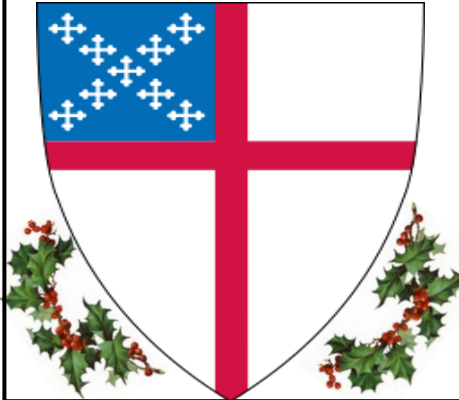




The Chapel Chimes



From the
Rector's Desk...

Not a Spectators Sport

As we begin a new church year, I'd like you to think back on all the stories in the Gospels that we heard about the disciples of Jesus. A disciple is one who follows their teacher. A disciple is one who learns from his or her teacher. A disciple is one who takes what they have learned and puts it into action. And a disciple is one who continued to do the work of the teacher even when the teacher was not with them.

Thinking back on the Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King. What did Jesus tell his disciples would occur at the final judgement? All humanity would be judged for what they did or did not do in their lives. Jesus said that whatever you have done, you have done it to him; and whatever you have not done, you haven't done to him.

And what did he say we should be doing in our lives? Feeding the hungry, giving a drink to the thirsty, welcoming to the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting those who are in prison.' But he didn't mean that this is a list to check off as we go through our lives. What he was saying was that as his disciples we are to be showing mercy to everyone we come in contact with... just as he would show them mercy. He was saying that we, his disciples, should be doing the work of a disciple, not just memorizing a bible verse or two and assuming that I'm OK.

When Jesus ascended into heaven did the disciples just stop doing his work and wait for him to come back and do what he did before? Absolutely not. In fact it was exactly the opposite. As disciples, they realized that they had been empowered to continue to do the things Jesus did, even in his absence. In Jesus' own words "you shall do even greater things than I have done."



What is the key here? It is to DO the will of our Father in heaven, not to wait for someone else, even Jesus, to do it for us. Discipleship is NOT a spectator sport. Everyone who claims to be a disciple of Jesus Christ needs to be out on the field spreading the Gospel, feeding, hydrating, welcoming, clothing, caring, and visiting, and forgiving, and loving, and encouraging, and baptizing, and teaching!

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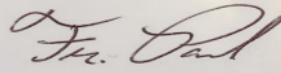
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We need to be on the offence, bringing the power of Jesus into the world. We need to be the defense, defending the faith against the efforts of the devil. We cannot just sit on the sidelines waiting for the coach to do the work. It is our job. It is our birthright as baptized members of the body of Christ. As followers of Jesus we are all first string players. The world is opposing us. Our leader is in heaven. The game has already started. What are we going to do? We are going to do what he would do. And we are going to do it until he returns in his glory to claim his church. We will each be Christ present in the world. And when he returns, he will find us doing not only what he told us to do, but even more as we continue to be disciples of Christ to the end of the age.

Don't sit on the sidelines. Don't be a spectator. Be a disciple of Jesus. And do what he has asked you to do.

Let's go!



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



Sunday Services at 8am, 10am

Thursday Healing Service at 10am

At St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, we offer Sunday worship services that provide a welcoming and engaging environment for all. Our services are rooted in tradition, while also incorporating modern elements to keep them fresh and meaningful.

We are also proud to offer weekly healing services that are open to anyone who is seeking spiritual, emotional, or physical healing. These services provide an opportunity for our community to come together and support one another in a safe and supportive environment. Whether you are a regular member of our congregation or just visiting for the first time, we welcome you to join us for worship or healing services and experience the love and hospitality of St. Stephen's.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Join us in person or on zoom or you tube. See our schedule of services located online at www.ststephenswhitingnj.org

Scroll down to the bottom of our page and click the red YouTube button to stream our current and past services.

