

Worship Assistants

May 26, 2019

June 2, 2019

Acolyte	Madison Glasser	David Herb
Lector	Lynne Immell	Pat Gilmore-Lee
Cantor	Greg John	Beth Lengel
Assisting Minister	Beth Lengel	Tina Gordon
Communion	Greg John	Kathy Burson
Ushers	Dan Lebo* Laura Wills Bill Wills Wayne Lengel	Steve Read* Judy Read Grant Best Greg John
Greeters	Steve and Judy Read	Dolores Lebo
Altar Guild	Ron and Brenda Kimmel	Maxine Montgomery
Counters	Terri Myers, Rose Hlavac	Parker Lee, Rose Hlavac, Terri Myers
Nursery	Steve and Judy Read	Cheryl Neidig, Rose Hlavac

**Attendance
May 19, 2019**

**Other Designated Offerings
May 19, 2019**

Sunday Worship	79	El Salvador	\$ 110.00
Sunday School	32	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 100.00
		Boy Scouts	\$ 100.00
		Youth Director Support	\$ 10.00
Total	111	Total	\$ 320.00

Our Tithes; May 19, 2019

Grand Total

\$ 2343.00

General	\$	1422.00
Benevolence	\$	586.00
World Hunger	\$	15.00
Total	\$	2023.00

The Week Ahead



Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, Office Closed

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 28

9:00am The Breakfast Club

Wednesday, May 29

10:30am Bible Study
7:00pm Bible Study
7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 30

11:00am Funeral (Hen Yohn)

Saturday, June 1

9:30am 4-H Creative Expressions Club

Stewardship Snippet

May 26, 2019

Acts 16:15 – When Lydia and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.”

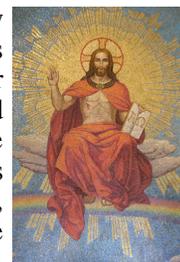
Hospitality and community go hand in hand. God opens Lydia’s heart, and she opens her home to Paul and his companions. How can we show a wide welcome in our worshiping communities and to the neighborhoods around us?

Call to Action

Volunteers Needed... Social Ministry committee is searching for a few volunteers to work with Sally John and Crystal Houser writing grants in hopes of receiving more money to fund our many requests for help. If you have experience or a desire to learn about grant writing, please contact Sally or Crystal as soon as possible.

Prepare the Way

It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Lord for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ’s forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.



Meditation and Readings for June 2

Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

Sunday, June 2

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



Could God be a woman? Or is God strictly male? All are welcome to join Tapology on Sunday, June 2 as we discuss the gender of God. The event runs from 5-7 pm at Desperate Times Brewery in Carlisle (1201 Carlisle Springs Rd). What is Tapology? It's an event that takes place on the first Sunday of each month. We meet over food and alcoholic/nonalcoholic beverages to discuss a different topic each month. Come join us for discussion, friendship, and fellowship!

Calling all musicians... Please share your musical talents this summer. We are looking for special music during summer worship. Those interested, please contact Abby at organist@StStephenLC.org.

Youth and Family Ministry Director Position

St. Stephen is seeking applicants for the part-time (15 hours/week) position of Youth and Family Ministry Director. The applicant should have a basic understanding and agreement with Lutheran theology as well as an energetic and enthusiastic approach to the ministry. The applicant should have a certified lay professional degree or certificate issued by an ELCA-approved religious school; or willing to obtain. A detailed job description is available on request or at the church web site, StStephenLC.org. Submit resume to Tom Burson, Personnel Committee, c/o St. Stephen Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 266, New Kingstown, PA 17072. It may also be emailed to employment@StStephenLC.org.

Prayers This Week

Family and friends of Hen Yohn...Hen died May 21, 2019

Niki Hlavac...still testing for anemia causes

Jane Tracey...recovering from cancer surgery

David Jacobs...double lung transplant...at Mayo

Clinic with pneumonia

Nicole Davis, Parker's friend...recent cancer diagnosis

Anonymous individual...facing a variety of challenges
St. Stephen Disciples



Strategies for Simply Spending and Saving
Thursday, June 13 from 7:00-8:30 PM
St Stephen's Fellowship Hall

The first step toward taking control of your financial future is to understand the basics of budgeting and the importance of managing credit and debt. With this knowledge, you'll have a clearer understanding of what is necessary to reach your financial goals. During this workshop we'll examine:

- Setting personal financial goals
- Balancing saving, spending, and borrowing to achieve your goals
- Strategies for controlling debt and improving credit scores
- Practical savings options for now through retirement

• This workshop is being presented by Christine M Olarte, AAMS®

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ARTS CAMP ON MAIN
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FREE FOR ALL AGES.



JUNE 23—27, 2019
5:15—5:45 PM dinner
6:00—8:00 PM—Stories of Jesus through art
Call for details. 717-766-2662

Registration forms available at the Welcome Center

Congregational Renewal – R3 Initiative!

As part of the last two congregational meetings, we have been asking the question, “Where is the Spirit leading us as we move into the future?” This is a question that I pray about daily and I hope you, the disciples of St Stephen include in your prayers also. About two years ago our synod began a ministry that helps congregations seek the answer to that very question. “The R3 initiative—reFORM, reNEW, reVISION—aims to help individuals and congregations explore how God is already at work in our mission fields and grow spiritually to bring the good news of Christ to a world that needs it more than ever.”(Synod Website)

At the April Council meeting we heard a presentation about the process and after a month of contemplation, your council at its May meeting approved our participation in this faith based initiative. Please pray about this journey on which we embark. We will need four to six folks to participate in the monthly meetings over the next 18 months and share their experiences with all of us. We, as a congregation, will need to work with them, support them and pray with and for them as we move to the next chapter of St Stephen's story. More information will follow soon!

~Mike Kulikauskas

This Sunday falls on Memorial Day weekend in the United States, the federal holiday dedicated to remembering those who died while serving in the nation's armed forces. Even as prayers are lifted up remembering the beloved dead, it is a gift to remember God's promises. As the city of Jerusalem is described we learn, “On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations” (Rev. 22:2). From the nations of antiquity to these days, this world needs healing, and once more God provides. God's promise is not just peace between individuals, but a peace among the nations; a peace that passes all understanding throughout the world. .

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Pillars of Faith



Saint Philip Neri

Philip Neri was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome and a disinterested clergy: the whole post-Renaissance malaise.

At an early age, Philip abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life and individuality to God. After three years of philosophy and theology studies, he gave up any thought of ordination. The next 13 years were spent in a vocation unusual at the time—that of a layperson actively engaged in prayer and the apostolate.

As the Council of Trent (1545-63) was reforming the Church on a doctrinal level, Philip's appealing personality was winning him friends from all levels of society, from beggars to cardinals. He rapidly gathered around himself a group of laypersons won over by his audacious spirituality. Initially, they met as an informal prayer and discussion group, and also served poor people in Rome.

At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself, gifted with the knack of piercing the pretenses and illusions of others, though always in a charitable manner and often with a joke. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led "excursions" to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way.

Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. A feature of their life was a daily afternoon service of four informal talks, with vernacular hymns and prayers. Giovanni Palestrina was one of Philip's followers, and composed music for the services. The Oratory was finally approved after suffering through a period of accusations of being an assembly of heretics, where laypersons preached and sang vernacular hymns!

After spending a day hearing confessions and receiving visitors, Philip Neri suffered a hemorrhage and died on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1595. He was beatified in 1615 and canonized in 1622. Three centuries later, Cardinal John Henry Newman founded the first English-speaking house of the Oratory in London.

Reflection

Many people wrongly feel that such an attractive and jocular personality as Philip's cannot be combined with an intense spirituality. Philip's life melts our rigid, narrow views of piety. His approach to sanctity was truly catholic, all-embracing, and accompanied by a good laugh. Philip always wanted his followers to become not less but more human through their striving for holiness.

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