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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

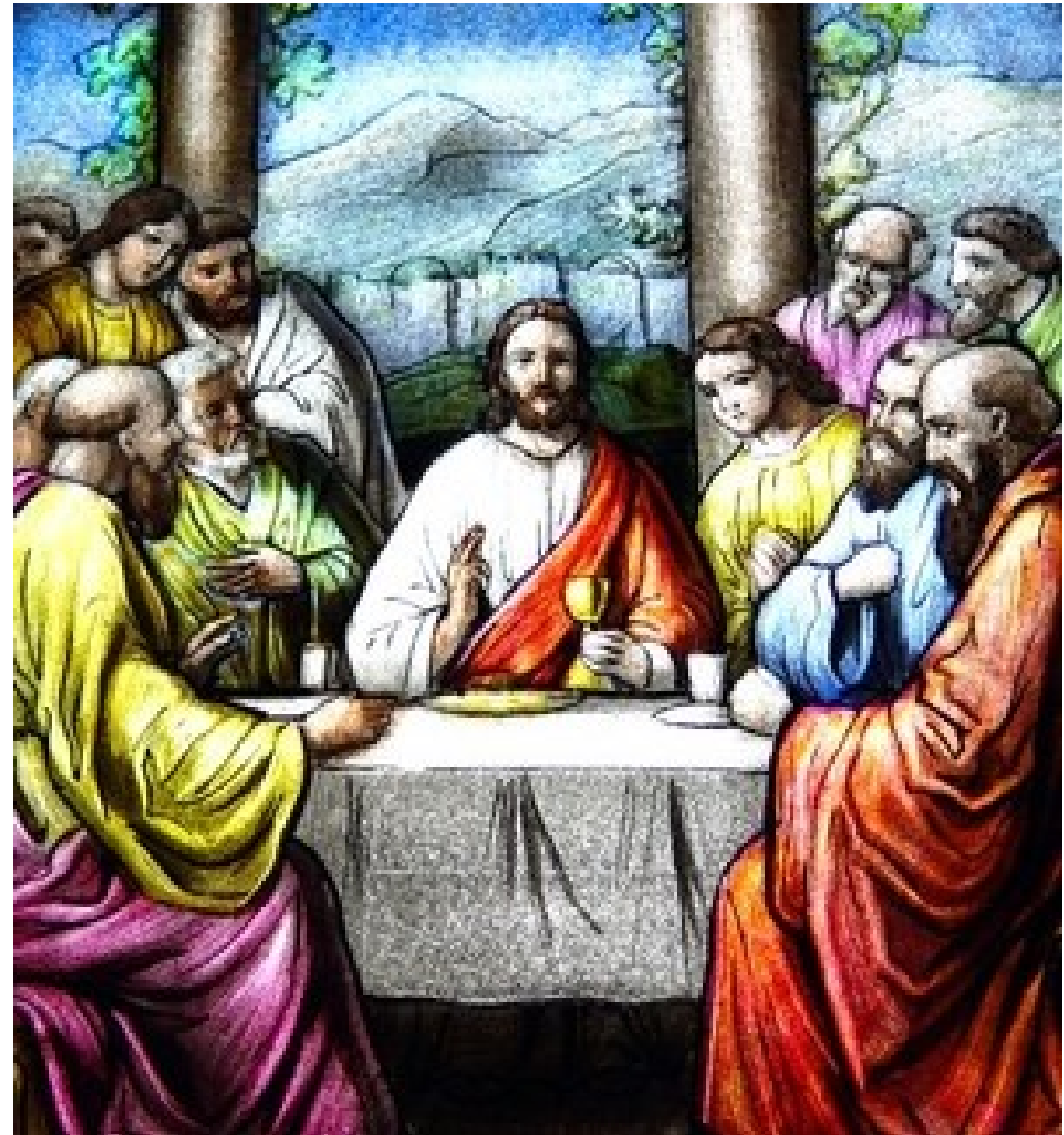
Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



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	Open Acclamation	355
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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

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

"The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays at 11am, for info contact
This weeks title: "Fear not, Do we trust God?"
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, September 8th - after Healing Service

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, September 26th @ 10am

STEWARDSHIP TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Next Stewardship meeting will be on August, 28th after the later service in the parish hall. See Bill Bodine for more info.

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING SEPTEMBER 12TH @10AM

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

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!

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

DIOCESAN 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!!!!!! Sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Helpers Needed!!!!

Updates will follow and a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. for all who wish to contribute a side dish. And all who are not able to make it to the church, Please call Greg in the office to have your name and what you would like to bring for foods added to the list. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever....*Amen*.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?



Psalm 82

Deus stetit

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?"
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.



Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed



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 fund-raising 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

A SCRIPTURE ON STEWARDSHIP 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

- 1 This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.
- 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.



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 Meeting

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

BECAUSE GOD BREATHED

by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"



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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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 15

AUGUST 14, 2022

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Officiant:	<i>Fr. Mark Van Sant</i>
Music presented by:	<i>Freddy Fochasata</i>
Lector 8:00 am	<i>Linda Chiappetta</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Bill Bodine</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>Robert Virtue, Geraldine Vergona</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

Sanctuary Candle

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

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



Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God*

*In Memory of
Mom & Dad, Kenny & Christine
Rounsley, From Robin Runnels of
Savanah GA*

