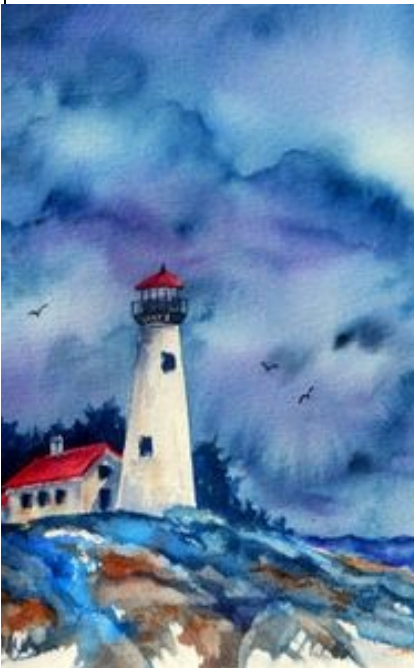


# The Chapel Chimes



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From the Rector's Desk...

## Disciples

On dozens of occasions, I can remember being present during rather animated discussions between people who were at odds about whether the titles of Apostle and Disciple are interchangeable or not, in the Gospels. I would like to offer some clarity on this matter.

An Apostle was one of the inner circle of Jesus' followers. In fact it was the twelve whom Jesus specifically called to be with him and share with his ministry. Later, it would include Matthias, who replaced Judas and Paul who was called by the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. The Apostles became the leaders of the early church. As the church grew those Apostles blessed new apostles to continue their leadership in the church. We call these new Apostles bishops. That is where the term Apostolic Succession comes from; it mean in the continuous line of Apostles.

A Disciple, on the other hand, is one who follows. The word disciple means "pupil or

learner", from the Latin "discipulus". A Disciple commits themselves to learning from their teacher and adopting a specific teaching or philosophy that sets their teacher apart from others. Consequently, an Apostle of Jesus is by definition a Disciple who has been called specifically



by Jesus to teach others to become Disciples. A Disciple on the other hand is one who lives out a life directed by Jesus but is not necessarily an Apostle.

*(Continue on page 4)*

# MUSIC NOTES



## Choir

The Choir leads the congregation in the singing of hymns and the liturgy, and, when possible, sings an Offertory Anthem. Our numbers are quite small, and several of our members have been unable to be with us for periods of time due to a number of personal health issues.

At times we find ourselves without all seven of our members, and not having a sufficient number of choir members to sing the offertory anthem we had prepared for that Sunday. When that occurs, we will LEAD the CONGREGATION in singing a hymn from the blue hymnal in your pew in place of an Offertory Anthem. I will announce the hymn number.

## Chime Choir

The Chime Choir has temporarily suspended their rehearsals. At this time we do not have a sufficient number of chimers to prepare an anthem to present as a Prelude or Offertory Anthem.

We need at least 6 chimers who are able to attend weekly rehearsals in order to learn to play the music. There are currently only five chimers who are available to attend rehearsals. If you would like to consider playing hand-chimes, please speak to Karen Crawford or Rich or Joanne Smithson (Joanne had joined our group recently) (8:00 service) or Terry or Amanda Rutkowski, Father Paul, or me (10:00 Service) about joining our Chime Choir.

*Pam Unger*  
Organist/Choir Director



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Please submit signed and dated items in writing to  
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(first Monday of the month)*

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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.

### **Heating & Weatherization**

O.C.E.A.N., Inc. 732-244-5333 (heating)

732-244-5396 (weatherization)

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

NJ Shares 866-657-4273

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

### **Mortgage Assistance**

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[www.hopenow.com](http://www.hopenow.com)

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Verizon NJ Communication Lifeline

888-337-3339

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

Ocean County Food Bank 732-918-2600

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### **Other Important Numbers**

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NJ Unemployment Insurance 732-761-2020

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Unless one of you is a bishop I am not aware of, then this means that you and I are Disciples. We are pupils or learners of the teachings, philosophy and theology of Jesus Christ. And what is it that Jesus is teaching us? He is teaching us to be like him. He is teaching us to be loving, compassionate, forgiving, non-judgmental, helpful, generous, self-sacrificing, prayerful, and faithful and much, much more.

In the coming months we will be preparing for a Lenten Study which will focus on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. If you want to get a head start I would suggest you read any or all of the Gospels, as well as the book of acts.

Jesus is calling us all to be his disciples. To learn from Him, to be loved by Him, to receive the power and guidance of His Holy Spirit.

