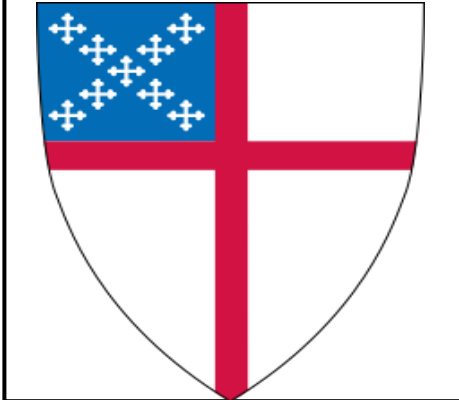




# The Chapel Chimes

From the  
Rector's Desk...

## In God's Image



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According to Jewish tradition, the creation of Adam and Eve is believed to have taken place on the first of Tishrei, which falls in September by our modern calendar. So what better thing to do in our September Newsletter than to reflect on what it means to be a creature of God.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." (Genesis 1:26)

The first thing we should note is that God made us because he wanted us to exist and have a relationship with him. In order to facilitate that relationship, he did what anyone would do and made us in his own image so that we could relate to him in meaningful ways. That image included personality traits, abilities, and characteristics like God's. The most important ability he shared with us is the ability to create life. No, not Frankenstein! Babies. One of our greatest gifts is to be able to bring new life into the world which comes because

love for us and a husband and wife's love for each other. And creation doesn't stop there. We create beautiful art and build beautiful buildings. We develop cures for diseases. We make music and instruments. We make machines that fly into the sky and beyond. Our imaginations are almost as limitless as God's.



Jesus said:

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father. (John 14:12)

The second thing we should note is that God has given us authority. We are responsible to make decisions for how we will obtain our food, create energy sources, set up a government, and just about any other decision that could present itself; with one caveat.

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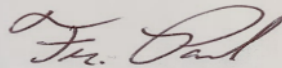
We must always act in accordance with God's will. God does not usually indicate a specific way to deal with a specific decision, but rather gives general guidelines for living. "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and Love your neighbor as yourself", "Keep holy the sabbath day", "Honor your father and your mother", "suffer the little children to come unto me", and so forth. We are to use our dominion or authority to do good and make a better world, as Jesus did when he walked this earth.

Finally, we should note, that in keeping with the first two points, God bestows upon our present existence, and in response to the decisions that we choose to make, the ultimate image of God, which is immortality.

"For he will render to every man according to his works: <sup>7</sup> to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; <sup>8</sup> but for those who are factious and do not obey the truth, but obey wickedness, there will be wrath and fury." (Romans 2:6-7)

In other words, if we use the life God has given us by making decisions and using our dominion and authority in keeping with God's will and the example of his Son, Jesus Christ, we will be given the ultimate image of God: Eternal life. Then we can live and be in perfect relationship with our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit from now and forever... Amen

May we live in the image of God together now and always,



*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.

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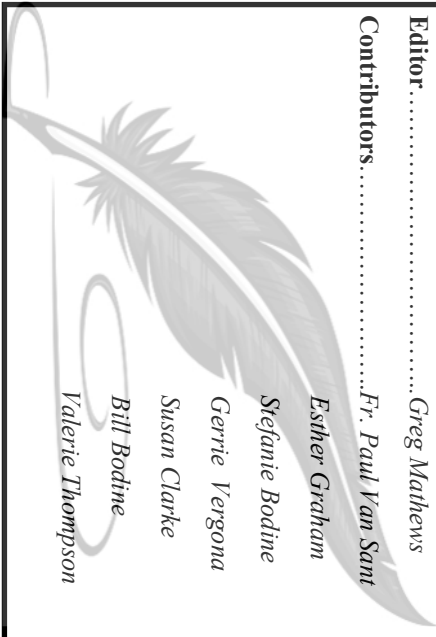
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The deadline for items,

(First Monday of the month for the following month)

Any Questions, please feel free to contact us



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# Music Notes

Esther Graham, Minister of Music

## *This Is Amazing Grace*

### *Verse 1*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### *Verse 2*

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### *Chorus*

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

### *Verse 3*

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

### *Verse 4*

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

### *Bridge*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
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Worthy worthy worthy

Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham

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## *!HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARJORIE REDFERN!*

Today we gather here at St Stephen's to celebrate God and to honor Marjorie Redfern on her 100th birthday this August 17th. Marjorie, a long-standing member of our congregation, holds a special place in the hearts of everyone who knows her.

