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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 ends of the earth shall  
remember and turn to the LORD*

*PSALM 22:26*



<b>Hymnal</b>	<b>The Word of God</b>
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	Open Acclamation
	Collect of the Day
	First Lesson: <b>Isaiah 65:1-9</b>
	<b>Psalm 22</b>
	Second Lesson: <b>Galatians 3:23-29</b>
	Gradual: "Word of God, Speak" ( <i>Lyrics below</i> )
	Gospel: <b>Luke 8:26-39</b>
	Sermon — <i>The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.</i>
	The Nicene Creed
	Prayers of the People Form VI
	Confession and Absolution
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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

**Save the Date on Upcoming Events**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

"The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays at 11am, for info contact *Roberta Mackey* at (917) 696-6863  
**(No Study on June 20 & 27)**

**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, June 27th @ 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.

**MEMORIAL PET GARDEN PLANNING MEETING**

SUNDAY June 19th, 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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving --kindness; 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 65:1-9*

*I* was ready to be sought out by those  
who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious  
people,

who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;

who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their ves-  
sels;

who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for  
you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps  
their iniquities and their ancestors'  
iniquities together, says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the moun-  
tains and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy  
it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from  
Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of  
my mountains;

my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there

**Psalm 22:18-27**

**Deus, Deus meus**

18 Be not far away, O LORD; \*  
you are my strength; hasten to help me.

19 Save me from the sword, \*  
my life from the power of the dog.

20 Save me from the lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

21 I will declare your Name to my brethren; \*  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.



**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.



**COFFEE HOUR**  **help wanted**

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!)

## *Second Reading*

*Galatians 3:23-29*

*Now* before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## *Holy Gospel*

*Luke 8:26-39*

*Jesus* and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.



*Serving in the Liturgy today:*

Lector 8:00 am	Stefanie Bodine
LEM 8:00 am	Bill Bodine
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Greg Hartline
LEM 10:15 am	Bill Bodine, Barbara Marshall
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

The liturgy today has as its central sign God's power to save and restore human beings to wholeness. The gospel reading is about the man possessed by a legion of demons. The man had been abandoned by his neighbors. Jesus has compassion and drives out the demons, restoring the man to his right mind and to his community.

The first reading, from Isaiah, comes from a time when the people had become unfaithful. Rather than obeying God's Law, they were following the religious customs of pagans. God's compassion will nonetheless be shown. He will not destroy all of Israel but will save and restore a remnant of the people.

Today's reading from the epistle to the Galatians is a continuation of Paul's teaching concerning salvation by faith. It is that faith which brings us into a living relationship with God. That relationship transcends all human distinctions. No one is outside God's family. The sign and meaning of that relationship is baptism, the sacrament in which we are adopted as God's children and in which we are united with Jesus in his dying and rising.

The liturgy of the Eucharist brings us together as those who in baptism have "put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female," for in this liturgy we are all one in Christ Jesus. God does not reject those who are far from God, not even those who are living in disobedience. As Christ healed the demoniac and God forgave the unfaithful of Israel, so the divine compassion is operative in our lives today.

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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  
Diane Anderson  
from Roberta Mackey*

*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*

