ST. STEPHEN REFORMED 249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557 October 28, 2018 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand When the prelude begins please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship.

ORGAN PRELUDE

| "Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter" (BWV 650) (Comest thou now, Jesus, from heaven above) | J.S. Bach |
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| "The Saints' Delight" | arr. D. Wood |
| WELCOME | Dr. Timothy Witmer |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP <i>(From Psalm 46)</i> ONE: God is our refuge and strength, ALL: A very present help in trouble. | |

ONE: Therefore we will not fear,

- ALL: Though the earth should change
- ONE: And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;
- ALL: Though its waters roar and foam,
- ONE: Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride.
- ALL: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
- ONE: The holy dwelling places of the Most High.
- ALL: God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved
- ONE: I will be exalted among the nations,
- ALL: I will be exalted in the earth."
- ONE: The Lord of hosts is with us;
- ALL: The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

| *OPENING HYMN | "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" | Hymn #92 |
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| *INVOCATION | | Nathaniel Stamper |

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us humbly confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your name's sake, be gracious unto us and forgive our sins. 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

| MUSICAL OFFERING | "O How Amiable" St. Stephen Choir | R. Vaughan Williams | | | |
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| SCRIPTURE READING | Proverbs 3:5-8 | Page #528 | | | |
| SERMON | Dr. Timothy Witmer | | | | |
| PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors) | | | | | |
| INVITATION TO THE OFFERING | | | | | |
| OFFERTORY " | What God Ordains is Always Right" | J. Pachelbel | | | |
| *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 God of our salvation, we praise you, for you give us every good gift. You speak peace to our hearts. By your power, steadfast love and faithfulness meet. May we live in gratitude for our reconciliation with you through Jesus Christ. We dedicate these gifts and ours to your service in His name. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Hymn #598

*BENEDICTION (Pastor)

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*POSTLUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" D. Hustad

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

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

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

| Today | 8:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm | Early Wo Sunday S Worship Youth Gi | School Service | |
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| Tuesdaı | j g |):30 am | | ı's Bible Study Fellowship 2 at Edie Richard's |
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| Tuesday | 11/06 | | 0 am | Women's Bible Study |
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| Wednesd | ay 11/07 | 6:3 | o pm | Bell Rehearsal |
| | | - | o pm | Outreach Night |
| Thursday | j 11/08 | 10:00 am | | each Committee Meeting |
| Saturday | 11/10 | 6:45 pm 8:30 am | | r Practice es Breakfast at Yoder's |

NEXT SUNDAY – November 4, 2018 SERMON: "Think Before You Talk!" By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR OCTOBER 21, 2018

| Attendance: | Early Service | 114 | \$3,825.00 |
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| | Late Service | 193 | \$4,453.00 |

Amount received for General Fund only \$8,278.00

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 10/28/18

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:

| Lee Curley | Laine Eberly | Thelma (Tiny) Buch | n Barb Carey | |
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| Carolyn Martin | | Vicky Stanley | Gary & Deb Gnagey | |
| Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughterHenry Weaver – brother of George Weaver | | | | |
| Anne Sensenig - niece of Joanne Kathy Gregg – friend of Ruth Frankhou Mellinger | | | iend of Ruth Frankhouser | |
| *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 Tom's parents by Emily and Tom Jung.

MANY THANKS to one and all for the cards, calls, visits and prayers. It's great to be a part of such a special family. Bless you all, Dot Koble.

TIME CHANGE - Next Sunday, November 4 is the end of Daylight Savings Time. Make sure to set your clocks **BACK** 1-hour Saturday night.

TABLETALK - The November issue has arrived is available at the Welcome Center.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES 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.

FREE BIBLE, Adults and Children - 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 Storybook Bible for families with children under 12 (one per family, please). Please stop at the Welcome Center on your way out and they will provide you with a copy.

Church Activities

TEAM (Together Experiencing A Ministry) is coming on Wednesday, November 7. If you would like to be part of our visitation outreach to shut-ins and new friends, please join us on Wednesday, November 7. There will be two opportunities: 2:00-4:00 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM. In addition to the visitation teams there will also be a prayer team. Please contact the church office if you would like to take part in this new ministry.Ordinarily, this ministry will meet the first Wednesday of each month.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY volunteers are needed for January through April. If you are interested in serving, please contact Faith at 717-408-5220 or <u>ftitus@ststephenpca.org</u>. We will especially have a need for nursery volunteers during the Sunday School and Second Service hours.

25th ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER. St. Stephen will again offer a FREE Community Thanksgiving Day meal for residents in the Eastern Lancaster County area. Monetary contributions are welcome which will be helpful in providing for this meal. Designated envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate. If using your weekly church offering envelope, please be sure to specify "Thanksgiving Dinner" on the envelope. Additional information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cathy Eby at 717-354-7783.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – "It's that time again, to start collecting goodies to fill your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You can stop by the church lobby to pick up your shoe boxes! The cost for shipping shoe boxes is \$9, which should either be affixed to the top of your box or placed in the Donation box. **DO NOT** put your shipping money in the shoebox. National Collection Week is **November 12**. No candy or toothpaste please! We filled over 100 shoe boxes last

year, let's see if we can top that this year. Be sure to share with friends so they can pack shoe boxes, too!" For more information, you can email Joy Wimer at <u>djwimer@aol.com</u> or go to <u>https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-</u> <u>do/operation-christmas-child/</u>

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST: All women and teenage daughters are invited to a breakfast at Yoder's Restaurant on Saturday, November 10 from 8:30-9:30 am. Edie Richard will share an inspirational testimony. You are welcome to order off the menu or to enjoy the buffet. If you are planning to attend, please bring an item from the suggested list to encourage our college student, Becky Snyder, and our members in the service. Suggested items include the following: cards of encouragement, Gluten free (Kind brand) pretzels, crackers, granola bars, Star Bucks Gift Card for Becky and homemade baked goodies, nonperishable snacks in cans or jars to prevent crushing (e.g., beef jerky, tuna, trail mix, Pringles, candy , cookies and crackers), necessities (e.g., small containers of shampoo, body wash, baby wipes, deodorant, sunscreen, toothpaste, lip balm, foot powder, throat lozenges, batteries), books, magazines, crossword puzzles, new ear buds, DVDs or iTunes gift cards, pens, notepads, stationary, envelopes, homemade artwork from the kids for our service members.

OCTOBER CLOTHING BANK - October is the time to donate your clean, gently used coats and jackets, all sizes for the clothing bank here in New Holland. There is a box in the narthex for your convenience. Thank you for caring and sharing in this ministry for our community. The Outreach Committee

SOUP - There are still quarts of chicken corn noodle soup available for \$5 per quart, in the freezer. Please put your money (cash or check) in the cash box.

JUNE 2019 BUS TRIP – for those who have not received the email, there are packets of information in the narthex regarding this trip to determine interest. Please pick-up one and review to determine if you'd like to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. Questions should be directed to Cheryl Weaver (717.354.8704).