Her gentle smile, kind words, and unwavering faith have been a source of inspiration and joy for generations. Marjorie has touched the lives of countless people within our church community with her compassion and acts of service. As we gather to honor her today, we are reminded of the indelible mark she has left on our heart. Marjorie's 100th birthday is a testament to a life well-lived and cherished, and we are truly blessed to have her as a beloved member of our St. Stephen's family.



From all of us here,  
under the grace of God  
Happy Birthday  
Marjorie



# **STEWARDSHIP SEASON TO OPEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**

*(NEW LEGACY SOCIETY TO FORM THIS YEAR)*

With the summer winding down for this year, and September just around the corner, it's never too late to begin thinking about Stewardship! We are anticipating another exciting year which will officially open on Sunday, October 1st during both services. Our stewardship team is planning for great things to happen for St Stephen's Whiting, including the formulation of the new St Stephen's Whiting Legacy Society. Additionally, we will have both a Biblical and financial presentation, a fireside chat, and much more!

We're also planning another Legacy Summit which garnered much success and rave reviews! But the real focus is on You - our Parish Family! We need your participation to help make stewardship a continued success here at St Stephen's. We're all managers of God's incredible gifts and treasures, and it's our job to make sure that we take good care of them. And we also should begin to think about what we can do to give back to St Stephen's Whiting.

This Church has produced and will continue to produce so many great things for all ministries, clubs, and organizations. Through the outstanding efforts of the many leaders and ministries of St Stephen's, we can all be proud of our accomplishments for our surrounding communities! For it is the combined efforts of all of us that Stewardship thrives here. Because everyone pitches in for the good of the Church. Stewardship is a collective effort of all parishioners that contribute for the good of the Church. No matter how you serve, your efforts are greatly appreciated. It's a collective team effort, and we cannot ignore our responsibilities not only to ourselves and our families, but to our responsibilities as members and leaders of the Church.

We should also be stewards of God's word. Hearing the word of God regularly as we do, and by living up to the standards of Jesus Christ, we can all be assured of our place in this world and society. But again, all of this requires your help! It's a call to duty - duty to God, duty to Church, and duty to your fellow parishioners, family, and friends. As our journey continues this season, I urge you to please remember these attributes. By doing so, we will all come together as one body of Christ, one parish family, and one unified voice.

It will all come together on Consecration Sunday, set for Sunday, November 12th. In the meantime, if you would like to speak during Stewardship Season, we have a few openings left towards the end of October and early November. Please join us at our first meeting of the season on Sunday, September 3rd. And you can find out all about what we're planning and the many activities we will introduce this year!

Thank you for your help, support, and contributions to Stewardship at St Stephen's Whiting, and we further promise to make our year round effort one you'll be proud of! God Bless!

*By William Bodine III - Chairman*

## **ST STEPHEN'S PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM 2023**

***THE EXCITEMENT BUILDS!!!***

*(FIRST MEETING OF THE FALL SEASON SET FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH)*

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! Our first meeting of the Fall season is coming up on Sunday, September 17th. Please join us after services in the Parish Hall to find out all the action in Public Relations! May God Bless You All! See you in Church!

*By William Bodine III - Chairman*



## ECW

There will be an ECW Meeting on Thursday, September 7th at 11am. The election of officers for 2024 will happen. All women are members of ECW. Everyone is invited to attend. Planning of events for 2023-2024 will occur.

