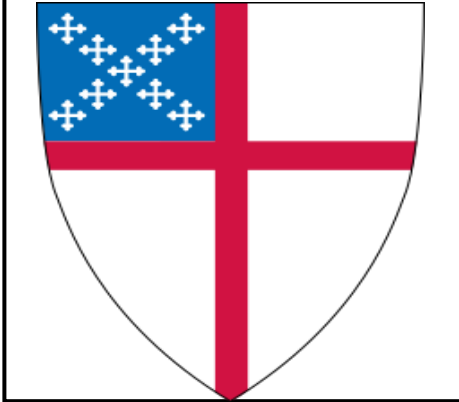




# The Chapel Chimes



From the  
Rector's Desk...

## A Friendly Word

### How Are We Doing?

I am sitting here trying to think of a good November article. The word stewardship comes to mind. Yes, it is stewardship season, and very close to Consecration Sunday when we make our pledge to God and His Church. But how do I start? Let's begin by asking "How are we doing?" Most people in our society answer a question like that by listing all the negatives first. How am I doing? Well, my lumbago is really acting up because of the rain, and I almost didn't have enough money this week to get my hair done. My car needs a new battery and I had to drop my cable TV because they raised the price again; and gas is high enough to keep me from using my car for anything but an emergency! So, if we ask how our parish is doing how do we respond? Well, not by listing the negatives!

Yes, there are things which need to be addressed. There always will be. But God does not ask us to go into the world and preach the gospel, baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit without providing us with the tools we need.

I was very impressed when Susan Quigley gave her stewardship talk on Sunday, October 22. She talked about how much she appreciated our parishioners and all the things they do to support the work of St. Stephen's. And she didn't just say thank you to us as a group!

She started naming each person in the congregation and telling us what they have done to give of their time talent and treasure for the good of our community. Susan was pointing out what is known as a culture of abundance. She listed the positives as a starting point of our stewardship. Look at all the gifts and talents God has given us! The ability to cook, organize, repair, sing, serve, reach out, plan, play instruments, and so much more. God wants us to show him thanks for the abundance he has provided for us in our lives; for life, health, love, friendship, and the opportunity to know him as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.



God has given us a beautiful church, a loving and welcoming congregation, outstanding leadership, a great choir, and an attitude of gratitude which will take us forward in his service for many years to come.

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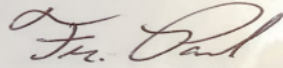
God has given us everything that we need to be a successful Christian Community. And, He calls us all to use our gifts for the growth of His Kingdom in our part of the world. If there is anything else we think we need, God will provide.

Recalling the words of the Apostle Paul as he wrote to the church in Corinth:

Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever."

So, How are we doing? Abundantly Well!

Let's all live the abundant life together in His love and grace,



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



## Sunday Services at 8am, 10am

## Thursday Healing Service at 10am

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

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

## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Join us in person or on zoom or you tube. See our schedule of services located online at [www.ststephenswhitingnj.org](http://www.ststephenswhitingnj.org)

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

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Esther Graham, Minister of Music

# O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

### Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise  
The glories of my God and King  
The triumphs of His grace

### Verse 2

My gracious Master and my God  
Assist me to proclaim  
To spread thru all the earth abroad  
The honors of Thy name

### Verse 3

Jesus the name that charms our fears  
That bids our sorrows cease  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears  
'Tis life and health and peace

### Verse 4

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin  
He sets the pris'ner free  
His blood can make the foulest clean  
His blood availed for me

### Verse 5

Hear Him ye deaf His praise ye dumb  
Your loosened tongues employ  
Ye blind behold your Savior come  
And leap ye lame for joy

### Verse 6

Glory to God and praise and love  
Be ever ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above  
The Church in earth and heav'n

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## **ST STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** **2023 STEWARDSHIP SEASON SPEAKERS LIST**

Stewardship Season is off to a great start. Thank you to Robert Virtue, Marie Piccola, Gerrie Vergona, Susan Quigley, and Michelle Winfrey, And that we have a dynamic slate of talented speakers this year with our Consecration Sunday speaker as Canon Phyllis Jones from the Diocese on Sunday, November 12th.

