

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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

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Janet Spieth, Rector's Warden

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Jim Jados, Property Warden

Laura Gural, Richard Smithson

Shelagh Bluni, Lillian Flnk, Pat Russo,

Carol Cavanaugh, William Bodine, Randy Walton

Jo Ann 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 Janet Spieth, Rector's Warden at 732/716-1656 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



**Last Sunday after Pentecost  
Christ The King**

**November 26, 2017  
8 AM & 10 AM**

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Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 AM	Greta Pearl
LEM 8:00 AM	Jo Ann Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Corino
Ushers 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:00 AM	Peg Smith
LEMs 10:00 AM	Bill Bodine, Stefanie Rotsaert
Altar Guild 10:00 AM	Carol Cavanaugh, Margaret Poper
Ushers 10:00 AM	Al Thompson, John Brown

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF: November 26–December 2, 2017

Today	Holy Eucharist	8 & 10 am
	AA Meeting	8:00 pm
Monday	<b><i>Adult Bible Study</i></b>	<b><i>6:00 pm</i></b>
Tuesday	<b><i>Adult Bible Study</i></b> Closed AA Meeting	<b><i>1:00 pm</i></b> 2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting Chime Practice	3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Office Closed <b><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></b> Choir Practice	2:00 pm
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting AA Meeting	3:00 pm 8:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to the coffee hour after worship

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at our Lord’s Table, regardless of your church affiliation. We encourage you to share with us in this sacrament.





**MARINE CORPS RESERVE**



*On Saturday December 9, 2017*

*Applebees neighborhood Bar and Grill will be hosting their annual*

*Breakfast with Santa*

**ALL proceeds will Benefit the U.S. Marine Corps**

***Toys for Tots program***



*We are again asking Local businesses to help by contributing a small gift or gift certificate that we can use In our raffle. All donations will be displayed for all to see and mentioned throughout breakfast.*

*The Toys for Tots program is just one way Marines build partnerships with their local communities in the fight to bring a ray of holiday hope to deserving children across this country every year. Like individual people, each community is unique in the scope of their participation.*

*We hope we can count on you to help us support this very important cause. If you have any questions, or require further information, please contact the manager at the Applebees listed below.*

Please send all donations to:

Attn: Jackie Koch  
General Manager  
Applebee's Manchester  
1055 RT 70  
Manchester NJ 08759  
732-657-7676

Sincerely,

*Fredrick J. Wiedenmann*

Staff Sergeant, USMC

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**Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading**

*Book of Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the fountains, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on fat pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice. "Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will save my flock, they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

## Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## Second Reading

*Letter to the Ephesians 1:15-23*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



## Happy Thanksgiving!

ECW Meeting: Mark your calendar for December 7 at 1:00 pm  
PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND Practice Fridays 9:30 am

**CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE** sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting **LADIES Fall/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. We are very appreciative of your kind donations and purchases from this fundraising project.



**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED** There is an URGENT call out for Lay Eucharistic Ministers for our 10:00 a.m. service. Two LEMs are needed at this service.

**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.



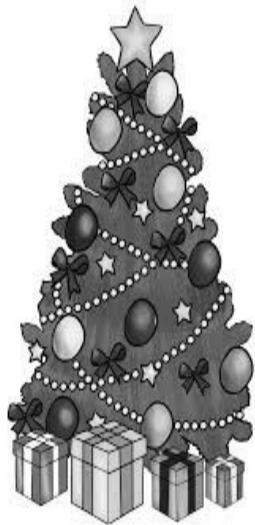
## **CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS**

JoAnn Smithson is the Congregational Coordinator for Care Givers Volunteers here at St. Stephen's. Please continue to use the mailbox in the Office to put in your hours. JoAnn's phone number is 609/268-0821.

**HEALING PRAYERS** The Order of St. Luke provides prayers of healing to anyone after Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month at each service. Members are also available every Sunday after the services. Look for a member near the baptismal font if you would like a prayer of healing after any service.

**YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING** Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan.

**RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** Thank you to all who have donated. There are parishioners as well as other members in our community who benefit greatly from this valued fund. If you wish to contribute, please use



***Whiting Business Association  
And Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church***

***Presents the 3rd Annual  
Christmas Tree Lighting***

***Come celebrate with us on Thursday***

***December 14th @4PM***

***There will be caroling and refreshment provided by our***

***Manchester Applebees***

***We will be honoring the wonderful folks at***

***Veteran's Post of Whiting***



***Come to Bible Study on Mondays @  
6PM-Tuesdays @ 1PM***

***We are studying the book of Mark***



COME JOIN OUR  
**BIBLE**  
  
**Study**

## ***Holy Gospel***

***Matthew 25:31-46***

"When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



# Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Today is the final Sunday of the Church year, on which we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Since last Advent, we have been reading the Gospel according to Matthew most Sundays. In this final reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we have Jesus' description of the final judgment. Those who will be welcomed into his Kingdom are those who show their love to Christ by caring for the outcast and helpless.

The prophet Ezekiel, centuries before Christ, foresaw the coming of the Shepherd-King, sent by God to his people. This kingship would be one of caring love and of peace to the entire human race.

In the second reading, an extended passage describes Christ as the final fulfillment of God's plan for the universe. We who are the beneficiaries of that plan for our lives are gathered up into Christ who is our head and who gives his own being to all that exists.

Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his body the Church making him known in the world, especially to the least of his sisters and brothers.

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## Announcements

November 26, 2017

### 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.

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God  
In loving memory of Luitgardis Rotsaert by her daughter  
Stefanie Rotsaert*



*The Altar Flowers are give to the glory of God  
In loving memory of Luitgardis Rotsaert  
By her daughter Stefanie Rotsaert*

### ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at 9:30 am
AristaCare	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
Crestwood Manor	4th Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm