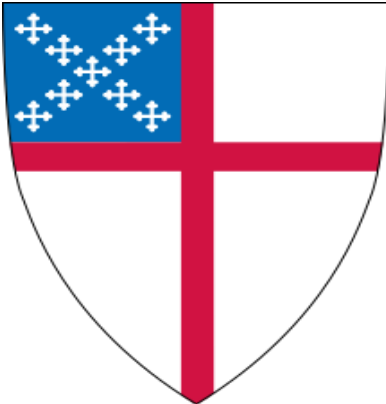




The Chapel Chimes



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From the
Rector's Desk...

We Are Not Alone

As we go through life, we often come up against things that seem scary. They seem scary because we do not see a clear path forward, or because we are not sure which way to go or what path to take. I'm sure that, like me, you have wished that there was just someone who would give you the answer and relieve your anxiety in such situations. But who might that be? And where might we find him?

Let's go to the Bible and see what others have done in similar situations. I am thinking of a particular prophet of God who was advising King David during a war against the King of Syria. His name was Elisha, and his tactical advice to King David was causing Syria to suffer an embarrassing loss to Israel. Syria's King was sure there was a traitor amongst his men, because it was as if King David knew what they were going to do before they did it. After consulting with his spies, he found out that the prophet Elisha was able to divine his plans and pass them on to David before each battle.

¹³ [So, the King of Syria said] "Go and see where he is, that I may send and seize him."

It was told him, "Behold, he is in Dothan."¹⁴ So he sent their horses and chariots and a great army; and they came by night, and surrounded the city." (2Kings 6:13-14)



Now Dothan was a small city with almost no defenses. Elisha was traveling with his servant, and they had just had a peaceful night's rest. However,

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was round about the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" (2Kings 6:15)

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Have you ever felt surrounded, in a hopeless situation, outnumbered, ill prepared, without a plan, alone and on your own? When you're in that kind of situation what should you do? You should look to the power of God and his Holy Spirit!

¹⁶ [Elisha] said, "Fear not, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Eli'sha prayed, and said, "O LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Eli'sha. ¹⁸ And when the Syrians came down against him, Eli'sha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray thee, with blindness."

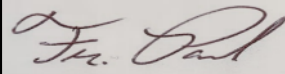
Well, the short story is that the blinded Syrians were led to Sameria. Then they were spared by David at Elisha's request and never challenged Israel again.

When was the last time you trusted the Holy Spirit to handle your situation or direct your life? You are not alone in the trials of your life! You carry with you, in your very soul, the presence of God's Holy Spirit. Which brings us back to St. Paul, who we quoted last month:

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God?" (1 Corinthians 6:19)

Let us remember that God will never leave nor forsake us, and he will always surround us with an army of heavenly angels, NEVER to leave us alone. We are not alone, we are HIS!

May God comfort you always with the presence of His Holy Spirit and all His heavenly hosts,



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



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PRAYING IN GOD'S WILL

(based on a writing from Dr. Charles Stanley from Colossians 1:10-14)

Paul asked that believers know God's will and then: live a Godly life (verse 10) for our character, conversation, and conduct be consistent with the Lord's--look compassionately at others, help with your hands, speak forgiveness and love with your mouth. Even though imperfect reflect Christ's righteousness with your believer's character. Make your life count (verse 10). Experience God's power (verse 11) through the Holy Spirit's presence. We have all we need to do our Father's will. Remain committed and grateful (verse 12). God answers in His perfect timing. Be steadfast in prayer and thankful for everything He's already done in the meantime.



My house shall be called a house of prayer. Matthew 21: 13a

In Mark 11:5 and Matthew 21: 13 the scriptures are telling the story of Jesus cleaning out the temple. They had forgotten that God had set up the temple system to be primarily a place for people to come and pray. In prayer, we become connected to the God of the Universe. He is the focus of our affections, and our trust. We have confidence in Him.

This is NOT a place of business. This is a house of prayer. This is a place where people can come and have their hearts and spirits fed with the Word of God. That only happens when we are in communication with the Heavenly Father and we acknowledge that our Faith is in Jesus who gave His life for us not only that we might have eternal life in our future but that we might have a victorious and abundant life now!

