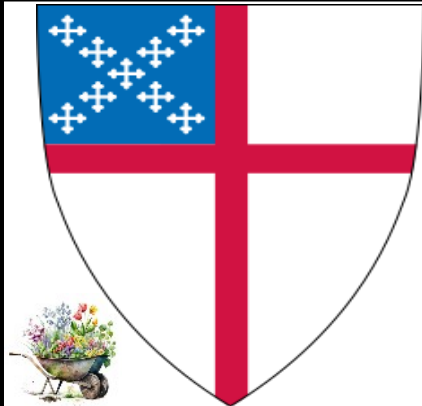




The Chapel Chimes

From the
Rector's Desk...

From Easter to Pentecost



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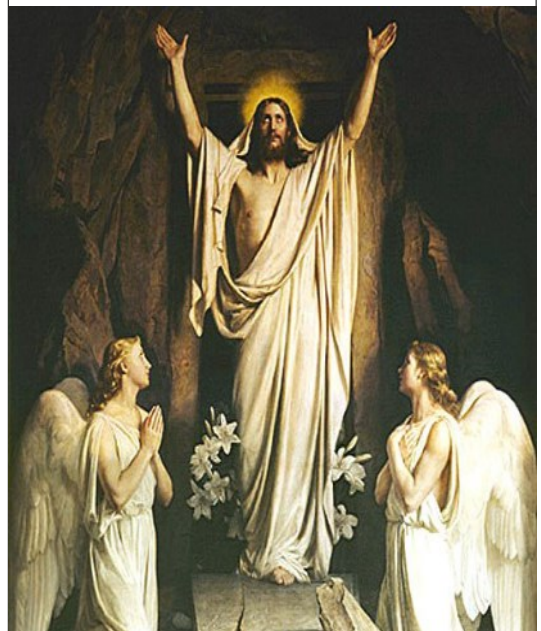
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So, we have managed to get through Lent and reach the Easter celebration! And a great celebration it is. Jesus is raised from the dead, we are saved from our sins, and God has given us the gift of eternal life to share with Jesus in his kingdom. But this is way too big to be relegated to just one day of celebration. No, this is the perfect gift of God to his faithful people. This needs a perfect celebration. Thus, we have Eastertide; a celebration that goes on for seven weeks. But why seven? Because in the Judeo-Christian traditions God is said to have created all that exists in the world in six days, and he rested on the seventh. Thus, seven is the number of completeness or wholeness.

In the Jewish liturgical calendar, the Passover feast holds a place of importance similar to that of Easter in the Christian Calendar. In fact they both fall on similar dates between March and April on our secular calendar. Fifty days after Passover our Jewish brethren celebrate Shavuot. During Shavuot they remember God giving Moses the Ten Commandments to present to Israel. Another name for Shavuot is The Feast of Weeks. Shavuot falls on the perfect time period of a week of weeks, or 7 days times 7 = 49+1 = 50 days.

In the Greek of Jesus' day that would be Pentecost (50 days).

In our Christian liturgical calendar we start with Easter, then move 7 weeks + 1 day = 50 days to our feast of... you guessed it, Pentecost; where we celebrate God giving us the Holy Spirit that was promised by his son Jesus before he ascended into heaven.



In both cases God's people remember God acting in their human lives, to protect and guide us in this world and bring us closer in our relationship with the one who gives us life. Our Jewish brethren were freed from slavery in Egypt then given the law to guide their life with God.

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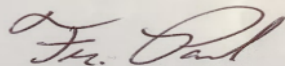


We Christians were freed from bodily death then given the Holy Spirit to guide our life with God.

Much of what we have and do as Christians comes from our Jewish brothers and sisters, most notably Jesus of Nazereth, Son of man and Son of God.

Let's share in this 50 day journey to receive his Holy Spirit.

Thank You Jesus!



The Rev. Paul Van Sant Sr. M. Div., Th. M.



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It's Your **Ch_rch** & **u** are needed!

Church
Work
Day



Sign up to help us clean up our church on
Saturday, April 13th from 10^{AM} -3^{PM}.
Lunch will be provided
Sign up in our Narthex, or call the office at
732-350-2121

Help in the garden, kitchen, parish house or church.
We may need some extra "hand trucks" or "dollies" for
heavier items. We are renting a dumpster and cleaning
out clutter.

