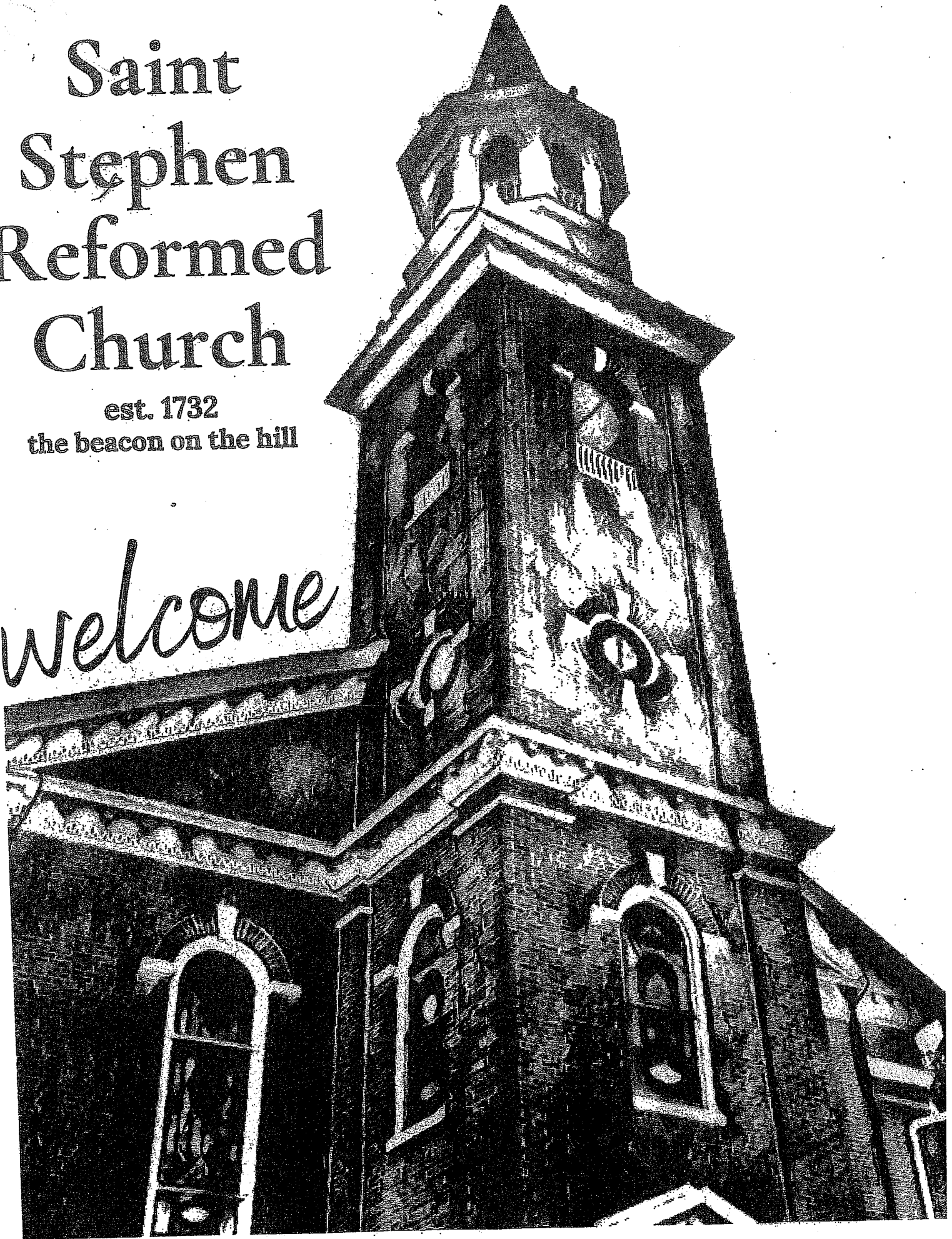


Saint Stephen Reformed Church

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welcome



ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 21, 2026

*Indicates those able may stand

When the prelude begins, please quiet your hearts in preparation for worship

Prelude Sandra Paton

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Drew DiNardo

Preparation for Worship Dr. Stuart Sacks

*Call to Worship (*Adapted from Psalm 95*)

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song

One: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Invocation

*Hymn 122 "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

1 God, all nature sings thy glory,
and thy works proclaim thy might:
ordered vastness in the heavens,
ordered course of day and night,
beauty in the changing seasons,
beauty in the storming sea;
all the changing moods of nature
praise the changeless Trinity.

2 Clearer still we see thy hand in
man whom thou hast made for thee:
ruler of creation's glory,
image of thy majesty.

Music, art, the fruitful garden,
all the labor of his days,
are the calling of his Maker
to the harvest feast of praise.

3 But our sins have spoiled thine image;
nature, conscience only serve
as unceasing, grim reminders
of the wrath which we deserve.

Yet thy grace and saving mercy,
in thy Word of truth revealed,
claim the praise of all who know thee,
in the blood of Jesus sealed.

4 God of glory, power, mercy,
all creation praises thee;
we, thy creatures, would adore thee
now and through eternity.

Saved to magnify thy goodness,
grant us strength to do thy will,
with our acts as with our voices
thy commandments to fulfill.

Call to Confession

Rev. Nathan Titus

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

*The Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*3rd Sunday Confession of Faith (*Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1*)

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Psalter Reading (*Psalms 51*)

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Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
**according to your great compassion blot out my
transgressions.**

Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always
before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in
your sight,

**so that you are proved right when you speak and
justified when you judge.**

Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Then there be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Reception of New Members

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology

Sermon Text

Mark 2:13-17

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Sermon "Jesus Friend of Sinners"

Dr. Drew DiNardo

*Closing Hymn 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
he, my Savior, makes me whole.
Refrain:
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.