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

8/10 am - Karen Tessa-Meyers

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

Consecration Sunday

8/10 am - Canon Phyllis Jones

*William Bodine III*





## ECW

The Officers for 2024 are: Stefanie Bodine, President; Marge Pomykala, Vice-President; Barbara Marshall, Secretary; Kay Karlick, Treasurer were elected at our September 7 meeting. Plans were discussed and sign-ups to help in various ways at different functions were accomplished. ECW - will not be meeting again until 2024. More details in a future issue

*Stefanie Bodine, ECW President*

## WOMEN OF HONOR

WOMEN OF HONOR is a Diocesan ECW event since 1999. Every parish has an opportunity to honor that worker that everyone knows and depends on that does God's work. This event is held every 3 years. On Saturday, October 14, our parish honored Marge Pomykala. If you missed the wonderful zoom meeting with the Bishop, National ECW President, Province II President, other Province II officers, Diocesan ECW President, and the 26 nominated women and their parishes, go to the Diocesan website to see the recording of the event. Over 200 people were at the zoom event. This event will be held again in October 2026. Congratulations, Marge!

*Stefanie Bodine Chair, Since 2005.*



### *Standing Before God's Open Door*

#### *How is God leading you to share His love with others?*

*1 Corinthians 16:5-9*

The apostle Paul had passion and vision to reach the world with the truth of salvation. As he followed the Holy Spirit's leading, traveling more than 10,000 miles in a few short years, he managed to share the gospel with people all the way from Jerusalem to Rome. There's no telling how many lives the Lord has (and will continue to) transform through that one man.

Paul was faced with a big task in a time when there was no mass communication. He could teach only a few thousand people at a time, and his letters, which were widely shared in the early church, could reach thousands more.

Compared to the apostle, we have far more ways to communicate—radio, television, print resources, and the internet—and through them, we can reach millions of people around the world. Even countries closed to the gospel are within reach. How can you play a part in the Great Commission and encourage others to join in doing the work (Matt. 28:18-20)? The door of opportunity is wide open for us to share the good news. We just need to step through it and see all the amazing things God has in store.

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## *From the Treasurer's Desk*

In case you missed last Sunday, my presentation summarized where income and donations go. Expenses also are entered into Church Windows and are increasing. In addition, we're going to be doing some repairs. That means, we're drawing down on our endowment funds to cover payroll (one expense). So, any of us who can increase their pledge, even a little, will help. Also, you can replenish the endowment fund by including St. Stephen's in your will/estate. Even a small portion of funds are extremely helpful in times of need.

The good news is that I applied for a grant to refurbish the garden and open it to be a Community Garden. We received the grant and will be working to get the garden opened as soon as possible.



Sincerely,

*Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer*

## *FREEDOM COMMITTEE*

Our anti-child trafficking awareness program is picking up steam. The Committee meets on Mondays at 1:00 P.M. in case anyone would like to sit in. Reminder: this is not politically, racially, or ethnically related. Movie or not, human trafficking is a fact.

Almost everyone on the Committee is certified. A packet of research has grown into an "encyclopedia". A presentation has been developed. We have presented our plan to Fr. Jim O'Neil and his Council at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Lakehurst. The plan has also been presented to Bishop Sally. So, we are moving forward.

We have started showing the Christian-centered videos provided by the USIAHT, US Institute Against Human Trafficking. We are using Pastor and Author Francis Chan's videos about what the Bible says about responding to such evil around us. A short discussion/Q & A will follow each video. The five 20-minute videos will be repeated to give everyone who wants to learn a chance to do so.

The next steps are quite a list. We are going to start by inviting the public to see the videos and have a discussion afterward. Those videos will be the ones for general awareness from the USIAHT site. We will be continuing to initiate meetings with clergy in the area.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Committee Chair, Gerrie Vergona, at 732-245-8392, or at church.

## *TECH THURSDAY*

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



# OSL

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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.

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Have you ever been in the presence of someone who is close friends with Jesus? Whose face radiates with the joy of being deeply loved by Jesus? Someone in whose presence you feel genuinely loved and fully accepted? Those individuals touch our lives, one at a time, by being fully present with us, the moment, pouring compassion and encouragement into our lives by the bucketful!

We are all given the amazing opportunity to live each day in the company of Jesus, just as His disciples did. Jesus' public ministry was devoted to teaching, preaching, and healing.

We all want to be loved, to be fully known by another person yet still cherished and accepted on both good and bad days. But God invites us, longs for us to have that kind of experience with him. He wants our friendship, He wants to be open with us, He fully trusts and loves us unconditionally, and so we can love others better because of this. God helps us to be more sensitive spiritually and see people the way he does. Then we will be more understanding, extending grace and mercy that we have received.

