

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
February 18, 2018 – 10:30 A.M.

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

GATHERING “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah” Hymn #110

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and to the Holy Ghost;
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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,
Stop; and let me tell you, what the Lord has done for me,
He forgave my sins 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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He will forgive their sins, He will save their souls,
He will cleanse their hearts, He will make them whole,
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“CHEERS AND TEARS”
Luke 19:28-48
“FOOD FOR THOUGHT” (Feb 19 – Feb 24)

Monday: Read Luke 19:28-48 Review your notes from yesterday’s sermon. What was most helpful to you? _____
What difference will it make in your life? _____

Tuesday: Read Luke 19:28-35 Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on the back of a donkey (See Zechariah 9:9). _____

What does this tell us about His understanding of who He was? _____

What does this tell us about the nature of His Kingdom? _____

Wednesday: Read Luke 19:36-38 What were the crowds doing? _____
What does this tell you about their expectations of Jesus? _____

How does this differ from reality of Jesus’ message about His Kingdom?

Thursday: Read Luke 19:39-40 Why did the Pharisees object to what the people were saying? _____
What does Jesus’ response tell you about His understanding of His identity?

Friday: Read Luke 19:41-44 Take a moment and reflect on the strange sight of Jesus weeping while the people were cheering.

Why was Jesus weeping? _____

Similarly, what opportunity are people missing today? _____

Saturday: Read Luke 20:1-18 in preparation for tomorrow’s service. Write down observations or questions that you might have. _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS 02/18/18

*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	Barb Carey
Dick Martin	Ed Smith	Bruce Hudson	Patrick Mullin - friend of Ryan Eberly
Ellen Peters Wagner – Jane Peters'	Joe Linton – brother-in-law of Ken & daughter	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* 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.

THE WHITE ROSE BUD on the communion table today is in memory of William Gundlah who passed on February 9. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

FLOWERS this Sunday are given by Tom and Donna Frankhouser who will celebrate 25 years of marriage on February 20.

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
Monday 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 9:30 am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm Session Meeting
Friday 6:00 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
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FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 02/25 6:30 pm Youth Group
Thursday 03/01 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 03/03 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's

NEXT SUNDAY – February 25, 2018

SERMON: "An Unhealthy Dose of Skepticism"

By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

Scripture: Luke 20:1-18

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Attendance:	Early Service	95	\$5,049.00
	Late Service	182	\$5,473.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$10,522.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
 Telephone (717) 354-7871 Fax (717) 355-2565
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Church Activities

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER. Today is the last day to sign up for this Fun Fellowship Event. Use the sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex and choose either Friday, February 23 or Saturday, February 24. Be sure to drop your completed form in the special basket.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - "While we are always grateful for donations of toys and supplies for our children's ministry, we want to make sure that we are intentional about everything we bring in to the classrooms and nurseries. If you have a donation, please talk to Faith Titus before purchasing, making anything, or donating something gently used. Again, we are grateful for all that is given, but we desire to be good stewards of what we have, and if we don't have a need for something, we would rather it be donated somewhere else where it can be used and loved. Thank you for your help in this!"

SUMMER KIDS CAMP is right around the Corner! Mark your calendars for July 23rd-27th! If you'd like to serve, contact Faith Titus 717-408-5220. Registration for campers will open April 1st!

ST. STEPHEN "SECURITY TEAM" - Due to recent random incidents of violence across our nation, the Session of St. Stephen has approved a proposal by Frank Field to establish a Security Team. Frank is a retired Police Detective and is well qualified to lead this effort. If you are interested in being considered for the Security Team, please contact Frank at **848-333-9291**. Participation in the team will **require some training** to provide security for **church services** and **other church events**. Team members will need to be **qualified** to carry out their duties. The Security Team will first meet to establish the needs of the Church and the qualifications needed for all Security Team members.

BUS TRIP – There are still some spaces available for the first bus trip of 2018. The trip is 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. Deadline for registration and payment: March 18. Please make checks payable to Cheryl Weaver.

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 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.

Community Activities

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE – You are warmly invited to attend Garden Spot Village's Lenten evening service in their sanctuary. Services begin tonight February 18 at 7:00 pm with Pastor Tim preaching.

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: Continue to remember this ministry either by donating items in the bins located in the narthex and breezeway, or by your monetary donation (via your offering envelope – remember to indicate *Food Bank* on your gift).

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“Christum wir sollen loben schon” (BWV 611)
(We should now praise)
“Tierce en Tailles” (1e Livre d’orgue)
(Melody for the Tenor)

J. S. Bach
P. Dumage

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PRAYER FOR MERCY (Kyrie) “Lord Have Mercy upon Us”

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ONE: Christ, have mercy upon us.
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