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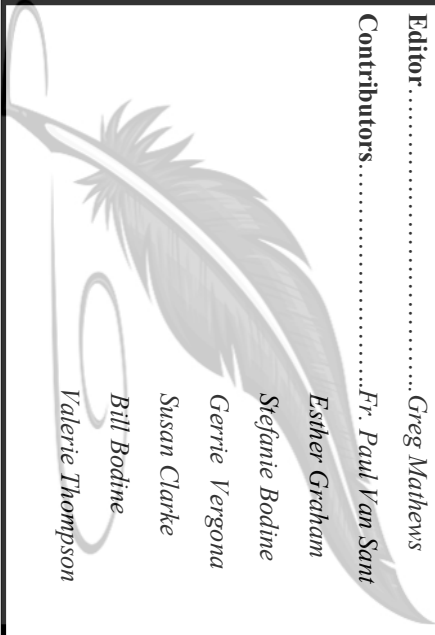
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The Church Office or email us at,

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

Music Notes

Esther Graham, Minister of Music

Wonderful Counselor

Verse 1

The people who walked in the darkness
Have seen a great light come
The people who dwelled in the shadows
Have seen a new day dawn
For to us a son is given
And to us a child is born
And the kingdom of the heavens
Is on His shoulders

Chorus

And His name shall be Wonderful Counselor
Mighty God Prince of Peace
His name shall be Wonderful Counselor
Mighty God Prince of Peace
Savior of the world

Verse 2

The gloom of the slave and the prisoner
Has lifted like a cloud
The ones who were crushed by their burdens
Rejoice and laugh out loud
And His kingdom will keep on increasing
His peace will have no end
He'll bring mercy truth and justice
By His own power

Tag

Mighty God Prince of Peace
Savior of the world
Savior of the world

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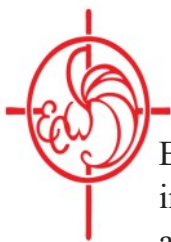
ST STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH **2023 STEWARDSHIP SEASON RECAP**

Stewardship at St Stephen's Whiting was a success once again this year! From introducing our first ever Legacy Summit, to our dynamic slate of speakers, capped by our Consecration Sunday speaker Canon Phyllis Jones. We as a parish can truly be proud of our accomplishments! And we have our Fireside Chat coming up with our Thank You Luncheon on Sunday, December 10th. Our Stewardship Team appreciates your support and participation in the program. And we're continuously working to make Stewardship a year round effort! If you have any ideas or suggestions to share, please utilize our suggestion box in the Narthex.

Our newly formed Legacy Society, which was recognized during Sunday Services on November 12th has 8 new founding members already! And many more to come! If you have our are planning to leave something to St Stephen's Whiting in your will, you are eligible to be a Legacy Society member! If you haven't filled out a pledge card, or would like to include St Stephen's in your will, simply stop by the Parish Office and leave your contact information with Greg Matthews - our Parish Administrator.

Again, our thanks to you my fellow parishioners on a job well done! Together we have made the mark on Stewardship this year!

By Bill Bodine - Stewardship Chairman



ECW

The Officers for 2024 are: Stefanie Bodine, President; Marge Pomykala, Vice-President; Barbara Marshall, Secretary; Kay Karlick, Treasurer were elected at our September 7 meeting. Plans were discussed and sign-ups to help in various ways at different functions were accomplished. Next ECW Meeting will be on Thursday, June 6 at 11AM.

ECW still collects card fronts (not American Greetings, Hallmark, Disney), no designs on the back; pop tops for Ronald McDonald House; toiletries for the battered women's shelter. Thank you for your support of Cropwalk and UTO.

Stefanie Bodine, ECW President

ANGELS

Angels are made by God and are his messengers.

Angels are innumerable. There is no exact number in scripture but they are a mighty multitude

Angels are heavenly. Heaven is their dwelling place because angels belong exclusively to God and heaven is His throne (Isaiah 66:1). where they work and live.