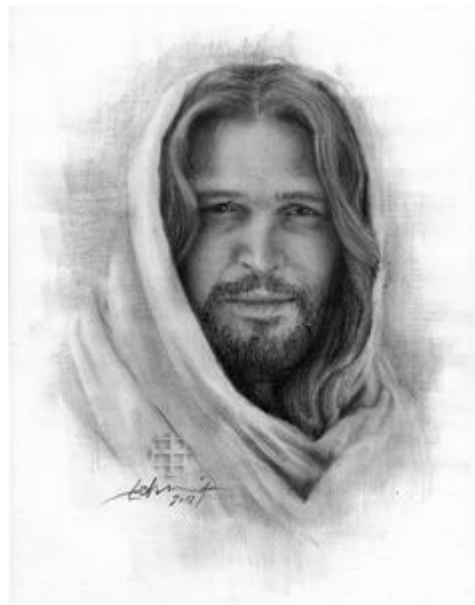
May we all be true disciples of Jesus; our teacher and friend.

*Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.,*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Paul".

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Rector

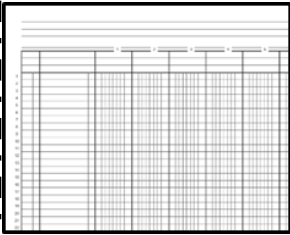


# News from the Treasurer's Desk



Hi from the Treasurer's Desk!

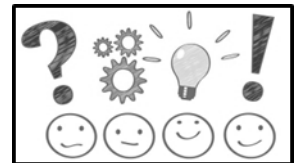
As I end my tenure as Treasurer, I'd like to look back in time. I started to attend St. Stephen's in the Spring of 2003. Sometime during 2006, I began working with Barbara Lyons, my predecessor as Treasurer of St. Stephen's. (Barbara is in the middle of the photograph holding strawberries.) She was short in stature (well under 5 feet tall), but strong in character and incredibly smart. She had served in the Navy and really knew how to bark out orders. She was sometimes intimidating, but we were able to work well together. She was a great teacher. She didn't need an expensive computer to take care of our accounting records. She had big ledger sheets that she used to record transactions. Do any of you remember the hand-prepared multi-part forms she used to produce our quarterly pledge statements? It always amazed me that she was able to get those statements delivered into our hands well before the banks could send out their fancy statements!



We trusted one another. My background was in computers, so I helped set up our accounting software called "Church Windows". Barbara was always there for me. It took some time, but by 2009 our records were computerized and the ledger sheets were put away. Our statements are now computer-generated. Our records are more accurate and we can easily produce mailing lists. Times sure have changed since 2006!

As most of you know, my term as Treasurer expires after our Annual Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Gerianne Murphy will take over as Treasurer and I hope that I will be named Assistant Treasurer. What will the future look like in this office? Of course, only time will tell. I do know that Gerianne has several new ideas for simplifying some of our procedures. She will be making changes over the next few months. Please show her the same respect and cooperation that you all have displayed to me.

Now, I would like to thank all of you who helped me make the conversion from hand-done accounting to computerized accounting. I always felt that over the years, I had the full support of the various vestries. I will be cutting down on my hours, but you'll still see me in the office. This is my last column for the Chapel Chimes. Gerianne will lead us to exciting new times and we should be optimistic about these new directions.



## Best wishes, Gerianne!

*Sandy Gaskill*

Treasurer



## ECW News

By Stefanie Rotsaert



Beginning on February 1st, ECW will have their first fundraiser of the year. The **BAKELESS BAKE SALE** will begin with an envelope in your pew. Instead of baking cakes, pies, and cookies, we each buy an item or two, we put money in the envelope equivalent to what we would have bought. ANY contribution is greatly appreciated and we thank everyone for their consideration and kindness.

**WORLD DAY of PRAYER** will be held at Saint Stephen's on Friday, March 1st at 2:00 PM. This is an ecumenical event with members of the women's group from Christ Lutheran and Community Reform Churches participating as readers. This year's theme is, "*Come-Everything is ready*". It is based on Jesus' parable of the *Great Dinner* in *Luke 14:15-24*. One of the newest and smallest countries in Europe-Slovenia will be featured. Come join us and bring a friend! Refreshments will be provided.

It is time to gather your friends to fill a card table of 4 for one of our English Teas. These annual gatherings have become so popular that we have TWO each year to accommodate everyone; and we have such fun! We hope more men will participate as we usher in the warm weather and promise of Spring. We enjoy tea served with lovely china, silverware and linens. We enjoy delectable finger foods, treats, fantastic fellowship, door prizes and drawings. Tickets are \$15.00 each. The first tea will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019—the second one is May 16, 2019. More details will follow in future Chapel Chimes publications.

