

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
June 30, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag” (BWV 629) J.S. Bach
(Here Shining is the Splendid Day)
“Bist du bei mir” J.S. Bach
(Be Thou with Us)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Adapted from Psalm 103:19-22)*

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ALL: And his kingdom rules over all.
ONE: Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
ALL: You mighty ones who do his word,
ONE: Bless the LORD, all his hosts, who do his will!
**ALL: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless
the LORD, O my soul!**

*OPENING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” Hymn #98

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ. As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We repent and we are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 “People Need the Lord” Barbara Witmer

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 27 Page #21

SERMON “Deceived!” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “O Lord God, Thy Holy Word” J. Walther

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
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Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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Administrative Assistant: Anita Witmer

*CLOSING HYMN

“Be Still, My Soul”

Hymn #689

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*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Hymn #646

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

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
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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**
Tuesday 7:00 pm **Property Committee Meeting**
 7:00 pm **Global Outreach Meeting**
Wednesday 2:30 pm **T.E.A.M.**
 6:30 pm **T.E.A.M.**
Thursday **July 4th Holiday – Office Closed**
Saturday 7:30 am **Men's Breakfast at Yoder's**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 07/07 **Communion**
 6:00 pm **Youth Group Movie Night**
Wednesday 07/10 7:00 pm **Finance Committee Meeting**
Saturday 07/13 8:30 am **Ladies' Breakfast at Yoder's**
Mon-Fri 07/22-26 9:00-Noon **Summer Kids Camp**
Wednesday 07/31 6:00 pm **Fifth Wednesday Fellowship Meal**

NEXT SUNDAY – July 7, 2019
SERMON: "The Heavenly Ladder"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Genesis 28

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JUNE 23, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	76	\$2,717.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	157	\$7,454.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$10,171.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 06/30/19

*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:

Kaylee Richard	Joanne Spotts-daughter-in-law of Alice Spotts	Ernie Orr
Barb Carey	Laine Eberly	Bill Snyder, Sr.
Evelyn Griffith	Carolyn Martin	Shirley Titus
Lee Curley	Pat Fieger	Henry Weaver
		Barb Slothower
		Darlene Stauffer
		Jean Martin
		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 honor of the Luek family by Zenaida Uy.

To my Church Family, Many thanks go out to everyone for all their prayers, cards, visits, and many acts of kindness. Your support has been a great help to my family and me as we go through this most difficult time of grief and despair. We can't thank you all enough for your kindness. Most sincerely, from the bottom of our hearts, Fran Seiple and family.

Grace Kratz, step-mother of Marilyn Eby passed last week. Please keep Marilyn, Jack and their family in your prayers during this time.

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

SUMMER KIDS CAMP – Do you love children? Do you want them to know Jesus personally? *The King is Coming* themed camp is scheduled for July 22-26, 9 am until noon. Camp volunteers are needed to help with decorations, publicity, registration, group leaders who walk with the children from one activity to another, help them to make crafts, sing songs, lead games, learn Bible verses, provide snacks or help serve lunch on Friday. We need you! Sign-up in the narthex or contact Linda Cochran at lindacochran99@gmail.com or 361.944.7871.

REGISTRATION for Summer Kids Camp is open and can be done online at ststephenpca.org. Go to *Ministries, Children's Ministry* and then *Register Here*.

TODAY, JUNE 30, IS THE LAST DAY FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS: According to our bylaws there is to be a set period of time each year when voting members can submit nominations to the Session for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Your Elders have determined to receive nominations between June 1 and June 30, 2019. In order to make a nomination you will need to read and follow the procedure indicated in the document **PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS** which is available in the Narthex. Please use the OFFICER NOMINATION FORM to submit your nomination to a current elder or to the church office. Nomination form must be signed by you and by the person you are nominating. Nomination is the *beginning* of the qualifying process and does not guarantee that the individual will become an officer. Please be in prayer for the Lord's guidance throughout the process.

LADIES' BREAKFAST on Saturday, July 13th at Yoder's Restaurant at 8:30 am. Sandy Hodges, retired missionary to the country of Chad for over 42 years, will be the guest speaker.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Please join us for the second St. Stephen's "Fifth Wednesday Fellowship" meal to be held Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at New Holland Fire Hall, 339 East Main Street, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come enjoy a delicious catered meal from Yoder's 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, July 21. You may also indicate if you need a gluten free option. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, August 24 for the Annual Church Picnic to be held at Terre Hill Community Park. More information will be forthcoming closer to the event.

Ark Encounter/Creation Museum: This was a great trip and a great group of people on our coach. Our journey began with the Creation Museum, a history of the beginning of all things. To see the Ark for the first time was awe-inspiring. It brought the scriptures of Noah and the Ark to life. The attention to detail in both the museum and ark was outstanding. The Private Riverboat Dinner Cruise was lots of fun with excellent entertainment. Dinner at the historic Washington Platform was delicious and music by the Wild Carrots was enjoyable. A big Thank You to Pastor Tim, Pastor Nathaniel and Dr Sacks for each of you providing me with prayers to begin our days on the trip. It was just special and made us feel that you all were a part of this adventure.

Did You lose an earring? The bus driver on the Ark trip found a silver earring with a blue stone when checking the empty coach. The earring will be in the church office.

FROZEN SOUP is available for you to share with those who are ill, those who are shut-in or just someone that needs a caring touch. ***We now have gluten free Chicken Rice soup available as well.*** Brighten your friends or neighbor's day.

Community Activities

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. 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.