Angels are spirit beings (Hebrews 1:14)

Luke refers to Angels most often of all the Gospel writers. "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" Luke 15:10

Think of the moment you received Christ as your Savior. Perhaps you weren't aware of it, but your decision was celebrated with joy and singing among the Lord and His angels.

Angels are intrigued by salvation and rejoice when a person accepts Christ as Savior. When anyone comes to Christ, let's rejoice like the angels in heaven.

"The angels of heaven rejoice over sinners that repent: saints of God, will not you and I do the same? I do not think the church rejoices enough. We all grumble enough and groan enough: but very few of us rejoice enough." Charles Spurgeon

"He will send His angel before you" Genesis 24:7 The blind songwriter, Fanny Crosby, wrote the words to "Blessed Assurance" after hearing the music her friend, Phoebe Knapp, had written.

The second verse says: "Angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love." This happens in two ways: The angels we read about in the Bible thrill us. Consider the Nativity angels who brought the news of Christ's birth and who proclaimed: "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14) Every Christmas, children around the world don angelic garb and repeat the thrilling news. Some of our favorite stories in the Bible involve these mysterious creatures called angels. Angels are still active, ministering to us in ways that are usually beyond our ability to comprehend. Psalm 34:6-7 says, "In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles.. For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him." One of the ways God uses angels in our life is to strengthen and encourage us. Thank Him for the strength and encouragement He brings into our life every day in countless ways.



Thoughts from Dr. David Jeremiah

TECH THURSDAY

There will be no meeting in November due to Thanksgiving. Next meeting date is December 12 @12:30pm Bring your tablet, computer, phone, iPad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and Bill Bodine will assist you with your technical questions and guide you through your devices. Call our office for upcoming dates at (732)350-2121

From the Treasurer's Desk

First, let me wish you a safe, happy, and blessed Christmas and New Year!

And speaking of New Year, thank you to those who submitted your pledge cards for 2024. If you have not yet submitted yours, blank cards are in the back of the church on the table. Cards will be delivered or mailed to those not able to attend services. If you have not received a card by January 3, and would like a pledge card mailed to you, please call and ask Greg to do so.

We will be going through a transition this year as Father Paul retires (date to be determined). I pray you will all continue your support for St. Stephen's, and help where you can, throughout the year to minimize turmoil.

Sincerely,

Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer



FREEDOM COMMITTEE

We will resume meetings on January 8. In the meantime, several exciting activities are planned. On January 14, we will be presenting our program in Lanoka Harbor, and to the Living Church in Brick, on a date to be determined.

An invitation to attend an anti-human trafficking program was published in the Patch and the Crestwood Village Sun and the Manchester Times. This is a two-part program viewing five 20-minute anti-trafficking videos, three on Sunday, January 21 and the remaining two on Saturday, January 27. The event starts at 2 P.M. and will include a discussion at the end of the videos. Please contact Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer, if you plan to attend (ssechurch.treasurer@gmail.com or 732-245-8392).

At a recent Convocation Meeting, several people asked for copies of our presentation and the invitation mentioned above. The invitation will be included in the next meeting report.

The word is getting out!!

Sincerely,

Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer



*You are invited
to the
Quigley's
Annual Christmas Party
Friday December 15th at 4^{pm}
2001 Elizabeth Avenue
Whiting NJ 08759
RSVP: (732) 547-9712*

What to bring???
For the Cookie Exchange.....Baked 1 Dozen Cookies
For the Gift Exchange.....A gift valued between \$15-\$20

Hope to see you there!



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.

ADVENT BLESSING

by Ditsie Scobie

In this time of waiting, I bless you to wait well and to wait expectantly. To prepare your hearts for Jesus, to surrender completely to Him and soak in the assurance of His Presence. I bless you to trust Him and to rest in Him, with quietness and intimacy with God.

