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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.

*All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your Name.
Psalm 66:3*



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 9
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**JULY 3, 2022
8 am & 10 am**

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal

The Word of God

BCP

522 Processional Hymn: “Glorious things of Thee are spoken”
Open Acclamation
S102 Trisagion
Collect of the Day
First Lesson: **Isaiah 66:10-14**
Psalm 66
Second Lesson: **Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16**
Gradual: “Word of God, Speak” (Lyrics below)
Gospel: **Luke 9:51-62**
Sermon — *The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.*
The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People Form VI
Confession and Absolution
The Peace
Offertory Anthem (*Bill Bodine*)
Doxology: “All things come of thee O Lord”

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HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A
S120 Sursum Corda
S125 Sanctus
S140 Memorial Acclamation
The Lord’s Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
S152 Fraction Anthem
Communion Hymns:
325 “Let Us Break Bread Together”
544 “Jesus shall reign”
535 “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”
Post Communion Prayer 365
Blessing
Announcements
657 Recessional: “Love Devine, all loves excelling”
Dismissal

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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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, Mondays at 11am, for info contact *Roberta Mackey* at (917) 696-6863

CHOIR PRACTICE

Looking for volunteers to sing or play instruments during the summer months. Please see *Esther Graham*



HEALING SERVICES

Thursdays at 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

2nd Thursday of each month, July 14th- after Healing Service

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, July 25th @ 10am

BLUEGRASS AND BLUEBERRY SOCIAL

Saturday, July 9th, 1-3pm tickets are \$10

4TH OF JULY PARTY ON THE “3RD OF JULY”

Sunday July 3rd at Peter and Susan Quigley’s House, 2001 Elizabeth Ave, Whiting NJ 08759. Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, or call 732-350-2121 for Attendance.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY July 17th, after 10:15am service.

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!!!



English Tea

An American version of the English Tea was a success thanks to the help of so many people that set tables, made sandwiches and desserts, and helped on the day. Thank you for your support. The 1/2 of the 50/50 was donated to the church. Our total was: \$2,655. There are still a few tickets remaining for the September 15 tea. Please join us. Stefanie Bodine, Chair

BLUEGRASS & BLUEBERRY SOCIAL



Saturday, July 9th, 1-3pm tickets are \$10 sold at St. Stephen's Church Office

Open Monday –Thursday 9-2pm



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.**

Collect of the Day

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the Lord:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her--

that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies."

Psalm 66:1-8

Jubilate Deo

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.



Second Reading

Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.



CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting Summer 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

YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING

Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan. Contact our Treasurer, *Gerrie Vergona* if interested.



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



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month--July 14th, 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
Aristo Care	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



4th OF JULY PARTY

St Stephens' families are invited to a July 4th celebration
On Sunday, 3rd of July at noon,
 at the Quigley's, 2001 Elizabeth Avenue, Whiting. Please
 confirm your attendance on the sign up list in the Church
 Narthex or call Greg in the church office to confirm your
 attendance.

(Swimming attire is optional!)

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."



Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	<i>Susan Quigley</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Peter Quigley</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:15 am	<i>Kay Karlick</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Susan Clarke, Kay Karlick</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

Today's liturgy holds up before us the call to go into the world to proclaim the gospel of the crucified and risen Lord. Luke's account of Jesus' sending out seventy of his disciples to announce the Kingdom of God is also a call to us. We were first called and commissioned in our baptism when we promised to strive to live as disciples of Christ, and promised to proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

The first reading from Isaiah foresees God gathering all the faithful people of the earth into the Kingdom. God, like a mother who comforts her children, will protect the faithful in the coming tribulation. This passage is reflective of later Old Testament insight, which sees the conflict between good and evil in history as foreshadowing the end times. Jesus' own proclamation, carried by the seventy and by us, is that history is approaching its end, and all people are called into God's Kingdom in preparation for that end.

The second reading is the conclusion of the letter to the Galatians. Paul insists that those who demand outward signs of faith have failed to see that the true outward sign of faith is Christ's crucifixion and the change in our way of living which faith in Christ crucified brings. That faith produces people who will proclaim Christ and struggle against those evils in this world that destroy human life.

The conclusion of every liturgy is a dismissal, a sending forth of all God's people. Again, in the dismissal today, we hear Jesus sending us out as he did the seventy, to proclaim the coming of the Kingdom and to heal all who suffer.

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Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is given to

The Glory of God

In Honor of

*Jackie Bodine's & Bill Bodine's
Birthday, from Stefanie Bodine*

In Memory of

*Luitgardis Rotsaert's Birthday
from Stefanie & Bill Bodine*



Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God*

In Memory of

*My sister, Pat Laursen
from Rich & Joann Smithson*

In Memory of

*Warren "Buddy" Bruen
From Lyndell & James Cerne*

In Memory of

*Mother, Virginia Clarke's Birthday
by Daughter Susan Clarke*

In Honor of

*Jackie Bodine's & Bill Bodine's
birthday from
Stefanie and Bill Bodine*

In Memory of

*Luitgardis Rotsaert's Birthday
from Stefanie & Bill Bodine*

In Memory of

*My husband Frank J. Talarowski
from Lois Talarowski*