Articles are welcome from all parish members.

Please submit signed and dated items in writing to

The Church Office or email us at,

ssechurch@gmail.com

The deadline for items,

(First Monday of the month for the following month)

Any Questions, please feel free to contact us

(732) 350-2121 ext 10



This article has been written by my cousin, Rev. Ronald Eade who pastored a church for many years in Western Pennsylvania. His blog is called Reflections of a Retired Pastor

As the music director here at St. Stephen's, I hope that I have been a "Barnabas" to our pastor and his ministry staff here.

BARNABAS — February 29, 2024 — BY REV. RON EADE

I met a Christian man at our Regional Conference last October who began attending one of our newer church plants. As he introduced himself to me he said that his goal was to be a Barnabases to the pastor of that church. That really resonated with me. Vocational pastors and non-vocational Christ-followers alike need to have a "Barnabases" and can be a Barnabas.

Barnabas in the Bible was a prominent follower of Christ in the early church. He was respected among those who were charting the "Way" in the early church that we now call Christianity. His given name was Joseph but the apostles gave him the name "Barnabas" which means "son of encouragement".

He supported the cause financially, vouched for Saul (Paul), and evangelized on missionary journeys. Who wouldn't want to have a guy like that in their church? Such people are needed. Barnabases are immeasurably valuable

I am transitioning from being the pastor to being the parishioner. Definitely an interesting journey. I'm also finding out that I cannot write the narrative. Throughout my ministry I thought about when I'd reach this stage of my life. I thought of being able to encourage young pastors, maybe even attending their church like my friend I met at the Regional Conference. I thought I'd bless them with my library, not knowing that the digital age would negate that need. Nonetheless I still want to be a Barnabas until the very end.

Who could benefit from your encouragement? You don't need to be a vocational pastor to be one. Does your pastor need someone to remind them from time to time that you are rooting for them?

Send an occasional card, email, gift card, etc. It will make their day. Pray for him daily. Be a Barnabas.

Esther Graham, Minister of Music



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If you have a problem or question for Senior Moments relating to your Medicare coverage, Social Security, or disability, or you can't get help or answers from your company, call them and they will help you for free. Call Luke or Jake at (732) 528-4580.



ECW

The Diocesan ECW will host a Retreat on Saturday May 18 at Holy Innocents, Beach Haven, More details to come. Thank you to everyone that donated to our Bake-less Bake Sale. Instead of each of us baking and buying each other's delicious items, we appreciate your support for our projects. The donations totaled \$318, Thank you for your generosity and support of our mission.

World Day of Prayer was held on zoom on Saturday, March 9th. I received the information too late to send out invitations to everyone. The service was inspirational as always as it was written by the women of Palestine. The country is selected 5 years before their date. Palestine was the country 30 years ago, so it was to be a return for them.

Since the 19th century, Christian women in the United States and Canada have initiated cooperative activities in many areas of concern for women and children, recognizing the critical role of prayer in mission work and promoting peace worldwide. WDP promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. People support WDP with their donations. Contact information: www.wdp-usa.org. World Day of Prayer USA, 475 Riverside Drive, 15th floor, NY, NY 10115. email : info@wdp-usa.org. Send your donations to the NY address.

PRAVER

God of Unity, your Son Jesus prayed that your disciples and followers would be one, as you are one. Teach us, your servants, to treat others fairly, justly and with love, even though we may speak, live, and pray differently. We pray for those in need. In the midst of injustice, war and suffering, God calls us to bear one another in love. Lead us to a life worthy of your calling. We praise and thank you, loving God. We know that all of our blessings come from you. Give us grace according to the measure of Christ's gift and fill our hearts with joy. Bless the global church and the faithful who share your Good News with others. To my prayers for peace, justice, and wholeness for all peoples, I add the prayers of my heart known only to you. In the name of God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ECW still collects card fronts, cancelled stamps for the veterans, pop tops for Ronald McDonald House, toiletries for the battered women's shelter.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6 at 11AM. More details will follow.