Our Lord walks with us, sometimes removing problems, or walking us through them. He wants us to depend on him. He wants us to choose to patiently love friends and family, wisely guide others toward godliness, follow scriptural principles about finances, have divine contentment in our current circumstances, and do God's work his way. We are dependent on the Holy Spirit. Become a child of God and seek others who do also, and spur others to live out that relationship.

## 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](mailto:houseofpink7@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need prayers.





# 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](mailto:njstateorganizer@gmail.com)



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 your 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



## Meet and Greet

Don't miss out on a very special **Meet and Greet** on November 5th here at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church **After our 10am service around 11:30am refreshments and snacks will be served.**

With

**Ashley Chiaramonte**

U.S. Open, PWBA/PBA, USBC Member

Come and visit with our esteemed guests and help promote our

**Christmas Bowl-A-Thon at Thunderbird Lanes**

640 East Bay Ave,  
MANAHAWKIN, NJ 08050  
on December 3rd from 2-5pm

St Stephen's Episcopal Church  
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Sunday November 19th, 2pm

Enjoy,

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Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the door or in  
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180 Route 539, Whiting, NJ 08759

In our Parish Hall

Tickets will be sold at the door. No refunds. All  
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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539 is selling tickets for \$25 each for 3 games and shoes to be held at **Thunderbird Lanes**, 640 East Bay Avenue, Manahawkin on Sunday, December 3 from 2-5PM. Food, Prizes, 50/50 raffle, Door Prizes **Meet Ashley Chiaramonte, US Open PWBA/PBA USBC Member.** All ages are welcome. Buy your tickets at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, Whiting from **9AM-1:30PM Monday-Thursday.**

Tickets will be sold at the door as well..

All proceeds benefit St. Stephen's Ministry.

**Happy Birthday!**

November

<i>Robert Pizzuti</i>	11/18
<i>Dorothy Kaster</i>	11/19
<i>Matthew Johnson</i>	11/20
<i>Shrene DeLucia</i>	11/27
<i>MaryEllen Mills</i>	11/27



December

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





# MESSAGE BOARD

## WHITING GARDEN CLUB

Whiting Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at 10AM. We will paint rocks (you bring clean ones), flower pots, work with silk flowers and various crafty ideas. Sign up for our Holiday Brunch in December. Suggest topics you wish to learn about. Refreshments are available for purchase. These funds support our projects. All are welcome.

## THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

Thyroid Support Group will meet on Monday, November 13 at 10AM. Those with thyroid issues will be supported and information shared. Call the facilitator, Stefanie at (732) 350-2904 with your questions. Attendance has dwindled in recent months so consideration will be given to meeting less often.

## UTO

Ingathering and Diocesan ECW Annual Meetings was held on Saturday, October 21. UTO donations will be accepted into November. Thanks for sharing what God has given you.

## ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesday 22nd or the 29th, not decided yet. More information will follow in the next week, so watch in Sunday bulletins or visit our website or call the Church @ 732-350-2121

## *Thank you!* *Team Hospitality*

On Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, A Healing Service presented by the Atlantic Convocation, was host by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

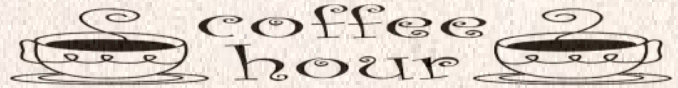
We acknowledge Linda Chiappetta, Kay Karlick, Beverly Larson, Maryann Payne, JoAnn Smithson, Charlene Shindle and Valerie Thompson for their support of this event. They prepared and served crackers and cheese, delicious sandwiches, a veggie tray, fruit salads and cookies. Richard Smithson, (walking on an injured leg) Came in and made coffee.

Thank you to all for your tireless efforts and support of our Church.

*Always, Susan Quigley*

## ONLINE SERVICES

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



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

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

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

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



## SAVE THE DATE For

### Operation

### Christmas Child

Boxes are available at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, Whiting, from Monday-Thursday from 9AM-1:30PM, and on Sundays from 8AM-1PM. Fill a shoebox with school supplies and more. Samaritan's Purse will send the boxes along. Blanks, full details, are available. Due in November to the church. Call 732 350-2121 for details.

School supplies are out and needed for all children. The items like notebooks, markers, pencils, sharpeners are all on sale for back to school so this is a good time to collect items.

