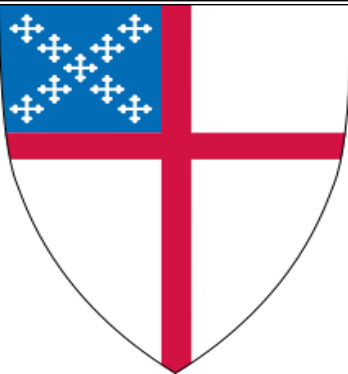




The Chapel Chimes



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From the
Rector's Desk...

"Focus on Healing"

If there is one thing which seems to be almost universal in human nature, it is the desire to avoid and/or be relieved of pain. If, as an individual we find ourself to have a pain or discomfort, our first response is to attempt to stop it.

One of the most vivid images of this part of human nature is the child who has pinched a finger or bumped his head. Immediately, the child's response is to look for someone to trust, and ask them to kiss the "boo-boo", or "make it better"! As adults we may not run to our parents, but we do run to someone. If the pain is physical, we go to a doctor; if it is psychological, we go to a counselor or therapist; if it is spiritual, we go to our priest; if it is financial, we go to our accountant or banker. Almost without exception, when it hurts, we run to someone.

Wouldn't it be nice, like our children, when we feel a hurt, there would be just one person we could go to, to have it taken away? As Christians there is. And his name is Jesus.

For His entire ministry, Jesus made it His first priority to heal those He came in contact with. It made no difference what kind of hurt it was. Sometimes it was just a simple hurt, Like Peter's Mother-in-law who has a fever and upset stomach (Mark 1:29). Sometimes it was more serious like the ten men who were lepers (Luke 17:11).

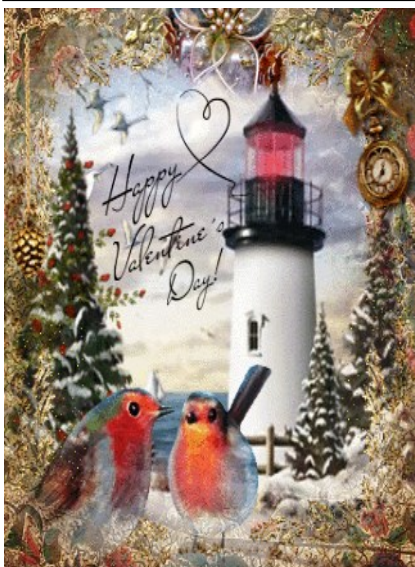
Of course, there were times when he healed the ultimate hurt by bringing the dead back to life (John 11:38).

Jesus' healing was not limited to physical hurts. He was concerned with the psychological well-being of those around him as well. A good example of this would be the Gerasene man He restored to his right mind (Mark 5:1). It was Jesus' wish that everyone could experience the life which His Father in heaven had given them in as complete a way as possible. Because of this, His healing went far beyond the medical and psychological models which we have already touched on.



Jesus' healing included people's emotions, as in the many instances where He restored a woman's sense of self-esteem. Remember when He spoke with the woman at the well (John 4:4) or when He saved the adulteress from the crowd (John 8:3)?

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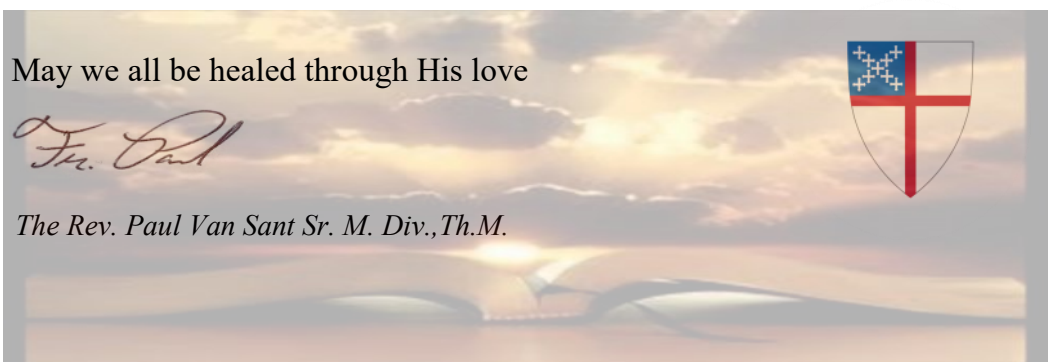
In both cases, Jesus restored these women’s sense of value, not only in their own eyes, but hopefully in the eyes of their community as well. Both of these women believed that they were doomed to a life of worthlessness until healed by our Lord. And, that healing was accompanied by simply accepting them for who they were. No string attached.

