

Our Stewardship of Talent

November 24, 2019

December 1, 2019

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| Acolyte | Madison Glasser | Liana Grove |
| Lector | Laura Wills | Pat Gilmore-Lee |
| Cantor | Art Grove | Greg John |
| Assisting Minister | Terri Myers | Tina Gordon |
| Communion | Art Grove | Carol Clelland |
| Ushers | Daryl Gochenauer* Ja'net Gochenauer Glenn Gross | Tom Burson* Julie Grove/Austin Batcheler Ken Clelland Randy Neidig |
| Greeters | Art and Julie Grove | Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer |
| Altar Guild | Mary Zook, Cheryl Neidig | Ja 'net Gochenauer |
| Counters | Parker Lee, Randy Neidig, Sr. | Rose Hlavac, Terri Myers, Parker Lee |
| Nursery | Carol Clelland | Sue Rodgers |

Remembering. November 10th 2019

| Our Stewardship of Time | | Other Designated Offerings | |
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| Sunday Worship | 78 | Baby Food | \$ 120.00 |
| Sunday School | 20+ | Social Ministry | \$ 115.00 |
| Total | 90+ | Bell Tower Repair | \$ 73.50 |
| Our Stewardship of Treasures | | El Salvador | \$ 60.00* |
| Traditional Giving | \$ 1,141.01 | Youth Director Support | \$ 20.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 965.00 | Flying J Ministry | \$ 10.00 |
| | | Youth Ministry | \$ 5.00 |
| | | Total | \$ 403.50 |
| | | Grand Total | \$ 2,106.01 |
| | Tithes | | |
| General | \$ 1,087.51 | | |
| Benevolence | \$ 573.00 | | |
| World Hunger | \$ 42.00 | | |
| Total Tithes | \$ 1,702.51 | | |

The Week Ahead



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory

that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

Sunday, November 24

9:00am Worship
10:30am Sunday Church School
7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ Trinity UMC

Monday, November 25

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 26

9:00am The Breakfast Club

Wednesday, November 27

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 21

6:00pm Junior Youth Group

Stewardship Snippet November 24, 2019

Psalm 46:10—"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

The last Sunday of the church year, today is an appropriate time to incorporate the spiritual practice of contemplation—being still in God's presence and simply making every breath a song of praise and gratitude.

Call to Action

Community Thanksgiving worship. We'll be worshipping with Trinity United Methodist

Prepare the Way



The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

Meditation and Readings for December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5 Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday, December 1

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

Church tonight at 7pm. Pastor Matthew is preaching.

Elaine Rapp is preparing a Thanksgiving dinner for the Flying J recipients and has opened it to Carlisle Community as well. It will be on **Thanksgiving day from 1 to 3pm.** "We will be having turkey, stuffing, mash potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, rolls as well as desserts. I am looking to feed just over 100 people. If you would like to help whether it be through serving, donating or making something please let me know. I can be reached at shughart77@yahoo.com or 717-247-1159 (you can call or text the number)."

Holiday Food for New Hope Ministries...during Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Hope Ministries is accepting the following items: Vegetables, gravy, potatoes, canned fruit, cranberry

Lord, in Your mercy....

Kathy, Mike K's sister...praise!! Her leukemia is in remission

Al Lewis, recovering from knee replacement surgery

David Jacobs, Leslie Immell's future father-in-

law, difficult recovery from double lung transplant

Alma Quigley, Melinda Bailey's mother...painful recovery from a fall of 3 weeks ago

St. Stephen Disciples.

sauce, pie filling, pie crust, boxed stuffing, cereal, macaroni and cheese for holiday baskets. Your generosity is greatly appreciated to help those in need and make the holidays be filled with love. Your donations can be put in the New Hope bin. See Brenda Kimmel for more information

The Christmas Blessing Tree is up and beautifully decorated in Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take as many ornaments and purchase that/those gift(s). Return the gift(s) unwrapped and place the gift(s) under the tree by December 1 so the gifts can be delivered to New Hope Ministries.

Calling All Communicators...St. Stephen is launching a new communications team to help make church members, as well as the greater community, aware of all the events, resources, worship, and activities happening here at St. Stephen--all of which share the story of Jesus. Do you enjoy writing, photography, videography, social media, public relations, or do you have other talents related to communication? All are welcome to come to the committee's first brainstorming session, set for **Tues., December 10 at 7 pm.** Following this initial meeting, it's anticipated that the committee will meet four times a year (once per quarter), or as needed, to continue its projects.

Middlesex Elementary is collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste to distribute during Parent Teacher Conferences during the week of November 25th. If you would like to contribute, please bring your toothbrush and toothpaste donations to church on **Sunday, November 24th.** A representative from

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

It is hard to believe that Advent will begin next week. With this in mind here is a list of our Advent activities leading to the celebration of the birth of Jesus:

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, and 22 the lighting of the Advent Wreath during worship—please let Carol Clelland know if you would like to participate in the lighting of the candle with a reading.

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18—6 p.m. Advent Soup Supper and Service for all

Saturday, December 7—9 a.m.-noon, Church Decorating – come help make our church beautiful for Christmas

Saturday, December 21—5 p.m., Join us for Dinner with Friends Community Meal

Sunday, December 22—3 p.m. Come Christmas Caroling throughout New Kingstown neighborhood—meet in the church foyer

Sunday, December 22—5 p.m.—Family Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall—games, crafts, music, food, fun for everyone

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve Services—5 p.m. (children's focused), 7 p.m. (traditional with carols), and 11 p.m. (candlelight with Silent Night)

Middlesex will pick them up after church on that date when they pick up the Wegman's items that they have been distributing to families in need each week.

Attention all musicians (and those musically inclined!) As in years past, we would like to offer special music at the 7:00pm Christmas Eve worship service. We need your talent to make that happen. Please contact Abby Best to volunteer or get more information.

Attention Congregation Members! Check out our new Past Youth Events section, located under the Ministries tab on our webpage. Here, you will be able to pictures of our fun! You must log in to St. Stephen's website to access this section. See Tom Burson or Kevin Stafford for help setting up your account, if you don't already have one.

Mark your youth calendars!!!

December 22, 2019 - 5PM-7PM

All ages! Family Christmas Event. Come celebrate Christmas with the family! Crafts, card games, music, and friends! Something for everyone! There will be treats provided, but you're welcome to bring your favorite Christmas goody to share with everyone else! (Bragging rights are free!)

Join in the festivities! Everyone welcome! Friends or strangers!

Caroling around New Kingstown will also be happening from 3PM-5PM.

December 31, 2019 - 8PM-Midnight

All ages. Come celebrate New Year's with the entire family, in a safe environment! No alcohol, but plenty of cheer! Bring 2 secret Bingo prizes, wrapped and valued under \$5 each (Dollar Tree is perfect for this!!) We'll be playing a different type of Bingo than you're used to! Games, food, and fun! Countdown and ball dropping! All ages, all abilities!

Please RSVP to Jenny Batcheler, yfmd@ststephenlc.org, so we can get a head count for food.

Looking forward to seeing you!

It is time to order your annual Christmas poinsettias in memory or honor of loved ones. Please use the insert in this bulletin. You can also pick up the form at the Welcome Center.



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