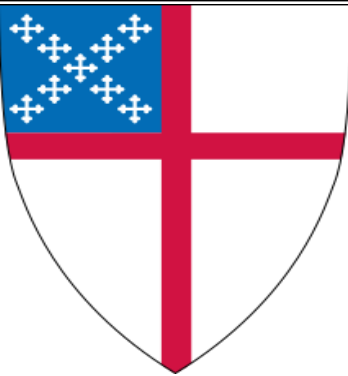




The Chapel Chimes



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From the
Rector's Desk...

Epiphany

I'm sure that most of us have been in a situation where someone has jumped up and said "I've had an epiphany!" What did they mean by that? Most of the time they mean that something has suddenly become clear to them. Almost out of the blue they see something clearly, maybe even without knowing where it came from.

We are entering the season of Epiphany in the church year. During Epiphany the nature of Jesus is revealed to us. Our readings each Sunday show us something of Jesus' growth as the Son of God. They also take us toward Christ's ultimate mission in Jerusalem.

This year Epiphany is about an average length because of the date of Easter. Easter can fall between March 22nd and April 25. This year it will fall on April 9th. Epiphany is between 4 and 9 Sundays long. Based on this year's date for Easter it will be 7 Sundays. Ash Wednesday follows the season of Epiphany; It will fall on February 22nd.

The difference between "An Epiphany" and "Epiphany" is that, our time finding out about Jesus is a more deliberate action. We want to know more about Jesus so we come to church and hear the scriptures read and the sermons

preached. We go to bible study and say our daily office. No one should expect to know the nature of Jesus instantly. We can establish a relationship with him in a moment, but we cannot fully know him that quickly, maybe never... at least until we go to be with him in heaven.



I would like to extend a heartfelt invitation to each of you, to use this Epiphany season to deepen your relationship with Jesus, to find out more about his love and healing grace in your life, and the life of our parish family.

Personal growth and Parish growth both come as a result of a deeper personal relationship with Jesus. When we know him and his will for us individually and corporately, we will be blessed beyond our wildest imaginings.

Maranatha; Come into our hearts Lord Jesus.

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Psalm 40:1-12

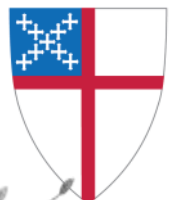
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- 1 **I** waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
"I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart."
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

Have a blessed Epiphany season

The Rev. Paul

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



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Music Notes

Esther Graham, Minister of Music

Happy New Year! This year instead of promising to do things that we will forget about in a month or two, we should promise to come to Jesus just as we are every day.

This is an article from: *Praise Hymn Fashions' Blog Author Praise Hymn Fashions – Providing excellence in fashion and service to schools, churches, and organizations for over 34 years.*

"Just As I Am" was written by Charlotte Elliot in 1835, first appearing in the *Christian Remembrancer*, of which Elliott became the editor in 1836. The final verse is taken from Elliott's *Hours of Sorrow Cheered and Comforted* (1836).

Charlotte Elliot wrote this song about how to find salvation through Christ. It has been used by many as the call to the altar at the close of services, as it brings a quite simple message of sin, forgiveness, and salvation to all that turn from sin and trust in Jesus.

Charlotte spent the first 32 years of her life in Clapham, England. As a young woman, she was gifted as a portrait artist and a writer of humorous verse. Then, in her early thirties, she suffered a serious illness that left her weak and depressed. She was an invalid and suffered much during the last 50 years of her life. In 1823, she moved to Brighton. She was a member of the Church of England. Charlotte was confined to her home and unable to attend church services.

During her illness, a well-known preacher, Cesar Malan of Switzerland, came to visit her. He asked her if she had peace with God. She was facing many inner struggles because of feeling useless, and she resented the question. She refused to talk about it that day, but a few days later called Dr. Malan and apologized. She said she wanted to clean up her life before becoming a Christian. Malan answered, "Come just as you are." She gave her life to Christ that day. Some years later at age 45, Charlotte remembered those five words and began to write the seven verses of "Just As I Am" in 1834. In spite of being raised in a Christian home, she reflected on her conflicts and doubts and was unsure of her relationship with Christ. So she penned her words of assurance about Jesus loving her just as she was. William B. Bradbury composed music for her lyrics and published the song in 1849. This hymn has been translated into many languages all over the world. Tens of thousands of people have committed their lives to Christ during the playing of this hymn.

