eberly	Steve Loewen	Alice Spotts
Lee Curley	Henry Weaver	Kurt Weaver	

*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them.
 (New names added to the list appear in dark print)

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in memory of my husband Phil, by Judy Price.

SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE - Shirley remains stable. She is still having some screaming fits that we're unsure of the source - whether seizure activity or some imbalances in her brain causing emotional distress. She's a very finicky baby so it's hard to know for sure. We do see her getting stronger, rolling over more, playing and engaging more. Her head control is still poor, but she has started to eat purees which has been a breath of fresh air for Faith who has been exclusively nursing her for the last 10+ months. We as a family are exhausted. Pray for the Lord to continue to strengthen and sustain us.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES and LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from our ushers as you enter the sanctuary.

SCENT-FREE SEATING - For those with sensitivity to scents, seating has been designated in the southwestern section of the balcony. Please be respectful of those who have a medical reaction to scents and fragrances.

OVERFLOW PARKING is available behind Beck's Funeral Home.

Church Activities

ST. STEPHEN CHOIR is looking for more singers and we know you are out there! It is a great time to give the Choir Ministry a trial run for the Christmas season as it is fast approaching. If you love to sing and would like to see if the Choir Ministry is for you, please come and join us on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 7:45 pm in the sanctuary.

FIFTH WEDNESDAY - Please join us for St. Stephen's "Fifth Wednesday Fellowship" meal, to be held [Wednesday, October 30, 2019](#) at New Holland Fire Hall, [339 East Main Street, from 6:00-8:00 pm](#). Come enjoy a delicious catered meal while learning to know your church family better! Donations will be accepted at the door that evening but please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex by [Sunday, October 20](#). You may also indicate if you need a gluten free option. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW HOLLAND CLOTHING BANK - October is the time to donate your clean, gently used coats and jackets to the New Holland clothing bank. There is a box located in the narthex to place your donations. Thanks for caring and sharing. The Outreach Committee

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: National Collection Week (Nov. 18–25) is fast approaching for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! We will be passing out shoeboxes starting the first week in October, to be filled with items to send all over the world to children that might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Every village that delivers shoeboxes also teaches the children about Jesus and His love for them. If you can't get out to purchase items for a shoebox, you can donate money to ship one. The cost this year is again \$9.00 per box. I have purchased 100 boxes. Please help me to fill them! If you have any questions, please feel free to call (484-459-4884), email me (djwimer@aol.com) or see me at the OCC table in the lobby. In Christ, Joy Wimer

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER - St. Stephen will again offer a FREE Community Thanksgiving Day meal for residents in the Eastern Lancaster County area. Monetary contributions are welcome which will be helpful in providing for this meal. Designated envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate. If using your weekly church offering envelope, please be sure to specify "Thanksgiving Dinner" on the envelope. Additional information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cathy Eby at 717-354-7783.

Our church has the opportunity for the 2019/2020 school year to continue our involvement to provide a hot meal once a month for the youth at CrossNet Ministries here in New Holland. Their youth center is located on Franklin St. where the youth fellowship in the Word of God, have an evening meal and play games. We have two committees alternating each month to make the meals, deliver and serve to the youth at CrossNet. If you would like to contribute to this ministry with a monetary donation towards the food there is a receptacle on the table in the narthex labeled CrossNet Meals.

Several churches in New Holland help provide these evening meals and St Stephen is proud to continue being part of this ministry. Thank you.

HUNGRY? – There are quarts of chicken corn noodle soup and ox roast beef available in the freezers for \$5 each. Put your payment in the cash box on top of the freezer.

THANK YOU – We would like to thank everyone for their help with the St Stephen Ox Roast and Soup stand at the New Holland Fair this year. This would include the chicken corn noodle and ham and bean soup makers, meat preparation, help at the stand, dishwashers, trailer cleaners and all other work involved with the stand. Thank you to the volunteers that helped after church Sunday to clean out the food trailer and prepare the leftover meat and soup for freezing, washing containers and just odds and ends that needed attention. We couldn't do it without all of your help. Thank you for supporting our stand by purchasing food and drink. Thanks to all of you, our farm show week was a great success.

Paula Houck and Tom Weaver

**THE PURPOSE OF ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH,
"THE BEACON ON THE HILL"
IS**

TO KNOW Jesus, the light of the world,

John 8:12 "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"

TO GROW together as His followers, and

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

TO SHOW His light to the world.

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."