

ST. STEPHEN REFORMED CHURCH (PCA)
249 E. Main St., New Holland, PA 17557
August 25, 2019 – 8:15 A.M.

*Indicates those able may stand

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Durch Adams Fall ist ganz verderbt” (BWV 637) J.S. Bach
(Through Adam’s fall human nature)
“Sheep May Safely Graze” J.S. Bach

WELCOME

Dr. Timothy Witmer

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 118*)

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ALL: The righteous shall enter through it.
ONE: The stone that the builders rejected
ALL: Has become the cornerstone.
ONE: This is the LORD's doing;
ALL: It is marvelous in our eyes.
ONE: This is the day that the LORD has made;
ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*OPENING HYMN “O God Beyond All Praising” Hymn #660

*INVOCATION Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

CALL TO CONFESSION (*Psalm 34:18*)

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 (*Adapted from Psalm 51*)

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Purge me and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 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 “Take My Life and Let It Be” C. Courtney
(Heidi Shannon, soprano)

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 34 Page #28

SERMON “Violence!” Dr. Timothy Witmer

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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” C. Callahan

*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

Giver of every good and perfect gift, we marvel at your love and care for us and for all that you have made. Help us by your Holy Spirit to lift our hearts to you, to taste and see that you are good, and to live lives of abundant generosity, full of gratitude and grace, through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Hymn #611

*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

Ministers: The Congregation

Senior Pastor: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Associate Pastor: Rev. Nathaniel Stamper

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Music Leader: Dr. Stuart Sacks

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Greeters: Gene & Viki Eberly

Ushers: Lamar Martin & Larry Martin

Altar Guild: Cathy Eby

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Sexton: Jill Wilson

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Administrative Assistant: Anita Witmer

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

GATHERING (Congregation seated)
“Let Us Praise God Together”

Hymn #659

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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
6:00 pm Youth Group – Glo Hockey
Saturday 10:00 am Life Group Training

FUTURE EVENTS...

Sunday 09/01 6:00 pm Youth Group
Monday 09/02 Labor Day – Office closed
Tuesday 09/03 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Women's Steering Committee Meeting at Ruth Pankuch's
7:00 pm Global Outreach Meeting
Wednesday 09/04 2:30 pm T.E.A.M.
6:30 pm T.E.A.M.
6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal
Thursday 09/05 11:00 am Outreach Committee Meeting
6:45 pm Choir Practice
Saturday 09/07 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Yoder's

NEXT SUNDAY – September 1, 2019

SERMON: "Jacob Becomes Israel"

By: Dr. Timothy Witmer

Scripture: Genesis 35

GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR AUGUST 18, 2019

Attendance:	Early Service	98	\$3,740.00
	Late Service	184	\$7,336.00

Amount received for General Fund only \$11,076.00

Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 08/25/19

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	Mike Jacobs	Joan Jacobs	Rod Stauffer
Pat Fieger	Laine Eberly	Shirley Titus	Ernie Orr
Lee Curley	Henry Weaver	Kurt Weaver	Carolyn Martin

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

FLOWERS this Sunday are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mentzer and Annabel and Lou Kidhardt by the Kidhardt family.

SHIRLEY TITUS UPDATE – As we expected Shirley's seizures have returned. We had a nice 5 days with only a small handful of seizures, but Monday began with a poor night's sleep, and she has been clustering in the mornings and evenings since. Whether the seizures cause the poor sleep or the poor sleep causes the seizures (or both) it's unsure. We can try melatonin but it can lower the seizure threshold so we have to be careful.

IN DEEP APPRECIATION for the prayers for my daughter Donna during her sickness. I thank all of you for your kindness. Praise the Lord! Betty Humphreys

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

BELL CHOIR - Want to serve the Lord through music? We are in need of backup ringers for times when our regular members are unable to ring. If interested, please call Charlene Leaman at 484-678-5460.

FLOWERS – Sponsors for flowers for the front of the church are needed for September 8 and September 15. The cost is \$25. Please contact Jean Martin at 717-354-2204.

INQUIRER’S LUNCHEON – The next Inquirer’s Luncheon is scheduled for September 8 at 12:00 pm. Come and hear about the ministries, history, and membership at St Stephen Reformed Church. The gathering is a prerequisite for membership though all are invited to hear more about the church. The lunch will take place immediately following the second service and will be held in Lower Zwingli. Child care will be available.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY will begin on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm and Tuesday, September 24, at 9:30 am continuing to meet on the first and third weeks of the month through May, 2020. The first eight weeks the study will be *Exodus* by Tim Chester followed with *Ephesians* by Richard Coekin in Spring. Books (\$7 each) and the sign-up sheet are available in the narthex. Please direct any questions to Marion Sacks.

FARM SHOW - It’s New Holland Farm Show time again. Needed are cans of Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Sprite. No WATER is needed. Place soda in the kitchen and mark it *Farm Show*. Any questions, call Tom Weaver 717-354-8704.

NEW HOLLAND FAIR - Helpers are needed for the Farm Show Church Ox Roast stand. Sign early to get your favorite time slots. Signup sheets are on the table in the narthex. Any questions, call Tom Weaver 717-354-8704. Signing up for multiple shifts would be appreciated.

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.

TABLETALK – The August edition of *TableTalk*, which features an article written by Dr. Witmer, is available at the Welcome Desk. If you enjoy this issue, consider subscribing to the publication.

Community Activities

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.

BLUE BALL RELEASED TIME program is looking for volunteer mentors for 3-6th grade students on Thursday afternoons from 1:45-3:25 during the school year. Volunteers need 3 things: they need to love Jesus, love children and be able to pass the required background checks. A staff meeting will be held at Blue Ball Mennonite Church at 1:45 on September 5th. New volunteers should be there a few minutes early to begin filling out their application. The first afternoon with students will be September 12th. If you are interested in helping be at the staff meeting on the 5th or call Pastor Kevin Kirkpatrick at 717-598-3515 or Mrs. Heather Apgar at 717-875-9409 if you have any questions.