If we don't trust God to meet our needs whether they are our personal needs or the needs of our local church then are we really worshipping God?

This is not to say that we should not be doing the business that takes care of our pastor or our facilities as well as the amazing things that we do for our community. This is to say that we do these things for God! He is responsible to meet those needs. Take the burden off yourself and give it over to Him.

Esther Graham, Minister of Music

When We Walk With The Lord

(Trust And Obey)

Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word
What a glory He sheds on our way
While we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey

Chorus

Trust and obey
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus
But to trust and obey

Verse 2

Not a shadow can rise
Not a cloud in the skies
But His smile quickly drives it away
Not a doubt nor a fear
Not a sigh nor a tear
Can abide while we trust and obey

Verse 3

Not a burden we bear
Not a sorrow we share
But our toil He doth richly repay
Not a grief nor a loss
Not a frown nor a cross
But is blessed if we trust and obey

Verse 4

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay
For the favor He shows
And the joy He bestows
Are for those who will trust and obey

Verse 5

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet
Or we'll walk by His side in the way
What He says we will do
Where He sends we will go
Never fear only trust and obey

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ECW

The Diocesan ECW will host a Retreat on Saturday May 18 at Holy Innocents, Beach Haven, More details to come.

Recently, my husband Bill and I brought 2 very large bags of toiletries that you generously shared with us to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Ocean City. Dorothy Cianci, President of the Women's Guild and Dolly Young, Chair of the Thursday Prayer Group sent lovely thank you notes of appreciation for our kindness. Many of the items have already been sorted out to go into the 25 crocheted bags they fill each month to go to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. A few years ago, our Marge Pomykala crocheted 100 bags for their project. We will begin to collect again to share in this worthwhile project.

Currently, I serve as the Atlantic District President and on the Diocesan ECW Board helping with Nominations. My terms of office have been completed, and I am looking for a replacement to serve for the next 3 years as Atlantic District President. If you are interested in following me, in that position, please advise me. The Nominations position is only for now, and no one's help will be needed for another year.

Help will be needed to organize for the American version of the English Tea on May 19. I will be reaching out to people to help set tables, bake cookies and other desserts, make sandwiches, help in the kitchen, help sell tickets, act as hostesses and runners, and help clean the urns, and all the dishes and tablecloths, and napkins at the end of the day. Your help is needed to make this event a success. Thank you for your consideration. I will be asking on Sundays until I fill in all the help.

Church Women United will be hosting May Friendship Day at the Whiting Methodist Church on Lacey Road (across from Crestwood Manor) on Friday, May 3rd at 11AM. Contact the church if you are interested in attending.

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

Great news!! Beginning June 30, Donna Harris, a new member, will be our new Treasurer. Please welcome Mitch and Donna. I will be working with her regularly so she is comfortable by the time she takes over. In the meantime, please continue to address any treasury questions to me so she's not overwhelmed.

I am almost caught up after being temporarily disabled for 6 weeks with rotator cuff surgery. The last bits of details are in progress.

Thank you to those that volunteered to help in the Treasurer's Office with our audit and possibly follow Gerrie Vergona as our treasurer. Your consideration and assistance are gratefully appreciated.

Blessing of the Bikes

Our event is scheduled for May 5th. This Sunday!! If you haven't already signed up to bring food, and you would like to help, please sign the lists in the Narthex. We also could use some strong hands to put up tents because the Boy Scouts are unavailable this year. If you're able, please ask Tom Larson about the process. Thank you all for your support for Father Paul's last blessing, the 28th!

Community Garden

As you can see, our raised garden beds have been assembled. They're being filled according to hügelkultur method. I have approved the estimate from The General Landscaping for soil delivery and the filling of the beds. The schedule is for the soil to be delivered within the next two weeks. Perfect timing for planting.

Anyone who would like to reserve a bed for planting should contact me. There are 2 beds unclaimed. More can be ordered. Each bed is assigned to a person for a \$25 per year donation. And, as mentioned before, some of the food (or equivalent \$) will be donated to the Our Daily Bread Pantry. In addition, we may have a "garden sale" on Sundays with proceeds going to the Pantry.

Gerrie Vergona: Treasurer



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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.

