

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
January 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

“Puer natus in Bethlehem” (BWV 603) J.S. Bach
(Born for us in Bethlehem)
Air from Concerto Grosso #12 G. F. Handel

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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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.**

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 1:1-7 Page #939

SERMON “The Foundation of Everything” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous Lord, source of all goodness and blessing, your ear is always open to our needs. When we cry to you, you are faithful and provide for us. With joy we bring our offerings returning to you from our abundance. All that we give, we dedicate to your glory. All that we keep, we commit to your care, for we are only stewards of your bounty. Amen.

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*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE “Festival Toccata” P. Fletcher

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)

“Across the Lands”

Praise Book #2

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

God is the master builder. He is building me.

He builds with stuff that comes from heaven tools we cannot see.

He hammers in truths (knock, knock, knock), so we'll be honest.

He saws away (szu, szu, szu), what is not good.

He pours cement, for a strong foundation.

He builds in love, He fills in peace, and He decorates with joy. REPEAT

MUSICAL OFFERING

“May the Mind of Christ”

Barham/Gould

Bob Stratton

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 1:1-7

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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**
 6:00 pm **Youth Group**
Monday **6:30 pm** **Women's Bible Study**
Tuesday **9:30 am** **Women's Bible Study**
Wednesday **6:30 pm** **Bell Rehearsal**
 7:00 pm **Officer's Meeting**
Thursday **6:45 pm** **Choir Practice**

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday *01/20/19* *6:00 pm* *Youth Group*
Thursday *01/24/19* *6:00 pm* *CrossNet Meal Group*
 6:45 pm *Choir Practice*
Sunday *01/27/19* *3:00 pm* *Annual Congregational Meeting*

NEXT SUNDAY – January 20, 2019
SERMON: "A Fruitful Partnership"
By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper
Scripture: Romans 1:8-15

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JANUARY 6, 2019

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| Attendance: <u>Early Service</u> | 79 | \$5,063.00 |
| <u>Late Service</u> | 180 | \$7,810.75 |

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,873.75

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
 Telephone 717-354-7871 Fax 717-355-2565
 Church Office Email: ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net
 Website address: ststephenpca.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS 01/13/19

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:

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| Lee Curley | Laine Eberly | Thelma (Tiny) Buch |
| Carolyn Martin | Barb Carey | Evelyn Griffith |
| Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughter | Harold Good – brother of Hazel Weaver | |
| Pat Fieger – son-in-law of the McAbees | Kathy Gregg – friend of Ruth Frankhouser | |
| | Tara Emig – Bill & Fran Seiple's daughter | |

*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 loved ones by Sally & Warren Shirk.

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

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the narthex. Please be sure to pick up your box. If you don't have envelopes but would like to, please inform the church office and some will be prepared for you.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 27 at 3:00 PM. Hence annual reports are due to the church office no later than Sunday, January 13.

TREE OF WARMTH - Because of your generosity, 16 scarves, 36 pairs of gloves, 34 pairs of socks, 52 hats, 22 hat and glove sets, 1 scarf & glove set, 2 pairs of ear warmers, and 15 pairs of mittens will be distributed to local needy families. Thanks again for caring and sharing - *Outreach Committee*.

A CHILI COOK-OFF & GAME NIGHT are schedule for Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 6 pm. Cooks however, need to arrive at 5 pm with a crock pot of already heated chili. We need 12 great cooks to enter their prize-winning chili recipe in a 5-6 qt crock pot, we are not asking for your secret recipe but we must have a list of your ingredients. We also need 9 people to bake corn bread in a 9x13 inch pan. A panel of 4 judges will also be needed. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded for the best chili ever! Two sign-up sheets are in the narthex; one for cooks, judges and corn bread and one for attendees and game participants. Please sign up by Sunday, January 20. Bring your favorite games labeled with your name. Come enjoy the food, fun and fellowship. Any questions should be directed to Barb Witmer at bwit5sings@gmail.com.

BUS TRIP – The bus for the church's trip in June, to the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter, is **full**. However, if you are interested in being on a *waiting list*, should anyone cancel or be unable to go, please call Cheryl Weaver at 717.354.8704.

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: It's a busy time of year for everyone, but try to remember this ongoing ministry. There is currently a need for the following items:

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| Juice | Sugar |
| Canned Fruit | Flour |
| Canned Pasta | Pancake Mix & Syrup |
| Stuffing Mix | Laundry Detergent |
| Ketchup | Dish Detergent |
| Mayonnaise | Toilet Paper |
| Salad Dressing | Paper Towels |
| Mustard | Facial tissues |

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.

Community Activities