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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

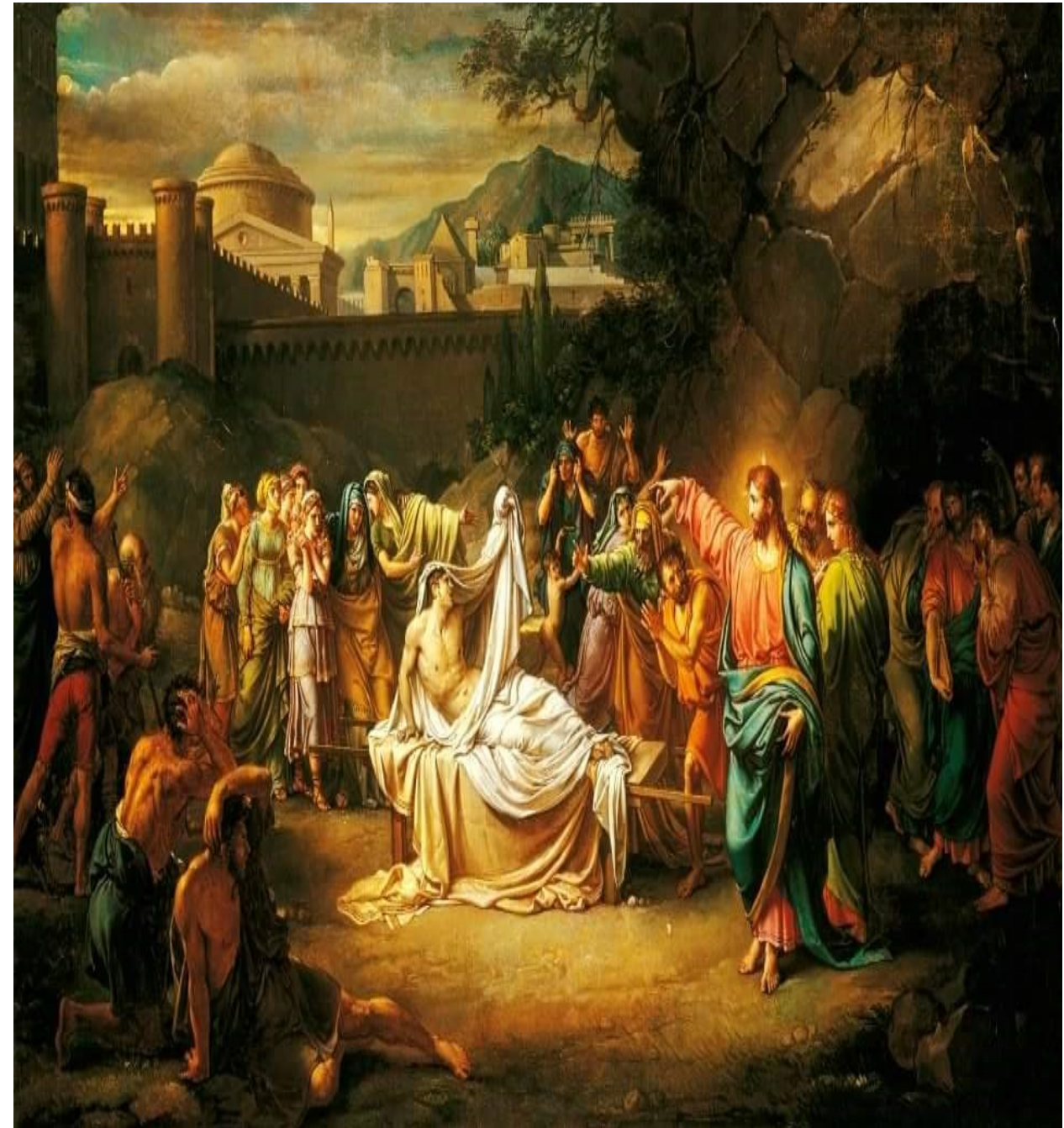
Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 20
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

