

ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/04/18

*WELCOME GUESTS!! 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 4-8. 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:

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| Lee Curley | Laine Eberly | Chris Bechtel | Lou Ann Miller |
| Barb Carey | Dick Martin | Ed Smith | Bruce Hudson |
| Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughter | Joe Linton – brother-in-law of Ken & Deb Strubel | | |

*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them. They will remain for three weeks unless other instructions are requested. (New names added to the list appear in dark print)

TABLETALK – The February edition of *TableTalk* has arrived and is available at the *Welcome Center*.

FREE BIBLE and CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE - We are offering a free copy of the English Standard Version Bible (the one we use in our pews) to anyone who would like one. Also, there is a Children's Bible for families with children under 12. One per family, please. We are excited that this will be the curriculum for Kingdom Kids. Please stop at the Welcome Center on your way out and they will provide you with a copy.

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in loving memory of Merle Diffenderffer, in remembrance of his birthday, Feb. 3, by this daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Ernest Orr.

DIRECTORY UPDATE Please make note of the new phone number for Faith Titus: 717-408-5220.

Church Activities

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER. Use the insert in your bulletin to sign up for a Fun Fellowship Event. Choose either Friday, February 23 or Saturday, February 24. Be sure to drop your completed form in the special basket in the narthex.

BUS TRIP - 2018 is upon us so we're not wasting any time. One of two St Stephen bus trips has been scheduled for Thursday, April 19th to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. The cost is \$123 to include: motor coach transportation, lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill and museum admission. Fliers and sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Cheryl Weaver. This trip has the potential to fill up quickly so it is open to church attendee's first.

VALENTINE'S FOR VETERANS - St. Stephen is excited to realize that Valentine's Day is fast approaching when we will be remembering our veterans at the Lebanon and the Coatesville VA Hospitals. Please help by providing one or more cards which may be purchased or are homemade; signed or left blank. Place cards on the table in the church by February 11. Thank You!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE EBERLY FAMILY. If you wish to make a monetary donation to Ben and Lea during this time we encourage you to donate to the *St. Stephen Samaritan Fund*, designating it for the Eberly family. They are appreciative of our church's support and prayers. Please note that Ben and Lea Eberly's email address is bleberly814@gmail.com.

PIANOS – There are three pianos in the church which are available to anyone in the congregation (two in Upper Bachman and one in Lower Bachman Hall). If you have any interest, please contact the church office.

Community Activities

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: Try to remember this ongoing ministry we all can take part in. Bins for donations are located in the narthex and breezeway. Monetary donations are also welcome via your offering envelope – remember to indicate *Food Bank* on your gift.

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**
 Youth Group WILL NOT meet tonight

Monday **6:30 pm** **Women's Bible Study**
 7:00 pm **Women's Steering Committee Meeting**
 at Ruth Pankuch's house

Tuesday **9:30 am** **Women's Bible Study**
 7:00 pm **Property Committee Meeting**

Wednesday **6:30 pm** **Bell Rehearsal**

Thursday **6:45 pm** **Choir Practice**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday *02/11* *6:00 pm* *Youth Group*
Wednesday *02/14* *7:00 pm* *Finance Committee Meeting*
Thursday *02/15* *6:45 pm* *Choir Practice*
Fri.-Sun. *02/16-18* *Youth Retreat*

NEXT SUNDAY – February 11, 2018

SERMON: "Good Stewardship"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: Luke 19:11-27

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JANUARY 28, 2018

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| Attendance: | Early Service | 86 | \$4,147.00 |
| | Late Service | 176 | \$5,908.00 |
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Amount received for General Fund only \$10,055.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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Church Office Email: ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net
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ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 4, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich” (BWV 609)
“Herzliebster Jesu”

J. S. Bach
J. Brahms

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:1-4*)

ONE: I will extol you, my God and King,

ALL: And bless your name forever and ever.

ONE: Every day I will bless you,

ALL: And praise your name forever and ever.

ONE: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

ALL: And his greatness is unsearchable.

ONE: One generation shall commend your works to another,

ALL: And shall declare your mighty acts.

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord”

Hymn #16

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need. In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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”

Glorify 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.**

*APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.**

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MUSICAL OFFERING

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arr. P. Bilhorn

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:1-10

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SERMON

“The Seeking Savior”

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”
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*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
**O God of all bounty, from your hand we have freely received.
Accept these offerings as expressions of our thanks.
Lovingly remember those who have given, enrich the lives of those for
whom these gifts are intended, and use these gifts to promote goodwill and
to bring your kingdom, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN "Isaiah 53:5-6 " Sacks/insert

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

RECEIVING AND SHARING THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN "Amazing Grace" Hymn #460

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Jubilate" Wm. Mathias

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Timothy Witmer

Assistant Pastor: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

Elders: John Garner, Richard Miller

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Organist Emeritus: A.J. Young

Organist and Choirmaster: Douglas Wimer

Music Leader: Rev. Dr. Stuart Sacks

Children's Ministry Director: Faith Titus

Ushers: Dick & Cathy Eby

Greeters: Skip & Sue Beiler

Altar Guild: Karen Bates

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Sexton: Jill Wilson

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THE SEEKING SAVIOR”
Luke 19:1-10
“FOOD FOR THOUGHT” (Feb 5- Feb 10)

Monday: Read Luke 19:1-10 Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What was most helpful to you about yesterday’s sermon? _____
What difference will it make in your life? _____

Tuesday: Read Luke 19:1-4 What do you think interested Zacchaeus about Jesus?

Reflect on the lack of self-consciousness in Zacchaeus’ climb up the sycamore tree. How did you first express your interest in the gospel? _____

Wednesday: Read Luke 19:5-6 Reflect on the grace and mercy of Jesus in his words to Zacchaeus. _____

What was Zacchaeus’ reaction to Jesus’ words? _____

Do you remember the joy when you heard the call of Jesus? _____

Thursday: Read Luke 19:8 What is the evidence of Zacchaeus’ repentance?

What was the *initial* evidence of your repentance? _____

What is the *ongoing* evidence of your repentance? _____

Friday: Read Luke 19:9-10 Imagine how Zacchaeus felt when he heard these words. What does Jesus mean when he declares that Zacchaeus is a “son of Abraham? (See Romans 4:16) _____

What does Jesus say about the purpose of his coming in verse 10?

Saturday: Read Luke 19:11-27 in preparation for tomorrow’s service. Write down observations or questions that you might have. _____

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GATHERING “How Deep the Father’s Love” Townend/insert

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CHILDREN’S SONG (Children ages 4-8 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,
He forgave my sin and He saved my soul,
He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me.

Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,
Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary.
He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,
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