Believe it or not, There is still one more type of healing which Jesus did in His ministry. That was the healing of the soul. Sometimes we call it forgiveness of sins, other times we call it Amazing Grace, and still other times we call it living in the power of the Spirit. No matter what we call it though, it is probably the most powerful and life changing healing that anyone could ever hope to experience. This kind of healing is the kind that can only be given by God. Others can treat your body, help you talk through your problems, or acknowledge you as a person of great self-worth, but only Jesus can heal you soul!

If you think about it, there are more than just a few occasions where Jesus sees the soul as a primary target for healing when He encounters those who want to be healed. One of my own favorites is the scene in Mark where four men go to great lengths to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus so that He would heal him. After having to raise him to the roof and lower him down to Jesus, what does Jesus do? He forgives the men his sins! Now why didn't He just fix his legs? Because the body will eventually go back to the dust, and that simply is not as high a priority as the soul which lives on forever! As you remember though, Jesus does heal the man’s legs when His authority to forgive sins is questioned by the Pharisees. In Jesus’ words: “What is easier to say, ‘your sins are forgiven’ (because it is something which cannot be verified) or rise and walk”? Yet Jesus does the more difficult action to assure the man that he has, in fact, been forgiven (Mark 2:1).

Healing is what Jesus is about. Making people whole in body, mind, emotion, and spirit! If this is what He is about, then it should also be what we as members of His body, are about.

Here at St. Stephen’s we offer many opportunities to focus on God’s healing power. We have a chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician which meets monthly. We also offer a healing service at 10:00 a.m. every Thursday. Finally, we are preparing to resume an opportunity at all services on the last Sunday of each month to receive unction and healing prayer after we receive Communion. Our Convocational Dean knows of our healing focus and is now in conversation with me about hosting a special Healing Mission open to our Convocation and Diocese! So, don’t let these opportunities go by. Look to Jesus for your healing and look to others for an opportunity to be a channel of God’s healing Grace to them.



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Music Notes

Esther Graham, Minister of Music

Find Us Faithful

Verse 1

We're pilgrims on the journey
Of the narrow road
And those who've gone before us
Line the way
Cheering on the faithful
Encouraging the weary
Their lives a stirring testament
To God's sustaining grace

Verse 2

Surrounded by so great
A cloud of witnesses
Let us run the race
Not only for the prize
But as those who've gone before us
Let us leave to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness
Passed on through godly lives

Chorus

Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful
May the fire of our devotion
Light their way
May the footprints that we leave
Lead them to believe
And the lives we live
Inspire them to obey (to obey)
(Oh may all who come behind us)
(Find us faithful)

Verse 3

After all our hopes and dreams
Have come and gone
And our children sift through all
We've left behind
May the clues that they discover
And the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them
To the road we each must find

Ending

Find us faithful
Oh may all who come behind us
Find us faithful

CCLI Song # 1825
Jon Mohr

We are so very grateful for all the musical help, love and encouragement that Greg Hartline has given to us over the past year or two. It is difficult to say good bye to someone who gives himself so fully. Greg and his wife Holly along with Owen have purchased a home in Rochester, NY and will be leaving us shortly. We love you all and are praying for your new adventure to be as blessed by God, or more, as your time with us has been.