09/18/ 2022
8 am & 10 am

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
594	Processional Hymn: “ <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> ” Open Acclamation	355
S102	Trisagion Collect of the Day	<i>Insert</i>
	First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7	<i>Insert</i>
	Psalm 113	<i>Insert</i>
	Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7	<i>Insert</i>
	Gradual: “Word of God, Speak” (<i>Lyrics Below</i>)	<i>Insert</i>
	Gospel: Luke 16:1-13	<i>Insert</i>
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S152	Fraction Anthem	
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676	“ <i>There is a balm in Gilead</i> ”	
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	Announcements	
680	Recessional: “ <i>Oh God, our help in ages past</i> ”	
	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*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, Mondays at 11am, for info contact
This weeks title: “Rest in God”...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, September 26th @ 10am

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

October 10th @10AM

STEWADRSHIP BIBLE STUDY

Will be led by Fr. Paul for 3 weeks beginning on Tuesday, September 27th, 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 15 at 10AM for a healing service. A sign up sheet in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for.

UTO

last Sunday for your donation is today (Sept 18). We do accept donations all year round. Check made out to St. Stephen's, UTO in the memo.

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!!!

UTO ~ or the United Thank Offering is a worldwide program that has existed for over 100 years. The blue boxes and envelopes remind us each day what we are thankful for, what God has given us, and our prayers help others as well. Monies collected from July to September have been given to the Diocesan ECW Treasurer at the Annual Diocesan ECW Meeting and UTO Ingathering on Saturday, September 24 at St. David's, Cranbury. The meeting was also held on Zoom and You Tube. Our Bishop Chip officiated at this event which probably is the last Diocesan ECW event he will attend before he retires. More information in the next issue.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~ Shoeboxes 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.

The Bishop is coming! Rescheduled date!

We welcome the Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes,
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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
that we may sell grain;

And the sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale?

That we may make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and sell the refuse of the wheat?"

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113

Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.

2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on
high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.

7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.

8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.



CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE ~ Sells well to groups
meeting at our church. Now accepting Summer clothes **ON-**
LY 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 in-
formation, 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 ques-
tions please feel free to contact Caregivers at 732-505-2273 Ext 213



help wanted



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 chat-
ting after the services. Any questions, contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904





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. The season opens on Sunday September 18th where I'll open the season with a speech to the congregation. 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

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."



In the liturgy, the spiritual and the material are joined in Holy Communion. This reflects the Christian concern with both matter and spirit. We cannot be faithful to the gospel if we limit our values to either one alone. Today's gospel reading about the unjust steward makes the point that how we use our material wealth is directly related to our relationship with God. If a "worldly" person like the steward uses money to secure friends, how much more should we, the children of God, use our material wealth to gain favor with God and our fellow human beings.

The first reading from the prophet Amos speaks to those whose material greed leads them to ignore the plight of the poor and helpless. He warns that a society that cares primarily for profit and acquisition will be destroyed by its own greed.

Today we continue the series of readings from the first epistle to Timothy. These letters, written after Paul's death by his followers, give practical advice to Christian communities about church life. The church is to be an intercessory body of people who, through their prayer for all persons (even the emperor, their enemy), are the means of bringing about God's salvation.

God's love is for all of creation and we are called in both liturgical worship and daily living to be God's instrument in bringing everything and everyone into God's Kingdom.

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Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	JoAnn Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Debbie Fisher, Dave Fisher
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Mike Munson
LEM 10:15 am	Bill Bodine, Kay Karlick
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

Sanctuary Candle

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

***In Memory of
Ernest J. Clarke III,
by Daughter Susan Clarke***

***In Honor of
Granddaughter Jordan Brittany,
by Penny Scott***

***In Memory of
Robert Smith, by Penny Scott***



Altar Flowers

***Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God***

***In Honor of
Sans Memorial***