Our prayers can powerfully amplify the prayers and ministry of others. Our prayers matter. Amplifying prayers multiply the healing. God is not limited by time or space. Just as Mary did not recognize Jesus, nor did His followers. How many times have we cried out for Jesus and missed Him when He was in plain sight? How often does God heal people in front of our eyes without our noticing and thanking Him for it?

Sometimes we think we are praying too big. So go ahead and pray for big things. They are never beyond our realm. Listen carefully. Heal me, transform me. Believe.

Holy Spirit, call and encourage us to pray for those that come to us but pray for those on the front lines of healing. Work powerfully through us. We bless every OSL Prayer minister, leader, every church, healing prayer ministry; every doctor, nurse, counselor, teacher, social worker; pastor, church leader with newfound strength, energy, vitality, and a life changing infilling of the Spirit of God. Start a wave of healing. Pray for the treatment, conversation, prayer, gathering, decision, difficult conversation and more to be even more effective than you hoped. Watch the Lord at work!

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, there are many times when we cannot be present with those we love in their times of deepest need--in the operating room, at the doctor's office, with the counselor, in an emergency, or in the prayer room. We trust you to send helpers to provide compassionate care for our loved ones and those who have no other source of help in their hour of need. May our prayers be amplifiers of Your love, protection, and healing for all care providers and care recipients. (healthcare/mental health/spiritual care, first responders. prayer ministers)

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.

An OSL Healing Retreat

was held on Saturday, April 6 at Christ Church in Toms River. Celebrate shared their music, and the Rev. Charles Lochner presented "The courage to love" in talks, discussions, and music. We all need to have the courage to love ourselves. Love yourself. Accept yourself. The Holy Spirit is working here. By the grace of God, we have clear channels and by understanding ourselves we will have spiritual direction. You got this far, do not dishonor what you have been through. God knew you before you were born, he guided you, he chose you. Sometimes we get lost along the way. Respect yourself. Do not be too perfect. Journey to self-acceptance. Do not punish yourself. Have the courage to love yourself and accept others. You are worthy. Accept your sensitivity and feelings, Be kind. There is a safe space for us just stand still, pray, and see.

GOD IS IN EVERYTHING

Have you asked yourself, Is God really involved in the details of my life? It is easy to believe that He is in the good things, our successes, strong relationships, and our good physical health. But--is He in our failures, broken relationships, sickness? He is! He is weaving the good parts and the difficult parts of our lives together for our long-term benefit and His glory. Nothing we are dealing with has slipped by our God. Everything is under His control. Because we choose to trust in His ultimate goodness, we will receive the joys of today with thanksgiving and accept the hardships with peace. We know that God is with us, for us, and always working for the good of those who love Him. Based on writings from Dr. Charles Stanley.



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



CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Thank you to Richard Smithson for organizing the day and acquiring a dumpster for us. Some of the ladies came to help reorganize the kitchen on Thursday and Friday. Thirty people came to help clean shelves, closets, indoors and outdoors on a lovely Saturday.

We filled the dumpster to the top!

Thanks to Joann Smithson for creating lunch for us. In part our church has been cleaned here and there but not this thoroughly in one day. Such support is rare and we have a very special community. It will take continuous attention to keep our building grounds, inside and out, clean throughout the years.

Thank you to everyone that helped.

It makes a difference.

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

The Bible is full of quotations about all the talent God gave to each of us. In turn, we should give back to the church some of our time, talent, and treasure. As lay people, we have many gifts that we can share with the church. We need more help at St. Stephen's. We need more people to come with us as we bring communion to our shut-ins, or in the hospital. We need help on the Altar--as Lay Eucharistic Ministers, as Lectors, as Altar Guild Members, and Ushers. We need more helpers to do the technology for the services on zoom/YouTube (we have the computer, and we can train you). The Office needs help with many areas, the treasurer's office with recording weekly information. The coffee hour needs help with bringing in items to share (food, cups, plates, napkins, bags, and more), helping to clean up after the day, and more. How can you help? One person can do much, and many people can do more. If you can help, or share your time, or talent--see Stefanie Bodine on Sunday, or call her at (732) 350-2904 or on her cell (732) 278-4846. GOD BLESS YOU! And you will feel good that you helped!