Miss Elliott wrote about 150 hymns and many poems, some of which were printed anonymously, with *Just As I Am* probably the best-known. Dr. Billy Graham wrote that the Graham team used this hymn in almost every one of their crusades. He said it presented "the strongest possible Biblical basis for the call of Christ." Hymnody historian Kenneth Osbeck wrote that "Just As I Am" had "touched more hearts and influenced more people for Christ than any other song ever written." Christian writer Lorella Rouster wrote, "The hymn is an amazing legacy for an invalid woman who suffered from depression and felt useless to God's service."

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Just_As_I_Am_\(hymn\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Just_As_I_Am_(hymn))

Just As I Am - Original Lyrics

*Just as I am - without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

*Just as I am - and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

*Just as I am - though toss'd about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

*Just as I am - poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

*Just as I am - Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

*Just as I am - Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
-O Lamb of God, I come!*

*Just as I am - of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
-O Lamb of God, I come*





ECW

The ECW met on Thursday, December 1. Officers were elected for 2023: President, Stefanie Bodine; Vice-President, Marge Pomykala; Secretary, Barbara Marshall; and Treasurer, Kay Karlick. Plans were discussed for our teas on May 18, and September 21; hosting World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3. working with Joann Smithson on the flea market and holiday craft and vendor fair.

The bakeless bake sale will continue in February, Operation Christmas Child from September to November, collecting cancelled stamps, card fronts (not Hallmark, American Greetings, or Disney), toiletries from trips, and pop tops, and the church Christmas Card in December. In January, the officers will decide who will be selected as our next Women of Honor whose name will be submitted to Stefanie who is the Chair of the ECW Diocesan Committee. Our meetings will be held on Thursday, June 1, September 7, December 7 at 1 PM in 2023. Speakers will be contacted and a possible potluck at the December meeting.



Annual Meeting



Sunday, January 29, 2023.

One Holy Eucharist service only at 9AM.

The annual meeting will follow with our International Potluck brunch/lunch.

Please bring your favorite dish to share with all.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

RECTOR'S WARDEN - *Stefanie Bodine*

VESTRY - 3 people - 3 year term:

Bill Bodine

Kay Karlick

Barbara Marshall

CONVOCATION - 3 people, 3 alternates - 1 year term

Shelagh Bluni

Linda Chiappetta

Marie Piccoli

Ann Solaequi

Bob Virtue

Michelle Winfrey

CONVENTION - 3 people, 3 alternates - 1 year term

Bill Bodine

Barbara Marshall

Marie Piccoli

Peter Quigley

Susan Quigley

Bob Virtue

FINANCE COMMITTEE - 3 people - 1 year term

Stefanie Bodine

Dottie Kaster

Glenn Mortimer

Stefanie Bodine, Nominations Chair

Daughters of the British Empire

The (DBE) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit American society of women of British or Commonwealth of Nations heritage or ancestry. We share and promote our heritage while supporting local charities and our senior living facilities across the United States. Since 1909, we have led the effort to serve and care for seniors across the US. We have a long and storied history of rolling up our sleeves and doing the hard work for those who need it most.

Membership is extended to women who are of British or Commonwealth heritage by birth, naturalization, or ancestry. "Commonwealth heritage" includes current and former member countries in the former British Empire and current Commonwealth of Nations. Women, whose spouses are, or whose spouse(s), parent(s) or grandparent(s) are, of British or Commonwealth birth, are also eligible.

We Stand for Inclusivity: Through every change in our 113+ year history; we have known one constant - our sisterhood standing hand in hand. Women of all races, nationalities, creeds, colors, faiths, and beliefs stand together in friendship and charity. Joined by our common bond of the Commonwealth of Nations, we learn from each other and grow closer together through every struggle our world faces. It is this truth that has laid the foundation of the DBE. Our moto - "Not Ourselves, but the Cause"

To learn more about our local chapter, here in Ocean County, please email *Joan Saunders* at - njstateorganizer@gmail.com



Legacy, Estate and Will planning

With a successful stewardship season behind us now, our focus turns to Legacy, Estate and Will planning which will make stewardship a year round effort! The legacy team will meet again on Sunday, January 15th after the later service in the parish hall. We encourage and invite anyone who is interested in participating and helping out on the Legacy Team! The objective is to prepare and plan for the St. Stephen's Legacy Summit in the Spring 2023. We are confident for a very strong turnout and a huge plus for the church! Everyone needs this kind of service and opportunity to plan their legacies for themselves and their families.