## *STEPHEN'S PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM 2023*

### *THE EXCITEMENT BUILDS!!!*

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

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

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

*By William Bodine III - Chairman*

## *Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws*

Days and Hours of Operation are:

Tuesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM  
Wednesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

***Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws*** is made up of members of the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** community and other volunteers who assist in maintaining our pantry, provide food for the sick, the hungry and the needy. The food pantry is here to help those who have minimal funds to work with and come to us when they have a specific need for food. The ***Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws*** through very generous donations is also able to provide pet food for dogs and cats. For further information please call ***Jim Jados, Director, Food Pantry*** at (732) 408-5948.

### *LEM AND LECTORS*

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

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

Hope to see you then,

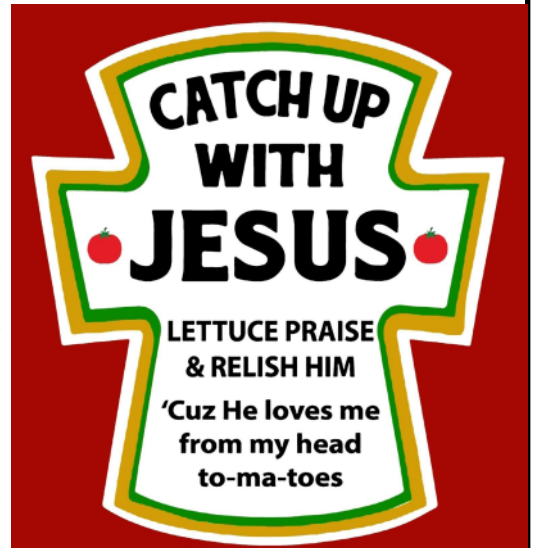
Susan Clarke, LEM and Lector coordinator.



# Laughter is good for the Soul

LIKE A GOOD SAVIOR...  
JESUS IS THERE!

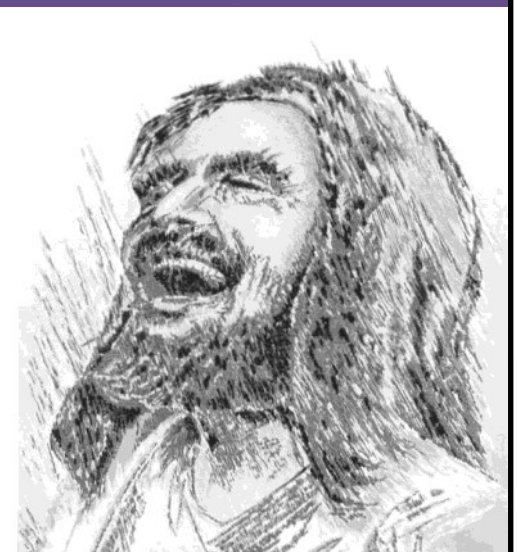
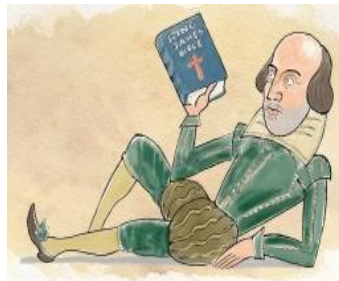
@EpicChristianMemes



## A Puzzle by Mike Munson

Lots of well known Idioms have come from the Bible. Lots came from Shakespeare as well. Let's see if you can tell which is which? I will write the idiom, you circle the source, B for Bible S for Shakespeare.

- 1) B S By the skin of my teeth.
- 2) B S You have to be cruel to be kind.
- 3) B S Go the extra mile.
- 4) B S Handwriting on the wall.
- 5) B S Wear your heart on your sleeve.
- 6) B S Wild goose chase.
- 7) B S Salt of the earth.
- 8) B S Blind leading the blind.
- 9) B S Those who live by the sword die by the sword.
- 10) B S Pride goes before a fall.
- 11) B S Milk of human kindness.
- 12) B S Brevity is the soul of wit.
- 13) B S Devil can quote Scripture for his own purpose.
- 14) B S Discretion is the better part of valor.
- 15) B S A leopard can't change its spots.
- 16) B S Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we may die.
- 17) B S Do not cast pearls before the swine.
- 18) B S Man after my own heart.
- 19) B S Fly in the ointment.
- 20) B S Wolf in sheep's clothing.
- 21) B S The quality of mercy is not constrained.
- 22) B S A drop in the bucket.
- 23) B S Physician, heal yourself.
- 24) B S No man can serve two masters.
- 25) B S Nothing is new under the sun.