Happy Birthday!

May

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

June

<i>Randy Walton</i>	<i>06/06</i>
<i>Barbara Lavinio</i>	<i>06/07</i>
<i>Jurgen Busch</i>	<i>06/16</i>
<i>William Bodine III</i>	<i>06/22</i>
<i>June Coles</i>	<i>06/26</i>
<i>Margaret Poper</i>	<i>06/26</i>
<i>Florence Helger</i>	<i>06/28</i>

MESSAGE BOARD



TECH THURSDAY

The following one will be held monthly. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, iPad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and/or 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

Daughters of the British Empire

This organization will be holding bake sale on Sunday, 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



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.

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.

CHAPEL CLOTHESLINE



~ We are now accepting **SUMMER** 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 fundraising project. Please save donations for September Dignified Junk Sale until summer.

Sincerely, Linda Chiappetta

STEWARDSHIP TEAM OFF TO A FINE START IN 2024

*LEGACY SOCIETY HAS 14 NEW MEMBERS
THANK YOU, LUNCHEON, FRIDAY, JUNE 7 - 1PM
SEASON TO OPEN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH*



"God Can Do It: We Can Help"

St Stephen's Whiting Stewardship Team is off to an excellent start in 2024! Our newly created Legacy Society has 14 new members, and they will be honored on a Sunday service in the next month or so. We're also planning a Legacy Society Luncheon on Friday, June 7, 2024 at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. If you are planning to or have left something in your will for St Stephen's Whiting, you are eligible to be part of the Legacy Society! We would be delighted to hear from you and hope that you will be part of this wonderful concept and group of committed parishioners.

Stewardship Season this year will open on Sunday, September 29th and run 7 weeks until Stewardship or Consecration Sunday on Sunday, November 10th. In the coming months, we will look to secure parishioners who would like to speak during the season. More to follow in the months ahead.

There's so much to plan for and so much to do! We welcome your feedback and input for the program! YOU are so important to the life of our program. Please join us for meetings and activities we are planning! For further information please call Bill Bodine - Stewardship Chairman at 848-210-4206 or email to: wbodine3@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP TEAM IS PROUD & PLEASED TO MAKE A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*ESTHER GRAHAM TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ON CONSECRATION SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH*

St Stephen's Stewardship Team is honored and pleased to announce that our very own Music Director Esther Graham will indeed be our Keynote Speaker this Fall at the end of Stewardship Season on Consecration Sunday, set for Sunday, November 10th, 2024!!!

Our team is delighted to have her in this year's program, set to begin on Sunday, September 29th. After I open the season officially in September, we will have our financial and biblical presentations, and a variety of parishioners who will speak about how God, the Holy Spirit, and Church has shaped their lives. Upon completion of the coming season, Esther will take the pulpit as our Keynote Speaker at both services on Sunday, November 10th - Consecration Sunday.

On behalf of our Stewardship Team we thank Esther for coming forth to be this year's season ending speaker. We truly appreciate her willingness and dedication to not only this opportunity but to Church, Music, and a whole lot more! Thank you Esther, and we look forward to your remarks later this year!

By Bill Bodine - Stewardship Team Chairman

**ST STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BOWLING MINISTRY TO HOST A
SPRING SINGLES SPECTACULAR TOURNAMENT**

St Stephen's Episcopal Church - Whiting, NJ Bowling Ministry will host a Spring Singles Spectacular Tournament on Saturday, **May 11, 2024 at 2 pm at Thunderbowl Lanes - Wrightstown, NJ.**

Entry Fee is \$45pp with breakdown as follows: \$25 to Thunderbowl Lanes & \$20 to St Stephen's Ministry. Registration and check in starts at 1 pm. Format is 4 games with a cut to the top 8 for a 2nd round single elimination bracket competition until 2 bowlers remain. A champion will be named after the final match. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded along with medals for 1st & 2nd place high game and high series.

This is being billed as a fun, yet competitive tournament, and is open to all men and women adults as well as junior bowlers. All are encouraged to participate as it will be a fantastic and memorable event for everyone to enjoy! For further information please call: Bill Bodine - Tournament Director & Bowling Ministry Chairman at 848-210-4206, St Stephen's Parish Office at 732-350-2121 or Thunderbowl Lanes at 609-723-7914 or email to: wbodine3@gmail.com. We hope to see you all on May 11th at 2pm.