In this season of hope, I bless you to abound in hope, a hope that is centered in the promises of God. I bless you to be quickened in your hope and have a willingness to share that hope with those who are hope-less.

In this time of peace, I bless you to abound in hope, a hope that is centered in the promises of God. I bless you to be quickened in your hope and have a willingness to share that hope with those who are hope-less.

In this time of peace, I bless you with the peace that comes from the heart of God, the peace that passes all understanding, so that you will walk in peace through all the circumstances of life.

In this season of light, I bless you to be filled with the light of Christ, to be His candle in the darkness, to share with His radiance, to be a glorious reflection of Him to the world.

In this time of great love, I bless you to be filled to overflowing with the love of God, so that His love would fill in all your dry or empty places and bring a resurgence of life. I bless you to be so saturated with His love that it would flow out to everyone you meet.

In this season of joy, I bless you with joy abounding to rise up in you like a fountain to splash everywhere you go to change the atmosphere and touch people's hearts.

I bless you to encounter God in the scriptures in a new and deeper way, with great insight and intimacy.

As our Lord, Emmanuel comes to us, I bless you to know Him, to love Him, and to follow Him closely, and then to proclaim Him boldly and confidently. I bless you to walk in the glory of God through this wonderful and holy Advent season.

In Jesus' Name. Amen

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.

Memorial Garden For Pets

(CREMAINS ONLY)



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.

Altar Guild

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS



The Altar Guild is again planning to order Christmas flowers and wreaths to decorate the Sanctuary as we prepare for the Celebration of Our Savior's Birth. This is a time when we especially may want to remember our loved ones and friends who have died or to express thanksgiving for our blessings.

Christmas Flower Offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex for those who would like to participate. Please fill out the appropriate information, and return the envelope to the church at your earliest convenience. **If you are unable to get to church at this time, you may mail your donation and memorial information to the Church to the attention of Valerie Thompson, Altar Guild Flower Chair. The deadline for submission of Christmas Flower Offerings is Sunday, December 17th.**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Altar Guild Flower Chair Valerie Thompson, at 732-657-4510.

Thank you and God Bless.

Valerie Thompson, Directress



Advent Bible Study

The Bible Study began on Wednesday, November 22 at 11AM for 5 weeks. The topic is "Awaiting the Already". It has readings from the 4 Gospels, and it will be on Zoom. The books are \$13 each. They are on back order. See Greg or Stefanie to pay for your book or order it yourself.

St Stephen's Episcopal Church
 And the
 Whiting Business Association
 Bring you
 our
Christmas Tree Lighting

December 7, 2023
 At 4:30 PM
 All are invited



Grants will be awarded with a
 Sing along with Friends and Family
 Enjoy refreshment
 The tree lighting and singing of
 "Silent Night" will conclude the event

The Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Thursday, December 7 beginning at 4:30PM. Come and sing Christmas Carols, enjoy the tree lighting of our real tree in front of the church. Grants will be given to local non-profit organizations. Refreshments will be served. Contact the church office for details.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 180 Rt 539 Whiting, NJ 08759-232-350-2121

Thunderbird Lanes
 proudly presents:

A CHRISTMAS PRO-AM BOWL-A-THON
 on
SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd
From 2-5pm
 at
THUNDERBIRD LANES
 640 East Bay Ave,
 MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050

Fee \$25 For 3 games of bowling including shoes
 Door prizes and more!
 50/50 RAFFLE
 Treasure Auction

Refreshments and T-Shirts for sale
 Proceeds benefit St. Stephen's Ministry
 Sponsors include Thunderbird Lanes....
 Tickets for sale at the Church office.