*Stefanie Bodine, ECW President*

## WOMEN OF HONOR

WOMEN OF HONOR is a ECW Diocesan event that began in 1999 to honor those women in every parish that are the quiet behind the scenes workers that everyone knows and depends on to do God's work. They are an inspiration to all of us. Every 3 years this event occurs. In the past, it was held in person at a large catering hall. Because of and since COVID, it is held online. The event will occur on Saturday, October 14 at 10AM on Zoom and YouTube. Go to the Diocesan website to sign on.

Our Bishop, the National ECW President (keynote speaker) our Province II President, our representative from Province II to the National Board, and our Diocesan ECW President have all been invited. We hope to see you there too!

*Stefanie Bodine Chair, Since 2005.*



**SENIOR  
MOMENTS  
MEDICARE  
SOLUTIONS**

Senior Moments was one of the groups that spoke to us at the Legacy Summit recently held at the church. Sign up to join us on Tuesday, October 10, from 10am to Noon and learn more about Social Security/Medicare/Disability. Learn how to get help when you have a problem. The seminar is free. *Stefanie Bodine*

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## TECH THURSDAY

Tech Thursday meets monthly. Next meeting date will be September 14th at 12:30pm and October Thursday 26th. 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

## From the Treasurer's Desk

St. Stephen's, in case anyone asks, is solvent. While we're always searching for ways to generate income to keep up the ever-increasing bills, we're "alive". One of the latest fundraisers, a dinner to benefit Father Paul's Discretionary Fund was a huge success raising and Fr. Paul has already had a need to use a bit of those funds.

Thank you to those who are making additional donations to help cover bills. If you'd like to pay a bill, or part of a bill, please let me know. We can never out-give God.

Onward we march in these humid summer days. I will be starting a Community Garden project in the Spring, with a trial with Fall planting. We hope that will bring in additional donations. As it gets cooler, if anyone wants to get their hands dirty preparing the garden plots next to the pantry, let me know. If you want to grow your own vegetables, let me know. I will let you know prepping and planting dates in the near future.

Sincerely,

*Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer*



## Memorial Garden For Pets (CREMAINS ONLY)



For all who are looking for a special place to lay  
your beloved pets to rest

Our Memorial Garden for Pets forms, flyers, and the  
area are ready to go. The Committee members will  
be sharing their flyers with local veterinarians so we  
can inform the public of the availability of a place

for their beloved pets. 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.

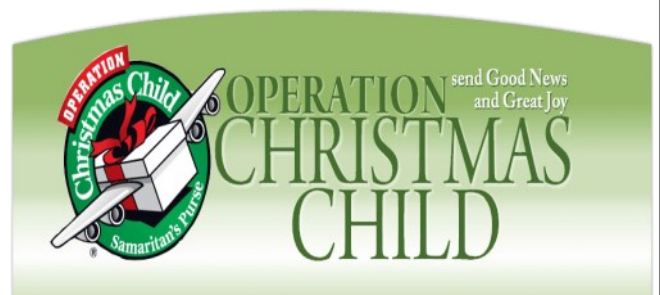
Please contact our office Monday–Thursday 9am-2pm for services and more  
information. The Committee consists of, *Stefanie Bodine, Chair; Shelagh  
Bluni, Roberta Mackey, Ann Solequai, Joanne Soriano, Bob Virtue,  
and Fr. Paul.*

## SAVE THE DATE For Operation Christmas Child

It's hard to believe, but the Fall is right around the Corner. Shoeboxes and written material have been ordered from Samaritan's Purse. They will be available in September for those who wish to participate by filling one or more Shoeboxes for needy children in the USA and around the world.

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.

A complete list of items needed will be available soon.





# OSL

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.



### SPIRITUAL GIFTS

We are all uniquely created and given special abilities to uplift others. Have you discovered yours? If you were asked, what are your gifts? What would you say? A talent is something you are naturally good at (sports, art, science, for ex.) and you can excel at it through training, practice, and experience. It is a combination of innate ability and skill. A gift is something God has deliberately given you for His purpose for your life. Do you believe? God gave you that gift. It could be teaching, preaching, giving, hospitality, or something else. Each of us received a different gift so we can work together in unity so we can lead whole, integrated lives, and be completely ourselves wherever we go. What do you think your spiritual gifts are? How might God be calling you to use them in a fuller way? Have you thanked God for your gifts? Whatever the gifts are that God gave you--are you using them? Are you good stewards of them? God gave us these gifts for a purpose. We do not want to miss out on the joy of fulfilling God's purpose and experiencing the abundant life Jesus promised us. God delights in seeing a humble heart that is ready to serve him. How will you use your gifts to serve God and His kingdom today?