STEWARDSHIP OFF TO AN OUTSTANDING START TO 2023 LEGACY SUMMIT SET FOR SATURDAY APRIL 29th!!!

By William Bodine - Stewardship Chairman

Wow! What a great start to Stewardship in 2023! We've already had meetings and have officially launched St Stephen's Legacy Summit planning and organization! The date has been set for Saturday, April 29th from 10am-2pm. By this successful endeavor stewardship has become a year-round program here at St Stephen's Whiting!

As the team formulates the event and as we move forward, we'll assemble our panel of professionals who will look to provide a service and benefit to the people of our surrounding communities and to St Stephen's parish family. We will be meeting monthly so come and see! See what we're up to and the many programs we're planning for the church!

You are welcome to call the parish office and make your reservation to attend the event. Donations are welcome! We would be delighted to have you at this grand event!

In addition, the stewardship team will be looking at ways to improve parish membership. We will be contacting those who have been away from church or have simply been out of touch. We thank all members of the stewardship team for their hard work and efforts to make the program year-round! And our efforts will show in a fantastic year for St Stephen's Whiting!

Look for further announcements on Legacy and other Stewardship activities in the months ahead!



ECW

ECW will be holding their annual Bakeless Bake Sale in February. Instead of each one of us baking an item and buying each other's delicious baked goods, envelopes will be in the pews for you to put a donation in and place it in the collection plate. The monies will be used to continue our projects at the church, the community, and the world. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Stefanie Bodine, ECW President

Kay Karlick, ECW Treasurer and Bakeless Bake Sale Chair

ECW will again be sponsoring WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, an ecumenical event held all over the world on the same day. This year it will be on Friday, March 3. Time to be announced. More details to come. Refreshments will be served. *Stefanie Bodine, ECW President, and WDP Chair*

CROPWALK

Cropwalk was held in October 2022, and the final results are in--the community of Whiting raised \$4550. Our church raised \$200 of that money, \$100 from Noisy Sunday. Kitty Crandell recently died. She was the originator of Cropwalk in Whiting over 30 years ago. St. Stephen's will again host Cropwalk in October on Sunday the 15th. *Stefanie Bodine, Chair of St. Stephen's Committee*

ENGLISH TEAS

Our English Teas are not advertised or publicized. If you and your friends wish to join us on Thursday, May 18, or Thursday, September 21 from 2-4PM, stop by the office Monday-Thursday from 9AM-2PM, and purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$15 each per person, per event. They sell out quickly. Seating is by card table of 4 people. Enjoy a pleasant afternoon of delicious sandwiches, scones, trifle, and desserts. Tables have linen tablecloths and napkins, real china cups and saucers, plates; silverware, flower arrangement, and teapot. Door Prizes are brand new teapots, treasure auction, and 50/50 add to the day. Hats are optional and there will be a prize for the prettiest hat on the day. Any questions? See Stefanie or call her at (732) 350-2904.

Daughters of the British Empire



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

It's a Date - Tuesday, February 14th 3 – 6 p.m



It would be wonderful if you could join us for a “new” event at St. Stephen’s being held on **Valentine’s Day**. Together we will celebrate the special people in our lives and invite you to bring your loved ones, friends or just bring yourself. You are guaranteed to have an enjoyable evening of delicious food and fellowship.

Plans are underway to create a scrumptious menu of appetizers, entrees and desserts with a Valentine’s Day theme. Feel free to bring your favorite bottle of wine or enjoy the non-alcoholic beverages that will be provided.

Even though we just enjoyed a fun filled Christmas and New Year’s, we want to keep that good feeling. So, in addition to the delicious dinner, the committee is working hard to put together a fabulous Treasure Auction to make the event even more fun. Tickets are \$15 each or \$25 for two people. To make your reservation and arrange to get your tickets contact Barbara Marshall at 732-778-2628

The Valentine’s Day Event Committee:

Co-Chairs: Barbara Marshall & Linda Chiappetta ***Committee:*** Susan Quigley, Carol Torres, Johann Soriano, Tom Masiello, Bob Virtue, Roberta Mackay, Joy Frey, Debbie & David Fischer, Pat Guenot and Judy Thompson

ST STEPHENS WHITING PUBLIC RELATIONS

OFF TO A SPECTACULAR START IN 2023!!!

