



# Worship Assistants



	November 12, 2017		November 19, 2017	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
<b>Acolyte</b>	David Herb	Randy Neidig	Sara Houser	Carly Gordon
<b>Lector</b>	Lynne Immell	Tom Burson	Pat Seiple	Pat Gilmore-Lee
<b>Cantor</b>	Paulette Krewson	Matt Schroeder	Lynne Immell	Kathy Burson
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Beth Lengel	Steve Read	Lynne Immell	Tina Gordon
<b>Communion</b>	Lloyd Sheaffer	Carol Clelland	Sue Rodgers	Art Grove
<b>Ushers</b>	Marty Baim* Bonnie Baim Alan Gamble Glenn Gross	Ken Clelland* Ira Ewell Greg John	Marty Baim* Bonnie Baim Alan Gamble Glenn Gross	Ken Clelland* Ira Ewell Greg John
<b>Greeters</b>	Ira & Lee Ewell		Mary & Bonnie Baim	Earl & Lorraine Bock
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Zook & Cheryl Neidig		Mary Zook & Cheryl Neidig	
<b>Counters</b>	Patty & Ryan Haggerty, Parker Lee		Patty & Ryan Haggerty, Parker Lee	

**Attendance**  
**November 5, 2017**

8:00am service	49
10:45am service	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>32</b>

**Other Designated Offerings**  
**November 5, 2017**

Bell Tower Repair	\$ 238.32
El Salvador	\$ 6.00
ELCA Vision Leaders	\$ 20.00
Boy Scouts	\$ 15.00
Kate's Kids	\$ 10.00
Social Ministries (via GGC)	\$ 16.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 305.57</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 7735.07</b>

**Our Tithes; November 5, 2017**

General	\$ 6593.50
Benevolence	\$ 783.00
World Hunger	\$ 53.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7429.50</b>

Pastoral Care in Times of Emergency or Crisis. If you need emergency pastoral care, please call the St. Stephen office at 766-2168 (leave a voice mail if necessary), or call Pastor Matthew at 717-805-7598.

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**Office Hours:** *Monday – Thursday*  
*9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

## This Week At St. Stephen

### Sunday, November 12

8:00am      Worship  
9:30am      Sunday Church School  
10:45am      Worship  
3:45pm      Rejoicing Spirits

### Thursday, November 16

9:00am      Quilting

### Monday, November 13

6:00pm      Boy Scouts  
7:00pm      Congregational Council Meeting

### Friday, November 17

7:00pm      Resurrected Youth Group

### Saturday, November 18

8:00am      Men's Breakfast  
5:00pm      Community Meal

### Tuesday , November 14, 2017

4:30pm      Social Ministries Committee Meeting

### Sunday, November 19

8:00am      Worship  
9:30am      Sunday Church School  
10:45am      Worship  
12:15pm      Lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting

### Wednesday, November 15

6:00pm      Quilting



♦ **The Altar Flowers** are sponsored this week by Becky Rensel in honor of Jeanne and Larry Purdum's wedding anniversary.

♦ Can't get enough worship? Well, you can join our monthly Rejoicers **today at 3:45pm**. Come hear Pastor Matthew preach about Thankfulness; based on Philippians 4: 4-9.

♦ You are invited to join our neighbors and friends for the **Monthly Community Meal**, Saturday November 18th at 5:00pm. We will enjoy a fine meal of rigatoni, green beans and salad followed by musician Mark Mateya. Come!

♦ As you may have noticed, the **New Hope Christmas Blessing Tree** is on the stage. Please feel free to take one, two or more ornaments from the tree and return the unwrapped gifts by November 26th

(the Sunday after Thanksgiving).

♦ **Are you excited**, do you feel a sense of energy, can you feel yourself being renewed and rejuvenated? If you answered, "yes," you are not alone. The Spirit is rising!! Come hear the new vision on Sunday, November 19th after the 2nd service during the annual congregation meeting. Stay tuned!