Welcome Guest!
Ashley Chiaramonte
 U.S. Open PWBA/
 PSA USBC Member

TROPHIES FOR
 1ST, 2ND 3RD place
 HIGH GAME, HIGH
 SERIES for ADULT
 AND KIDS

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539 is selling tickets for \$25 each for 3 games and shoes to be held at **Thunderbird Lanes**, 640 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin on Sunday, December 3 from 2-5PM. Food, Prizes, 50/50 raffle, Door Prizes **Meet Ashley Chiaramonte, US Open PWBA/PBA USBC Member**. All ages are welcome. Buy your tickets at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, Whiting from **9AM-1:30PM Monday-Thursday**. Tickets will be sold at the door as well.. All proceeds benefit St. Stephen's Ministry.

Happy Birthday!

December

<i>Ricki Minix</i>	12/06
<i>Claire Wolpert</i>	12/06
<i>Riley Woods</i>	12/11
<i>Andrew Van Sant</i>	12/19
<i>Carolsue Cummings</i>	12/21
<i>Dolores Ropes</i>	12/23
<i>Johann Soriano</i>	12/25
<i>Ryan Woods</i>	12/30

January

<i>June Bruen</i>	01/05
<i>Rose Emo</i>	01/06
<i>Dottie Intrieri</i>	01/08
<i>Emily Stahl</i>	01/08
<i>Maryann Payne</i>	01/10
<i>Peter Quigley</i>	01/11
<i>Greta Pearl</i>	01/13
<i>Abelardo Gonzalez</i>	01/19
<i>Terry Rutkowski</i>	01/20
<i>Shelagh Bluni</i>	01/24
<i>Irv Neuman</i>	01/25
<i>Thomas Larson</i>	01/29
<i>Ruthann Brooks</i>	01/31

MESSAGE BOARD

WHITING GARDEN CLUB

Whiting Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, December 6 at 10AM for Brunch. There is no meeting in January.

Operation Christmas Child

To all who filled shoeboxes, THANK YOU! Your donations and caring have assured many little ones that there is love and peace in this world for them and all children to come. Merry Christmas to you all.

ONLINE SERVICES

Please see our lists of service on page 8 and 9 for online streaming. Holy Eucharist is held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM on zoom and you tube as well. All are welcome! COME AND SEE!!! Compline will return after Easter.



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.

St Stephen's 2023/2024 Event Calendar

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

Dec 1st – 24th – Advent Food Drive

Dec 3rd - Christmas Bowl-A-Thon 2-5pm
(at Thunderbird lanes, call church office for details)

Dec 7th – Tree Lighting, 4:30pm

Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Services

9am, non-coral Holy Eucharist

3:30pm, Christmas Choral

4pm, Holy Eucharist with Guitar

7pm, Holy Eucharist with Guitar

Dec 25th– Christmas Day service at 10am

2024 Events

Jan 1st - Feast of the Holy Name, service at 10pm

Jan 6th –Epiphany Service at 10am

Jan 28th - Annual Meeting at 9am with Pot Luck

Feb 11th - Valentine's Day Dinner

Feb 13th - Pancake Supper/ Shrove Tuesday at 5pm

March 9th - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

April 20th - Trivia Day

May 5th - Blessing of the Bikes

May 16th - English Tea

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

STEPHEN'S PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

A NEW YEAR & EXCITING SEASON TO COME IN 2024

Public Relations at St Stephen's Whiting continues to thrive and move forward! There's always a need for publicity through our various ministries, clubs, organizations, and for our community. We have been right there with many ministries requesting our service to advertise and publicize events and functions for the Church. And we will continue to forge ahead looking to help out anyone at St Stephen's who requests our attention.

But we need You! Our talented team of parishioners give of themselves their time, talent, and skills to provide the coverage necessary for ALL ministries to succeed! And we're always looking for new, fresh, and bold ideas! You too can be part of a juggernaut team as well! Whether you have public relations, computer, or writing skills or no skill set at all. We need your help! There's much to accomplish during Sunday services, events, functions, articles, Facebook assistance, Patch, Diocesan Website, Church Website, TV & Radio coverage, and much, much more!!!

Whether you're a seasoned professional or just looking to extend a hand to an already talented team, you can be assured to have a place on the team! ! May God Bless You All! See you in Church!