Stefanie Bodine, ECW President

All call for Garden Helpers & Clean compost in our Community

We are looking for clean, dry soil or compost for our raised garden beds here at the church that we will be putting together shortly when the weather warms up. Clean fill is greatly appreciated, as well as sticks, brown cardboard (with no sheen) to layer the bottoms of the beds. We also need some helpers to put our bed together.

Please contact Gerrie Vergona or Greg in the Church office 732-350-2121 to volunteer.



From the Treasurer's Desk

Since I had rotator cuff surgery, Susan Webb has done an extraordinary job keeping the bookkeeping running. Profuse thanks to Susan.

Bob Virtue has offered to pay bills and record them in our check register. Thanks to Bob.

We would greatly appreciate help counting at the end of the 10:00 service each week. It is not necessary for you to volunteer every week; rotating volunteers are welcome. Surely, some of you could spare an hour one Sunday a month.

Thank you to Rich Smithson for hiring a new plumber and installing a new pipe in the ceiling. This bypasses the section of pipe that has a leak and would require breaking through the slab under the church to fix. No need to turn off the water under the bench in Tom's room!! Thanks for a great job Rich.

Regarding Blessing of the Bikes: if you take a prize request letter to a business, please text me or call at 732-245-8392. I have a spreadsheet to show which businesses have been approached so we don't duplicate our efforts. Anyone who frequents a business (restaurant, salon, etc.) and would be willing to ask them for a gift certificate, basket, etc. we would be grateful if you would take a letter and flyer available in the office.

Anti-child Trafficking:

Our next meeting of the Freedom Committee is on March 25, at 12:45. We will be setting the date for another invitation to speak at St. Raphael's. Also, we should think about a name for our program (as opposed to the committee name). Thanks to everyone on the team!

Gerrie is also working with an organization called Sanctuary for Families in NYC. They're going to be helping with planning and sharing materials with us.

Community Garden:

This is so exciting. We have purchased the necessary components for our raised beds: chicken wire, bed frames, pathway covers and pins, soil amendments, etc. We'll be donating some of the produce to benefit the Our Daily Bread food pantry. We may also have a "farm stand" on Sundays to sell the fresh produce. So, let's get started!

On Saturday, April 6 from 11:00 to 2:00, we'll start assembling the beds. Even if you won't be gardening, we'd be grateful for any help you can give us to get ready to plant. Assembly of each bed takes about an hour. Two people are needed for each bed. If you're not handy with a screwdriver, your two hands can help stabilize the frame during assembly. If we have enough people, we can work together on several beds at a time. Chairs will be available. Refreshments will be served.

Gerrie Vergona: Treasurer



OSL

A MINISTRY OF
CHRISTIAN HEALING

Light of the world, shine through us! Jesus help us reach out, fill us with your healing light, show us the way, light our darkness and help us spread

Your light to every person.

Fill us with hope. Listen. Gather. What are my strengths, gifts, interests? What needs healing in my church? My community? Inspire us to action. Keep it simple. Start small. Pray. Start your adventure with Jesus and healing.

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU MAKE YOUR DAYS COUNT FOR ETERNITY.

Dr. Charles F. Stanley shares his thoughts--The Lord has given us talents and abilities to serve Him and to make a difference in our own circle no matter what its size is. To make the most of this opportunity, we must develop a lifestyle of prayer because talking to God is essential for an effective ministry. Conversing with God prepares our mind for communicating with others from the simplest words we can achieve amazing results with a direction. According to His perfect will, He will respond to us as He promised. He also wants us to use our spiritual gifts to bless others. Our acts of service speak clearly of His love and compassion. God will expand our area of influence beyond anything we can imagine. Do not waste your days. Live your life through God in such a way that many will recognize their need for Him. The believer's impact is based on Matthew 28:19-20.

Has the Lord ever sent someone to encourage you in a time of need, of deep personal need? What you pray, say and do changes other people's lives forever. In love, bringing the presence of Jesus to others even with the simplest prayer can be life changing, inspiring, encouraging. Even your on the spot prayer provides more than you know. Rely more and more on God. Involve Jesus from the start. Walk freely and lightly, hand in hand with Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct, empower, and inspire your work, be present, encourage and bring life, health, and joy to all our relationships.

PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Almighty God, who inspired Luke the Physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Your son: Graciously continue in Your Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. *Amen*

HEALING SERVICE

Join us every Thursday at 10AM for an uplifting experience prayers, communion, and healing.

Available on **You Tube** and **Zoom!**

ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN

St. Stephen's is in need of additional members for our Prayer Chain. 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.

DO YOU NEED PRAYERS FOR HEALING?

Your prayers have been included in our prayer list. Contact Fr. Paul. Susan Clarke, or Stefanie at (732) 350-2904 or houseofpink7@gmail.com if you have any questions or need prayers.

CHAPEL CLOTHESLINE



~ We are now accepting **SPRING** 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 to, and purchases from, this fund-raising project. Please save donations for September Dignified Junk Sale until summer.

Sincerely, Linda Chiappetta

HEALING RETREAT

Entitled "The Courage to Love" by The Rev. Charles Lochner at Christ Church, 415 Washington Street, Toms River on Saturday, April 6 from 8:30AM-3:15PM. Bring a brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided. Free will offering. Celebrate will play music. Contact Donna at (732) 349-2705 or Cathy at (732) 458-1229. All are welcome.

Talk to Stefanie or Bill Bodine if you have any questions.



Anyone wishing to request a memorial or honor a birthday or anniversary with a donation is welcomed to contact Valerie Thompson. Also, please continue to add you name and memorial to the chart in the Narthex as you are able. The Guild sincerely appreciates all donations and we thank you for your generosity. We encourage all interested parties to consider volunteering for the Altar Guild. Our membership has seriously diminished, so your service is definitely needed and would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Valerie if you are interested in learning about this very rewarding service.

Once again, we continue to encourage all who may be interested to consider volunteering for the Altar Guild as a way to share your time and talents. This is an essential service to the Church, and additional help is always needed and greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to everyone that so generously donated to supply us with wine for our services. It is appreciated.

Many thanks again for all your help. God Bless You All.

Valerie Thompson, Directress

Home 732-657-4510 Cell 732-236-9640



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Our Program Includes

Please join us for a day of will & estate planning for your final expenses. A professional panel provided as a service and benefit to the people of our surrounding communities will be here to offer their services and help to everyone who needs this kind of planning and organizing their finances and their final expenses!

- > Each panelist will speak about 10 minutes.
- > Break for lunch.
- > A secondary session will include time to meet each panelist to ask questions. Additional take-home materials will be available.

We hope to see you there! And we sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity with us and the people of St. Stephen's, Whiting.

In person seating is limited to 50 people. Registration is required. Call church office at 732-350-2121, Monday-Thursday between 9:00AM - 2:00 PM.

Sponsored by St. Stephen's Whiting Stewardship Committee

**APRIL
27TH**

**10:00 AM
to 1:00PM**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

180 Route 539
Whiting NJ

Happy Birthday!

April

<i>Margaret Mason</i>	04/04
<i>Mary Storey</i>	04/05
<i>Sherri Bray</i>	04/09
<i>Jennifer Farrar</i>	04/12
<i>Priscilla Van Sant</i>	04/16
<i>Barbara Marshall-Carter</i>	04/18
<i>Robert Rutkowski Jr</i>	04/23
<i>Sami Albrink</i>	04/25
<i>Rowan Farrar</i>	04/28
<i>Fred Spieth</i>	04/29



May

<i>Jeremy Busch III</i>	05/01
<i>David DeLouise</i>	05/10
<i>Stevie Ray Butler</i>	05/11
<i>Charlotte Corino</i>	05/12
<i>Ellie Walling</i>	05/13
<i>Joanne Iacovelli-Lemmon</i>	05/15
<i>Esther Graham</i>	05/18
<i>Conceicao Sutherland</i>	05/19
<i>Jean Hanko</i>	05/21
<i>Margie Pomykala</i>	05/21
<i>Gerald Brown</i>	05/28
<i>Ginny Bray</i>	05/30
<i>Hilary Taliaferro</i>	05/30