Our next public relations meeting is Sunday, January 8th after the later service in the parish hall.

Also, a BIG THANK YOU to, Canon Phyllis Jones, and all the speakers for their stories on stewardship this year! It was a pleasure and inspiration to all.

For further information please contact *Bill Bodine - Legacy Chairman at 848-210-4206.*

From the Treasurer's Desk

Watch for a new way of donating coming this month. This new capability will have lots of benefits such as: using a credit card, donating online, and others. It is easy, fast, and convenient. The company we will be using is also partnering with Church Windows, and will automatically post donations to your account, and provide reports to me. Greg and I have one or two little tweaks to have the process operating smoothly. Once that is in place, I will be distributing instructions and will be ready to help you get started. We're very excited to be able to provide you with this option and hope you will be excited to use it!

Gerrie Vergona - 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

LEM AND LECTORS



Our LEMs and Lectors have reverted to pre-COVID practice. There are 2 LEMs at each service. Since we have a maximum of four LEMs serving at 8:00 and 10:15, we are serving every other week. While we are devoted to this ministry, it would be a real pleasure to have a few additional volunteers. We also now have scheduled Crucifers because few of the LEMs can carry the cross. We could also use a few more people to administer the alcohol-free wine. Of course, having 1 or 2 more readers would be great.

If you are interested in joining in with any of these ministries, please see *Fr. Paul* or *Susan Clarke* who will be very happy to speak with you.



OSL

A MINISTRY OF
CHRISTIAN HEALING

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

We ask Jesus' blessings as we walk each day, standing with us at the various entrances we arrive at daily. The new year brings new possibilities, new doors to open, new vistas. Thank you for freeing us from burdens of disappointment, loneliness, grief, illness, isolation, rejection, guilt, shame, and worries that have weighed us down.

As each of us walks through a door, bless us, carry us through in your capable and caring hands, help us to move forward encouraged by the warmth of your love, renewed, encouraged, and covered with your healing joy. Spirit of the Living Christ, grace us with vibrant life and renewed hope. Help us to extend a blessing to the people we meet, visit, are served by, write, text, or email. Help us speak it out loud or write it down, help us to send a special note to someone. Thank you, God, for Jesus, the Gift of all Gifts. Thanks for all the blessings and healings you have brought to us.

May the Babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.
May the Child of Nazareth bring you Joy.
May the Man of Galilee bring you strength.
May the Christ of Calvary bring you courage.
May the Risen Jesus bring you hope,
and the Ascended Christ bring you a fore
taste of His glory.... *Amen*

(A Holy Land Blessing, Father Potter of Peckham)

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER FOR YOU:

May you have joy for each day because God is our daily encourager...May you have blessings that overflow because God is our generous provider.. May you have peace, hope, and love because God is our faithful Father. Blessings in the New Year May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.

II Peter 1:2-3 NRSV

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 Compliment 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 10:15 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

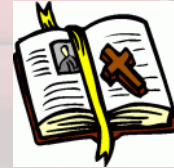
10:15 AM - Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro, Ann Solaequi, Valerie Thompson

Thank you for your consideration.

Valerie Thompson, Directress

732-657-4510 (h)

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Happy Birthday!

January

<i>Therese Heon</i>	<i>01/03</i>
<i>Jennifer Quigley</i>	<i>01/05</i>
<i>Rose Emo</i>	<i>01/06</i>
<i>June Bruen</i>	<i>01/05</i>
<i>Mackenzie Collins</i>	<i>01/08</i>
<i>Dottie Intrieri</i>	<i>01/08</i>
<i>Emily Stahl</i>	<i>01/08</i>
<i>Maryann Payne</i>	<i>01/10</i>
<i>Peter Quigley</i>	<i>01/11</i>
<i>Winter Bradley</i>	<i>01/12</i>
<i>Greta Pearl</i>	<i>01/13</i>
<i>Megan Costigliola</i>	<i>01/15</i>
<i>Grayson Bradley</i>	<i>01/18</i>
<i>Abelardo Gonzalez</i>	<i>01/19</i>
<i>Terry Rutkowski</i>	<i>01/20</i>
<i>James Ridge</i>	<i>01/21</i>
<i>Lara Dey</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Daniel Lee</i>	<i>01/23</i>
<i>Shelagh Bluni</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Jane Schaut</i>	<i>01/24</i>
<i>Irv Neuman</i>	<i>01/25</i>
<i>Thomas Larson</i>	<i>01/29</i>
<i>Ruthann Brooks</i>	<i>01/31</i>