By William Bodine - Chairman

St. Stephen’s Whiting Public Relations is off to a super start! We had our first meeting of the year and already we’re rolling with coverage of events in February!

We took a look at the recently composed 2023 Fund Raising Schedule of events that need our attention. Many thanks to all who volunteer their time and talent to the public relations juggernaut! We’re rocking and rolling into the new year and we’re on every major event!

If your ministry or organization needs coverage, we have created a public relations form available in the office. We’d greatly appreciate it if your chairperson or rep could fill out the form, so we know exactly the kind of coverage necessary for your event. Without this information it’s difficult for us to determine the coverage needed. Please see Greg Matthews in the Parish Office for the form to be completed.

On the audio/video front, we recently added another webcam to our set of online cameras. To keep costs down, we’re utilizing old cell phones and tablets. If you have an old cell phone with access to Gmail, zoom, and YouTube please let us know. We’d be happy to use your equipment to broadcast church events and services!

Our next meeting is set for Sunday, February 5th after the later service in the parish hall. We continue to look out for those with either a specific skill set or who just want to get involved in the action! Please call the Parish Office or reach out to me and we can immediately get you rolling with us! We need any assistance in radio, tv, newspaper, and social media coverage. In addition, we can also appreciate your help within other public relations areas. Come out and see what we do! Be a part of the new St Stephen’s Whiting Public Relations team and help us to continue the church’s already outstanding position in our community! You can be proud of the work we do together because it’s all for the benefit of the church’s public image that is of greatness and honor! God Bless You All and May God Continue To Bless Our Beloved St Stephen’s Whiting!

St Stephen's Whiting Stewardship Committee Proudly Presents

A Legacy Summit for Estate & Will Planning

Please join us for a day of will & estate planning for your final expenses on Saturday April 29th from 10am-2pm! Will be on Zoom and YouTube.

A professional panel provided as a service and benefit to the people of our surrounding communities will be here to provide their services and help to everyone who needs this kind of planning and organizing their finances and their final expenses!

Format: Each panelist will speak about 10-15 minutes.

There will be a break for lunch.

Secondary session includes; breakout groups for questions about their respective business and profession and how they can help!

Donations are most welcome!

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 Episcopal Church in Whiting!

From the Treasurer's Desk

Happy New Year to all! With the new year, lots of things are happening in the "Treasury Department". We're preparing our budget for the year, getting ready for our annual meeting, closing out last year's books, and a hundred other things. So.....how can you help?

To finalize our budget, we need to have all the pledge cards in. If you haven't submitted yours, please do so. In addition to your normal donations, we are in desperate need of funds for Altar Guild items such as: replace worn linens and other supplies. Expenses are going up—quickly. Donations are reducing due to moves and passings. This is not a good financial direction. We are taking steps to remedy the trend as much as possible.

We have not received our donation envelopes yet. It is due to the supplier having staff shortages. We had discussed not using envelopes next year to save a few hundred dollars. We may start that this year. An update will follow.

The (volunteer) job of Treasurer is very busy. There are some tasks that require no experience, just time. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone is willing to occasionally spend an hour or two to help Suzan count on Sunday, help validate accounts (read to me :), help organize paperwork we are required to maintain, help send out statements, or other sporadic activities.

Blessings, Gerrie Vergone, Treasurer



Memorial Garden For Pets

at

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
180 Rt 539, Whiting, NJ

For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest.

