

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

*THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...*

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Early Worship Service</b>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Outreach Committee</b>
<b>Meeting</b>		
	<b>6:45 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Super Game Night</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast at</b>
<b>Yoder's</b>		

*FUTURE EVENTS...*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>Communion</i>
		<i>6:00 pm Youth Group</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>02/05</i>	<i>6:30 pm Women's Bible Study</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>02/06</i>	<i>9:30 am Women's Bible Study</i>
		<i>7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting</i>
		<i>7:00 pm Women's Steering Committee at</i>
<i>Ruth</i>		<i>Pankuch's house</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>02/07</i>	<i>6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>02/08</i>	<i>6:45 pm Choir Practice</i>

**NEXT SUNDAY – February 4, 2018**  
**SERMON: "The Seeking Savior"**  
**By: Dr. Timothy Witmer**  
**Scripture: Luke 19:1-10**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JANUARY 21, 2018**

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>\$2,934.00</u>
	<u>Late Service</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>\$10,068.00</u>

**Amount received for General Fund only \$13,002.00**

**Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.**  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS 01/28/18**

*WELCOME GUESTS!! 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 4-8. 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	Chris Bechtel	Lou Ann Miller
Barb Carey	Dick Martin	Ed Smith	Bruce Hudson

Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters' daughter      **Joe Linton – brother-in-law of Ken & Deb Strubel**

\*Names appear on this list when we are given permission to print them. They will remain for three weeks unless other instructions are requested. (New names added to the list appear in dark print)

**TABLETALK** – The February edition of *TableTalk* has arrived and is available at the *Welcome Center*.

**FREE BIBLE and CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE** - 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 Bible for families with children under 12. One per family, please. We are excited that this will be the curriculum for Kingdom Kids. Please stop at the Welcome Center on your way out and they will provide you with a copy.

**FLOWERS** this Sunday are given by Ken & Deb Strubel.

the *St. Stephen Samaritan Fund*, designating it for the Eberly family. They are appreciative of our church's support and prayers. Please note that Ben and Lea Eberly's email address is [bleberly814@gmail.com](mailto:bleberly814@gmail.com).

### **Church Activities**

**“SUPER GAME NIGHT”** - In honor of the Olympics, the Women's Ministry is planning a "Super Game Night" for all ages this Friday, February 2nd, 2018 from 6 pm until 9 pm. Deadline for sign-up is today, January 28th.

Everyone is invited - young and old alike! Pizza, veggies and ice cream will be served. Bring your favorite board games or appropriate children's games to play. Older adults take the initiative and invite a young person to play your game, show them how to play and vice versa. Childcare will be provided for infants and young children. Please use the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

**GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER.** Use the insert in your bulletin to sign up for a Fun Fellowship Event. Choose either Friday, February 23 or Saturday, February 24. Be sure to drop your completed form in the special basket in the narthex.

**BUS TRIP** - 2018 is upon us so we're not wasting any time. One of two St Stephen bus trips has been scheduled for Thursday, April 19th to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. The cost is \$123 to include: motor coach transportation, lunch at Old Ebbitt Grill and museum admission. Fliers and sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex. Please make checks payable to Cheryl Weaver. This trip has the potential to fill up quickly so it is open to church attendee's first.

**VALENTINE'S FOR VETERANS** - St. Stephen is excited to realize that Valentine's Day is fast approaching when we will be remembering our veterans at the Lebanon and the Coatesville VA Hospitals. Please help by providing one or more cards which may be purchased or are homemade; signed or left blank. Place cards on the table in the church by February 11. Thank You!

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE EBERLY FAMILY.** If you wish to make a monetary donation to Ben and Lea during this time we encourage you to donate to

### **Community Activities**

**NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK:** Try to remember this ongoing ministry we all can take part in. 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.

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

"Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar" (BWV 607)  
"Prayer"

J. S. Bach  
L. Boellmann

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 138*)

ONE: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

**ALL: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name,**

ONE: For your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

**ALL: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

ONE: On the day I called, you answered me;

**ALL: My strength of soul you increased.**

ONE: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

**ALL: For they have heard the words of your mouth,**

ONE: And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

**ALL: For great is the glory of the LORD,**

ONE: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

**ALL: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

\*OPENING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Hymn #38

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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

**Holy God, we groan at our sinfulness, and we ask forgiveness. Your Word is so clear, and your grace is so good. But we close our ears to your call, and in our pride we fail to appreciate the gifts you have given to us. We mistreat**

**those we love, and we dishonor you, the One who made us. Yet you provide streams of living mercy. You invite us again and again to live renewed lives.**

**So we turn once again to the cross, to the empty cross, to the stone rolled away, to our interceding Lord Jesus Christ seated at your right hand, to the gracious gift of your Spirit. Hear our prayer, O Lord, for we ask it in Christ's name. 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 "Creator God" C. Halmekangas  
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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:31-43 page #878

SERMON "The Blind See" Dr. Timothy Witmer

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(Clair and Charlene Leaman, Vocal Duet)

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**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**

**All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Not What My Hands Have Done"  
Hymn #461

**\*BENEDICTION (Pastor)**

**\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN**

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**\*POSTLUDE** "Toccatà" E. Gigout

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

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PIANO PRELUDE – Please remain seated and join in singing with the Worship Team

GATHERING “There Is A Green Hill Far Away” Hymn #256

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CHILDREN’S SONG (Children ages 4-8 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,  
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He forgave my sin and He saved my soul,  
He cleansed my heart and He made me whole,  
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me.

Go; and tell the story, of the Christ of Calvary,  
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What does the man’s persistence tell you about him? About his faith?  
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