

Worship Assistants

	November 4, 2018	November 11, 2018
	9:00 am service	9: 00 am service
Acolyte	David Herb	Drayce Grove
Lector	Tina Gordon	Greg John
Cantor	Beth Lengel	Paulette Krewson
Assisting Minister	Steve Read	Julie Grove
Communion	Crystal Houser	Alan Gamble
Ushers	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Greg John	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Greg John
Greeters	Daryl and Ja 'net Gochenauer	Ron and Brenda Kimmel
Altar Guild	Mary Zook and Cheryl Neidig	Mary Zook and Cheryl Neidig
Counters	Parker Lee, Rose Hlavac, Cheryl Neidig	Parker Lee, Rose Hlavac,
Nursery	Maxine Montgomery, Rose Hlavac	Judy and Steve Read

General Budget Revenues and Expenses through October 31, 2018

	Actual	Budget	Better (Worse)
Revenue			
Month	14,521	16,955	
Year	148,102	180,267	
Expenses			
Month	15,628	19,410	
Year	165,847	192,341	
Net Income (Loss)			
Month	(1,107)	(2,455)	
Year	(17,745)	(12,073)	

Tithes and Offerings October 28, 2018

General	\$ 1790.76
Benevolence	\$ 206.00
World Hunger	\$ 4.00
Total	\$ 2000.76
Bell Tower Repair	\$ 78.50
Youth Director Support	\$ 25.00
Baby Food	\$ 45.00
Social Ministries	\$ 5.00
Camping Support	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 253.50
Grand Total	\$ 2254.26



Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Sunday, November 4

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

Monday, November 5

6:00pm Boy Scouts
 7:00pm Election Eve Candlelight Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 6, Election Day

Office Closed
 6:30pm Committees' Common Meeting

Wednesday, November 7

7:00pm Choir Practice

Call to Action

**Stewardship Snippet
 Nov. 4, 2018**

Mark 12:33 – To love God with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself --this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Church stewardship is often preoccupied with money, but what does God really want? The scribe in today's Gospel explains it succinctly: Truly loving God and neighbor is worth more than offerings and sacrifices. But if we achieve this kind of love, giving generously comes much more easily.

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.



Readings and Meditations for Next Week

1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146
 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

Sunday, November 11

9:00am Worship
 10:30am Sunday Church School



The Christmas Blessing Tree is up and beautifully decorated fellowship hall. Please feel free to then take as many ornaments and purchase that/those gifts. Return the gift(s) unwrapped and place the gift(s) under the tree by November 25th so the gifts can be delivered to New Hope Ministries by their December 3rd deadline.

—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, noon—ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—

Please plan to attend this important meeting where we will discuss congregational vitality, vote on the 2019 Mission Plan Proposal, a revised constitution, and elect new members to our council. Documents of the revised constitution, Mission Plan proposal (budget), and committees reports are available on our ststephenlc.org website under news and events-congregation meeting-or printed copies are at the Welcome Center for your review. We will have a pot luck luncheon before the meeting, so please bring a covered dish to share.

New Hope Nuances

Thank you to all who contribute items for New Hope Ministries in the cute little house beside the bench as you come in the back door. Canned, boxed and any other non-perishable items are so appreciated. At this time there is no need for empty styrofoam egg cartons. Please recycle them any way you can.... grow plant seeds, crafts, etc. Thank you.

Prayers This Week

Bill Fisher...Health issues
Gerry Denison...Recovering from knee replacement surgery
Mike K's friend; Kevin and brother...grieving from their mother's death

Mary Langdon ; Grandmother of Paultette's daughter-in-law, recovering from pacemaker replacement
St. Stephen Disciples



St. Stephen will be hosting a pre-election candle light prayer service, **Tomorrow, Nov. 5** starting at 7pm using Holden Evening Prayer. This will be open to the community and will be in conjunction with other congregations in the area. These are anxious times, regardless of our political beliefs and a great deal of emphasis and weight has been placed on this election. There is a great deal of anxiety, fear, and other emotions that have gripped many people across the political spectrum. During this service we will lift up elected officials and candidates for office and hold them in prayer – representing all parties. We will pray for Democrats, Republicans, and those in other parties. We will lift the nation in prayer. The purpose of the service is to offer an opportunity for worshippers to be reminded that our salvation resides in Jesus, that our identity is founded in Christ, and to go into election day with a sense of peace regardless of election results. Please invite friends, neighbors, family and come pray together united in our hope in and faith from Jesus.

We Have A Special Need: Lisa who attends Dinner With Friends, needs and is scheduled to have foot surgery the end of November. Insurance will not cover the entire cost and any remaining balance will be her responsibility. The balance due is unknown until after surgery, so a temporary fund is being set up. A receptacle on the table by the kitchen serving windows will be available for donations on Sunday mornings, and we ask that you prayerfully consider helping as you are able. If unable please pray for success in relieving her pain of many months. The Social Ministry Committee will be assisting as funds allow, but currently 5 individuals/families are receiving

What: An Evening With Father Greg Boyle (Homeboy Industries) <https://www.homeboyindustries.org/fatherg/>
Cost: General Admission Tickets are \$39.00 and can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-father-greg-boyle-from-assets-and-parish-resource-center-tickets-444.5084.2667> or contact Rose Hlavac
Who: Anyone – Especially those interested in having an impact on our community
When: Saturday, November 10th at 7:00pm
Where: Hempfield High School, 200 Stanley Ave, Landisville, PA 17538

Tanzania Fundraiser, Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Carlisle

A group from St. Paul and St. Stephen will be going to Tanzania next summer. They are holding a fundraiser at Hoss's Steak and Sea House, Carlisle **TODAY, November 4, 2018**. Hoss's will donate 20% of the proceeds from your meal to our trip. So please grab your family and friends and help us by eating at Hoss's anytime on November 4th. You will need to take a Hoss's card which identifies our group. You need 1 card per bill. Emma will have the cards in the fellowship hall following the service October 28th and November 4th.

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.

Pillars of Faith



Saint Charles Borromeo

The name of Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although he belonged to the Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, Charles desired to devote himself to the Church. In 1559, when his uncle, Cardinal de Medici was elected Pope Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time Charles was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities Charles was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican, and later appointed secretary of state with responsibility for the papal states. The untimely death of his elder brother brought Charles to a definite decision to be ordained a priest, despite his relatives' insistence that he marry. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25, Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan.

Working behind the scenes, Saint Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council of Trent in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. Borromeo encouraged the pope to renew the Council in

1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase. Because of his work at the Council, Borromeo was unable to take up residence in Milan until the Council concluded.

Eventually, Borromeo was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit.

Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, Borromeo tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this he borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city, where he ministered to the sick and the dying, helping those in want.

Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

Reflection

Saint Charles Borromeo made his own the words of Christ: "...I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me" (Matthew 25:35-36). Borromeo saw Christ in his neighbor, and knew that charity done for the least of his flock was charity done for Christ.

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