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>

MESSAGE BOARD

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS FOR SENIORS

On Tuesday, February 7 from 9AM-1PM - bring a snack, contact Stefanie at (732) 350-2904 if you plan to attend. Cost is \$20 if you are an AARP member, \$25 if you are not, bring your check and drivers' license on the day. Seating is limited.

WHITING GARDEN CLUB

will not be meeting in January. Contact Stefanie at (732) 350-2904, if you would like to help create a hospice arrangement of real flowers at our February Meeting to be held on Wednesday, February 9 at 10AM. Fresh flowers need to be ordered. All materials will be supplied, bring scissors or clippers, or a knife.

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, January 9 at 10aM. Learn about thyroid issues. Share your experiences. Contact Stefanie, Facilitator at (732) 350-2904.



Thank you to everyone that provided so many delicious items of food all year. Everyone enjoyed a beverage, a chat, and some delicious food. Thank you for your kindness. Sign up alone or with a friend in 2023. If you have any questions, or need help, contact Stefanie at (732) 350-2904.

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

VALENTINE'S DINNER

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, February 14th, 4-7PM

\$15.00 each or \$25.00 per couple

More info to follow

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!



Operation Christmas Child Was a Great Success!



St. Stephen's contributors, volunteers and staff deserve a round of applause for their generosity in making Operation Christmas Child such a *smashing success!*

We were able to collect 50 filled shoe boxes and 7 bags of miscellaneous items such as toys, school supplies and toiletries for Samaritan's Purse. They will be used by the organization to complete other boxes. In addition, \$500 was donated by the participants to the organization to help cover shipping and handling. Thank you ECW for donating \$100 toward boxes that had no checks.

Gerrie Vergona invited her neighbors at the Venue at Woodlands to participate in the program by bringing boxes and material to their clubhouse. She collected the full boxes and I am very pleased to say that 20 of those 50 boxes were donated by her neighbors. Their generosity and willingness to join with St. Stephen's to make a difference in a child's life enriches everyone's life. Thank you Gerrie. Others who assisted were Cathy, our Crop Walk liaison, who transported 30 finished boxes to a neighbor whose church was one of the drop off locations. Thank you, Cathy, for your continued involvement.

The fun part for me was seeing all of the useful and fun items that people put in the boxes they prepared. I could see that they were chosen thoughtfully, and those individuals deserve a great big thank you. In addition, it was very exciting to see the homemade knitted items. Our thanks to the knitters—keep it up!

There are so many innocent children in the world that have so many basic needs left unmet. It would be such a comfort for them to know the love of Jesus Christ. Through our support of Operation Christmas Child, our prayers and the love of God we can make their life just a little happier.

This being my first time coordinating the program, I was grateful for the guidance I received from Stefanie Bodine. It would be my pleasure to chair the program again next year and I will use this year's experience to plan ahead.

By Barbara Marshall



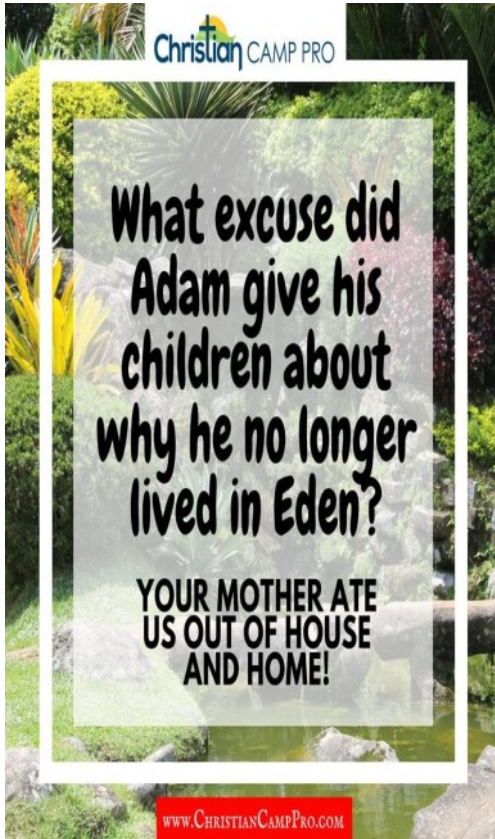
GREATINGS TO ALL PARISHONERS OF ST. STEPHEN'S

We would like to take this time to thank all that participated in all our events this year. They would not have been successful without your help.