(Answers on page 15)



# November

# 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 All Saints Day AA lunch meeting 1:30 Choir practice 10am Garden Club 10am AA Meeting 3pm	2 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	3 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	4 AA Meeting 8pm
5 Holy Eucharist 8&10-15AM <i>Meet and Greet Pro bowler @ 10am</i>	6 Woman's Bible study Group 11am Freedom Committee 1pm	7 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 -8:30pm	8 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	9 Healing Service 10am & OSL meeting after service AA Meeting 3pm	10 Veteran's Day Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	11 AA Meeting 8pm
12 Holy Eucharist 8&10-15AM	13 Thyroid Support Group 10am AA group 3pm Freedom Committee 1pm	14 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	15 Daughters of the British Empire 10:30am Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	16 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	17 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	18 AA Meeting 8pm
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# Memorial Garden For Pets

(CREMAINS ONLY)



For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest  
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732-370-8854

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### Other Important Numbers

Social Security 800-772-1213

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

NJ Unemployment Insurance 732-761-2020

[www.state.nj.us](http://www.state.nj.us)

## Puzzle answers

- 1) **B S** Job 19:20 I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped only by the skin of my teeth.
- 2) **B S** Hamlet Act 3 scene 4 I must be cruel to be kind: Thus bad begins and worse remains behind
- 3) **B S** Matthew 5:4 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles.
- 4) **B S** Daniel 5:5 Suddenly, the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote.
- 5) **B S** Othello Act 1 Scene1 I'm just serving him to get what I want. If my outward appearance started reflecting what I really felt, soon enough I'd be wearing my heart on my sleeve for birds to peck at.
- 6) **B S** Romeo and Juliet Act 2 scene 4 Now, if our jokes go on a wild-goose chase, I'm finished. You have more wild goose in one of your jokes than I have in five of mine. Was I even close to you in the chase for the goose?
- 7) **B S** Matthew 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
- 8) **B S** Matthew 15:14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."
- 9) **B S** Matthew 26:52 Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword.
- 10) **B S** Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall
- 11) **B S** Macbeth Act 1 Scene 5 Glamis thou art, and Cawdor; and shalt be what thou art promised. Yet do I fear thy nature; It is too full of the' milk of human kindness
- 12) **B S** Hamlet Act 2 scene 2 Therefore, since brevity is the soul of wit, And tediousness the limbs and outward flourishes I will be brief. Your noble son is mad.
- 13) **B S** Merchant of Venice Act 1 Scene 3 Mark you this, Bassanio, The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose. An evil soul producing holy witness Is like a villain with a smiling cheek
- 14) **B S** Henry IV Act 5 Scene 4 The better part of valor is discretion, in which better part I have saved my life. Sounds, I am afraid of this gunpowder Percy, though he be dead.
- 15) **B S** Jeremiah 13:23 Can Ethiopians change their skin, leopards their spots? As easily would you be able to do good, accustomed to evil as you are.
- 16) **B S** 1 Corinthians 15:32 If I have fought with wild animals in Ephesus from merely human motives, what do I get out of it? If the dead are not raised, "Let's eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."
- 17) **B S** Matthew 7:6 Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.
- 18) **B S** Acts 13:22 But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'
- 19) **B S** Ecclesiastes 10:1 As dead flies cause the perfumer's ointment to stink, so also does a little foolishness to one's reputation of wisdom and honor.
- 20) **B S** Matthew 7:15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.
- 21) **B S** Merchant of Venice Act 4 Scene 1 The quality of mercy is not strained. It drops as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blessed: It blesses him that gives and him that takes.
- 22) **B S** Isaiah 40:15 No, for all the nations of the world are but a drop in the bucket. They are nothing more than dust on the scales. He picks up the whole earth as though it were a grain of sand.
- 23) **B S** Luke 4:23 And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well."
- 24) **B S** Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
- 25) **B S** Ecclesiastes 1:9 What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.



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**Thursday, November 2, 9, 16, 30 - Healing Service**

**Sunday, November 5, 12, 19, 26 - 8am, and 10am services**

**Sunday, November 5 - after 10AM coffee hour--meet Ashley and  
Gerry Chiaramonte, bowlers**

**Monday, November 6 - 11AM - Women's Bible Study**

**Thursday, November 9 - OSL meets after the Healing Service**

**Sunday November 12 is Consecration Sunday**

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

**Sunday, November 19 - 2PM - Pinelands Symphonic Band Holiday Concert  
and refreshments**

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