The Chapel Chimes



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From the Rector's Desk...

My Summer Vacation

Most of us can remember the first day back at grammar or middle school, when we returned from summer vacation. Our teacher stands before us and says "Take out your pencils and get a piece of paper. I want you to write a one page essay telling us what you did during summer vacation,

What did you do during vacation this summer? Most people I know went somewhere to enjoy the gifts of nature. Many spent time at the shore. Some went into the mountains. Others visited national parks. Some just enjoyed the sun and its warmth, poolside. There is something very deep within each of us that draws us into relationship with God's creation. As our cover photo shows, Shelagh Bluni had the ultimate nature experience this summer when she was able to swim with the dolphins.

There are so many gifts that God has put into our lives through his creation. All we have to do is take some time to seek them out and enjoy them. It isn't necessary to take a vacation to do that. My family occasionally sits in our yard to view the deer, turkeys, hummingbirds, squirrels, flowers, and so forth. There is a joy we

receive when we enter into God's creativeness that can be experienced nowhere else.

But, with that joy comes a responsibility to care for that creation. The bible tells us that God made all that exists and has given mankind dominion over all of it. We are responsible to manage the herds, plant our food, and prevent abuse of our resources. Most of you know that I am not a big P.C. kind of guy. I don't believe that humankind



controls the weather, we can barely predict if it will rain two days from now! I don't think that we are responsible for every species that goes extinct. I do, however, believe that we should do our personal best to prevent causing harm to the creation

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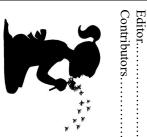
Now is the time for the Choir to get busy on our choir music for the fall and winter seasons (yes, for the choir, Christmas isn't that far away!). We will begin our rehearsal season on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 2:00 PM in the church. New members are always welcome. If the weekday afternoon time is not convenient (for people who work during the day) we could consider an alternate day and time.

We were greatly saddened in late May by the passing of baritone Joe Nutry. Joe had been a faithful member of the choir for many years, and his voice will be greatly missed. We will also seriously miss one of our sopranos, as long-time member Marjorie Redfern has decided to retire from the Choir. She has served St. Stephen's as a Choir member for over 25 years.

The Choir will try to present an Offertory Anthem every Sunday (except the second Sunday of the month), but we are now dramatically understaffed! On Sundays when some choir members are not in Church and we are unable to present our anthem I will play appropriate music or will select a hymn for congregational singing during the Offertory time.



Pam Unger Organist/Choir Director



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(first Monday of the month)

The deadline for OCTOBER

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HELP HOTLINE NUMBERS

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.

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www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices
Ocean County Food Bank 732-918-2600
www.foodbankmoc.org

Angel Food Ministries 732-240-7543

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Other Important Numbers

Social Security 800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

NJ Unemployment Insurance 732-761-2020

www.state.nj.us

God has gifted us with. Don't dump chemicals into our water supply. Don't clear-cut forests without a reforestation plan. Be aware of noise levels and how they affect all biological organisms. In other words, be good stewards of what God has given you.

Nature is not our only treasure that we steward for God. Any resource we have including our time on this earth, our financial resources, and our personal abilities, should all be used, managed, and stewarded for the purpose of fulfilling God's will for us now and into the future. We are not in charge of the world, but we are responsible how we treat it and use its resources.

Finally, we should remember that we are not God's stewards because we have to be. From the beginning we have been gifted with free will, to choose how we will live in relationship to God and his creation, We choose to be God's stewards in thanksgiving for everything that God has given us. We choose to cherish God's love for us by loving him and all that he has created with the same love. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength; and love your neighbor as yourself. Who is my neighbor? All of God's creation.

I pray everyone has had a restful and fulfilling summer,





News from the Treasurer's Desk

Things have been very busy in the Treasurer's office! Sandy has been busy clearing out some of the file cabinets, making some

interesting discoveries in the process. Seeing some of the old records that were kept by hand makes me very appreciative of the technology available today. The technology may have changed, but the problems remain the same.

• Stewardship season is coming up shortly. You'll be hearing about different aspects of stewardship. Considering my role as Treasurer, you can probably guess that I will be bringing up the financial side of it. The Financial presentation is scheduled for October 6th after both services. The most memorable statement I've heard in connection with the financial side of stewardship is this: "Don't give until it hurts; give until it feels good."

We've had a few unexpected surprises over the last couple of months. First, we had the conversion from oil to gas, which was something we had expected and arranged for a \$20,000 loan to cover. What we didn't expect less than six weeks later, was a required upgrade/replacement of our fire suppression system to the tune of \$15,500.

This resulted in a second loan. The combined monthly payment for both loans is approximately \$750. Before the first payment of loan #2 was even paid, the air conditioning and heating units in the office stopped working and are not repairable. The cost to replace them is just under \$9,000. We are managing as best we can with fans for now but will need to have this work done before we need heat this fall and winter. In my opinion, we cannot support another capital loan.

All of that is in addition to the other past due bills that we are working to manage.