**TO HOST KING OF THE HILL TOURNAMENT #2
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024 - 4 PM
AT THUNDERBOWL LANES - WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ**

St Stephen's Episcopal Church - Whiting, NJ Bowling Ministry will host King of the Hill Tournament #2 on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 4 pm, at Thunderbowl Lanes - Wrightstown, NJ.

Please join us to see some of the area's finest bowlers compete in head-to-head competition! Format is 3 games then a cut to the top 8 bowlers to form a field of single elimination - bracket competition until the field ultimately shrinks to 2 bowlers. Either the current King from the previous month will continue on or a new King will be crowned on the day. As a perk for the King, he or she receives a free entry upon securing the championship for the next month's tournament!

The non-sanctioned tournament is open to all men, women, and junior bowlers. Although junior bowlers cannot receive cash awards, with parental consent they may place the funds earned into an account of their choice for the future. Trophies and medals awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place finishers as well as for High Game and High Series.

For further information please call Bill Bodine - Tournament Director at 848-210-4206, St Stephen's Parish Office at 732-350-2121 or Thunderbowl Lanes at 609-723-7914.

You may also email to: wbodine3@gmail.com

By Bill Bodine - Bowling Ministry Chairman

ST STEPHEN'S PRESENTS

SINGLES

BOWLING

SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY, May 11th 2024

\$45 ENTRY

AT 02:00 PM

Thunderbowl Lanes

423 East Main St. Writestown NJ
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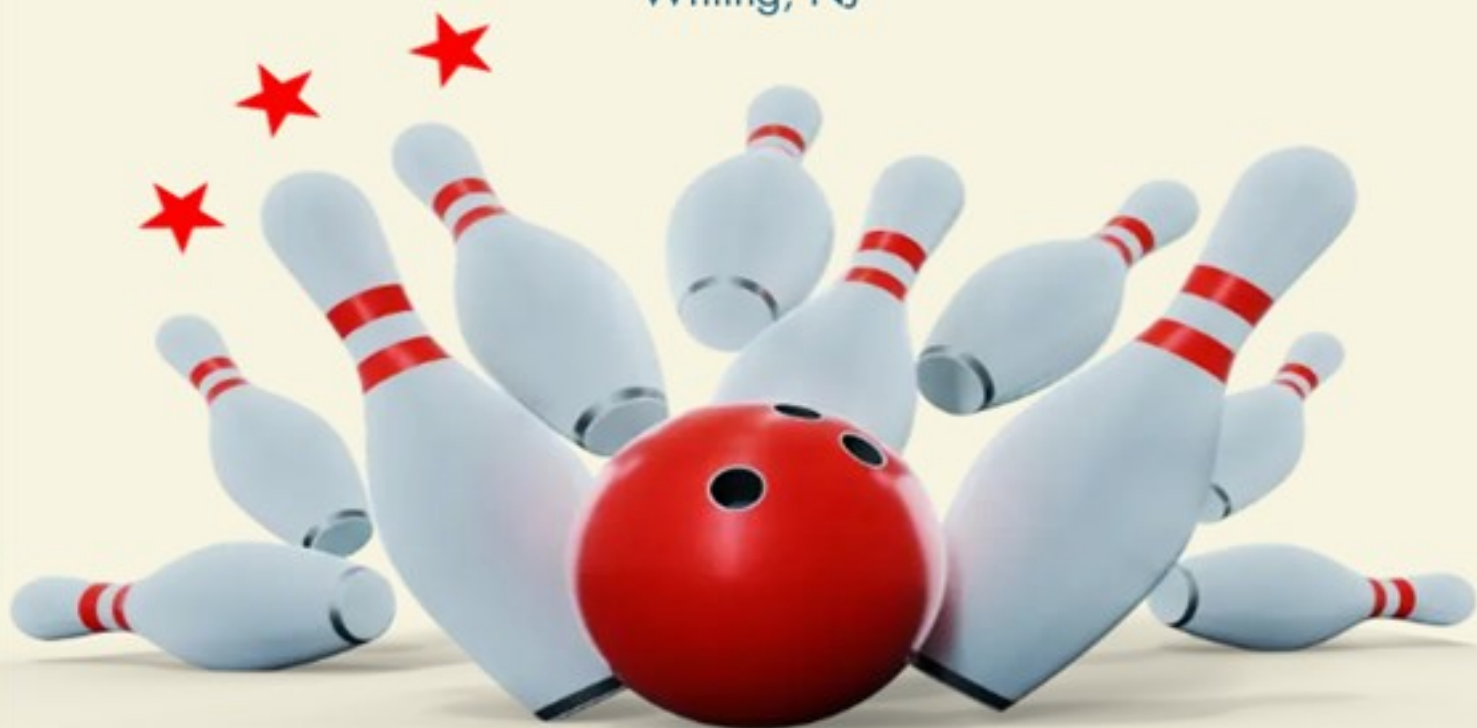
Open to All adult men, women
and junior bowlers

