

Worship Assistants

	November 18, 2018	November 20, 2018	November 25, 2018
Acolyte	Carly Gordon	TBD	Madison Glasser
Lector	Beth Lengel	Lynne Immell	Pat Gilmore-Lee
Cantor	Lynne Immell	Paulette Krewson	Matt Schroeder
Assisting Minister	Beth Lengel	Lynne Immell	Crystal Houser
Communion	Laura Wills	Ja 'net Gochenauer	Art Grove
Ushers	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Greg John	TBD	Mary Zook* Lenny Zook Scott Houser Greg John
Greeters	Keith and Melinda Bailey	TBD	Alan and Dawn Gamble
Altar Guild	Mary Zook and Cheryl Neidig	Mary Zook and Cheryl Neidig	Mary Zook and Cheryl Neidig
Counters	Parker Lee, Rose Hlavac	TBD	Parker Lee, Rose Hlavac,
Nursery	Cheryl Neidig	Mary Zook Ja 'net Gochenauer	Tina Gordon, Jenn and Carly Gordon

Attendance November 11, 2018		Other Designated Offerings November 11, 2018	
Worship	86	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 53.50
Sunday School	29	Youth Director Support	\$ 20.00
Total	115	Social Ministries	\$ 235.00
		Baby Food	\$ 10.00
		El Salvador	\$ 7.00
		Youth Ministries	\$ 5.00
		Total	\$ 330.50
Our Tithes; November 11, 2018		Grand Total	
General	\$ 4062.50		\$ 4563.00
Benevolence	\$ 143.00		
World Hunger	\$ 27.00		
Total	\$ 4232.50		



November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. So the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

Sunday, November 18

9:00am Worship
 10:30am Sunday Church School
 12:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting

Monday, November 19

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 20

7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 21

7:00pm Choir Practice

Call to Action

Annual Congregational Meeting is TODAY!! 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.

**Stewardship Snippet
 Nov. 18, 2018**

Psalm 16:11 – You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

As we grow in spiritual maturity, steward/disciples learn ever more deeply the difference between the fleeting, shallow happiness the world offers and the rich, satisfying joy and pleasures of our life in God.



Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, they still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Readings and Meditations for Next Week

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93
 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

Sunday, November 25

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

Thank you....for your prayers, cards and offers for help. Just knowing that you are there if needed is so special to Chick and me! Thank you so much!

~Gerry Denison

The Lower Susquehanna Synod is seeking lay people to serve as Congregational voting members for the 2019 Synod Assembly. We will elect a new bishop during this year's Assembly. Consequently, there will be a couple of necessary pre-Assembly conference meetings to address the business of electing the new bishop. If anyone is interested and would like more information, please contact Pastor Matthew or Carol Clelland, Council President.



The Christmas Blessing Tree in 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.

Prayers This Week



Ken Clelland; recovering from intestinal surgery.

sepsis

St. Stephen Disciples

Bonnie, Carol Clelland's friend; battling

The monthly Prayer-n-Stiches schedule will change over the next couple of months. The next meeting will be **Monday, November 26th at 6:30pm.** (Note, this is a change from November 19th.) The December meeting is cancelled. The normal, 3rd Monday of the month gathering will re-commence on Monday, January 21, 2019.

It is never too early to think about ordering your annual Christmas poinsettias in memory or honor of loved ones. You can use the order form in this bulletin. You can also pick up the form at the Welcome Center.



Great News!!!

Through the work of the Social Ministries team and with the help of Rose Hlavac, the Lower Susquehanna Synod's World Hunger Committee awarded St. Stephen a \$5,000 grant for our "Preparing a Table" project. This grant allows the church to expand our Flying J and Dinner with Friends outreach efforts. It will also bolster our ongoing Social Ministry mission. Thank you to all who made this happen. Now, let us continue to "proclaim boldly the Good News of God's loving and saving presence in the world."

On the horizon...

Thanksgiving Community Worship Service with Trinity United Methodist Church. St. Stephen will host this year's service on Tuesday, **November 20 at 7:00pm**

Ordination Ceremony. Laura Ramsey will be ordained on **December 16th at 3pm!** Laura has accepted a call as the Acting Associate Pastor at Christ Church UCC in Elizabethtown, PA! A light supper will follow. Please see the printed announcement on the bulletin board in the hallway!

Advent Soup Supper and Service will be held on **December 5th, 12th, and 19th** in the Fellowship Hall. Supper is served at 6:30pm with Holden Evening Vespers immediately following.

Come, let us prepare for Advent and Christmastide. We will be decorating the church on **Saturday, December 8th from 9:00am to noon.**

We will be Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 23rd. Please meet at the church at **3:00pm.**



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



two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

Constantine's building projects enticed the first of a centuries-long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

Dedication of the Churches of Saints Peter and Paul

St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter's tomb to pray. In 319, Constantine built a basilica on the site that stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than

Reflection

Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the Church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen, and missionary to the gentiles, are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith-journeys is the journey's end: both, according to tradition, died a martyr's death in Rome—Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early Church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days.

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