I am trusting in the Lord that we will get through this. I am also confident in the faith, commitment, and enthusiasm of this congregation to support our obligations as best you can. One of the ways you can do that is to encourage new people to "come and see". When I run into people in the check-out line, or the doctor's office, even at Physical Therapy, I'll talk up our fundraising events and/or invite people to church. I've been quite surprised at how many people don't know that we're here!

Two more ideas to help us in our fundraising efforts:

- * Are you an Amazon shopper? Sign up to support us at "smile.amazon.com". The first time you use that site, you will be prompted to choose a charity to support. Please enter your search criteria exactly like this (no punctuation): St Stephens Episcopal Church of Whiting New Jersey
- * Invite friends and family members to do the same. Over time, St. Stephen's will receive a portion of your purchase as a donation. Every little bit helps!
- ◆ Do you have an account at Investors Bank? Investors Bank's Care2Share program currently is donating approximately \$200 per quarter to St. Stephen's. This comes from customer accounts that are "linked" to St. Stephen's. We have no idea whose accounts they are, or how much is in them, but we sure do appreciate that quarterly income.

Gerianne Murphy

Treasurer



ECW News

By Stefanie Rotsaert





ECW Meeting-Our next ECW meeting will be on *Thursday*, September 5, 2019 @ 1 PM. Vice president, Marge Pomykala invited a guest speaker from Veteran Care Services to speak about veteran's benefits. Everyone is invited to learn the details. Come learn some important information and stay for refreshments and help plan our upcoming events and share your ideas. If you have questions or comments, please see Stefanie or Marge.

Homecoming Barbeque-Come join us for our Homecoming Barbeque after the 10 A.M. service on *Sunday* September 8, 2019. In order to plan for everyone to join us and food for all to be possible—you must sign up in the Narthex. Each person will sign up in two places: One is to tell us you are coming with the number of people you plant to bring and your telephone number; the second sign-up is by area—what will you bring? Salads, paper goods, or desserts? How many will be coming? This is a highly anticipated event and we don't want there to be the disappointment from not having enough. We think we will be spot on with this method and have more than enough. If we need to revise what we need, we can call you or if you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Stefanie Rotsaert at 732-350-2904.

ECW Annual Fall Fashion Show-Prepare for Macy's latest fashions to be shown at our Fall Fashion Show here at Saint Stephens. Macy's provides the clothes-we provide the models! Four of our ladies and two of our gentlemen will show off the fall trends for this year. Delicious desserts and fabulous door prizes from local merchants and church members along with a 50/50 treasure auction along with other surprises will add to the day. Each ticket is \$10.00. You may buy your tickets at the church office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm or buy them at the door (if there are any left) Things kick off at 1 PM.



Annual Crop Walk-This year, Saint Stephen's will host the event on Sunday, October 20, 2019. Walkers are sponsored by folks and the proceeds will benefit programs dedicated to feeding the hungry. Some proceeds will help our own Daily Bread Food Pantry and others that reach out to help others eat. Beginning at 1:30 PM, there will be speakers, refreshments, and Pastor Watson and Red Nolan from Christ Lutheran Church will provide bagpipe music while we walk. More details will be in coming Sunday bulletins and in our October issue of the Chapel Chimes.

Stefanie Rotsaert

ECW President

732-350-2904

ECW Annual Craft & Vendor Fair- Saturday, October 26, 2019 9-2 ECW at Saint Stephens Episcopal Church @ 180 Route 539, Whiting NJ. For contact Ann Smithson at 609-575-1879



Saint Stephen's

Bowling Ministry

By Bill Bodine

Saint Stephen's is now offering a brand new and improved King of the Hill Bowling tournament at Playdrome Lanes in Toms River.

We have reduced the entry fee to just \$35.00 per bowler which breaks down as follows: \$20 towards the prize fund, \$12 Playdrome, \$3 St. Stephen's donation. The tournament is currently offered the last Sunday of each month, year 'round with the exception of May—we are discussing the possibility of expanding the tournament to twice a month, and we anticipate feedback from our bowlers. The tournament is open to all—men, women, and junior bowlers.

Our format is 3-game block followed by a cut to the top 7 bowlers to advance and join the King in a bracketed, single-elimination game 2nd round of competition. Payout is the total prize fund returned 100% with 60% to the King and 40% to second place. I addition, we have a championship trophy to the new King each month. Anyone who rolls a perfect game (300) can win a metal for outstanding bowling skill!

For fun, the qualifying rounds offer side pots for High Game & and High Series for \$5 per pot; these also pay out 1st and 2nd place. Bowlers with no established league or tournament average come in at 175 for men & 165 for women.

Junior bowlers may enter and compete in the tournament, but they are advised not to accept any cash awards so as not to jeopardize their amateur status. Junior bowlers may compete for the championship trophy and any other offers from the bowling center that may be available to Junior bowlers...

We invite you to come out to Playdrome Lanes to see us, whether you are a competitive bowler, recreational bowler, or you simply enjoy spectating, there is fun for all. We will see YOU at the lanes!

September Bowling Events

Saturday, September 28, 2019 "Parish Open Bowl"

5:30 pm- 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 29, 2019

"King of the Hill"

Starts at 6:30 pm



Fall Fashion Show

Thursday, September 19, 2019 @ 1:00-3:00

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HOMECOMING BARBEQUE

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Following the 10 AM service.