**Trophies and Medals Awarded for
1,2 & 3 Places**

For more Information contact Bill Bodine at 848-210-4206

Thunderbowl Lanes in Wrightstown NJ

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



King of the Hill

TOURNAMENT

— **Sunday May 26th 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

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

28th ANNUAL

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

&

Father Paul's Retirement

SUNDAY MAY 5th 2024

HOURS 12 TO 4pm

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BIKES WILL BE BLESSED AT 2 pm

BY: *FATHER PAUL VAN SANT*

Donation \$15 per person

Proceeds to benefit St. Stephen's Ministry

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ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

180 RT 539, WHITING, NJ 08759

For info on where to purchase tickets & directions call the Church at:

732-350-2121 (Mon-Thurs 10am to 2pm)

Help Amanda Rutkowski fund for a service dog



Our goal is to reach \$27,000!

To donate online visit either one of these links:

<https://givebutter.com/servicedogforamanda>

<https://gofund.me/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

Laughter is good for the Soul

† TOMICS by Tom Gould

The Ascension of the Lord + Mother's Day



THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

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| LIFE | GOD | LANGUAGE |
| JESUS | BAPTIZED | HOLY |
| PENTECOST | REPENT | SPIRIT |
| FAMILY | FLAMES | HEAVEN |

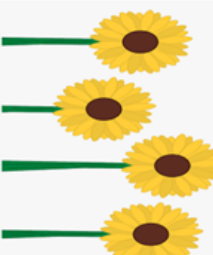




May



2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir practice 10am Garden Club 10am (Lavender Class)	2 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	3 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	4 AA Meeting 8pm
5 <i>Sixth</i> Sunday of Easter 8&10AM Blessing of the Bikes 12-4pm	6 Woman's Bible study Group 11am AA group 3pm	7 Closed AA Meeting 2pm	8 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	9 Healing Service 10am OSL meets after healing service AA Meeting 3pm	10 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	11 AA Meeting 8pm
12 <i>Seventh</i> Sunday of Easter 8&10AM Mothers Day	13 AA group 3pm	14 Closed AA Meeting 2pm	15 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm English tea Set up	16 Healing Service 10am ENGLISH TEA 2-4 pm	17 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	18 AA Meeting 8pm
19 Day of Pentecost Whitsunday Holy Eucharist 8&10AM	20 Vestry Meeting 10am Woman's Bible Study Group 11am AA group 3pm	21 Closed AA Meeting 2pm	22 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	23 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	24 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	25 AA Meeting 8pm
26 1st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday 8&10AM	27 AA group 3pm	28 Closed AA Meeting 2pm	29 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	30 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	31 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	



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

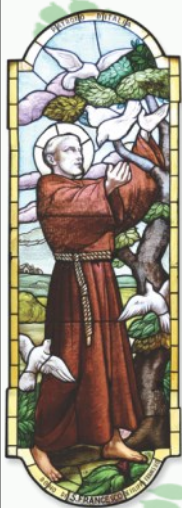
ST. STEPHEN'S WEBSITE: YES NO ST. STEPHEN'S FACEBOOK: YES NO

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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JoAnn Smithson

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Marge Pomykala

Class of 2026

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Blanche Dwonch

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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)



- 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**