

Worship Assistants

	March 11, 2018		March 18, 2018	
	8:00 am service	10:45 am service	8:00 am service	10:45 am service
Acolyte	David Herb	Randy Neidig	Sara Houser	David Herb
Lector	Lynne Immell	Carol Clelland	Sara Houser	Greg John
Cantor	Paulette Krewson	Matt Schroeder	Lynne Immell	Kathy Burson
Assisting Minister	Sara Houser	Steve Read	Beth Lengel	Tina Gordon
Communion	Alan Gamble	Kathy Burson	Ja 'Net Grey	Tom Burson
Ushers	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
Greeters	Dan Lebo	Frank & June Roberto	Bev Caley	Steve & Judy Read
Altar Guild	Ron & Brenda Kimmel		Ron & Brenda Kimmel	
Counters	Art & Julie Grove; Cheryl Neidig		Art & Julie Grove; Cheryl Neidig	

Attendance March 4, 2018		Other Designated Offerings March 4, 2018	
8:00am service	62	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 48.50
10:45am service	45	El Salvador	\$ 7.00
Ash Wednesday	38	New Hope	\$ 26.00
Total	145	Social Ministries	\$ 100.00
Sunday School	32	Youth Director Support	\$ 60.00
		Dinner With Friends	\$ 25.00
		Memorial—LyNette Clements	\$ 470.00
		Social Ministries via GGC	\$ 16.25
		Total	\$ 752.75
Our Tithes; March 4, 2018		Grand Total	\$ 4451.92
General	\$ 5793.24		
Benevolence	\$ 496.00		
World Hunger	\$ 25.00		
Total	\$ 6314.24		



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.

Call to Action

Sunday, March 11

- 8:00am Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:45am Worship
- 4:00pm Rejoicing Spirits

Monday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 17

- 9:00am Men's Breakfast
- 1:00pm Funeral—Dottie Weigel
- 5:00pm Dinner With Friends

Stewardship Snippet 4th Sunday in Lent

John 3:16 – Jesus said, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Have you heard some Christians say how much they hate this world? But here we learn that God loves the world. So much so that God gave us Jesus. Wise stewards and disciples pray that God would help them reach out to the world in love.

Apple Festival 2018? Sunday, March 18, 12:30 p.m. —Future of the Apple Festival planning meeting. Please plan to attend if you are interested in sharing ideas for something new and different. See Carol Clelland for more information

Join us to celebrate Easter Morning immediately following first service. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. See Crystal for more information!

Reflection and Meditations



God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

Readings for Next Week

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| Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalm 51:1-12 |
| Hebrews 5:5-10 | John 12:20-33 |

Sunday, March 18

- 8:00am Worship
- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:45am Worship
- 12:30pm Apple Festival Planning

The Flying J Project members would like to invite you to spread care for the homeless while you are traveling. We have made up several personal care kits and one day food kits. If you would like to take one or two of each to have in your vehicle and see a person in need that you can share this gift... now you can. All we ask is for you to ask either Crystal Houser or Pastor Best for the kit(s). One, it will help us to track our progress and two, it will allow Crystal and Pastor to address any questions you might have. Thank you for considering to help us in the beginning of this outreach program!

Tom & Kathy Burson thank the St. Stephen family for the cards, prayers, and support that were received during LyNette Clements' illness and passing. Your love and kindness were greatly appreciated.

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

Bill Price—Ira’s bother Cancer
Rick Brittan—Ira’s Vet Counselor Throat Cancer
Those in troubled marriages



C P R Training... C P R (cardiac pulmonary resuscitation) training will be offered at St Stephen church on Saturday, April 28, from 8 am —noon. This course will be for first time certification or renewal. Please consider taking this course. You must sign up on the sheet that is posted on the “plugged in” bulletin board. Cost of the course is \$35.00 and includes instruction manual, face mask, and certification card. Deadline for sign up is March 31 as the materials need ordered.

Easter Flowers There is still time to order Easter Daffodils and/or tulips in honor or memory of loved ones. Cost remains \$10.00. Pick up an order form at the table in the Sanctuary hallway or from the Welcome Center. Last day to order is March 18th.



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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<https://www.facebook.com/StStephenLC.org>. Here you’ll find up-to-minute information, upcoming events and activities, and stories of encounters with Jesus changing people’s lives.

“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)**

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Ginny Monko (717-502-1001)

for more information and to sign up.