

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Jo Ann Smithson, Clerk

### Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

***"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them."*** *Matthew 7:20*

### Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector.

### To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

**Greta Pearl for prayer requests: 732-350-7584**

Please notify the church office 732/350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.

If it is an emergency you may also reach Dottie Kaster, Rector's Warden at 732-350-1224 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.

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*“But we have this treasure in clay jars so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II Proper 4**

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**JUNE 10, 2018  
8 am  
BCP**

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
Serving in the Liturgy today:

**June 10, 2018**

Lector	8:00 AM	Greta Pearl
LEM	8:00 AM	Jo Ann Smithson
Altar Guild	8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Corino
Ushers	8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector	10:00 AM	Amanda Rutkowski
LEMs	10:00 AM	Lillian Fink, Stefanie Rotsaert
Altar Guild	10:00 AM	Barbara Lavinio, Carol Cavanaugh
Ushers	10:00 AM	Al Thompson, John Brown

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF:                      June 10, 2018-June 16, 2018

Today	Holy Eucharist AA Meeting	8 am & 10 am 8:00 pm
Monday	Office Open	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday	Closed AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting Chime Practice	3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service Choir Practice	10:00 am 2:00 pm
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting AA Meeting	3:00 pm 8:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to the coffee hour after worship  
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at our Lord's Table; regardless of your church affiliation. We encourage you to share with us in this sacrament.



## BLUE CLAWS BASEBALL

### *Family and Faith Fundraiser*

Friday, JUNE 15th 2018

Pre-game Enlightenment at 5:30 PM

Game starts at 7:05 PM

A limited number of tickets are available so reserve your spot today!

Adult ticket: \$15.00

Seniors/Juniors: \$10.00



### **CHapel CHESS CLUB**

*Saint Stephen's is beginning a chess club!*

*Our first meeting is*

*Thursday, June 14, 2018 @ 1:00 pm-4:30 pm*

*We will begin with a business meeting and we plan to jump right into play time! You can bring a chess board if you like, but we will have some on hand.*

*For information please call Bill Bodine @ 732-814-6683*

*If you prefer to email Bill: [wbodine3@gmail.com](mailto:wbodine3@gmail.com)*



## Third Sunday After Pentecost

### Proper 4

### Collect of the Day

June 10, 2018

8 AM

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### First Reading

*1 Samuel 3:1-20*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." [Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."]

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."]

## Psalm 139

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the  
sand; \*  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.



CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE-Wednesdays 7:00PM-8:30PM  
CHOIRE PRACTICE Thursdays @ 2:00 PM  
ECW MEETINGS 2018:June 7th-Sept 6th-Dec 6th  
ORDER OF SAINT LUKE: 2nd Thurs. after healing service.  
PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND Practice Fridays @ 9:30 am

### Wellness Fair at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, located at 180 Route 539, is happy to announce that they will be holding a *Wellness Fair* on Saturday, July 14 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The event is free and open to the public, and will feature a number of Whiting businesses, as well as complementary practitioners from our surrounding towns.

Richard Haas will be there to discuss Social Security option.

Home Helpers will be there to discuss their home care options. Ocean Integrated Wellness Center, with offices both in Toms River and New Egypt, who will be discussing their Chiropractic, Acupuncture and Young Living Essential Oil products and services.

Food will be available for purchase, including wraps and fruit and vegetable salads, as well as herbal teas.

Music will be provided by *The Seaside Ramblers*, a group of Bluegrass/Folk musicians who met up at the Albert Music Hall. They also play on the Boardwalk at Seaside Heights, across from Lucky Leo's before the fireworks on Wednesday evenings, starting after Memorial Day.

A great, fun, loving and healthful time is promised to all who attend! Hope to see you there!—*Debra Roeder Shaw*



St. Stephen's and AAA will be raffling off a \$1000.00 voucher towards AAA services and products!

Each chance is \$10.00

Purchase tickets through October 27th when the winner will be announced at our Annual Vendor Fair!

See one of our Vestry Members or come see us in the Church office Monday through

Thursday Between 9am-2pm



**HEALING PRAYERS** The Order of St. Luke provides prayers of healing to anyone after Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month at each service. Members are also available every Sunday after the services. Look for a member near the baptismal font if you would like a prayer of healing after any service.

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*The Way of Saint Paul*

*A Prayer*

*God of grace, help me to see the opportunities that you put in front of me to be a witness. Give me the confidence to invite my friends and neighbors to faith.*

*Amen.*



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*Stewardship*

“O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called ‘knowledge.’”

*2 Timothy 6:20*



*Second Reading*

*2 Corinthians 4:5-12*

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

*Holy Gospel*

*Mark 2:23-3:6*

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

# Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

In today's liturgy the meaning of the Sabbath and of Sunday is the focus of the Gospel reading. Jesus sets aside the Sabbath rule, not because the Ten Commandments are to be ignored, but because in his ministry something new is happening. In ancient days, King David's soldiers broke the Commandment because they were in a crisis situation, pursued by enemies and starving. Jesus' disciples are in a crisis situation because the Kingdom of God is breaking into history. In both critical moments the Law gives way to the immediate need.

The commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy provides our first reading. No one in the land, not even aliens or farm animals are exempted. Not even slaves, for the people are to remember that they were slaves in Egypt and they should have compassion on those who live as they once lived. The Sabbath is a weekly reminder of Israel's' salvation, as Sunday is for us.

In today's second reading, Paul roots his authority as an apostle in his suffering. When a Christian suffers for the sake of Jesus, Christ is manifested as crucified in that suffering. In that way the Gospel is proclaimed.

Baptized into Christ's Body, we gather in Eucharist to rejoice in God's Kingdom and to proclaim Christ dying and rising in our midst. Each Sunday is an Easter and a Pentecost in which our dying and rising with Christ by water and the Holy Spirit are renewed.

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## Announcements

June 10, 2018

### Prayer to send out LEMs with the Sacrament:

**Celebrant:** N. we send you out to share Communion this week with those who have been entrusted to your care.

**People:** May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

**Celebrant:** Continues with a closing prayer.

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God*

*In Memory of Luitgardis Rosaert*

*By daughter Stefanie*



*The altar Flowers are given to the glory of God*

*Sans Memorial*

## ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at 9:30 am
AristaCare	1st Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Arbors	2nd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Pines	3rd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
Crestwood Manor	4th Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm