

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
July 7, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn” (BWV 630) J.S. Bach
(God’s Son Triumphs Today)
“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present” J.G. Walther

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 105:1-5)

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ONE: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

ALL: Tell of all his wondrous works!

ONE: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

ALL: Let us seek the LORD and his strength; let us seek his presence continually!

*OPENING HYMN “God of Our Fathers” Hymn #710

*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Let us admit our brokenness to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us. Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus 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”

**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.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

New City Catechism Question 17

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SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28

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SERMON

“Under Pressure” Part 2
(Stairway to Heaven)

Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

R. Lau

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

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*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Most merciful and gracious God, whose bounty we have received, we ask you to accept this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. And so add to it your blessing that it may advance the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“The Power of the Cross”

Praise Book #30

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Greeters: Brian & Ruth Frankhouser

Ushers: Gene & Viki Eberly

Altar Guild: Mary Beth O'Donnell

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Speak, O Lord”

Praise Book #28

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

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He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 07/07/19

*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".*

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
6:00 pm Youth Movie Night
Wednesday 7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg Cancelled
Saturday 7:30 am Ladies' Breakfast at Yoder's

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 07/14 Communion
Mon-Fri 07/22-26 9:00-Noon Summer Kids Camp
Wednesday 07/31 6:00 pm Fifth Wednesday Fellowship Meal

NEXT SUNDAY – July 14, 2019

SERMON: "True Love"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Genesis 29

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JUNE 30, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	89	\$4,104.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	164	\$5,736.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$9,840.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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Website address: ststephenpca.org

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Kaylee Richard	Joanne Spotts – daughter-in-law of Alice & Bob Spotts	Ernie Orr
Barb Carey	Laine Eberly	Bill Snyder, Sr. Barbara Slothower
Pat Fieger	Carolyn Martin	Shirley Titus Jean Martin
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 both our parents by Joyce and Bill Snyder.

Dear St. Stephen Friends, thanks for all the cards, prayers, concerns and visits following my knee replacement surgery. It was my 16th surgery, but the first one when my pastor came to the hospital to send me off to surgery with a prayer. Thank you, Pastor Tim. It has been a real blessing to know I so many friends. Jean Martin

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

PLEASE NOTE: The Finance Committee meeting for July has been cancelled.

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*.

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.

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.