By William Bodine III - Chairman

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.

LEM AND LECTORS

Fr. Paul will be holding a LEM and Lector training/review on 12/9/23 at 2:00 PM in the church. If you were unable to attend our last training session, please make every effort to join us on the 9th.

If you are interested in participating in either of these ministries, please come along and see what it's all about.

Hope to see you then,

Susan Clarke, LEM and Lector coordinator.

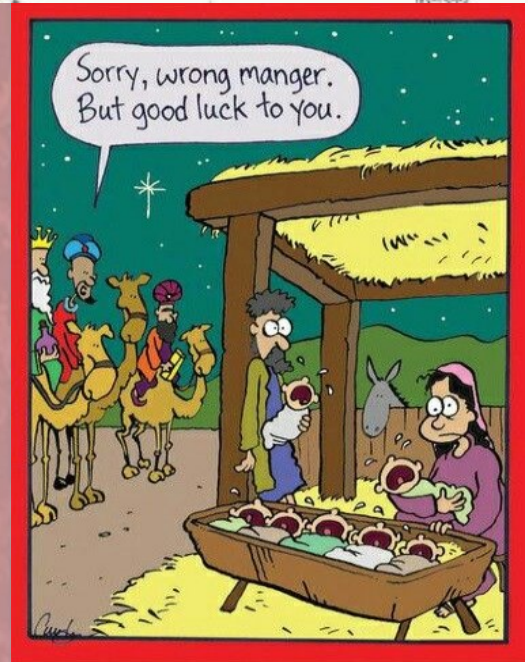
Laughter is good for the Soul



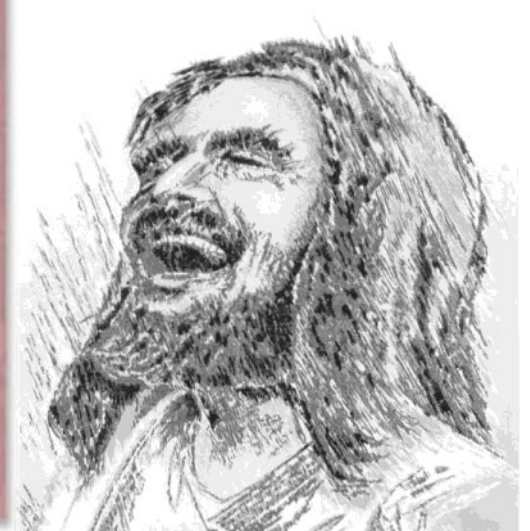
Christmas Carol Puzzle

Can you figure out the name the Christmas carol by just its initials?

- 1) GRYMG _____
- 2) WCIT _____
- 3) OLT OB _____
- 4) RTRNR _____
- 5) SN _____
- 6) AIWF CIY _____
- 7) PCHFC _____
- 8) DYHWHI _____
- 9) HTHAS _____
- 10) OHN _____
- 11) OCOCE _____
- 12) JB _____
- 13) IBHFC _____
- 14) HYAML C _____
- 15) SCICTT _____
- 16) OCAYF _____
- 17) LDB _____
- 18) WTK _____
- 19) FTS _____
- 20) BC _____



Merry Christmas



(Answers on page 14)

DECEMBER

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CHRISTMAS EVE Holy Eucharist Services will be held at 4PM - Choral Nativity; 7PM / 9PM with guitar. Join us to welcome baby Jesus.						
3 Holy Eucharist 8&10:00AM	4 AA Group 3am	5 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30-8:30pm	6 Choir practice 10am ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 11am AA Meeting 3pm	7 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm TREE LIGHTING 4:30pm	8 AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	9 AA Meeting 8pm
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24 Christmas Eve Service 9AM - Choral Nativity, 3PM - Carol 4PM 7PM - w/ guitar	25 Christmas Service 10am  office is closed	26 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30-8:30pm office is closed	27 ADVENT BIBLE STUDY 11am AA Meeting 3pm office is closed	28 AA Meeting 3pm office is closed	29 AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm office is closed	30 AA Meeting 8pm
31 Holy Eucharist 8&10:00AM						

