

# Worship Assistants

	March 4, 2018		March 11, 2018	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
<b>Acolyte</b>	David Herb	Liana Grove	David Herb	Randy Neidig
<b>Lector</b>	Lloyd Sheaffer	Ira Ewell		Carol Clelland
<b>Cantor</b>	Beth Lengel	Art Grove	Paulette Krewson	Matt Schroeder
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Crystal Houser	Julie Grove	Sara Houser	Steve Read
<b>Communion</b>	Caroline Sheaffer	Greg John	Alan Gamble	Kathy Burson
<b>Ushers</b>	Marty Baim* Bonnie Baim Alan Gamble Glenn Gross	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Judy Read	Marty Baim* Bonnie Baim Alan Gamble Glenn Gross	Frank Roberto* Steve Read Judy Read
<b>Greeters</b>	Sherry Rudacille Sue Rodgers	Freda Wentz Leslie Menear	Dan Lebo	Frank & June Roberto
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ron & Brenda Kimmel		Ron & Brenda Kimmel	
<b>Counters</b>	Art & Julie Grove; Cheryl Neidig		Art & Julie Grove; Cheryl Neidig	

Attendance February 25, 2018		Other Designated Offerings February 25, 2018	
8:00am service	56	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 38.50
10:45am service	39	El Salvador	\$ 7.00
Ash Wednesday	27	Baby Food	\$ 98.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	Youth Director Support	\$ 10.00
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>33</b>	Social Ministries	\$ 150.00
		Dinner With Friends	\$ 16.00
		Kate's Kids	\$ 20.00
		Misc. Designated Funds	\$ 20.00
		Memorial—LyNette Clements	\$ 1285.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1625.38</b>
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4451.92</b>
Our Tithes; February 25, 2018			
General	\$ 2681.54		
Benevolence	\$ 132.00		
World Hunger	\$ 13.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2826.54</b>		



The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

### Call to Action

#### Sunday, March 4

8:00am	Worship
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship
2:00pm	Dulcimers Practice
5:00pm	Tapology

#### Monday, March 5

6:00pm	Boy Scouts
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#### Tuesday, March 6

6:30am	Committees Common Meeting
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#### Wednesday, March 7

6:00pm	Lenten Soup & Service
7:00pm	New Disciples Class
7:00pm	Choir Practice

#### Saturday, March 10

8:30am	Troop 180 CPR Training
1:00pm	Birthday Party

#### Stewardship Snippet 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:3 – You shall have no other gods before me.

*What do you love more than God? If most of us are honest, we might answer, "Possibly my family, or my own life." Or, maybe "my money," or "my country." This first commandment seems simple but gets complex as we ponder it. Stewards and disciples know that the more they desire to put God above all else, the smoother their lives are.*

### Reflection and Meditations

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.



### Readings for Next Week

Numbers 21: 4-9	Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2: 1-10	John 3: 14-21

#### Sunday, March 11

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

#### S.O.A.P. Safe Our Adolescents from Prostitution

The Social Ministry committee is seeking volunteers for involvement in putting labels on the hotel size soaps to help women/female adolescents involved in sex trafficking. The soaps will be placed in bathrooms in hotels, truck stops, etc where women can be linked to a National hotline number to help getting free. St Stephen's number WILL NOT be on the label. This program was begun by a former participant who was driven to help others get out. 1000 bars and labels will come in the first kit with the labels needing to be attached to the soap. Many of OUR HANDS make lighter GOD'S WORK!!! Please contact Crystal Houser or Lynne Immell to sign up. No delivery date is available at this point. Please consider this VERY worthwhile project!

#### 4-H Creative Expressions Club Community Service Opportunities

Pet food collections for the local animal shelter  
Sewing opportunities

Sewing simple backpacks for the homeless  
Sewing walker Tote bags for senior citizens  
Sewing small pillows for the residents in Nursing homes and care facilities

Please call Pat Gilmore-Lee (717-697-2049) if you want to help with the sewing; she has the fabric needed.



### Prayers this week

Friends and Family of Mike Smith  
Friends and Family of Dottie Weigel

Mike passed on February 24th  
Dottie passed of February 24th



Please **save the following dates on your calendar**, and I will be posting more information as the events get closer and I finalize the details about each event. I look forward to seeing everyone at these events and hope we can make some great memories for our youth as they grow in fellowship with each other and the members of SSLC.

**March 31st (Saturday)** 9am – 10:30 Easter Egg hunt with breakfast, kids activities, games and a photo with the Easter Bunny

**Saturday, April 21st** – 12:30 -2:30 Earth Day Picnic and Cleanup of Labyrinth. Join us at 12:30 for picnic lunch and restoring beauty to the Labyrinth

### Planning Session for Unexpected Weapons Threats

Calling all ushers, worship assistants, and interested congregants to attend a presentation and discussion about the threat of weapons attacks on churches. As part of our emergency planning, we have invited Silver Springs township **Chief of Police Christopher Raubenstine** to come to our church on **Tuesday, March 20, 7 pm**, and speak with us about this possibility. Please plan to attend and participate in the discussion at this important meeting.

**Check out the new FaithBook Booth** on our stage in Fellowship Hall. It is a place where we can answer general and specific questions about our faith. New questions will appear monthly, sometime twice a month depending on the faith topic. The answers will be privately videoed, and responses will be snipped together into a 3-7 minute clip for our FaithBook series that will premier each month during the service for us to learn and grow in our faith. The Evangelism Committee hope's that you will learn more about your faith, grow and learn from others answers, and combined, this will help each of us to be able to answer questions that might come up in conversation with others when sharing and spreading the Good News. Everyone is encouraged to participate, not just the kids. There are no right or wrong answers. It's your faith with Jesus. The FaithBook Booth will be open this and next Sunday from 7:30 am until 7:55am, after the 1st service before Sunday School, between Sunday school and second service, and again after second service. So, you have many opportunities to participate!! See you at the FaithBook Booth!



Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 9:00am—2:00pm

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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**“God Has a Dream for You”**

**All St. Stephen ladies are cordially  
invited to the annual  
Women’s Retreat**

**When: April 13 – 15**

**Where: Camp Eber, Gettysburg, PA**

**Cost: \$165.00**

**(Includes 2 nights lodging and all  
meals and program supplies)**

**Contact:**

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**for more information and to sign up.**