

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
May 19, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

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ORGAN PRELUDE

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(O people, bewail thy grievous sin)
“Air” from Water Music

J.S. Bach

Handel

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, For I know that nothing good dwells in me. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Wretched sinner that I am. Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thank you for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior through whom I have life, victory, and forgiveness, Amen.

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

ONE: Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALL: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “The Gloria Patri”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
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**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
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MUSICAL OFFERING

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St Stephen Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

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SERMON

“The Battle”

Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

S. Wright

*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

Almighty God and Father, you overwhelm us with your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need you met us with your wondrous love. We thank you for the gift of your son who offered his life for us to remove our dreadful curse. Receive these gifts as a humble expression of our gratitude for all that you have given to us. Amen!

*CLOSING HYMN "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Hymn #611

*BENEDICTION

*ST STEPHEN CHOIR "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" J. Rutter

*SILENT MEDITATION

*POSTLUDE "Meditation on 'God, all nature sings...'"

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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
Thursday 6:00 pm CrossNet Meal Group

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 05/26 6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday 05/27 Memorial Day – Office Closed
11:00 am Memorial Day Observance in Cemetery
Tuesday 05/28 Gleanings Articles Due to Office
Wednesday 05/29 6:00 pm Fifth Wednesday Fellowship at GSRF
Saturday 06/01 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's
2:00 pm Ladies Tea – Lower Zwingli
June 1 – 30 Nominations Open for the Offices of Deacon & Elder

NEXT SUNDAY – May 26, 2019
SERMON: “Promises Kept”
By: Dr. Timothy Witmer
Scripture: Genesis 24

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MAY 12, 2019

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	86	\$3,912.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	161	\$8,253.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$12,165.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS 05/19/19

*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 – granddaughter of Dale & Edie Richard				Jean Martin
Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus	Randy Sierk	
Barb Carey	Evelyn Griffith	Carolyn Martin	Edie Richard	
Pat Fieger - son-in-law of the McAbees		Curt Weaver – son of George & Nancy Weaver		
Henry Weaver – brother of George Weaver		Harold Good – brother of Hazel 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 loving memory of my husband John and my son Darryl by Carol Flora.

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

WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE our high school and college graduates again this year. If someone in your family is graduating please inform the church office no later than, Sunday, June 2.

PLEASE JOIN US for St. Stephen's first "Fifth Wednesday Fellowship" meal to be held Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at New Holland Fire Hall, 339 East Main Street, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come enjoy a delicious catered meal from Yoder's while learning to know your church family better! Donations will be accepted at the door that evening but please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex by today, **Sunday, May 19**. You may also indicate if you need a gluten free option. We hope to see you there!

The popular Annual Ladies' Tea for women and girls ages 8 up to 100 will be held Saturday, June 1st from 2 to 4 pm in Lower Zwingli Hall. The theme this year is "Black and White Lace." The speaker is Sandy Hodges, a missionary to central Africa where she served for over 42 years in the country of Chad. Louise Quillen will accompany us in a hymn sing. Although the event is free, space is limited. **So, reservations are required by today, Sunday, May 19th by calling Edie Richard (717-351-5527).** Please give your name, phone number, email address and number of people in your party when you call. Also indicate how many young girls or teenagers will be attending with you as there are special door prizes for our younger guests as well as for all guests. Wearing a hat and gloves is optional. Come and enjoy an exceptionally great time of food, fellowship and a message from God's Word. Contact Ruth Pankuch if you would like to help with this event (717-354-3108).

ALLIANCE CONFERENCE – Consider attending the Rosaria Butterfield conference *The Gospel Comes with a House Key*, to be held June 21 – 22 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster. Deadline to sign up for the special pricing as a group with the church is today, May 19. More information about the conference can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

SUMMER KIDS CAMP – Do you love children? Do you want them to know Jesus personally? *The King is Coming* themed camp is scheduled for July 22-26, 9 am until noon. Camp volunteers are needed to help with decorations, publicity, registration, group leaders who walk with the children from one activity to another, help them to make crafts, sing songs, lead games, learn Bible verses, provide snacks or help serve

lunch on Friday. We need you! Sign-up in the narthex or contact Linda Cochran at lindacochran99@gmail.com or 361.944.7871.

SAVE THE DATE of Saturday, August 24 for the Annual Church Picnic to be held at Terre Hill Community Park. More information will be forthcoming closer to the event.

FROZEN SOUP is again available for you to share with those who are ill, those who are shut-in or just someone that needs a caring touch. ***We now have gluten free Chicken Rice soup available as well.*** Brighten your friends or neighbor's day.

Community Activities

NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK: Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. There is currently a great need for the following items:

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.