

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 11, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING “Lead Me, Lord” Hymn #727

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 145:9-12*)

ONE: The LORD is good to all,

ALL: And his mercy is over all that he has made.

ONE: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

ALL: And all your saints shall bless you!

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ALL: And tell of your power,

ONE: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

ALL: And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

*OPENING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Hymn #167

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Isaiah 55:6-7*)

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, you have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way, and rejected your will for our lives. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.**

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,
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He forgave my sins and He saved my soul,
He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,
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Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,
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He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,
He will cleanse their hearts, He will make them whole,
Go; and tell the story of the Christ of Calvary.

MUSICAL OFFERING “Lord, for They Tender Mercy’s Sake” attr. R. Farrant
St. Stephen Choir

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:11-27 page #878

SERMON “Good Stewardship” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “What a Friend!” E. L. Diemer

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, you have done great things for us, and holy is your name.
Bless all we offer you— ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that
through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for
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Administrative Assistant: Anita Witmer

*CLOSING HYMN "We Give Thee but Thine Own" Hymn #432

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE Fugue in G ("The Jig") J. S. Bach

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

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Organist and Choirmaster: Douglas Wimer

Music Leader: Rev. Dr. Stuart Sacks

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Ushers: Ernie Orr, Bruce Gingrich, Jean Martin, Pete Mathers

Greeters: Jim & Sylvia Gerber

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ORGAN PRELUDE

“Jesu, Meine Freude” (BWV 610)
“Once Again My Heart Rejoices”

J. S. Bach
D. Cherwien

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

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ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.

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“GOOD STEWARDSHIP”
Luke 19:11-27
“FOOD FOR THOUGHT” (Feb 12 – Feb 17)

Monday: Read Luke 19:11-27 Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What was most helpful to you? _____
What difference will it make in your life? _____

Tuesday: Read Luke 19:11 According to verse 11, when did Jesus teach this parable? _____

What connection do you see between the Zacchaeus story and this parable?

Wednesday: Read Luke 19:11-12 Why did Jesus tell this parable?
To what was He responding? _____

Who is the nobleman in the story? _____
What is the answer to the question about His “immediate” return?

Thursday: Read Luke 19:13-14 Who are the “servants” in the parable?

Who are the “citizens” who don’t want the nobleman? _____

Who are their equivalents today? _____

Friday: Read Luke 19:15-21 What does the Lord expect the servants to do with the minas? _____
What are our “minas?” _____
What is the difference between stewardship and ownership? _____

Take a few moments and assess how you are doing in the stewardship of what the Lord has entrusted to you.

Saturday: Read Luke 19:28-48 in preparation for tomorrow’s service. Write down observations or questions that you might have. _____

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

Life Groups Week

Today 8:15 am Early Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
6:30 pm Youth Group

Wednesday 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Fri. - Sun. Youth Retreat

FUTURE EVENTS...

Monday 02/19 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 02/20 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 02/21 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
Thursday 02/22 6:45 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Session Meeting
Friday 02/23 6:00 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Saturday 02/24 5:00 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

NEXT SUNDAY – February 18, 2018

SERMON: "Triumph and Tragedy"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: Luke 19:28-48

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Attendance:	Early Service	72	\$4,277.00
	Late Service	202	\$7,752.03

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,029.03

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/11/18

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:

Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Chris Bechtel	Barb Carey
	Dick Martin	Ed Smith	Bruce Hudson

Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' Joe Linton – brother-in-law of Ken & daughter
 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* 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 my husband Mel, by Ruth Pankuch.

LIFE GROUPS WEEK: Just a reminder, *Life Groups* meet this week on the day as normally scheduled for your group.

Church Activities

NEW OFFICERS:

We give thanks for our new officers ordained/installed today:

Josh Irvine, Elder

Mike Ressler, Elder

Tom Frankhouser, Deacon

Chuck Kidhardt, Deacon

Please be praying for all of our officers and pastors as they shepherd our flock.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER. Use the insert in your bulletin to sign up for this 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.

ST. STEPHEN "SECURITY TEAM" - Due to recent random incidents of violence across our nation, the Session of St. Stephen has approved a proposal by Frank Field to establish a Security Team. Frank is a retired Police Detective and is well qualified to lead this effort. If you are interested in being considered for the Security Team, please contact Frank at **848-333-9291**. Participation in the team will **require some training** to provide security for **church services** and **other church events**. Team members will need to be **qualified** to carry out their duties. The Security Team will first meet to establish the needs of the Church and the qualifications needed for all Security Team members.

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.

VALENTINE'S FOR VETERANS - St. Stephen is excited to realize that Valentine's Day is Wednesday this week, when we will be remembering our veterans at the Lebanon and the Coatesville VA Hospitals. Today is the last day to provide one or more cards (either purchased or homemade; signed or left blank). Place cards on the table in the church narthex. Thank You!

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

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.

Community Activities

HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL PLAY - Come out to see St. Stephen student *Jordis Patterson* in the HMS production of *Anne of Green Gables* Friday, February 23 (5:30 p.m. dinner theater) & Saturday, February 24 (2 p.m. & 7 p.m.). *Jordis Patterson* will play Mrs. Allen. Reservations recommended by February 20 for dinner theater (\$15 adults/\$10 age 4-grade 8). Saturday tickets available at the door-\$6. For tickets or more info: www.hmsk8.org or call 354-7100.

CROSSNET MINISTRIES – Thank you for your donation to the Food Pantry of 553 pounds of food in November and December, making a total of 1,965 pounds in 2017. We are blessed by your support. Your donation directly benefits individuals and families who live in the ELANCO community. These resources make sure that people living in our community do not go hungry, are assisted in times of crisis and/or supplement their income.

Sincerely,

Meredith Dahl, Executive Director

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.