

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
September 22, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Wenn wir in hochsten Noten sein” (BWV 641) J. S. Bach
(When in the hour of utmost need)
“Mit Freuden zart” E. Pepping

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Selected Psalm 145*)

ONE: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
ALL: And your dominion endures throughout all generations.
ONE: The LORD is faithful in all his words
ALL: And kind in all his works.
ONE: The LORD upholds all who are falling
ALL: And raises up all who are bowed down.
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*OPENING HYMN “Come, We That Love the Lord” Hymn #700

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 66:16; 18-20*)

The psalmist testifies: “Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!” In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your word says “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.” We confess that we have often feared others rather than you. We have conformed to conditions around us rather than to your Word. We ask that

you would forgive us and renew our reverence for you, in the Name of Jesus, who is wisdom incarnate. 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:13-16 Page #810

SERMON “Showing His Light to the World” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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 Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things, we thank you for all your mercies, and for your loving care over all your creatures. We bless you for the gift of life, for your protection, for your guiding hand upon us, and for the tokens of your love within us. In all these things, O God, make us wise for a right use of your benefits, that we may render an acceptable

thanksgiving unto you all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Hymn #498

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE

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

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“The Church’s One Foundation”

Hymn #347

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

This little light of mine

I’m gonna let it shine

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I’m gonna let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel, NO!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 09/22/19

**THE PURPOSE OF ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH,
"THE BEACON ON THE HILL"
IS**

TO KNOW Jesus, the light of the world,

John 8:12 "Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life.'"

TO GROW together as His followers, and

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

TO SHOW His light to the world.

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."

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 Shirley Titus **Amy Weigelt - daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt**

Pat Fieger Laine Eberly Mike & Joan Jacobs Steve Loewen

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 Emily's brother, Adam, by Emily and Tom Jung.

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you so much for all your prayers and expressions of love for Barbara over these past two years. She went to her Heavenly home on August 18, 2019. Thanks also for you cards, calls and visits. In Christ, Bill Carey.

SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE – Shirley continues to have up and down days. But it seems like she's having more decent days than horrible days. Or at least they feel more balanced. We will soon start weaning one of her meds and we ask you to pray it goes smoothly considering how sensitive Shirley is to even the smallest changes. We don't believe this specific med (she's been on for a while) is helping, but we never know until we try to take it away.

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

BELL CHOIR - Want to serve the Lord through music? We are in need of backup ringers for times when our regular members are unable to ring. If interested, please call Charlene Leaman at 484-678-5460.

FARM SHOW - It's New Holland Farm Show time again. Needed are cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Sprite. No WATER is needed. Place soda in the kitchen and mark it *Farm Show*. Any questions, call Tom Weaver 717-354-8704.

NEW HOLLAND FAIR HELP – Today is the last day to sign-up for work in the Farm Show food stand. After today you can expect to get a phone call from Tom Weaver. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. Any questions, call Tom Weaver 717-354-8704. Signing up for multiple shifts would be appreciated.

CLEAN UP – On Sunday, October 6, volunteers are needed after the second service to clean-out the food trailer and to prepare the leftover meat and soup for freezing.

Church Bus Trip Payment: St Stephen Reformed Church Bus Trip to Old Swedes Historic Site and Historic New Castle DE. Just a reminder that final payment and registration are due today, Sept 22nd. We still have seats available on the coach. Any questions, call Cheryl Weaver at 717-354-8704.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: National Collection Week (Nov. 18–25) is fast approaching for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child! We will be passing out shoeboxes starting the first week in October, to be filled with items to send all over the world to children that might not otherwise receive a Christmas gift. Every village that delivers shoeboxes also teaches the children about Jesus and His love for them. If you can't get out to purchase items for a shoebox, you can donate money to ship one. The cost this year is again \$9.00 per box. I have purchased 100 boxes. Please help me to fill them! If you have any questions, please feel free to call (484-459-4884), email me (djwimer@aol.com) or see me at the OCC table in the lobby. In Christ, Joy Wimer

FOUND in the parking lot last Sunday, a clip-on gold earring. It can be claimed at the Welcome Desk.

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
Tuesday	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	6:00 pm	CrossNet Meal Group
	6:45 pm	Choir Practice

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday	09/29	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	10/01	7:00 pm	Property Committee Meeting
		7:00 pm	Global Outreach Meeting
Wed – Sat			Farm Show Stand
Thursday	10/03	6:45 pm	Choir Practice
Saturday	10/05	7:30 am	Men's Breakfast at Yoder's

NEXT SUNDAY – September 29, 2019

By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>\$3,791.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>\$3,908.00</u>

Amount received for General Fund only \$7,699.00

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

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