Please contact our office Monday–Thursday 9am–2pm for services and more information

(732) 350-2121



Francis of Assisi

THE BISHOP SELECTION COMMITTEE

The members elected from St. Stephen's are: Stefanie Bodine, Chair; Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke, Michelle Winfrey, Bob Virtue. Fr. Paul, Susan, Stefanie and Bill each attended a meeting in a different location to meet the candidates for the next Bishop of our Diocese. The meeting to elect the Bishop will be held on Saturday, January 28. We hope to have a decision to share at our annual meeting. An article will be in the next issue of "the Chimes". Stefanie Bodine, Chair



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A MINISTRY OF
CHRISTIAN HEALING

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

Humble Jesus, we bless those who need warmth, nourishment, kindness, and safe housing.

May we all be JOYFUL, with God as our Helper, as we place our HOPE in the Lord our God.

GIVE JUSTICE to the oppressed, setting them free from all that would hold them down, and nourishing FOOD to the hungry, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually,

FREE the prisoners, and release them from bondage to strongholds of the enemy.

OPEN the eyes of the blind, that we may see You in all Your goodness and ourselves as Your beloved children.

LIFT UP those who are weighed down by generational, social, financial, and logistical burdens.

PROTECT the foreigners among us, the children, students, recent immigrants, and refugees.

CARE for the orphans and widows, and provide warm, loving homes, good childcare, and job opportunities.

HEAL the brokenhearted, and encourage the grieving, disappointed, separated, and lonely, and BANDAGE their wounds with the soothing poultice of Your healing love.

May we all put our HOPE in Your UNFAILING LOVE. Adapted from Psalm 146:5, 7-9 and 146:3,11, NLT

A PRAYER FOR WARMTH, NOURISHMENT, KINDNESS, AND HOPE:

"I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me. When you cared for one of the least of these..., ypu demonstrated love for me." Matthew 25:35-36, 40, MSG, TPT

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 Compline 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.

URGENT PLEA FROM THE ALTAR GUILD!!!

The Altar Guild currently has three members who are sharing the responsibilities of clearing and setting up the altar for the 8 AM services. And we only have four members who have been handling the 10:00 AM services. Members always work in pairs to cover one week of services – usually one Sunday service and the following Thursday's Healing Service. The same two members would cover any special service (i.e., wedding, baptism, funeral) that may be scheduled in that week.

We are encouraging all interested parties to prayerfully consider volunteering for the Altar Guild as a way to serve the church with your time and talents. The work is not hard nor time consuming, and with a full roster, it lessens the work for all of us. We believe you will find it a very spiritually rewarding ministry. **Men are also welcome!** Please be assured that your help is desperately needed and will be greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of current members of the Altar Guild. Please feel free to speak with any one of them if you think you might be interested in joining our very dedicated volunteers.

8:00 AM - Debbie Fisher, David Fisher, Linda Chiapetta

10:15 AM - Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro, Ann Solaequi, Valerie Thompson

Thank you for your consideration.

Valerie Thompson, Directress

732-657-4510 (h)

732-236-9640 (c)



Happy Birthday!

February

<i>Catherine Karlick</i>	<i>02/01</i>
<i>Robert Virtue</i>	<i>02/01</i>
<i>Betsy Woods</i>	<i>02/07</i>
<i>Deborah DeLouise</i>	<i>02/07</i>
<i>Amanda Rutkowski</i>	<i>02/11</i>
<i>Carl Laursen</i>	<i>02/14</i>
<i>Martha D'Abundo</i>	<i>02/14</i>
<i>Donald Nadeau</i>	<i>02/15</i>
<i>Melvyn Bray</i>	<i>02/15</i>
<i>Glen Stahl</i>	<i>02/16</i>
<i>Jim Jados</i>	<i>02/19</i>
<i>Nicholas Stahl</i>	<i>02/19</i>
<i>Gloria Pizzuti</i>	<i>02/23</i>
<i>Arline Grande</i>	<i>02/29</i>

