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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.

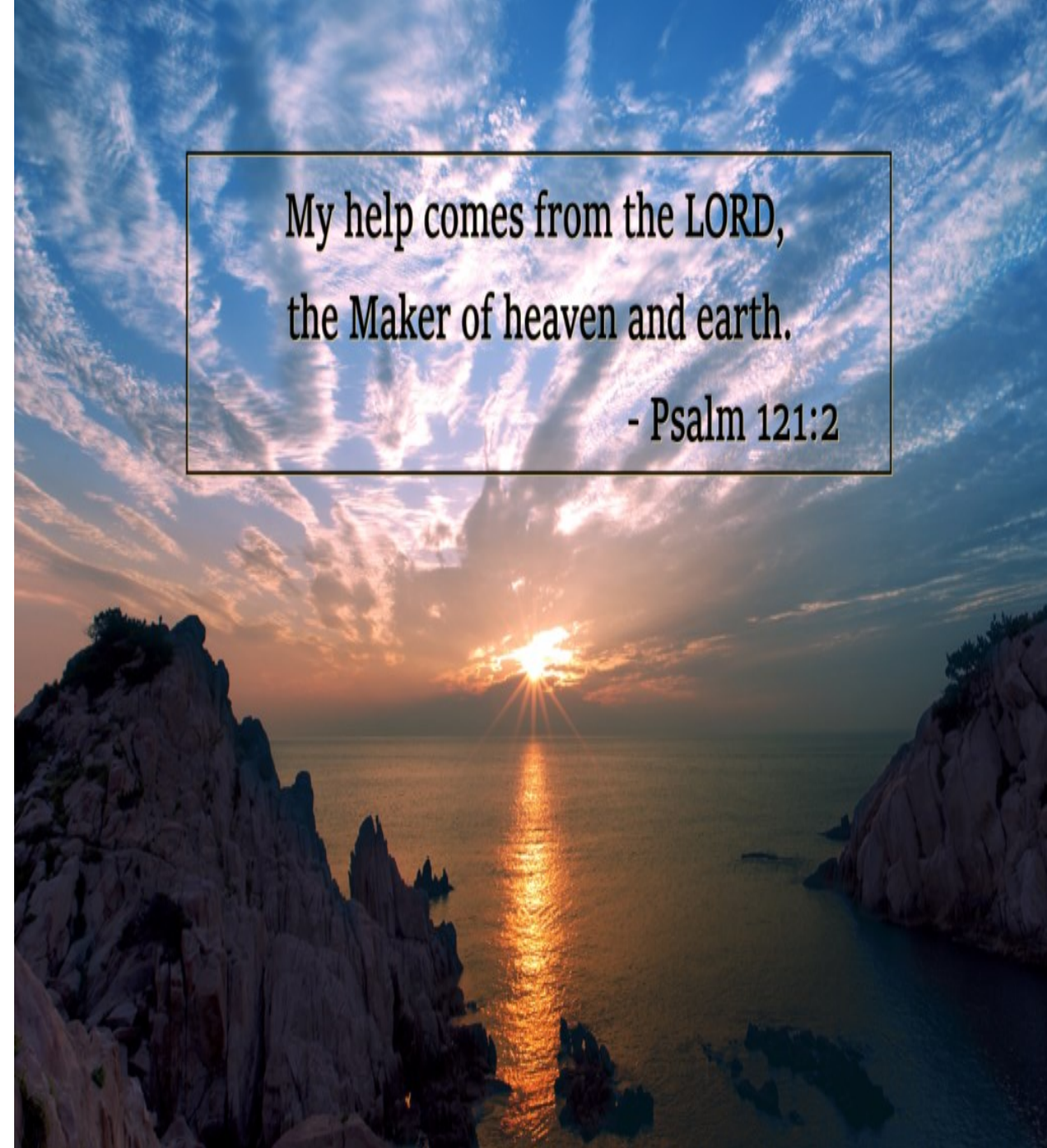
To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

- Psalm 121:2



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 24
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

10/16/2022
9 & 10:15 am

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
535	Processional Hymn: “ <i>Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim</i> ”	
	Opening Acclamation	413
S102	Trisagion	
	Collect of the Day	<i>Insert</i>
	First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31	<i>Insert</i>
	Psalm 121	<i>Insert</i>
	Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	<i>Insert</i>
	Gradual: “Word of God, Speak” (<i>Lyrics Below</i>)	<i>Insert</i>
	Gospel: Luke 18:1-8	<i>Insert</i>
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HOLY COMMUNION

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S125	Sanctus	
S133	Memorial Acclamation	363
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	Breaking of the Bread	
S152	Fraction Anthem	
	Communion Hymns:	
325	“ <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> ”	
337	“ <i>And now, O Father, mindful of the love</i> ”	
711	“ <i>Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God</i> ”	
	Post Communion Prayer	365
	Announcements	
	Blessing	
530	Recessional: “ <i>Spread, O spread, thou mighty word</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: ...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, November 10th - after Healing Service

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, October 24th @ 10am

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

November 14th @10AM

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.

Dear fellow parishioners, Fr. Paul

The hospitality committee would like to thank everyone who made the Bishops visit and reception a huge success!

Your willingness to always bring your tasty dishes, beautiful decorations! help with setting up, cleanup etc. and enjoying fellowship with one another is always a priceless gift.

Thank you to the ECW for its generous donation, Greg for his help in all notices and publications announcing our events, Tom O'Brien for the setup of tables as well as the many members of St. Stephen's who always are willing to lend a hand.

Although I may not name everyone, (sorry) I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our hard-working hospitality committee who donated time, talent, and their favorite recipes to this fabulous event!

Dottie Kaster, JoAnn Smithson, JoAnn Sorieno, Kay Karlick, Susan Quigley, Beverly Larson Thank you from the bottom of my heart! We are all so blessed with a caring, loving parish. Love you all

Sincerely,
Maryann Payne

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. *Amen.*

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Tell me, I pray, your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh.

Psalm 121

A Song of Ascents.

1. I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From whence does my help come?
2. My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved,
he who keeps you will not slumber.
4. Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade
on your right hand.
6. The sun shall not smite you by day,
nor the moon by night.
7. The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
8. The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for evermore.



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 or 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 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths. As for you, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor regarded man; and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.' For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming.' " And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



Serving in the Liturgy today:

Rector	<i>Rev. Paul Van Sant Sr.</i>
Lector 8:00 am	<i>JoAnn Smithson</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Richard Smithson</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Debbie Fisher, Dave Fisher</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:15 am	<i>Kay Karlick</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

Today, Jesus uses a parable to teach about prayer. In it, an unjust judge grants his petitioner’s plea only because she will not leave him alone until he does. Jesus says that God will also grant the prayers of those who cry to God day and night. The point is not that God, like the judge, will only be responsive to those who nag. It is, as Luke says, to teach us the need to pray always and not lose heart.

The first reading describes Jacob’s tenacity in wrestling with the stranger in the dark. Jacob was not able to win the match because the stranger was God. Yet, Jacob’s persistence brings him his new identity as the forebear of God’s people. He is given a new name, Israel, which means “he who strives with God.”

In today’s reading from the second letter to Timothy, this early church leader is called to persevere in teaching and preaching the faith he has been given both by his family and in his study of the scriptures. This letter was written in a time when an aberrant form of Christianity was being proclaimed. Timothy is to stick with what he has learned from the scriptures and from Paul.

Our baptism has called us into a life characterized by the need never to give up our search for God. Faithfulness involves a giving of all that we are and all that we have. God asks us never to lose heart and to give all of our time, treasure, and talents to the ministry of God in this world.

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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*

