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

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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.

## *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 21  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

09/25/ 2022  
8 am & 10 am

*Save the Date on Upcoming Events*

<b>Hymnal</b>	<b>The Word of God</b>	<b>BCP</b>
625	Processional Hymn: “Ye holy angels bright” Open Acclamation	355
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	<b>Psalm 146</b>	<i>Insert</i>
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	Announcements	
390	Recessional: “Praise to the, Lord the Almighty”	
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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  
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. Contact her at 732-778-2628

## *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*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 6:1a,4-7*

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.  
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;  
who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

# Psalm 146

*Lauda, anima mea*



1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!



**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

## **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 TEAM**

Will be meeting on this Sunday after 10:15am service to get organized to start public relation 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 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. 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 6:6-19*

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## *Holy Gospel*

*Luke 16:19-31*

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"



We invite you to be a part of our celebration of Jesus Christ dying and rising in the midst of His people. In the gospel reading today, we hear his -parable of Dives and Lazarus with its warning that failure to respond to the gospel in ministry to others can result in losing our place in his Kingdom. Christian living includes care for the poor, the sick and the helpless, actions fully as holy as worship and prayer.

In a similar vein to the gospel reading, the prophet Amos warns the rich of his own day. Their indolent enjoyment of their own riches, combined with lack of concern for the poor and needy, will lead to their exile from God's land and presence. Amos's prophecy came true when in 722 B.C. the Assyrians destroyed Israel and the wealthy nobles were the first to go into exile.

Again, today, we read from the first epistle of Timothy. This book of practical advice for Christian living urges that the Christian man or woman remain faithful to Christ's commandments. Furthermore, the rich within the Christian community are to practice generosity, lest their riches become a barrier to the new life in Christ, which God has given us.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, we gather as one people regardless of our material or social standing. As disciples we respond to God's love in worship and are sent forth to embody that love of God in concrete acts of care for the poor and helpless.

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## Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	Linda Chiapetta
LEM 8:00 am	Bill Bodine
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	Bill Bodine, Barbara Marshall
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*

