

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
May 26, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ dass. . .” (BWV 623) J.S. Bach  
(We Thank Thee, Lord Jesus Christ)  
“Heut singt die liebe Christenheit” E. Pepping  
(Today, the Dear Church Sings God's Praise)

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 96:1-3*)

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**ALL: Tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
ONE: Declare his glory among the nations,  
**ALL: His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

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

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“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Psalm 86:3-6*)

**“Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you. Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace. In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.”**

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 Genesis 24:1-28 Page #17

SERMON “Promises Kept” Dr. Timothy Witmer

CHINA UPDATE Virginia Yip

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Voluntary on ‘Sagina’ J. Spong

\*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  
**Gracious Lord, the giver of all good gifts, we bring our offerings to you, as you have prospered us. Enable us through your Spirit to give you the love of our hearts and the service of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE

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GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“Faith of Our Fathers!”

Hymn #570

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CHILDREN’S SONG – (Children ages 4-7 may leave for Kingdom Kids)

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love  
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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**

**Monday** **Memorial Day – Office Closed**  
11:00 am **Memorial Day Observance - Cemetery**

**Tuesday** **Gleanings Articles Due to Office**

**Wednesday** 6:00 pm **Fifth Wednesday Fellowship at GSFR**

**Saturday** 7:30 am **Men's Breakfast at Yoder's**  
2:00 pm **Ladies Tea – Lower Zwingli**

*FUTURE EVENTS...*

**Sunday** 06/02 **Communion Sunday**  
6:00 pm **Youth Group**

**Tuesday** 06/04 7:00 pm **Women's Steering Committee Meeting  
at Ruth Pankuch's**  
7:00 pm **Property Committee Meeting**  
7:00 pm **Global Outreach Meeting**

**Wednesday** 06/05 2:30 pm **T.E.A.M.**  
6:30 pm **T.E.A.M.**

**Thursday** 06/06 10:00 am **Outreach Committee Meeting**

**NEXT SUNDAY – June 2, 2019**  
**SERMON: "A Marriage Made in Heaven"**  
**By: Dr. Timothy Witmer**  
**Scripture: Genesis 24**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR MAY 19, 2019**

Attendance:	<u>Early Service</u>	87	\$4,621.00
	<u>Late Service</u>	164	\$5,054.00

**Amount received for General Fund only \$9,675.00**

**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](mailto:ststephenpca@ststephenpca.comcastbiz.net)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 05/26/19**

*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	<b>Darlene Stauffer – friend of Cheryl Weaver</b>			
Lee Curley	Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus	Randy Sierk	<b>Bill Snyder, Sr</b>
Barb Carey	Evelyn Griffith	Carolyn Martin	Edie Richard	Jean Martin
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			

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(New names added to the list appear in dark print)

**FLOWERS** this Sunday are given in honor of our daughter, LCDR Jessica Orr, and all those who have and are serving in our Armed Forces by Anne & Ernie Orr.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Zach and Hannah Martin on the birth of their baby boy named Owen Michael born Saturday, May 18 at 5:10 am, 8 lbs. 21 inches. Pray for Zach and Hannah as they welcome this blessing from the Lord.

**THANK YOU** - There are no words to express my thanks for all the ways you have blessed me these past weeks following my surgery. Thank you for every meal, every phone call, every card, and all of the countless thoughtful things you have done. A special thank you to the Ladies Bible study and the Women's ministry. The Lord has truly blessed me through each of you. - Edie Richard

**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 by, Monday, June 3.

**On Sunday, June 9, there will be a brief congregational meeting** for the approval of roof repairs. The meeting is required because, according to our bylaws, the congregation must approve expenditures over \$10,000. The meeting will be held at 11:45 (after the 10:30 worship service).

**NOMINATIONS FOR NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS:** According to our bylaws there is to be a set period of time each year when voting members can submit nominations to the Session for the offices of Elder and Deacon. Your Elders have determined to receive nominations between June 1 and June 30, 2019. In order to make a nomination you will need to read and follow the procedure indicated in the document **PROCEDURE FOR THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS** which is available in the Narthex. Please use the OFFICER NOMINATION FORM to submit your nomination to a current elder or to the church office. Nomination form must be signed by you and by the person you are nominating. Nomination is the *beginning* of the qualifying process and does not guarantee that the individual will become an officer. Please be in prayer for the Lord's guidance throughout the process.

**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

**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. Individual sign up is available through their website [alliancenet.org](http://alliancenet.org). More information about the conference can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

**NEW HOLLAND FOOD BANK:** Please remember this ongoing ministry in which we can all participate. 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.