

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED  
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557  
July 21, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

\*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend” (BWV 632) J.S. Bach  
(Lord Jesus Christ, Turn towards us)  
Sinfonia from ‘Solomon’ G. Handel

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 108:3-5*)

ONE: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;  
**ALL: I will sing praises to you among the nations.**  
ONE: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;  
**ALL: Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**  
ONE: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
**ALL: Let your glory be over all the earth!**

\*OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn #457

\*INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16*)

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. Thank you for the forgiveness of our sins and for receiving us into your family. We are grateful for your continuing patience with us as we strive and against sin. We thank you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 “Fierce Raged the Tempest” Rendon Family

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 29:31 – 30:24 Page #23

SERMON “Loved and Unloved” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” E.L. Diemer

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology”  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(1 Chronicles 29:10-13, NIV)*

**Praise be to you, Lord, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you these gifts and our thanks. Praise your glorious name. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Trusting Jesus”

Hymn #678

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATION THREE-FOLD AMEN

\*SILENT MEDITATION

\*POSTLUDE

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

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**Welcome Center:** Irene Gundlah & Carla Eberly

**Greeter:** Corrina Bond

**Ushers:** Gene & Viki Eberly

**Altar Guild:** Mary Beth O'Donnell

**Counting Team:** Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

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PRELUDE – *Let us quiet our hearts as we silently prepare to worship*

GATHERING (Congregation seated)  
“To You, O Lord, I Fly”

Hymn #692

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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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**Ministers:** The Congregation

**Senior Pastor:** Dr. Timothy Witmer

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

**Elders:** John Garner, Josh Irvine, Richard Miller & Mike Ressler

**Deacons:** Gene Eberly, Tom Frankhouser, Chuck Kidhardt & Ernie Orr

**Organist Emeritus:** A.J. Young

**Organist and Choirmaster:** Douglas Wimer

**Music Leader:** Dr. Stuart Sacks

**Children's Ministry Director:** Faith Titus

**Welcome Center:** Irene Gundlah & Carla Eberly

**Greeters:** Ted & Carol Whitby

**Altar Guild:** Mary Beth O'Donnell

**Counting Team:** Donna Burkholder & Dot Koble

**Sexton:** Jill Wilson

**Bookkeeper:** Charlene Good

**Administrative Assistant:** Anita Witmer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 07/21/19**

*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	Barb Carey	Shirley Titus	Ernie Orr
Pat Fieger	Laine Eberly	Carolyn Martin	Barbara Slothower
Lee Curley	Henry Weaver	Kurt Weaver	Jean Martin

\*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 Dr. Harold Peters 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 and CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK BIBLE** are available at our Welcome Center. We are offering a free copy of the English Standard Version (ESV) 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.

**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**  
**Mon-Fri 9:00-Noon Summer Kids Camp**

*FUTURE EVENTS...*

*Sunday 07/28 6:00 pm Youth Group*  
*Wednesday 07/31 6:00 pm Fifth Wednesday Fellowship Meal*  
*Saturday 08/03 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's*

**NEXT SUNDAY – July 28, 2019**  
**SERMON: "Abundant Blessing"**  
**By: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper**  
**Scripture: Genesis 30:25-33**

**GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JULY 14, 2019**

Attendance: <u>Early Service</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>\$6,103.00</u>
<u>Late Service</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>\$3,578.00</u>

**Amount received for General Fund only \$9,681.00**

**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)*  
*Website address: [ststephenpca.org](http://ststephenpca.org)*

## Church Activities

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** Please join us for the second St. Stephen's "Fifth Wednesday Fellowship" meal to be held Wednesday, July 31, 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 Sunday, July 21. You may also indicate if you need a gluten free option. We hope to see you there!

**CHURCH PICNIC** – Be sure to reserve Saturday, August 24 for the annual church picnic. The picnic will be held at Terre Hill Community Memorial Park, in Terre Hill and begins at 11:30 am. Bring your lawn chairs, food to share (one side dish or one dessert). The church will provide meat, beverages, soft ice cream and paper products. There will be games for all ages, a children's play area, tennis courts, volleyball and baseball fields. Lawn games are encouraged. Join us for this time of food and fellowship! Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex which will be provided next Sunday, July 28.

**ASH TREE** – You probably noticed the large tree missing from the south lawn. After being informed by a professional arborist that this tree was infested with the Emerald ash borer beetle, it was determined necessary to have the tree removed. While we will all miss the wonderful shade from this tree, the up side is the beautiful church steeple is now very visible to all.

**St Stephen Reformed Church Bus Trip:** Thursday, October 17th to Old Swedes Historic Site and Historic New Castle DE. This includes a delicious lunch at Kathy's Crab House. Sign-up sheet and flyers are on the table in the narthex. Any questions, call Cheryl Weaver at 717-354-8704.

**FROZEN SOUP** is 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

As we look forward again this year, our Ministry with CrossNet Ministries in New Holland is to help provide new backpacks along with school supplies for the students in grades K-12 who live in the ELANCO School District. This year we have **two** tubs to make your shopping a little easier. One is just for new backpacks and the other is for school supplies. Attached is a list of items needed. **Sunday, August 4th** as the **deadline for the drop off.** Containers are in the narthex for your convenience.

Backpacks (for all ages)	Mechanical Pencils (0.7mm)	Ballpoint Pens
Colored Pencils	Pencil Sharpener (w/lid)	Glue Sticks
Index Cards	Crayons	Water-based Markers
Post-It Notes (single)	Pocket Folders	Highlighters
Rulers	Spiral-bound Tablets	Drawstring Gym Bags
3-Ring Binders (1 & 3 in.)	Loose-leaf Notebook Paper	Small Tissue Packets
Chapstick	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	Deodorant (guys & girls)
Financial Donations		

They are having **Backpack Sort Week** (new this year) where they have blocked off the week of August 5-7 from 9 am to 5 pm and August 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm to prepare for the giveaway event if you would like to help. Their giveaway event will be Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 5:30 pm if you would like to help that day also. The Youth Center is located at 110 West Franklin St., New Holland. The volunteer opportunities at the August 13 event are: Hair stylists to give free cuts to kiddos, kitchen helpers and many more fill in's. Please contact Lisa Kerstetter at [lisa@elancocross.org](mailto:lisa@elancocross.org).

**The Gap Center for Biblical Studies** (located at Town Clock Chapel, 866 Chestnut St, Gap, PA) exists to glorify Almighty God as He has revealed Himself in the written Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments by the spread of the Gospel through educational lectures, seminars, classes, and training courses. Upcoming seminars include:

- Fri., Sept.13, 7pm & Sat., Sept. 14, - *Why Should We Study the Bible? Christian Worldview* with Mark Farnham.
- Fri., Oct. 11 at 7 pm & Sat., Oct. 12 9:30am - *Adoption in Christ: What it Means to be an Heir* with David Garner (son of Elder John Garner).

For more information on the Gap Center and seminars, view the poster on the Community Bulletin Board.