There will be TWO sign-up sheets in the narthex:

First will have your name, phone number, and how many plan to attend;

The second sheet lets us know what you will bring to share. If you're a non-baker or don't like to shop, a monetary donation will help with the supplies we will need.

Additionally, we need helpers to set up and clean up afterward, so please let Stefanie know if you would like to help.

We hope to have a *grand* feast to celebrate the presence of God in our daily lives and those with whom we share our joy! Bring yourself, your family and friends along with your signature dish and enjoy the feast! We look forward to seeing everyone there!





September 2019



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Order of St. Luke

How To Bring Healing

Submitted by Krupa Abbott

The Holy Spirit provides the power to heal to each of us. Some of us are particularly gifted to heal. Jesus told us we can heal, and healing can come to each of us. Healing can be a combination or individually in the areas of emotions, physical, spiritual, or mental. Sometimes healing takes a few minutes, or hours, or days; sometimes many years!



Release of the Holy Spirit

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a conference at St. Uriel the Archangel Episcopal Church in Sear Girt, New Jersey. The morning workshop was developed by CHM (*Christian Healing Ministries*) founded by Francis and Judith McNutt. It provided teaching on healing and praying with others. I have a manual and I was able to borrow the tapes to share with our OSL group here at Saint Stephens.

The afternoon session provided for the release of the Holy Spirit and Power Evangelism. We need to recharge. The morning session was led by Fr. Russell A. Griffin and Cynthia D. Griffin; and the afternoon session by Caroline Gambail-Dirkes.

It was a recharging day being able share my experiences with our own OSL and Healing Ministries. We plan to extend an invitation to them at our next healing mission in 2020. We will update everyone at that time.

Stefanie Rotsaert



Order of Saint Luke

OSL GOES FROM CHAPTERS TO COMMUNITIES

Recently, we received a note from the Order of St. Luke that our local prayer groups would no longer be called "chapters". It was widely felt that the word *chapter* was too small to designate what our ministry is on a local level.

It is felt that we learn about the healing ministry of Jesus and then we live within His healing presence. The scriptures teach that Jesus heals, but had also formed healing committees to carry out his work. Jesus created a healing atmosphere in which people experienced healing. We seek to do what Jesus did as we create an environment where people can feel wrapped in his unconditional love and inner healing can be offered. People who were hurt in a destructive environment in early childhood need a healing environment to be set free from hurtful memories and destructive relationships. It is felt that a healing community can transform that environment.

We care about each other and we listen to each other's needs, hence this new designation; more people can experience the healing atmosphere of an OSL healing committee.



As a healing COMMUNITY, we befriend people with the love of Jesus, give them a place to belong, and a community in which to become their true self as Jesus intended. We will be richly blessed by the presence of Jesus.

We are thankful to be part of this awesome ministry!

Submitted by Stefanie Rotsaert

Diocesan Event

The Ministry for Older Adults Evensong Service will be held on **September 28, 2019 at 2 PM** at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton New Jersey.

We are blessed to able to honor senior members of our Church community. This year's honorees will be Lillian Fink and Irving Neuman.

Please inform Stefanie or Father Paul if you plan to attend as we will need to advise the Diocese by

September 15th. We have plans to have a carpool to accompany everyone to the Cathedral

Father Paul and Stefanie Rotsaert, our ECW president will attend along with family members and friends of the honorees. All are welcome to join us honoring our friends.

Please notify Stefanie Rotsaert at 732-350-2904 if you plan to attend.



Come Join us on at Trip

Tuesday, September 10th

Museum of the American Revolution

Thursday, September 24th "Jesus" Sight and Sound (sold out: Please see the wait list)

Wednesday, October 23rd Barnes Foundation

Thursday, November 12th "Miracle of Christmas" at Sight and Sound

Four more trips are planned for October/November/December

See the flyers in the Narthex and sign up soon.

All trips leave from Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church in Whiting NJ

For Questions—contact Stefanie Rotsaert @ 732-350-2904

Please see updates about these trips in our Sunday leaflets as we will update the status of each trip as they draw closer to departure time.



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September

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9th Vienna Johnson

10th Janet Spieth

12th Priscilla Van Sant

13th Loretta Krone

Ann Solaequi

15th Janet Johnson

17th Susan Quigley

20th Stella Kobus

23rd Angela Van Sant

25th Margie Macartney

26th Devlyn Quigley

Joy Frey

27th Edward James Mason



Whiting Garden Club

The Whiting Garden Club is returning for it's third year! Come join us on **Wednesday**, **September 4 @ 10 a.m**.

Our speaker will be Ben Ackerman from Jake's Branch Country Park. His topic will be: "Unique Plants and Wildflowers of the Pine Barrens" We all live here and have no idea what is all around us! There are no dues, but we will have delicious home made refreshments for sale. Come see us, make a new friend or two and learn about gardening in the Pines.



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Upcoming Calendar Events

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Pasta & More Dinner—October 19th
Annual Craft & Vendor Fair —October 26th