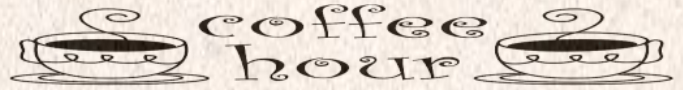


MESSAGE BOARD



HEALING RETREAT

at Christ Church on Saturday, April 6 at 415 Washington Street, Toms River from 8:30AM-3:15PM. Bring a brown bag lunch, beverages will be provided. A free will offering will be in place. The music will be by Celebrate. The topic is "The Courage to Love" is the topic with The Rev. Charles Lochner. For more information: contact Donna at (732) 349-2705 or Cathy at (732) 458-1229. All are welcome. Talk to Stefanie or Bill Bodine if you have any questions.



Thank you to everyone that volunteered to create a delicious Coffee Hour.

More helpers need to sign up or there will be only beverages. All donations placed in the basket purchase needed supplies beyond what is donated for coffee. tea, cups, napkins, creamers, water, juice, and other items as needed.

Reminder whenever you finish your coffee hour -- make sure you take all items home, share them with others, or clean up. Do not leave items in the refrigerator. If there are items you feel could be frozen for another coffee hour, put them in the freezer on the marked shelves.

Coffee cups, paper plates, **coffee, decaf** and napkins are needed. Items are appreciated --share a coffee cake, muffins, pound cake, cookies, or something else that is delicious. If in doubt, see Stefanie.

Daughters of the British Empire

This organization will be holding bake sales on Sunday, April 28 and July 7th from 8:30AM-1PM or until all items are sold if that comes first. They are a national non-profit organization. Proceeds will benefit their charities in NJ that they support-- St. Joseph's Senior Care, Woodbridge, House of the Good Shepherd Senior Care in Hackettstown, and Mary's Place by the Sea in Ocean Grove, a charity that supports women with cancer. So you may see some people come to shop but not necessarily stay for church, or both.



The (DBE) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit American society of women of British or Commonwealth of Nations birth, heritage or ancestry. We share and promote our heritage while supporting local charities and our senior living facilities across the United States. To learn more about our local chapter, here in Ocean County

please email *Joan Saunders* --
njstateorganizer@gmail.com

GIVING STATEMENTS

Have you picked up your 2023 giving statements, and your 2024 offering envelopes from the Narthex? Save the church, the postage and pick them up. If you see a friend or neighbor's items, take them along, and deliver them for us. Everyone appreciates your help.

Whiting Garden Club

The Whiting Garden Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 10AM. Because the church is closed for Easter, the group decided to meet at Village 5 to hear a talk about life in the Bay Estuaries from the Jacques Cousteau Institute. They felt since more people might be interested, they would have a larger venue.

ST STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - WHITING, NJ

BOWLING MINISTRY

St Stephen's Episcopal Church - Whiting, NJ Bowling Ministry is introducing a brand new King of the Hill Tournament to be held at Thunderbowl Lanes - Wrightstown, NJ on Sunday, April 28th, at 4 pm.

Thunderbowl Lanes in Wrightstown NJ

Presented by St. Stephen's, Bowling Ministry
Whiting, NJ



King of the Hill

TOURNAMENT

Sunday April 28th at 4pm

**Cash Prizes, Medals and Trophies Awarded
1st and 2nd place, \$50 entry fee**

Dont be a Spare, See You There!

**For more information please
contact Bill Bodine at 848-210-4206
or wbodine3@gmail.com**

The non-sanctioned tournament is open to all adult men and women bowlers. Junior bowlers may bowl in the tournament but cannot receive cash awards. However, with parental consent they may receive any awards to be placed into a special account for future use. Entry fee is \$50 which breaks down as follows: \$20 - Thunderbowl Lanes, \$20 - Prize Fund & \$10 - St Stephen's Ministry.

Format of the tournament is 3 regular games, then a cut to the top 8 forming a single elimination bracket competition. The field will shrink until 2 bowlers remain then a King will be crowned. The new King will receive a free entry to next month's competition.

Optional cash pots are available for \$5 each for High Game and High Series. The King will earn 60% of the total prize fund and 2nd place will earn 40%. The prize fund is paid out 100%. Trophies and medals will also be awarded to all winners.

