

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
March 15, 2020 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Helft mir Gotts Güte preisen" (BWV 613) J.S. Bach
(Help Me Praise God's Goodness)
"Herzliebster Jesu" (Oh, Holy Jesus) J. Brahms

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 57:7b-11 ESV*)

ONE: I will sing and make melody!
ALL: Awake, my glory! Awake, O harp and lyre!
ONE: I will awake the dawn!
ALL: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
ONE: I will sing praises to you among the nations.
ALL: For your steadfast love is great to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
ONE: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
ALL: Let your glory be over all the earth!

*OPENING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" Hymn #441

*INVOCATION

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way: we have sinned, and fallen short of true righteousness. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us. Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Savior. 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 Romans 14:1-12 Page #948

SERMON "Get Over It" Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" D. Hustad

*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

We are not our own; we belong to you. You have created us and given us life anew, O God, our Creator, Savior, and Sustainer. We open our hands to present our offerings to you. We make these gestures to display outwardly our hearts' overflowing gratitude for all your gifts. Receive these gifts from us, O Triune God, and through them bring life and hope to many. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" Hymn #347

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Rondo" J.Bull/R.Ellsasser

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

**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"

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome Center: Lewis & Margie Ingles

Greeters: Brian & Ruth Frankhouser

Ushers: Bill Baldwin & Dennis Weaver

Altar Guild: Sue Beiler

Counting Team: Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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
CANCELLED 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 Officers Meeting
Thursday 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Friday CANCELLED - Game Night
Saturday CANCELLED Ladies Breakfast

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 03/22 6:00 pm Youth Group
Thursday 03/26 6:45 pm Choir Practice
Tuesday 03/31 6:00 pm Fellowship Dinner at Firehall

NEXT SUNDAY – March 22, 2020
SERMON: "A New Unity"
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Romans 15:1-13

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MARCH 8, 2020

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	77	\$4,759.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	167	\$7,746.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,505.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 03/15/2020

*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:

Amy Weigelt - daughter of Bill & Carol Weigelt	Larry Ladley - son-in-law of Bud & Judy See
Lou Ford	Natalie Anderson
Edie Richard	Cindy Sierk
Carol Flora	Stu Sacks
Karen Seiple	Joan Jacobs
Kurt Weaver	Pat Fieger
Shirley Titus	Laine Eberly

*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 her mother, Sara W. Vogler, by Jane Peters.

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.

FREE BIBLE & 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. Please stop at the Welcome Center on your way out and they will provide you with a copy.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

GAME NIGHT has been CANCELLED due to health concerns.

LADIES BREAKFAST has been CANCELLED due to health concerns.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER – The first Fellowship Dinner of 2020 is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 31** at 6:00 pm. Once again, the dinner will be held at the New Holland Fire Hall (339 E Main St). Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex; also, indicate if you require a Gluten-Free meal and if you are able to help set-up and/or tear-down. Deadline to sign-up is Sunday, March 22.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The Outreach Committee is planning a community outreach event on Saturday, June 13. It is called the "Free Market" and it is a Flea Market except everything is free! We are looking for folks to come alongside us to plan and carry out this event. You don't have to join the committee to help us out for this event. Please contact the pastor if you are interested in helping.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Ladies' Tea** will be held in Lower Zwingli on April 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm.

EASTER FLOWERS - Decorating the church at this time of year becomes a church wide celebration of our Lord and Savior. Ordering Easter flowers to decorate the window sills in memory of a loved one or recognition of an event or service is something we have done here for many years. Place the completed order form in your bulletin along with payment in the bag on the table in the narthex. Make your check payable to St Stephen Reformed Church and put "*Easter Flowers*" on the memo line or pay in cash. Due to the lifespan of these special plants please take them home after the service you attend on Easter Sunday, April 12th. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 29th.

Thank you,
The Decorating Committee

SPRING BUS TRIP flyers are on the table in the narthex. Come along, join us on a trip called "Made in America" Sights, Sounds, and Tastes of York County. Wednesday, May 6th on Elite Coach. Price per person: \$118. Note, a \$50.00 deposit is due on registration (checks should be made out to Cheryl Weaver). Any questions call Cheryl Weaver, 717-354-8704.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO BACH - Tom & Cheryl Elliot, who have been guest musicians at St. Stephen's on several occasions, have created a program called, *The Gospel According to Bach*.

This will be presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lancaster on April 5 at 6:30 pm. A freewill offering will be taken. View the poster on the bulletin board or for more information: www.sdgconcerts.wordpress.com.

MESSIAH SING-A-LONG: The 23rd annual sing-a-long will be held Friday, April 17 at 7 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church (located at 2151 Oregon Pike north of Route 30 in Lancaster). Our church's own, Clair Leaman will be conducting this event and Heidi Shannon will be a featured soloist. Anyone is welcome to come and sing or listen. For more details, see the bulletin board or check the web at: www.messiahsingalong.com.

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: The Food Bank is always in need of items, please consider donating. 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