### OSL The Healing Light of Christ Chapter

OSL, will be presenting a Healing Mission on Saturday, September 16 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 367 Route 9, Waretown. The Leader will be the Rev. Lockner, with praise music by Celebrate. The theme of the day is "Healing as a wounded healer". The day begins at 8:30AM with Registration and ends about 3:30PM. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Join in at any point in the day. For more details, see Stefanie or Bill Bodine.

## 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)

## The Healing Light of Christ Chapter of



THE INTERNATIONAL  
**ORDER of ST. LUKE**  
THE PHYSICIAN

“Healing Mission”

Mission Leader

Fr. Lockner

Saturday, September 16th 2023

St Stephen's Episcopal Church

367 Rt 9, Waretown, NJ

For mor info contact Corinne Cromwell at 732-849-0153 and Michele Sieling at 609-339-1771



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.

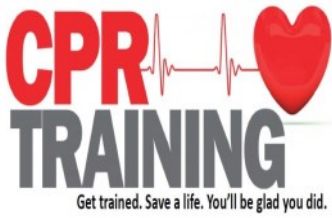
Many thanks again for all your help. God Bless You All.

*Valerie Thompson, Directress*

Home 732-657-4510 Cell 732-236-9640







## CPR Class

There will be a CPR class on Wednesday, September 13th beginning at 10AM. Advance reservation is required by calling the church office, or signing up on the clipboard in the Narthex. A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) class will be held from 10-11:30am. The cost is \$25. The instructional materials are from the American Heart Association and

practicing will be on CPR dummies or mannequins. This is not a certification course, it is intended for "friends and family" needs. Payment is due on the day of the class

*Stefanie Bodine, organizer for the class*

## 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.**

## *Happy Birthday!*

### September

<i>Glen Stahl</i>	<i>09/02</i>
<i>Vienna Johnson</i>	<i>09/09</i>
<i>Janet Spieth</i>	<i>09/10</i>
<i>Ann Solaequi</i>	<i>09/13</i>
<i>Geraldine Vergona</i>	<i>09/14</i>
<i>Janet Johnson</i>	<i>09/15</i>
<i>Susan Quigley</i>	<i>09/17</i>
<i>Marjorie Redfern</i>	<i>09/17</i>
<i>Angela Van Sant Boules</i>	<i>09/23</i>
<i>Estelle Pizzuti</i>	<i>09/23</i>
<i>Margie Macartney</i>	<i>09/25</i>
<i>Joy Frey</i>	<i>09/26</i>

### October

<i>Bob Axon</i>	<i>10/03</i>
<i>Eileen Ebell</i>	<i>10/03</i>
<i>Don Cummings</i>	<i>10/12</i>
<i>Dianne Jacobs</i>	<i>10/12</i>
<i>Beverly Larson</i>	<i>10/13</i>
<i>Marge Littlewood</i>	<i>10/15</i>
<i>Bernice Neuman</i>	<i>10/19</i>
<i>Doris Mc Donald</i>	<i>10/19</i>
<i>Anna Albanese</i>	<i>10/23</i>
<i>PJ Van Sant Jr</i>	<i>10/27</i>
<i>Edward Brennan</i>	<i>10/31</i>
<i>Jennifer Brennan</i>	<i>10/31</i>

# MESSAGE BOARD

## WHITING GARDEN CLUB

will be meeting on Wednesday, September 6 at 10AM - Edie Hindermann, former photographer for "The Crestwood Sun" will be sharing 2 presentations "A dog's day in the Pines" and "Peaceful Waters Flow" Tentative plans for the 2023-2024 year will be shared. Refreshments are available for purchase. Proceeds fund our projects. All are welcome.

## THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

Thyroid Support Group will meet on Monday, September 11 at 10AM. If you have any questions about thyroids, are looking for support for your thyroid issues, or you want to share information, come join us. Stefanie Bodine, Facilitator, (732) 350-2904.

## UTO

The United Thank Offering Ingathering and 148th Annual Meeting will occur on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10 AM at Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, 410 S. Atlantic Avenue, Beach Haven, NJ . Bishop Sally French will attend. More details will follow.

## DIGNIFIED JUNQUE FLEA MARKET

will be held on Saturday, September 2 from 8-12. If you are helping, arrive after 7:30 AM. Empty boxes are needed to pack up at the end of the day. Thank you for helping to organize and sell items. Ken Seda is the chair. Your help is gratefully appreciated.

## 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. Thank you to everyone that donated baked goods, cookies, coffee, teabags, creamers, paper products, paper towels, take-home boxes, and more. Everything is appreciated.

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, 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.



## BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Will be held on Wednesday, October 18 from 8AM-11PM. The \$5 shopping passes are available. Support the church and receive a 25% discount all day long as you shop.

Shopping passes are available for purchase at \$5 each.

## Thank you for your continued support

At St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, we truly appreciate the generosity and support of our community through donations. Your donations play a vital role in helping us continue our mission of fellowship, worship, and service.

Whether it's supporting our ministry programs, maintaining our beautiful sanctuary, or providing assistance to those in need, every contribution is meaningful and impactful. By donating to St. Stephen's, you are not only investing in the growth and well-being of our church family, but you are also making a positive difference in the lives of others. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support, as it allows us to spread God's love and compassion throughout our community. Thank you for considering donating to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



COMING SOON



PASTA AND MORE!!!

St. Stephen's Men's Club and ECW are happy, once again, to present delicious Italian dishes for you to enjoy (with some possible new items for you to try) at our third annual tribute to Italian Cuisine -- PASTA AND MORE! Antipasti, bread, N/A beverages, and desserts will be included, along with delightful Italian dinner music.

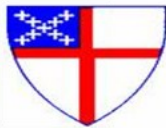
Tickets and more information will be available in the coming months. Seating will be limited, so mark your calendars for SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023, from 3 – 5 PM. And please feel free to bring along your favorite wine or beer to enjoy with dinner.

If you would be interested in serving on this committee in any capacity (cooking, serving, setting/cleaning up, etc.), please call Valerie Thompson at 732-657-4510. Your help is definitely needed and is much appreciated. Thank you.



HOLIDAY CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

The E.C.W. is hosting the annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. In addition to the crafters and vendors, the Kitchen Café will be open with food and snacks available for purchase. There will be a 50/50, a basket auction, door prizes and the popular bake sale table. Tables are available for a donation of \$10.00 plus the donation of a small door prize. For information or to reserve a table, please call JoAnn Smithson 609-575-1879.



Blessing of  
the  
Animals



**Bring your fury, feathered, scaly loved ones  
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**Wednesday, October 4th, 11-1pm**

**At**

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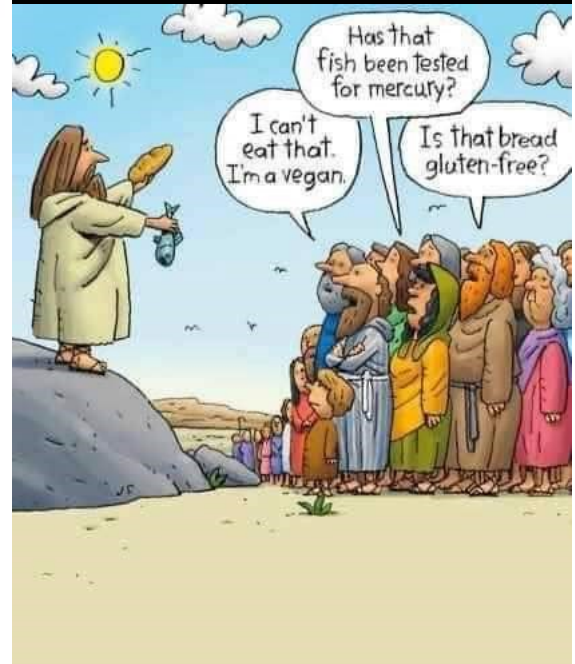