So come out and join us for the grand event! Everyone is welcome to be part of the excitement that this type of tournament brings! We appreciate your support and hope to see you at Thunderbowl Lanes on April 28th!

St Stephen's Episcopal Church

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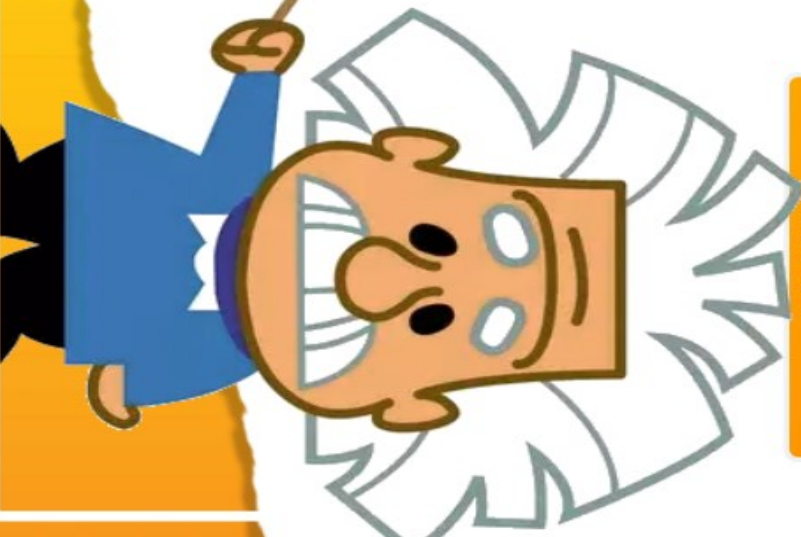
Night For Amanda

APRIL 20TH
2PM

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<https://givebutler.com/serviceoforamanda>

<https://gofundme/60fd01c7>

To donate offline, please write a check and address it to "Noble Service Dogs" and in the memo section write "for Amanda Rutkowski".

Checks can be given to my mom, Terry Rutkowski, which we will mail out to the nonprofit taking care of training my future service dog Queenie! (pictured above).

Thank you so much for your love and generosity.

~The Rutkowski Family



Easter Puzzle

Easter time is upon us and that made me think of two symbols Easter, the Easter Bunny and Easter eggs. In the following puzzle, all the answers to the clues are something **rabbit** or **egg** related. For example, if I said “brings eggs” you would say Easter Bunny.



1. _____

Easy skiing area

2. _____

60’s dance

3. _____

Got a zero on a test

4. _____

Magical appearance

5. _____

Not lucky for the bunny

6. _____

It hides under the bed

7. _____

Told a joke that isn’t funny

8. _____

Place where NY bunnies play

9. _____

He keeps going and going and going

10. _____

A pretentious intellectual

11. _____

Quick jobs

12. _____

Invest in only one risk

13. _____

A wondrous journey into the unknown

14. _____

Hurry up kids

15. _____

***Retirement savings**

16. _____

Aesop isn’t greedy

17. _____

Success comes with a price.



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.

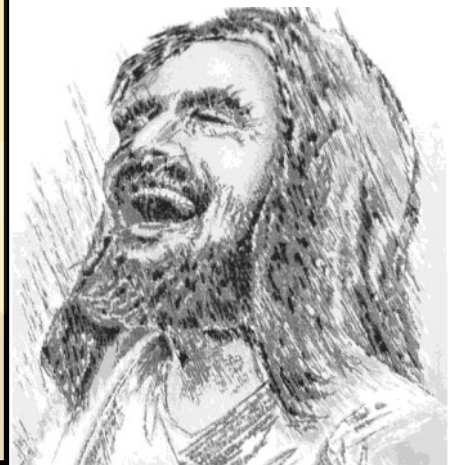
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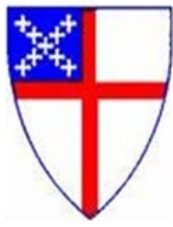


Easter Puzzle Answer

1. Bunny Slope
2. Bunny Hop
3. Goose Egg
4. Pull a rabbit out of your hat
5. Rabbits foot
6. Dust bunny
7. Laid an Egg
8. Coney Island
9. Energizer bunny
10. Egghead
11. Rabbit punches
12. Put all your eggs in one basket
13. Down the rabbit hole
14. Quick as bunnies
15. Nest egg
16. Kill the goose that lays the golden eggs
17. Can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs.

