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

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Tom O'Brien, Sexton

**Wardens and Vestry 2022**

Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden  
Peter Quigley, Property Warden  
Debbie Fisher, Marge Pomykala, Joanne Soriano  
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.

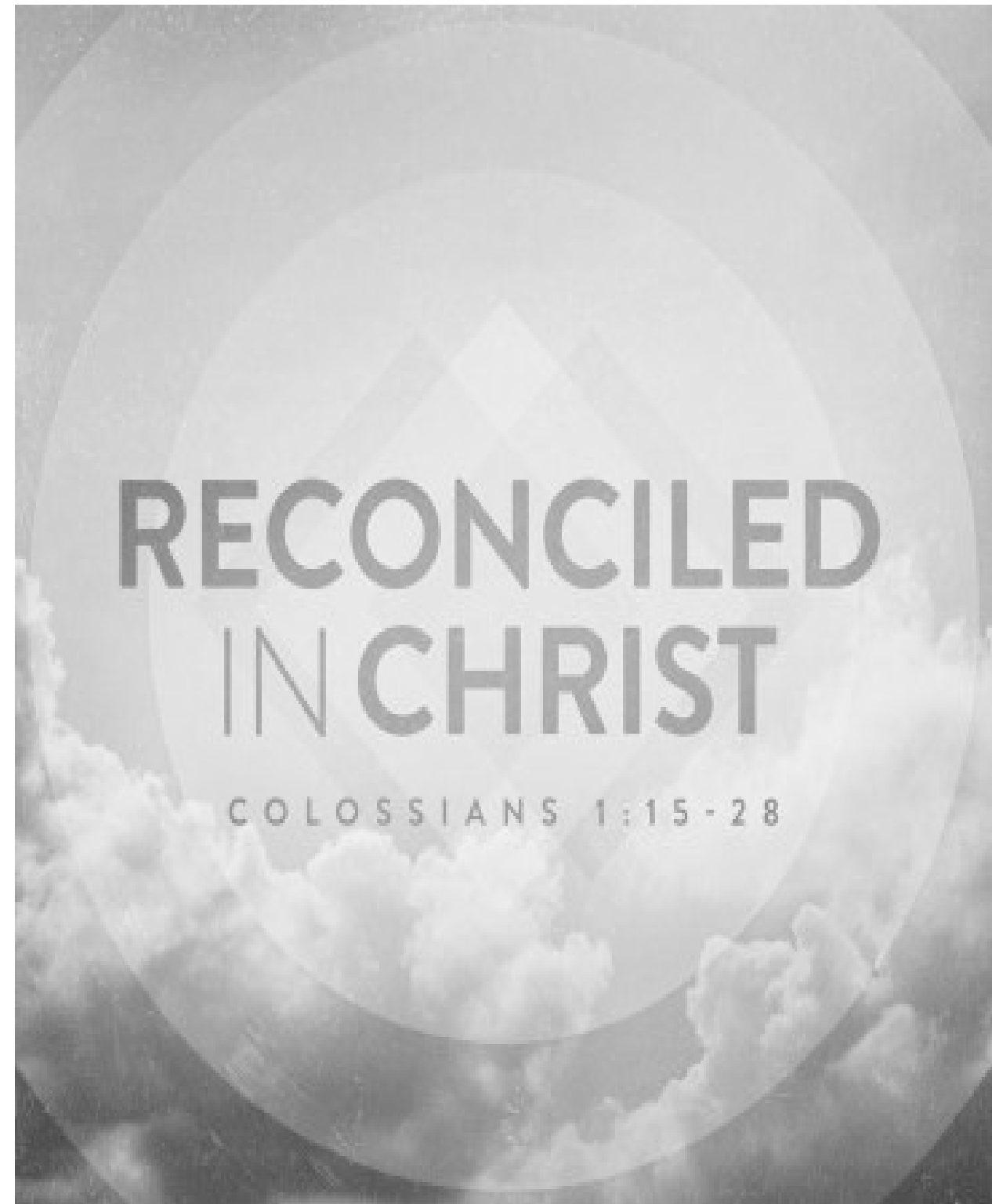
*"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20*

**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.



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## 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

### 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

### VESTRY MEETING

Monday, July 25th @ 10am

### FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

We are having our Fundraising and Fellowship Meeting during Today's the 10AM Coffee Hour.

### STEWARDSHIP TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY July 17th, “A brief meeting” after the 8am service, and another after the 10:15am service.

### 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!!!



## BLUEGRASS & BLUEBERRY SOCIAL

**Thank you!** To everyone that helped with the Bluegrass and Blueberry Social -- bakers, kitchen help, ticket helpers, creators of shortcake and blueberries, Anna who created the delicious teas, the door prizes, and the treasure auction, set-up and clean-up, and our fabulous bluegrass band.. Thanks to Tom O'Brien for all his help. Our profit was over \$836. Thank you to all that supported the event. Stefanie Bodine, Chair

## 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.**

## DIOCEAN NEWS

The Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes, (date to follow) will be visiting St. Stephen's in September 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

## *Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever... *Amen.*

## *First Reading*

*Genesis 18:1-10a*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

### *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*

## Psalm 15

### Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.



### Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you



**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--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 Meeting

*There will be a brief Meeting on Stewardship after the 8am Service and another following the 10am service today, Sunday 17th*

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

*1 Peter 4:10*



continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.



### Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:38-42*

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."



*Serving in the Liturgy today:*

Lector 8:00 am	Stefanie Bodine
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	Mike Munson
LEM 10:15 am	Robert Virtue, Barbara Marshall
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Karen Mauro, Valerie Thompson
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

We are reminded today that the term “liturgy” has two meanings: time spent in Christ’s presence, open to his word and Spirit, and time spent in service and ministry to others. If our lives in Christ do not express both of these activities, then we are failing to celebrate the liturgy (the work of the people of God) which is the mark of being a Christian.

Today’s reading from the Gospel of Luke gives priority to the time spent in Christ’s presence. This is not to say that our work of ministry is unimportant or only secondary, but that it can only be done adequately and without anxiety if it is based on and finds its strength in our communion with our Lord.

The first reading today finds God coming to Abraham and Sarah to renew God’s promise to them of a child. Throughout the scriptures, God comes to people and, in fellowship with them, fulfills the covenant promise of love and salvation.

As we continue to read the epistle to the Colossians, Paul tells us that the mystery that lies behind reality has been revealed in Christ. It is the life that we share in Christ by virtue of his dying and rising. In baptism, we enter that life, and it becomes our life. It is in that sharing of Christ’s life that we are empowered to minister and to pray as members of Christ’s Body.

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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*