March

<i>Richard Batesko</i>	<i>03/08</i>
<i>Thomas Cornelius</i>	<i>03/09</i>
<i>Joan Burkard</i>	<i>03/19</i>
<i>Sydney Stahl</i>	<i>03/19</i>
<i>Gavin Brennan</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Valerie Thompson</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Emily Brennan</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Michael Grande</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Tara Butler</i>	<i>03/23</i>
<i>Lillian Nutry</i>	<i>03/23</i>
<i>Madison Cornelius</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Danielle Batesko</i>	<i>03/27</i>
<i>Paul Van Sant Sr</i>	<i>03/30</i>

MESSAGE BOARD

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS FOR SENIORS

AARP Safe Driving Class for Seniors will be held on Tuesday, February 7 from 9AM-1PM. Forty people have signed up for the class. It is filled. If interest continues, another class will be scheduled on another day. Stefanie Bodine, Coordinator

WHITING GARDEN CLUB

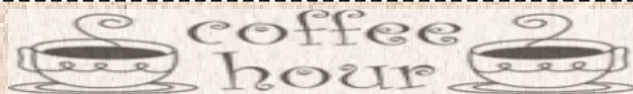
will be meeting on Wednesday, February 1 to create fresh flower arrangements for Hospice. Colleen Dalvechio will be speaking about the program. The meeting begins at 10AM. There are no minutes, no dues. The flowers have been ordered. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1 at 10AM with a speaker from Barnegat Bay. Contact Stefanie for more information.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Compline is available at 7PM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Holy Eucharist is held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM on zoom and you tube as well. All are welcome! COME AND SEE!!!

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

will meet on Monday, February 13 at 10AM to share information on thyroids, and support those who have thyroid conditions. Contact Stefanie at (732) 350-2904 for more information.



Sign-up to host a coffee hour in 2023. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Everyone enjoys socializing after the services as well as sharing some delicious food items. More help is needed to host one in '23. Any questions? Ask Stefanie at (732)350-2904 or chat with her on Sunday.

ENGLISH TEAS

Tickets will be available in the office after January 2 for Thursday, May 18, and Thursday, September 21. Each will be held from 2-4PM. Tickets are \$15 per person. Tables are set for 4. If you have friends that want to sit together—buy them at the same time or make note of who you want to sit with when you pay. Also, if anyone has a wheelchair/walker/cane—note that as they will be seated in the front. Any info contact Stefanie at (732) 350-2904

THE JOY OF CARING LIKE JESUS

Love your neighbor as yourself. Who is my neighbor? Jesus transforms our hearts so that we are willing to be neighbors to those who need our care. Soften our hearts so we feel compassion for those You love. Help us: with convenience, compassion, comfort, control, choice in all the ways we can care about others. We want to live every moment of our lives in Your presence, flowing with your Spirit, following your lead, sharing our time, energy, finance, connections, and goodwill with those who need it. You are where the joy is!

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS - 2022

GIVEN BY:

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF or IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

<i>Bob Axon</i>	<i>IMO Joan Lentkowski-Axon and the Axon Family</i>
<i>Amy Bellis & Isabelle Bellis</i>	<i>IMO John Bellis</i>
<i>Stefanie & Bill Bodine</i>	<i>IMO Loved Ones</i>
<i>Susan Clarke</i>	<i>IMO Park & Georgia Steele, Hope & Ernest Clarke, Jr., Charles & Janice Steele, and Virginia & Ernest Clarke III</i>
<i>Gillian Franklin</i>	<i>IMO Loved Ones</i>
<i>Joy J. Frey</i>	<i>IMO Kya, Pat, Terry, and George</i>
<i>David and Dianne Jacobs</i>	<i>IMO William & Phyllis Jacobs</i>
<i>Bill & Dottie Kaster</i>	<i>IMO Kim, Hope, and Michael</i>
<i>Marjorie Macartney</i>	<i>IMO Family</i>
<i>Susan Quigley</i>	<i>IHO Bernice Reasner</i>
<i>Penny Scott</i>	<i>IHO Jennifer Scott</i>
<i>JoAnn Smithson</i>	<i>IMO Pat Laursen</i>
<i>Ann M. Solaequi</i>	<i>IMO Jorin and Solaequi Family</i>
<i>Ray & Mary Storey</i>	<i>IMO Our Departed Loved Ones</i>
<i>Al & Valerie Thompson</i>	<i>IMO Alphus Thompson II, William & Emaline Green, Ernest & Eleanor Mansue, Mamie Pinelli, Estelle & Hunter Leitch, Maude Mugford, Bob & Wanda Hudson, Betty Ann Wilbur, and Ted Zeh</i>
<i>Carol Torres</i>	<i>IMO Steven and Madeline Dombeck, and Thomas Taim</i>
<i>Gerrie Vergona</i>	<i>IMO Family</i>

