

Our Stewardship of Talent

	February 2, 2020	February 9, 2020
Acolyte	David Herb	Drayce Grove
Lector	Melinda Bailey	Julie Grove
Cantor	Paulette Krewson	Lynne Immell
Assisting Minister	Julie Grove	Tina Gordon
Communion	Laura Wills	Bill Wills
Ushers	Greg John* Scott Houser Grant Best	Greg John* Scott Houser Grant Best
Greeters	Keith and Melinda Bailey	Ron and Brenda Kimmel
Altar Guild	Ron and Brenda Kimmel	Ron and Brenda Kimmel
Counters	Parker Lee, Randy Neidig, Sr., Rose Hlavac	Tom Burson, Cheryl Neidig, Bob Hendricks
Nursery	Maxine Montgomery	Cheryl Neidig, Rose Hlavac

Remembering January 26th, 2020

Our Stewardship of Time		Other Designated Offerings	
Sunday Worship	77	El Salvador	\$ 1,817.00
Sunday School	35+	Baby Food	\$ 99.88
Total	112	Bell Tower Repair	\$ 93.50
Our Stewardship of Treasures		Youth Director Support	\$ 20.00
		Social Ministry	\$ 15.00
Traditional Giving	\$ 7,543.88	Flying J Ministry	\$ 10.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 315.00	Youth Ministry	\$ 5.00
		Social Ministry (via GGC)	\$ 10.00
		Total	\$ 2,070.38
		Grand Total	\$ 7,858.88
Tithes			
General	\$ 2,503.50		
Benevolence	\$ 2,487.00		
World Hunger	\$ 798.00		
Total Tithes	\$ 5,788.50		

The Week Ahead



Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

Sunday, February 2

9:00am Worship
10:30am Sunday Church School
2:00pm Dulcimer's practice
5:00pm Theology Pub

Monday, February 3

6:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 4

7:00am Committees' Common Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

10:30am Bible Study (Parlor)
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Bible Study (Wegman's)

Stewardship Snippet

February 2, 2020

Matthew 5:9 –Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Stewarding and nourishing a heart of love helps us to live out Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes. As children of God we strive for peace, justice, and dignity for all God's beloved creation. In Christ, we are called to love.

Call to Action

R3 update: In January, we spent three Sundays discussing important questions during worship. These questions are part of the Into the Pews project launched by our R3 renewal team. If you missed any of these Sundays or want more time to talk about these topics (Assets, gifts, and passions of the congregation, Wows/good stuff already in

Prepare the Way

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.



Meditation and Readings for February 9

Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-1-16 Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, February 9

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

place, and needs), please join us in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour next Sunday, February 9.

The Flying J supply closet is getting pretty bare. We could use some liquid laundry detergent and dryer sheets. We appreciate any donations of these items during January (and beyond!!)

A Flying J family is looking for a fireplace insert for a home they found to rent. If anyone has one to donate or for very low cost, please talk with Lynne or Crystal.

In his book *Wishful Thinking*, Frederick Buechner stated, **"the place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."**

Do you hear or feel a voice calling out to you to serve? Do you wonder if God has something more planned for your life? God uses His Word, people, and circumstances to mold or direct us each day. Remember Samuel's call? Eli had to help Samuel discern and answer God's call. Could you be like Samuel? Perhaps this an-

Lord, in Your mercy....

*Family and friends of Bob Lamp...Bob passed away on January 26.
Fran, Mike Kulikauskas' sister...dealing with hip pain and a hernia*

*Kathy, Mike K's sister...suffering from leukemia treatment complications
St. Stephen Disciples.*

nouncement is the voice of Eli speaking to you about that your call. God has a different plan for each of us; we all have various and different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, we all have to do what God is calling us to do.

Do you enjoy interacting with people, are you a good listener, or do you feel moved compassionately to share another's burden through a ministry of presence? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then ***The Outposts***, our new outreach prison ministry, could be a good match for your gifts. To learn more about this new ministry or if you wish to be part of the effort and help our brethren in prison, please contact S. Prudence Hessou at 717-347-9881 or at hessou@gmail.com. You can also contact Rev. Pastor Matthew Best at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, New Kingstown, PA (717-766-2168 or at mattbest@pa.net). Shalom aleichem!"

Save The Date! It's Leap Year !

Paul and Stephen's Sadie Hawkins Social
Saturday, February 29, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Stock Hall, St. Paul Lutheran Church In Carlisle



St. Paul Lutheran Church has invited St. Stephen Lutheran Church to a fun filled evening of combined fellowship. Senior Youth Groups and all adults are invited to this social which includes Green Door from Carlisle instructing Swing Dance. There will also be social games, humor, snacks and fun food like a typical 50's Sadie Hawkins, but you can forget about the girl's date—no requirements there! Come as you are ... or dress like the 50's. We will arrange for a ride if you would like one.

A sign up sheet, along with a request for transportation, for this free event is on the communications board in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up by February 24th! Remember there is a time for joy and a time for dancing!
Ecclesiastes 3:4



The 2020 Chocolate Tasting event will be held **next Sunday, February 9th** after worship in Fellowship Hall. We need assistance from our many bakers! We are asking for donations of 2 dozen individual treats-chocolate is the theme, but we will take any treat! A sign up sheet will be available in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Emma Best or Crystal Houser 717-462-1411. This year, in addition to cash, we are looking for the following donations to continue to support the Flying J Ministry:

New hats, gloves and scarves, socks (men's or women's)
Deodorant, hand sanitizer, travel size tooth paste
Laundry detergent, dryer sheets

TODAY is the last day to bring in cans of soup for the New Hope Souper Bowl challenge! We are currently in last place but there is still hope! We need lots of cans of soup to bring the “Souper Bowl” trophy back to St Stephen! Please bring in cans of soup and let’s load the table up!

Thank you for your continued support.



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