♦ **All St. Stephen disciples** are invited to join our brothers and sisters at Trinity United Methodist Church for a Thanksgiving Worship Service, Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00pm. The Reverend Eric Funk will preach!

♦ Last call...for the St. Stephen 250 year anniversary shirts and sweat-shirts. Please see Gerald Gordon by November 26 if you are interested!

♦ **We are Synod. reNEWing Together:** Our Season of Listening. Renewal is about Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. At our 2017 Assembly, we invited the Lower Susquehanna Synod into deeper spiritual and congregational renewal. The heart of renewal is nurturing deeper relationships with God, one an-

other and our communities by faithfully participating in what God is already up to in the world. Because we believe our synod's greatest assets are the people who make up our congregations and the possibilities for transformation we embody, we've entered into a season of deep listening. Will you join your hearts and voices with us in discerning where God is leading our synod? Stay tuned for detailed information.

♦**One week and counting....**Yes, it is that time of

the year...our annual congregational meeting. We will begin the celebration with a small meal directly after the second service on **November 19th**. The business portion of the meeting will commence shortly after some good food and fellowship; about **1:00pm**. Election of your new council members and approving the 2018 budget highlight the agenda. Don't forget to pick up the meeting packet today on the table in the narthex.

I WISH I KNEW  
WHAT THE OIL  
REPRESENTED.  
**I'D STOCK UP!**

THERE ARE  
A VARIETY OF  
INTERPRETATIONS.

AUGUSTINE  
THOUGHT THE OIL  
REPRESENTED  
CHARITY.\*

**CHARITY?**  
AND THEY DIDN'T  
**SHARE!?**



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\*1 CORINTHIANS 13



MATTHEW 25:1-13

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## Prayer Ventures—November

**November 12** Pray that every aspect of our life in the present is influenced and guided by our faith and God's word, making us determined and equipped to serve our neighbor and share the gospel now.

**November 13** Pray for the people and communities recovering from the strong earthquakes in Mexico, and ask God to guide the work and partnerships of Lutheran Disaster Response and our ecumenical partners accompanying people during this time of loss and rebuilding.

**November 14** Remember and give thanks for the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997, and ask God to deepen our partnership and bless our work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**November 15** In our striving for wisdom, we ask God to instill in us a lifelong desire and openness to studying God's word and learning and to help us become wise yet humble teachers, leaders and examples in our congregation and community.

**November 16** Pray for the members, congregations and leaders of the Caribbean and Florida-Bahamas synods facing the long-term process of rebuilding and caring for storm-ravaged communities and people who have experienced great loss and ongoing challenges. Ask God to strengthen and sustain them for supporting one another, reaching out to and caring for neighbors, sharing hope and witnessing to God's enduring love and presence.

**November 17** Pray the Spirit will stir in us a love of telling our children, grandchildren, family, friends, coworkers, strangers and the world stories of the wondrous things God has done.

**November 18** We remember in our prayers people who are homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless, praying they find safe shelter and that our congregations are caring communities assisting people with housing, food, employment and services necessary for daily life while respecting their dignity and desire to be self-sufficient.

## Community Prayers Requests

Bob Lamp	
Hen Yohn	
LyNette Clements	Very weak
Michael Smith/Darlene Klopp	Just entered another round of chemotherapy for brain tumor.
Joel Gochenauer	Daryl's nephew; recovering from seizures and brain tumors
Dee and Hoss	Please continue to pray for Leslie Immell's friends Hoss and Debbie. Hoss came out of the coma that he had slipped into shortly after being admitted. We continue to pray for healing for Hoss, and for comfort, wisdom and peace for Dee as she meets each new day.
Marcia Lamp	Please pray for Marcia Lamp. Maria was taken by ambulance to Carlisle Hospital Sunday night with a severe headache and nausea. She is undergoing more tests today (Nov 1) as her doctor tries to find the cause of her problems. She asks that we pray for healing, strength and peace.