We have a full schedule for next year and will need volunteers to help with different events. If you have any questions just ask or if you have any suggestions let us know. We hope to see you at events to benefit our Church.

In Faith,
Fellowship and Fundraising Committee.

Laughter is good for the Soul



Kings of the Bible

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- SOLOMON
- AHAB
- JEHOIACHIN
- JOTHAM
- SAUL
- JEHOAHAZ
- JEHOSHAPHAT
- ZEDEKIAH
- SHALLUM
- PEKAHIAH
- OMRI
- DAVID
- MANASSEH
- UZZIAH
- JEHU
- ZIMRI
- REHOBOAM
- AHAZIAH
- ASA
- ATHALIAH



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8&10:15AM	2 <i>Woman's Bible study</i> Group 11am AA group 3pm	3 <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 -8:30pm	4 <i>Choir practice 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	5 <i>Healing Service 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	6 <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	7 AA Meeting 8pm
8 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8&10:15AM	9 <i>Thyroid Support Group 10am</i> <i>Woman's Bible study</i> Group 11am AA group 3pm	10 <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 -8:30pm	11 <i>Choir practice 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	12 <i>Healing Service 10am & OSLS meeting after service</i> AA Meeting 3pm	13 <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	14 AA Meeting 8pm
15 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8&10:15AM	16 <i>Woman's Bible study</i> Group 11am AA group 3pm	17 <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 -8:30pm	18 <i>Choir practice 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	19 <i>Healing Service 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	20 <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	21 AA Meeting 8pm
22 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 8&10:15AM	23 <i>Vestry Meeting 10am</i> <i>Woman's Bible Study</i> Group 11am AA group 3pm	24 <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 -8:30pm	25 <i>Choir practice 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	26 <i>Healing Service 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	27 <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	28 AA Meeting 8pm
29 ONE SERVICE ONLY <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 9AM <i>followed by our Annual Meeting w/ Potluck</i>	30 <i>Woman's Bible Study</i> Group 11am AA group 3pm	31 <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> Boy Scouts, 7:30 -8:30pm				

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www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices

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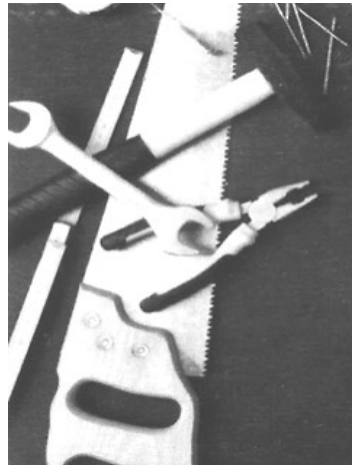
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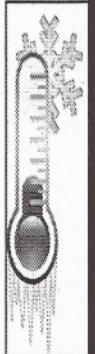
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Monday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 - 11AM - Women's Bible Study

Thursday, January 5,12,19,26 - 10AM - Healing Service

Monday, January 9 - 10AM - Thyroid Support Group

Thursday, January 12 - after the Healing Service is OSL

Monday, January 23 - 10AM - Vestry Meeting

Saturday, January 28 - at the Cathedral - Meeting to elect our next Bishop

Sunday, January 29 - **One service only at 9AM** - followed by St. Stephen's Annual Meeting

NOTE: Deadline for the February issue of "The Chimes" is Sunday, January 1.

REMEMBERING

The beauty of a memory is that it's always there,
Like a penny in your pocket, you can take it anywhere.
And when your heart is heavy and your eyes are filled with tears,
You can focus on a memory, and travel through the years.
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And the presence of your loved one, will lessen your despair.

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In a lifetime of "sweet memories," of one who loved you so!

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