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**A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey**

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**Wardens and Vestry 2022**

Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden  
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Dottie Kaster, Maryann Payne, Robert Virtue  
Kay Karlick, Tom Larson, Ken Seda  
Joanne Smithson, Clerk

**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*

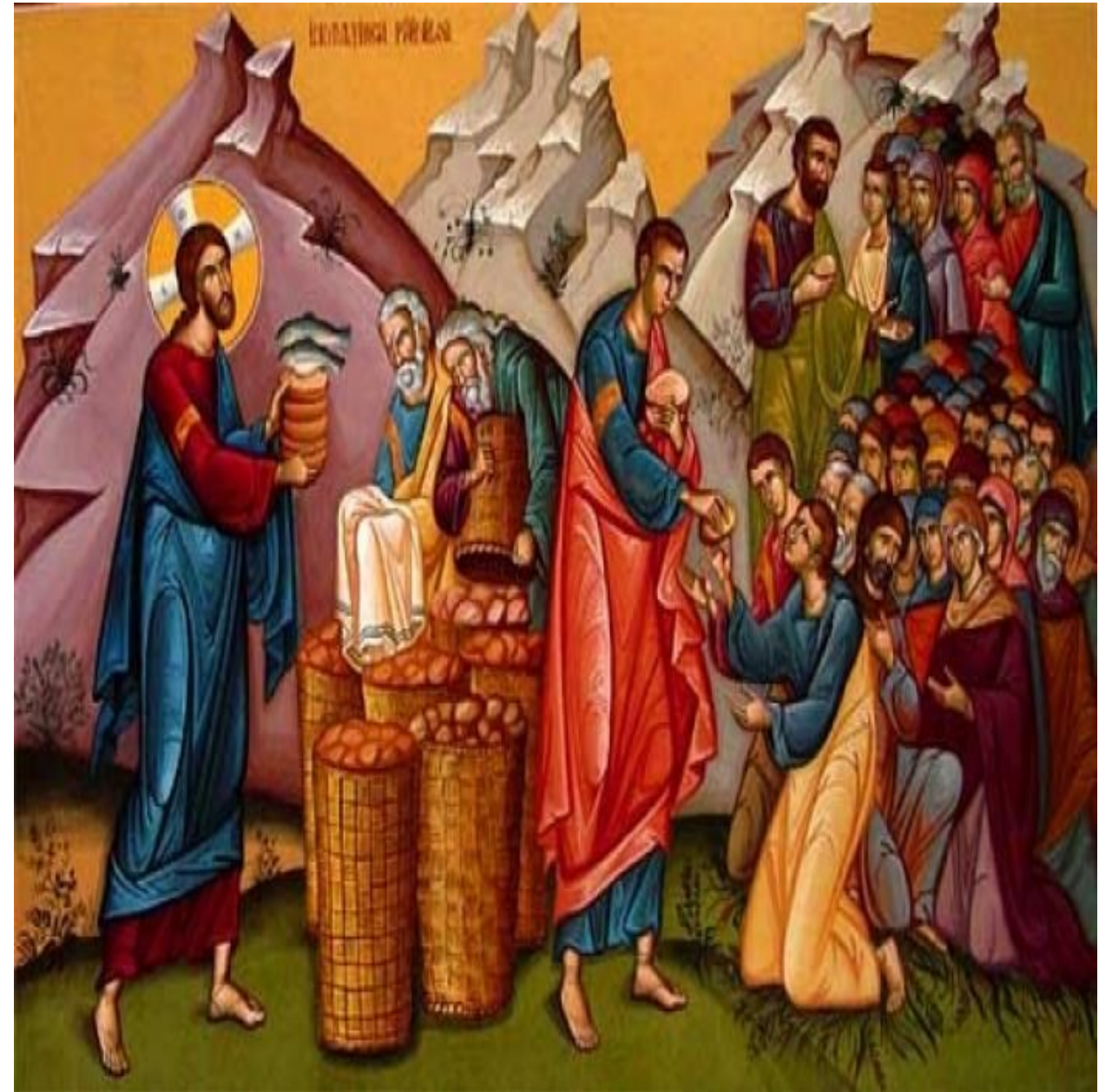
**Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!**

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.

# *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*



**MORNING PRAYER**

**JULY 31, 2022**  
**8am & 10:15am**  
**BCP**

**Save the Date on Upcoming Events**

408 Processional: “Sing praise to God who reigns above”

Opening Sentence

Confession of Sin

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**Psalm 49**

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First Lesson: **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

Insert

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**Canticle 13**

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Gradual: “Word of God speak” (*Lyrics on next page*)

The Holy Gospel: **Luke 12:13-21**

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**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, August 11th- after Healing Service

**NEXT VESTRY MEETING**

Monday, Sept 26th @ 10am

**STEWARDSHIP TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Next Stewardship meeting will be on August, 28th See *Bill Bodine* for more info.

**THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING AUGUST 8TH @10AM**

**ARTICLES DUE FOR THE SEPTEMBER CHAPPLE CHIMES**

**ATTENTION**

The JULY/AUGUST issue of our Chapel Chimes newsletter, Has a misprinted July Calendar. For up to date events and daily schedules, please visit our website at

[www.saintstephenswhiting.org](http://www.saintstephenswhiting.org)

Look for it and “click” our “Publications”, then select “The Chapel Chimes”, for a revised calendar. Or call the office between the hours of 9am –2pm Monday– Thursday.  
732-350-2121.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

## 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** ~ The United Thank Offering or UTO, is a worldwide program that has existed for over 100 years. The blue boxes remind us of each day, of what God has given us, and we are thankful, as we say a prayer and collect some coins to put in the box. The blue boxes and envelopes will be in the Narthex for your contribution from **July 31 to September 18**.

The **UTO** Ingathering and Diocesan ECW **Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24 at 10AM at St. David's, Cranbury**. The Meeting will also be on zoom and you tube. Our Bishop will join us at that time as well. See *Stefanie Bodine*, or call her at (732) 350-2904 with your questions.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** ~ Each year we fill the shoeboxes to share with children in need. This is the perfect time to pick up back to school supplies in our local stores to fill these shoeboxes. More details will follow. Any ?, contact *Stefanie Bodine* at (732) 350-2904

## DIOCEAN NEWS

### SAVE THE DATE

We welcome the Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes, to St. Stephen's on **Sunday September 11th, 2022. One service only at 10:15am**

for the purpose of confirmation and reception for those who would like to become a full member of the Episcopal Church.

Please see Fr. Paul Van Sant for more information

Welcome BBQ following!!!!!!

Updates will follow and sign up sheets will be in the narthex for all who wish to contribute a side dish

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

## *Collect of the Day*

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## *First Reading*

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God speak  
Let it fall 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

**Psalm 49:1-11**

*Audite haec, omnes*

1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.



**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.



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 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--August 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
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

## Stewardship

Greetings!

Our 2022 stewardship slate of speakers is nearly complete! We have been very successful in gathering parishioners to share their stewardship stories with the congregation this year and we look forward with enthusiasm to the coming season!

As soon as the slate is completed I'll make up the official chart for the season and send it to Greg at the office for publication.

Our next stewardship team meeting is on Sunday August 28th after the late service in the parish hall.

I'm very proud and pleased that many have jumped onboard the stewardship train this year! It's going to be one to remember and hopefully we'll get our parish family to commit to pledge to the church! I'll need your feedback to prepare for the season so have your ideas and suggestions ready!

God bless our wonderful parish we call home!

Regards,  
Bill B

## *Second Reading*

*Colossians 3:1-11*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## *Holy Gospel*

*Luke 12:13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."



*Serving in the Liturgy today:*

Lector 8:00 am Susan Quigley  
LEM 8:00 am  
Altar Guild 8:00 am Debbie Fisher, Dave Fisher  
Ushers 8:00 am Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine  
Lector 10:15 am Kay Karlick  
LEM 10:15 am  
Altar Guild 10:15 am Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro  
Ushers 10:15 am Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

In today's liturgy, we are confronted with some of Jesus' hardest words. As he traveled toward Jerusalem, certain of the great crisis which lay ahead, Jesus set forth the serious nature of discipleship. He referred to his approaching death as his "baptism." He revealed that faithfulness to God would produce opposition and division.

God's message to an unfaithful people through the prophet Jeremiah is that his word comes as hard truth. It will lay bare lies and deceit. It demands that those who speak for God speak truth, even though the message may be hard to bear.

In the second reading today, we are assured that regardless of the opposition and division which faithfulness to God may bring, we have hope. That hope is based first on the record of God's faithful people in the past, but is based above all on the record of Jesus. The "cloud of witnesses" of the past is now joined and led by Jesus "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

As we gather in Eucharist, we are indeed surrounded by the witness of those in ages past whose faith in God led them to hard and tough decisions. In Christ and with each other the joys and the hard disciplines of faith are united. We recall Christ's death and resurrection and our own incorporation into his dying and rising, which began in us in baptism.

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*Sanctuary Candle*

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

*In Honor of  
My birthday Penny Scott, granddaughter  
Lindsey and daughter Hilary*

*In Honor of  
Stefanie Bodine's birthday,  
by Bill and Stefanie Bodine*



*Altar Flowers*

*Altar Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God*

*In Honor of  
My birthday, Stefanie Bodine*

*In Memory of  
Kenny & Cristine Rounsley,  
by Lois Talarowski*

*In Memory of  
My Husband Arthur Redfern,  
by Marjorie Redfern*