Easter Sunday
HE IS RISEN





St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Publicity Request Form

NAME OF EVENT: _____

DATE: _____ COST: _____

START TIME: _____ END TIME: _____

LOCATION IF NOT ST. STEPHEN'S: _____

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS: _____

ABOUT THE EVENT

FOOD AND DRINK: YES NO FREE: YES NO FOR SALE: YES NO

AUCTION: YES NO 50/50: YES NO DOOR PRIZES: YES NO

ITEMS FOR SALE: YES NO DESCRIBE: _____

WRITE A BRIEF 2 -3 LINE DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THE EVENT PUBLICIZED?

PATCH: YES NO CHAPEL CHIMES/NEWSLETTER: YES NO

ST. STEPHEN'S WEBSITE: YES NO ST. STEPHEN'S FACEBOOK: YES NO

OTHER FACEBOOK PAGES: YES NO CRESTWOOD VILLAGE SUN: YES NO

If yes for "other Facebook pages and Crestwood Village Sun" please give this form to Michelle Winfrey, otherwise you may give to Greg in the office. **Crestwood Village Sun deadline is the 1st of the preceding month.** Thank you

Memorial Garden For Pets

For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest. Our Memorial Garden is now ready for the cremains of your beloved friends at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, Whiting. Call the Church Office, at (732) 350-2121 from 9AM-1:30PM for details Monday-Thursday. The cost is \$ 50 per pet for perpetual care. If there is a hardship, see the Chair. Fr. Paul will provide a service when your pet is buried. Please contact our office Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm for services and more information.



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Marge Pomykala

Class of 2026

Bill Bodine

Blanche Dwonch

Kay Karlick

Class of 2027

Tom Larson,

Ann Solaequi,

Geraldine Vergona

Help Hotline Contact Information

As many of us face challenges with today's unstable economy, here are some helpful telephone numbers for assistance. Pass them along if you know someone who needs a little extra help getting through these tough times.

Heating & Weatherization

O.C.E.A.N. Inc. 732-244-5333 (heating)

732-244-5396 (weatherization)

www.oceaninc.org

NJ Shares 866-657-4273

www.njshares.org

Health Insurance, Food Stamps, Utilities

NJ Family Care 800-701-0710

www.njfamilycare.org

OC board of Social Services 732-349-1500

Verizon NJ Communications Lifeline

888-337-3339

Ocean County Government Resource Center

732-370-8854

www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices

Ocean County Food Bank 732-918-2600

www.foodbankmoc.org

Angel Food Ministries 732-240-7543

Pick-up Location Christ Episcopal Church

1415 Washington St. Toms River

www.angelfoodministries.com

Other Important Numbers

Social Security 800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

NJ Unemployment Insurance 732-761-2020

www.state.nj.us



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St Stephen's 2024 Event Calendar

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(Dates may be subject to change and volunteers are welcome and appreciated)



- April 20th - 2pm-Trivia Day, Benefit For Amanda Rutkowski**
- April 28th - DBE Bake Sale Fundraiser, 9-1:30pm during our 8 and 10am services**
- April 28th - King of the Hill Tournament 4pm (Thunderbowl Lanes Wrightstown NJ)**
- May 3rd - Friday at 10AM is May Friendship Day at Whiting United Methodist Church.**
- May 5th - Blessing of the Bikes**
- May 16th - English Tea *(Sold out)***
- June 15th - Dollar Auction**
- July 4th - Quigley's Fourth of July Party**
- July 13th - Bluegrass and Blueberries**
- Aug 31st - Flea Market**
- Sept 15th - Homecoming for the Church & 1st responders**
- Sept 19th - English Tea**
- Oct 5th - Pasta & More Dinner**
- Oct 26th - Craft and Vendor Fair**
- Nov 23rd - Breakfast with Santa**
- Nov 24th - Pinelands Symphonic band Concert**