



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector.

To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

Please notify the church office 732-350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations. If it is an emergency you may also reach Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.

The Day of Pentecost Whitsunday



**DAY OF PENTECOST
WHITSUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**MAY 19, 2024
8 & 10 am**

Save the Date on Upcoming Events



Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
Processional Hymn: <i>“Surely the presence of the Lord”</i> (insert)		
Patriotic Hymn: 717 V4		
Easter Acclamation		355
<i>S102 Trisagion</i>		
Collect of the Day		<i>Insert</i>
First Lesson: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21		<i>Insert</i>
Psalm 104		<i>Insert</i>
Second Lesson: Romans 8:22-27		<i>Insert</i>
Gradual: <i>“Word of God, speak”</i> (Lyrics below)		
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<i>“Spirit of God descend upon my heart”</i> (Insert)		
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Recessional: <i>“Holy, Holy, Holy”</i> (Insert)		
Dismissal		

*Word of God speak
 Won't you pour down like rain
 Washing my eyes to see
 Your majesty
 To be still and know
 That You're in this place
 Please let me stay and rest
 In Your holiness
 word of God speak*

WOMAN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, gathering on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the each month at 11am. For info contact: *Roberta Mackey at 917-696-6863*

CHOIR PRACTICE

Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

HEALING SERVICES

Join us every Thursday at 10am for an experience that will help you find comfort, support, and spiritual healing. We welcome everyone with open hearts and look forward to sharing an enriching time with you.

Bowling Ministry

We are proud and pleased to announce that **Fence Financial, The Heritage Restaurant and Nona’s Place** are now proud sponsors of our upcoming KOH tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes Wrightstown NJ!

OSL

Our next meeting is June 13th after the 11am healing service

VESTRY MEETING

The Vestry Meeting **has been changed** from Monday, May 20 at 10AM to Monday, **May 27 at 10AM**

Whiting Garden Club meeting

Wednesday, June 5th, at 10am. This is the last meeting of this year. More details will follow on the speaker/program.



CHAPEL CLOTHESLINE ~ We are now accepting **SPRING** clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear*, and other items. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project. Please save donations for September Dignified Junk Sale until summer.

Sincerely, Linda Chiappetta

\$ Dollar AUCTION \$



Brand new item's are needed for our dollar auction coming this summer, on **June 15th**. Please drop your items off at the Church office and label them "For \$ Auction". Or give them directly to Tom Larson. Thank you all, a for your ongoing support in contributing to our events here at St. Stephen's.

You can call the office for details at 732-350-2121

Memorial Garden For Pets

Keep an eye out for our next Memorial Service Date. For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest.

The next Memorial Garden for Pets service is planned for June. Please notify the office as soon as possible so we can include you in our plans and finalize the details.

Please contact our office

Monday–Thursday 9am-1:30pm for more info

(732) 350-2121

Thanks to everyone!

that helped to make the

May, ECW English Tea another success!

More information to come in our next bulletin.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams;
 yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days
 I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
 And I will show wonders in the heaven above
 and signs on the earth beneath,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
 the sun shall be turned into darkness
 and the moon into blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes,
 the great and manifest day.
 And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Benedic, anima mea

- 25 **Ⓚ** LORD, how manifold are your works! *
 in wisdom you have made them all;
 the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
 with its living things too many to number, *
 creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
 and there is that Leviathan, *
 which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
 to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
 you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
 you take away their breath,
 and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
 and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
 may the LORD rejoice in all his works.



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month— January 11th, after the Healing Service.

Prayer to send out LEMs with the Sacrament:

Celebrant: N. we send you out to share Communion this week with those who have been entrusted to your care.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

Celebrant: Continues with a closing prayer.

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month at 9:30 am
Aristicare	1st Monday of each month at 2:00 pm
The Arbors	2nd Monday of each month at 2:00 pm
The Pines	3rd Monday of each month at 2:00 pm



ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN

~ is in need of additional members. The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of parishioners who will pray for any who are in need. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Greta Pearl at 732-350-7584 for details. Greta is the contact when placing, on the Prayer Chain, your name or the names of family, neighbors, or friends who would like prayers for healing, comfort, or any other purpose.

TECH THURSDAY



Tech Thursday meets monthly. Keep an eye out for our new dates to come. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, i pad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and/or Bill Bodine will be able assist you.

ONLINE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. See our schedule of services located online at www.ststephenswhitingnj.org



A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2024 - sign up! Everyone is so grateful for the delicious food that you share, your help, and they love chatting after the services. Any questions, contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904

Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws

Days and Hours of Operation are:

Tuesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Wednesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws is made up of members of the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** community and other volunteers who assist in maintaining our pantry, provide food for the sick, the hungry and the needy. The food pantry is here to help those who have minimal funds to work with and come to us when they have a specific need for food.

The **Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws** through very generous donations is also able to provide pet food for dogs and cats. For further information please call:

Jim Jados, Director, Food Pantry at (732) 408-5948.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A Reading From the Gospel According to John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Thunderbowl Lanes in Wrightstown NJ

Presented by St. Stephen's, Bowling Ministry
Whiting, NJ



King of the Hill

TOURNAMENT

Sunday May 26th at 4pm

Cash Prizes, Medals and Trophies Awarded
1st and 2nd place, \$50 entry fee

Dont be a Spare, See You There!

For more information please
contact Bill Bodine at 848-210-4206
or wbodine3@gmail.com

ST STEPHEN'S PRESENTS

SINGLES BOWLING SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY, June 8th 2024

\$45 ENTRY

AT 02:00 PM

Thunderbowl Lanes

423 East Main St. Wrightstown NJ
08562

Open to All adult men, women
and junior bowlers

Trophies and Medals Awarded for
1,2 & 3 Places

For more information contact Bill Bodine at 848-210-4206

“I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



The word *Pentecost* means “fiftieth day.” Today we conclude the seven weeks of celebrating our redemption, shown forth in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and in his sending of the Spirit of God to us. It is the presence of the Spirit in the church that makes God’s action in the dying, rising, and glorification of Jesus of more than historical interest. It is the continued presence of the Holy Spirit that incorporates our lives into the risen life of Christ and makes us part of his Body. This celebration of the Holy Spirit is, therefore, one of the four times in the year when Holy Baptism is particularly significant in the liturgy. (The other three times are the Baptism of Our Lord, Easter, and All Saints’ Day.) It is in Baptism that we receive the Spirit and are made partakers in the resurrection life. In Baptism we are made new members of the company of the apostles, and we are sent forth in the power of the Spirit to proclaim the risen Christ to people of every race and tongue and nation.

As an essential part of the liturgy today, therefore, we will rejoice in the Baptism of new members of Christ. As we renew our own Baptismal Covenant, we renew our commitment to that new life and rejoice with others baptized on this day.

The Gospel reading takes us back to the beginning of this season, on the first Easter, when Jesus appeared to the disciples after his resurrection. He gives them the Holy Spirit and the authority to be God’s agents of reconciliation to all humankind.

In the reading from Acts, we hear the account of the first Pentecost Day, when the apostles received the Spirit and proclaimed the gospel in many tongues. In the presence of people from many parts of the world, they spoke the Word to all. According to Jesus’ promise, the Holy Spirit descended on the infant church, empowering it to proclaim Jesus as Lord and to minister to all people.

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	Joann Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson, Joann Smithson, Susan Clarke
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Linda Chiappetta, Marge McQueen
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:00 am	Valerie Thompson
LEM 10:00 am	Susan Clarke, Bill Bodine, Gerrie Vergona
Altar Guild 10:00am	Beverly Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:00 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

In Loving Memory

The Memorial Service honoring the life of Ruthann Brooks will be held on Monday, May 20 at NOON, Everyone is invited to attend.

Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to
The Glory of God*

*In Memory of
Ruthann Brooks
by St. Stephen’s Ministry*

Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God*

*In Memory of
My sister Pat Laurson
by Joann Smithson*

*In Memory of
my Mother Jannette Tompkins
by Ruth Molnar*