January

2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Woman's Bible study Group 11am AA group 3pm Office Closed	2 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	3 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	4 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	5 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	6 AA Meeting 8pm Feast of the Epiphany Service 10am
7 Holy Eucharist 8&10:00AM	8 AA group 3pm	9 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	10 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	11 Healing Service 10am & OSJ meeting after service AA Meeting 3pm	12 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	13 AA Meeting 8pm
14 Welcome Bishop Sally French Holy Eucharist 8&10:00AM	15 Thyroid Support Group 10am Woman's Bible study Group 11am AA group 3pm	16 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	17 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	18 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	19 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	20 AA Meeting 8pm
21 Holy Eucharist 8&10:00AM	22 Vestry Meeting 10am AA group 3pm	23 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	24 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	25 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	26 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	27 AA Meeting 8pm
28 Annual Meeting w/ Pot Luck Holy Eucharist 8&10:00AM	29 AA group 3pm	30 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	31 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm			

Answers

- 1) GRYMG - God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
- 2) WCIT -What Child Is This
- 3) OLTOB- Oh Little Town of Bethlehem
- 4) RTRNR - Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
- 5) SN - Silent Night
- 6) AIWFCIY - All I Want For Christmas Is You
- 7) PCHFC - Please Come Home for Christmas
- 8) DYHWIH - Do You Hear What I Hear?
- 9) HTHAS - Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- 10) OHN- O Holy Night
- 11) OCOCE- O Come, O Come Emanuel
- 12) JB - Jingle Bells
- 13) IBHFC- I'll Be Home for Christmas
- 14) HYAMLC - Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
- 15) SCICTT - Santa Claus Is Coming To Town.
- 16) OCAYF -O Come all Ye Faithful
- 17) LDB -Little Drummer Boy
- 18) WTK - We Three Kings
- 19) FTS - Frosty the Snowman
- 20) BC - Blue Christmas

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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

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December & January



Friday, December 1 - Annual Meeting Reports due to the office

Sunday, December 3, 10, 17, 31 - 8AM and 10AM Services

Sunday, December 3 - 1PM Check-in, 2-5PM - Christmas Pro/Am Bowl-a-thon at Thunderbird Lanes, Manahawkin - buy tickets at the door - support the church - open to all ages and handicaps

Wednesday, December 6 - 10AM - Whiting Garden Club - Brunch

Wednesday, December 6, 13, 20 - 11 AM - Advent Bible Study

Thursday, December 7, 14, 21 - 10AM - Healing Service

Thursday, December 7 - 4:30PM - Christmas Tree Lighting

**Saturday, December 9 - on zoom - Convention delegates, AM
at church - PM - LEM/Lector Training**

Sunday, December 10 - 8 and 10AM - Stewardship Thank You Luncheon and Fireside Chat

Thursday, December 14 - after healing service - OSL meets

Monday, December 18 - 10AM - Vestry Meeting

Sunday, December 24 - 9AM - 4th Sunday of Advent

3:30 PM - Choral sing-a-long

4PM - Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist

7PM - Christmas Eve Eucharist with Guitar

Monday, December 25 - 10AM - Christmas Day, Said Mass

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - December 26-30

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Monday, January 1 - 10AM - Feast of the Holy Name

Saturday, January 6 - 10am - Feast of the Epiphany,

Sunday, January 7 - Articles due for February issue of the CHIMES

Monday, January 1, 15 - 11AM - Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 4, 11, 18, 25 - 10AM Healing Service

Sunday, January 7, 14, 21 - 8 and 10AM Services

Thursday, January 11 - OSL meets after the healing service

Monday, January 15 - OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 22 - 10AM - Vestry meeting

Sunday, January 28 - 9AM Service, followed by Annual Meeting and Luncheon