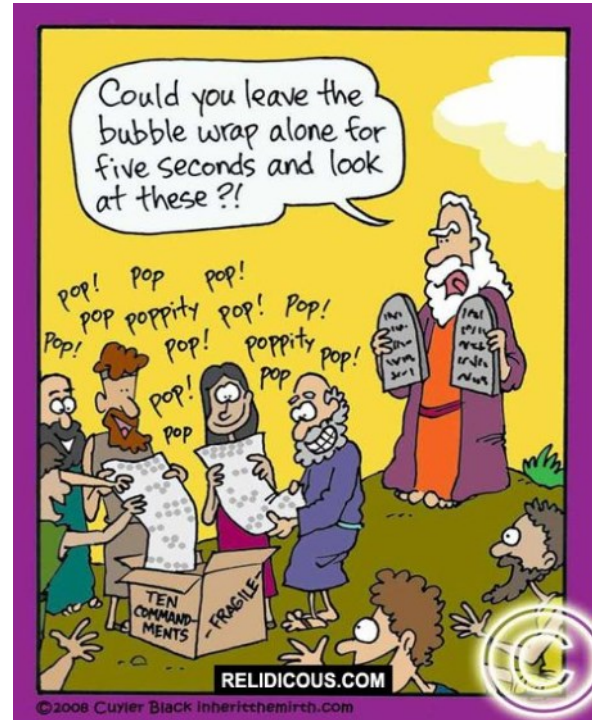


GREATINGS FROM THE FUNDRAISING AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

As we start a new year looking forward to much success. We will be having a meeting on January 22nd after our 10am service. We will have a pot luck for the annual meeting on January 29th after the 9am service that day. Please bring a dish to share. Also we are looking for gifts for our \$DOLLAR\$ auction.

And, lets Support our Valentine's Dinner on February 14th. Tickets are available.

Laughter is good for



The Three Kings

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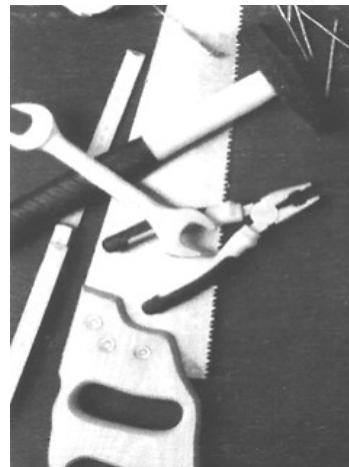
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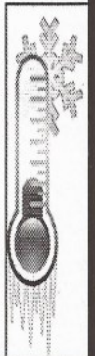
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Sunday, February 5, 12, 19, 26 - 8AM and 10AM *Church Service*

Monday, February 6, 13, 20, 27 - 11AM - *Women's Bible Study*

Tuesday, February 7 - 9AM -1PM - *AARP Safe Driving Class*

Thursday, February 9 AM - *OSL meeting after the healing service*

Monday, February 13 - 10AM - *Thyroid Support Group*

Tuesday, February 14 - 3-6PM - *Valentine's Dinner*

Tuesday, February 21 - 4-6PM - *Pancake Supper*

Wednesday, February 22 - 10AM, 4PM, 7PM - *Ash Wednesday Services*

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Thursday, February 23 - *after the Healing Service - Lenten Bible Study*

Monday, February 27 - 10AM - *Vestry Meeting*