

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Wardens and Vestry 2018

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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.

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two ...

Mark 6:7, ESV



Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 8, 2018

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector	8:00 AM	Edna Blische
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	Sandra Gaskill
LEM	10:00 AM	Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke
Altar Guild	10:00 AM	Pat Russo, Carol Cavanaugh
Ushers	10:00 AM	Bob Axon, Jim Mason

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF:

July 8, 2018-July 14, 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	3:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service	10:00 am
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.





Bluegrass and Blueberries Social

Saturday, July 21, 2018

1 PM– 3 PM

Music and amazing baked goods

Right here at Saint Stephens

180 route 539

Whiting NJ 08759

732-350-2121

Adults.....\$7

Children 12 and under.....\$3



St. Stephens 44th annual

CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

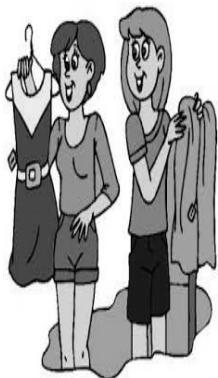
September 1, 2018

8 AM—1 PM

Over the years, we have just about everything imaginable from attic treasures, tools for the kitchen and garage; floral items, jewelry, books, frames, linens, and a large collection of gently worn clothing in a variety of sizes.

There will be delicious bake sale items and the kitchen will have breakfast and lunch available.

Drop-off items beginning August 13, 2018. We are asking for volunteers beginning August 18th to sort and tag items for sale.



Second Reading

Second Letter to the Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise--whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

He went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him. And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. And he called to him the twelve, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Where you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. And if any place will not receive you and they refuse to hear you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet for a testimony against them." So they went out and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick and healed them.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II Proper 9**

Hymnal

The Word of God

**JULY 8, 2018
10 am
BCP**

616	Processional Hymn: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Patriotic Hymn 717 v4 Opening Acclamation	355
S102	Trisagion Collect of the Day Gathering of the Children	
S70	Gradual: “Word of God Speak” Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 Sermon — The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr. The Nicene Creed Prayers of the People The Peace Announcements Offertory Doxology: “All things come of thee O Lord”	Insert 358
HOLY COMMUNION		
	Eucharistic Prayer A	361
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CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE-Wednesdays 7:00PM-8:30PM
CHOIRE PRACTICE Thursdays @ 2:00 PM
EWC MEETINGS-2018: 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.



Merciful Lord, make me aware of the needs of those around me. Help me to see the pain, to hear the cry, to understand the suffering. And above all, give me the strength to serve in your name. For the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, I pray.

Amen

Stewardship

“For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?”

1 Corinthians 4:7



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 9

Collect of the Day

July 8, 2018

10 AM

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Second Book of Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you that led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. And David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the city of David. And David built the city round about from the Millo inward. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

An experience common to all God's messengers in the Bible was the rejection of their ministry and message by their own people. In today's reading from Mark, we hear of Jesus being rejected in his home synagogue, in which he quotes the old saying about prophets among their own people. Then he sends the twelve disciples out preaching to extend his message and ministry, warning them that they also will face rejection.

The Old Testament tells of David becoming king in fact. After Saul's death he ruled the land of the tribe of Judah. But now the people of all the tribes accept him. He conquers the city of Jerusalem and makes it his capital and extends his rule. The kingdom of David became one of the powers of the ancient Middle East.

Our reading from 2 Corinthians is the conclusion of this letter in which, having been rejected by some of those in the Corinthian church, and having been provoked to boast of his courage and ministry, Paul then ascribes whatever virtue or success he has had to God working in him.

As we gather in liturgy, we remember that we are a part of that people whose story is the continuation of the biblical story. That story recalls not only our faithfulness, but also our rebellion. Above all, however, it recalls the fact that even at our worst God has nevertheless remained faithful to us and continues to call us into ministry and witness in the world. Will we respond at our best or at our worst? Will we reject the call or will we accept it?

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Announcements

July 8, 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 the Liegener and Strohm Family and Mary E. Hurlburt

In celebration of Dottie Strohm's Birthday

And in honor of Stefanie Rotsaert's Birthday



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