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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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please welcome

*The Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey*



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*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*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, Mondays at 11am, for info contact
This weeks title: ...Led by, Roberta Mackey

CHOIR PRACTICE

10am every Wednesday. Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

HEALING SERVICES

Thursdays at 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

2nd Thursday of each month, October 13th - after Healing Service

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, October 24th @ 10am

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

October 10th @10AM

STEWARDSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Will be led by Fr. Paul for on the next two Tuesdays, October 4th and 11th at 11AM. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

MEDICARE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

Friday October 14, 2022 1pm

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in our Parish Hall. Refreshments will be provided. A Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex to properly accommodate for refreshments

The Rev. Josh Acton

The North American Director of OSL, will be joining us on Saturday, October 15th at 10AM for a healing service. A sign up sheet in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. Compline is now on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** at 7PM on **YouTube and Zoom**. All are welcome! COME AND SEE!!!



CROPWALK

We walk so others can eat. Walkers will begin at St. Stephen's on Sunday, October 16 at 2PM and walk-through Cedar Glen Lakes. Sponsor a walker. Some of the proceeds will go to Our Daily Bread. Refreshments will be served. The walkers will be led by Pastor Watson and his bagpipes as they walk. See Stefanie for information.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebboxes are available in the Narthex to fill with school supplies, toys, games, puzzles, art supplies, books, dolls, trucks, cars to share with children in need. An extra box is available for items or extra items that wouldn't fit in your box. Attach the label and your check to help ship it to the children. Deadline is in November and they will go to their next collection site before being shipped out. Barbara Marshall is the Chair.

Contact her at 732-778-2628

HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

The E.C.W. is hosting a Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. In addition to the crafters and vendors, the Kitchen Café will be open with food and snacks available for purchase. There will be a 50/50, a basket auction, door prizes and the popular bake sale table. Tables are available for a donation of \$10.00 plus the donation of a small door prize. For information or to reserve a table, please call JoAnn Smithson 609-575-1879.

Today we welcome Bishop Chip to St. Stephen's

Sunday October 9th, 2022 at 10:15am
ONE SERVICE ONLY

For the purpose of confirmation and reception

a light luncheon along with a sheet cake coffee, tea, water will be offered for the Bishops visit on Sunday Oct 9th after the 10:15 am service. Only One service that day

A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex for # of people attending, very important so we know how much food is needed

And a separate sheet for what sides you may bring to share with everyone

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.... *Amen.*

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little maid from the land of Israel, and she waited on Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

And when the king of Israel read the letter, he rent his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you rent your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry, and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him; and he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant."

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

*2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! **

they are studied by all who delight in them.

*3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, **

and his righteousness endures for ever.

*4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; **

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

*5 He gives food to those who fear him; **

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

*6 He has shown his people the power of his works **

in giving them the lands of the nations.

*7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; **

all his commandments are sure.

*8 They stand fast for ever and ever, **

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

*10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; **

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.



CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting **WINTER** 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. Our Summer clothes are now on clearance sale. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

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.

CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS ~ Caregivers volunteers, is a faith base organization that offer assistance to the elderly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Caregivers at 732-505-2273 Ext 213

COFFEE HOUR

A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2022 - 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

ST. STEPHENS PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Will be meeting on this Sunday October 23rd after both 8am and 10:15am services to start public relations with our parish online and throughout our community. We are looking for dedicated and organized ideas to help our St. Stephens grow and inform our parishioners on upcoming events and services. For more info, or, if you would like to have a meeting other than on the scheduled dates, please contact *Bill Bodine, Chair*

50/50, \$2 a ticket, Drawing on NOVEMBER 5th

Contact the church office and GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!





Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month--September 8th, 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

Stewardship Meeting

Greetings all!

Our stewardship slate of speakers is now complete, and thanks to all who are willing to participate this year!

After going online with project resource the last couple of weeks we came up with an idea to share. Wanted to have a fireside fall chat about stewardship on Sunday October 30th during the coffee hours and we can have a pow wow and talk stewardship! Why not bring your thoughts and ideas about stewardship to coffee hour! It's a great and informative way to exchange ideas about stewardship and to gather other people's ideas as well what they're thinking of.

If you have any other ideas and suggestions please let me know. I'm always looking for ways to improve the program. We have a very talented slate this year and our consecration Sunday speaker is Canon Phyllis Jones from the diocese of NJ. Consecration Sunday is Sunday November 20th.

Our program is nearly set and we always look for more to do as it's a year round effort!

Sunday October 30th

During both coffee hours

Bring your thoughts and ideas..

And enjoy some fall refreshments

Like apple cider, cider and pumpkin doughnuts and assorted pastries.

We would be delighted to hear your Stewardship suggestions to improve the program.



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

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

if we endure, we shall also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and charge them before the Lord to avoid disputing about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."



In today's liturgy, the central theme is the inclusive nature of God's call to us. Although Judaism and Christianity have at points in history have been presented as limited and exclusive, the word of God in both Testaments is insistent that God calls all people into the Kingdom.

In today's gospel, the willingness of the Samaritan leper to recognize Christ (excluded from conventional society because of his ethnicity and his affliction), and Jesus' ministry to him, was used by Jesus as a sign of God's favor to all people. Faith is not limited only to a few special people.

The story of Elisha and Naaman is a parallel event to today's Gospel passage. Naaman, also from a foreign and despised people and a leper, is nevertheless healed by the great Hebrew prophet. God's goodness is not only for Jews and Christians but also for all people.

In the reading from 2 Timothy we have instructions to an early church leader concerning the message he is to proclaim and the character of his ministry. Timothy is reminded that God remains faithful to us and that our response is to be faithful to God.

In the Eucharist, we join as the people of God. We are set apart by baptism, not as an exclusive society, but are called to be the Spirit's instruments in calling all people into God's family. We are of every race, class, and heritage, yet we are united in Christ as a priestly people sent out to the entire world.

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Serving in the Liturgy today:

Bishop	<i>The Right Rev. William H. (Chip) Stokes</i>
Rector	<i>Rev. Paul Van Sant Sr.</i>
Lector 10:15 am	<i>Michael Munson</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Bob Virtue, Bill Bodine</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

Today we welcome;

*Ann Marie Solaequi, Linda Marie Chiappetta, Robert Michael Pizzutti and Thomas James Maccello, into our branch of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
May God be with them always.*

Sanctuary Candle

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

*In Memory of
Our Children Kim and Michael,
from Dottie and Bill Kaster*

*In Honor of
My Daughter Jennifer's (Oct 2)
Birthday, From Penny Scott*

*In Honor of
My Granddaughter Brittany's
Birthday (Sept 28th) & Grandson's
Brandon, (Oct 2) & Cassidy's (Oct 3)
Birthday from Penny Scott*

*In Honor of
My Great Granddaughter Madeline's
Birthday (Oct 8) from Penny Scott*



Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God*

*In loving Memory of
Robert Payne's birthday,
by Maryann Payne*