2 Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

3 Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

4 Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
he, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

5 Jesus! I do now receive him,
more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. [Refrain]

*Benediction

*Congregation Three-fold Amen

*Postlude

Join us tonight at 4:00 pm as Pastor Nathan preaches
on 3 John 11-15, *Imitate Good*, at our evening service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS 06/21/2026

**Remember Our Missionaries in Prayer
& Contact Them to Get Newsletters**

Richard Smith: RUF-I (Penn State Univ.) Email:
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Chris Peter: RUF (Millersville Univ.) Email:
chris.peter@ruf.org

Becky Della Piazza: DiscipleMakers (Susquehanna Valley)
Email: becky.dellapiazza@dm.org

Joshua Jacobs: Mission to the World (France) Email:
joshua.m.jacobs@gmail.com

Kevin Sheahan: Training Leaders International
Presbyterians Protecting Life GTi Hope CrossNet

**General Fund Offering for June 14 = \$8,411.00
Attendance = 164**

Pray for all homebound members as well as:

Stuart Sacks – is home after being hospitalized for illness

Don Ann Eldridge – prayers for her recovery from issues due to medication

Welcome Center: Randy & Don Ann Eldridge

We welcome all who are visiting with us today. We ask that you fill out a *Connect Card* in the pew and **take it to the Welcome Center** after the service or drop it in the offering plate so we can recognize your visit with us.

Please welcome Sandra Paton to Saint Stephen today. Sandra will be substituting for Doug on the organ as he is on vacation this week and next.

TableTalk July edition has arrived and a limited number of copies are available at the *Welcome Desk*.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Our St Stephen church family will be celebrating our nation's 250th birthday with a "God Bless America" banquet on Saturday, June 27 at 5 pm in Zwingli Hall. Join us as we give thanks for glory and honor to God for our countless blessings of liberty. Come dressed in your best red, white and blue for a special photo opportunity. The Leaman's will be leading us in some familiar patriotic songs, Pastor Drew will share about our founding fathers; special guest Richard Amoroso and friends will be here to play a few songs. Also, there will also be some trivia and historical pictures. And who can pass up pork BBQ and Lapp Valley Farm ice cream?

The monthly New Seasons luncheon will take place on July 9 at StoneHouse Café. Address is 2415 W Main St, Ephrata, PA 17522.

The New Seasons Committee invites our widows and widowers to two special events this summer:

- Hayloft Ice Cream for a picnic style dinner and ice cream on Friday, July 10 at 4:30 pm. Free of charge, carpooling from the church available, sign up in the Narthex by July 5.
- Stormers Ball Game at the Penn Medicine Center (formerly the Clipper Stadium), Saturday, July 25 at 6:45 pm. Carpooling at 5:30 pm from the Sheetz on Eden Rd and Oregon Pike. Call or text Dorenda Melton, 717-419-6725 to register or get more information.

Evangelism Conference - Join us Friday, July 10th, 6 pm, and Saturday, July 11th, 8:30 am, for practical training in reaching your loved ones, friends, and neighbors with the good news of the Gospel. Our speaker is Rev. Mick Weltin, a gifted evangelist, pastor, and church planter. Pastor Mick will also be speaking at Sunday School about his Church Plant. Friday night, we will have ice cream, and Saturday morning, we will have a Continental breakfast. Invite your friends and neighbors. Sign up in the Narthex. Free-will offering will be collected.

Children's Ministry Schedule – June 28

9:30 Nursery Judy Dinning & Morgan Kuch
10:30 Elem SS Martha & Michael Zeher
10:30 Nursery Irene Mitchell & Charlene Leaman

CrossNet Ministries Summer Lunch Program

The Free Summer Lunch Program is for those students that were on the reduced food program during the school year. Note: There was a form that was sent to the parents to sign up.

This program runs from **June 1st through August 29th.**

St Stephen has helped each year with donations needed for this ministry. Here is a list of ideas but also remember they need volunteers to help physically on Mondays' and Thursdays.

Here is that list:

- **Assembling bagged lunches**
- **Kitchen help**
- **Picking up donations**
- **Delivering meals to Pine Grove Church in Bowmansville.**

Here is a list of items needed during these three months.

- **Ziplock sandwich and or snack bags**
- **Parchment paper**
- **Tin foil sheets. (Amazon has these) for an easy find.**

- **Prepackaged snacks: cookies, chips, Gold Fish crackers, Cheetos**

Containers are in the narthex for your convenience. Prayers for this service are always appreciated.

Thank you,

The Missions Committee

Fall bus trip, we want you to look ahead to October. Join us on a trip to Jim Thorpe, PA, Little Switzerland. Thursday, October 22, 2026, you'll be able to stroll the sidewalks and visit boutiques. Nestled in a narrow valley along the Lehigh River in the Pocono Mountains, Jim Thorpe is a historic borough renowned for its 19th-century Victorian architecture, mountain scenery, and outdoor recreation. Often called the "Little Switzerland of America," it blends old-world charm with an array of year-round activities.

We'll learn about the town while riding on the trolley as guides provide the town's rich history. There is a lot more to tell you about the trip so look forward to flyers and the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

NOTE: Be advised that the church Administrative Assistant will be on vacation and out of the office from June 19, returning to the office on July 6. Any phone messages and emails will be reviewed/answered sporadically. Any **immediate needs** should be directed to Pastor Drew at 754.207.1044.