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2023

Sum	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	2 ANNUAL FLEA MARKET! 8am – 12pm
3 Holy Eucharist 8&10:4M Stewardship Meeting	4 Office Closed Labor Day AA group 3pm	5 Freedom Conference 2pm Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	6 Freedom Conference 2pm Garden Club 10am AA Meeting 3pm	7 Healing Service 10am ECTW meeting 11am AA Meeting 3pm	8 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	9 AA Meeting 8pm
10 Holy Eucharist 8&10:4M HOMECOMING Barbeque After 10am service	11 Thyroid Support Group 10am Woman's Bible study Group 11am AA group 3pm	12 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	13 C.P.R. CLASS 10am AA Meeting 3pm	14 Healing Service 10am OSI meeting after Healing Service TECH Thursday 12:30 AA Meeting 3pm	15 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	16 AA Meeting 8pm
17 Holy Eucharist 8&10:4M Public Relations Meeting	18 Woman's Bible Study Group 11am AA group 3pm	19 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	20 Set up for English Tea AA Meeting 3pm	21 English Tea 2-4pm Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	22 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	23 AA Meeting 8pm
24 Holy Eucharist 8&10:4M	25 Vestry Meeting 10am Woman's Bible Study Group 11am AA group 3pm	26 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Diocesan Healing Ser- vice 6pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	27 AA Meeting 3pm	28 Healing Service 10am AA Meeting 3pm	29 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	30 AA Meeting 8pm



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[www.oceaninc.org](http://www.oceaninc.org)

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### Mortgage Assistance

Hope Hotline 888-995-HOPE

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### Health Insurance, Food Stamps, Utilities

NJ Family Care 800-701-0710

[www.njfamilycare.org](http://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](http://www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices)

Ocean County Food Bank 732-918-2600

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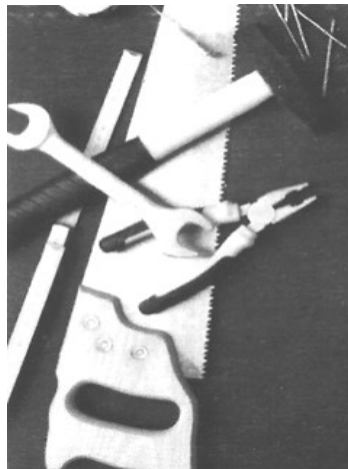
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## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR



- Saturday, September 2 - 8-12 -Flea Market (Dignified Junque)**
- Sunday, September 3,10,17,24 - 8 and 10AM Services**
- Monday, September 4 - Labor Day, Office is closed**
- Wednesday, September 6 - 10AM - Whiting Garden Club**
- Thursday, September 7,14,21,28 - 10AM Healing Service**
- Thursday, September 7 - ECW Meeting**
- Sunday, September 10 - Homecoming Barbeque**
- Monday, September 11 - 10AM - Thyroid Support Group**
- Monday, September 11, 18, 25 - 11AM - Women's Bible Study**
- Wednesday , September 13 - 10AM -CPR class, sign up needed, \$25 on day**
- Thursday, September 14 - OSL meets after the healing service**
- Saturday, September 16 - 8:30AM-3:30PM - OSL Healing Mission in Waretown St. Stephen's**
- Wednesday, September 20 - 9am Set up for the tea**
- Thursday, September 21 - 2-4PM English Tea #2 - (sold out)**
- Monday, September 25 - 10AM Vestry Meeting**
- Tuesday, September 26 - 6PM - Healing Service**

### Tech Thursday Dates

**September Thursday 9/14 @ 12:30 pm**  
**October Thursday 10/26 @ 12:30 pm**