Thank you all for continuing to collect card fronts for Saint Jude's. (*not Disney or American Greetings*) Thank you for collecting pop-tops, cancelled stamps, box-tops for kids, and toiletries for the Battered Women's Shelter. All these items you save help someone else; veterans, Whiting school, special needs people, and people who are ill and stay at the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you all for signing the Parish Christmas Card. Everyone enjoyed sharing their heart-felt greetings for the Christmas and New Year season. May this year continue to bless everyone!

*Stefanie Rotsaert*

*ECW President*

732-350-2904



# ***Philadelphia Flower Show***

Monday March 4, 2019

*The bus will depart from Saint Stephen's at 180 Route 539, Whiting NJ-08759 at NOON.*

*This year's theme is FLOWER POWER. At the Pennsylvania Convention Center, this year's show will pay tribute to the enormous impact flowers have on our lives. From the first blooms of spring in your home garden, to the expansive fields that fuel whole economies, flowers influence how we feel, think, and act in small and global ways. Exploring the gardens at the Center is an extraordinary experience.*

*You are on your own tour, at your own pace, and food is on your own. Convenient delicious alternatives are locally accessible such as The Reading Terminal Marketplace located across the street, or visit the food vendors located within the Center. Have your hand stamped when you arrive at the show, so you can leave and return without repaying your admission.*

*The cost is **\$ 67.00 per person**. The cost includes: bus transportation, driver's tip and admission. There will be only one bus, the deadline is **February 1st. No Refunds**.*

*Make your check out to Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church and mail it to Stefanie Rotsaert at*

*1 Ridgmont Lane*

*Whiting, New Jersey-08759*

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## **Our Daily Bread & Hungry Paws**

### **food pantry**

We wish to thank everyone who has donated time, money and food this year to help the those in need including our four-legged friends. We look forward to another successful year!

The pantry now has their own phone number. Please make note of our new number and keep it for

future use: 732-408-5948

Again, thank you for your love and support! We look forward to 2019!



## NOTES OF INTEREST

### A Note from a Special Friend....

Dear Church Family,

Over the past year, I have had some surgeries; some more serious than others.

Thank you, Father Paul, for your visits and prayers; they brought me much comfort.

Thank you, Church Family for the cards, visits and healing prayers. They've helped me and continue to help me through my illness.

I thank you, and I thank the Lord for you.

*Lorraine Smith*



### WHITING GARDEN CLUB

Come join us on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 @10 AM

Here at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

Colleen DeVechio will share information on Hospice. We will be making fresh flower arrangements to donate to Hospice.

See Stefanie Rotsasert or call her at 732-350-2904



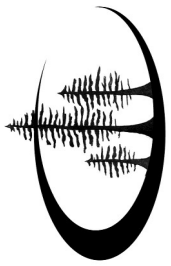
Pat Russo was recently honored in the Ministry for Older Adults program by the Diocese for her work with Operation Christmas Child. She has inspired us with her work on the Vestry, ECW Treasurer & Altar Guild as well.

Congratulations, Pat!





Bishop Stokes and Pat Russo





# February 2019



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<b>10</b> HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM Alison's Church 10 AM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Closed AA meeting @ 2PM	<b>13</b> AA Meeting 3PM <b>Chime Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>14</b> Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM OSL (Order of St. Luke) ;meeting After healing svc	<b>15</b> <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	<b>16</b> AA Meetings 3 PM& 8PM
<b>17</b> HOLY EUCHARIST 8 & 10 AM Valentine Potluck NOON	<b>18</b> Thyroid Support Grp 10 AM Vestry Meeting 10AM	<b>19</b> Closed AA meeting @ 2PM	<b>20</b> AA Meeting 3PM <b>Chime Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>21</b> Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM	<b>22</b> <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	<b>23</b> AA Meetings 3 PM& 8PM <b>AARP Safe Driving Class 9 AM</b>
<b>24</b> HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM King of the Hill @ Playhome 6PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Closed AA meeting @ 2PM	<b>27</b> AA Meeting 3PM <b>Chime Choir Practice</b> 7 pm	<b>28</b> Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM		

# Order of St. Luke

*Submitted by Stefanie Rotsaert.*

## **Do you need Prayers for Healing**

The Order of Saint Luke is a Healing Ministry. On the last Sunday of each month, prayers of healing are provided following Holy Eucharist at the 8 AM and 10 AM services at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. Members are also available after Sunday services near the Baptismal Font. In addition, prayers are offered at our 10 AM Healing Service on Thursdays.



## **PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN**

Almighty God, who inspired Your servant 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.

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### **How to....**

*Lovingly shared by Dorothy Stroh*

**E**ncourage yourself with the promises of God's Word (*1 Samuel 30:6*)

**N**o condemnation is from the Lord. Live in the power of grace. (*Romans 8:1*)

**J**oy is for the journey. Choose to be joyful regardless of your situation. (*Romans 15:13*)

**O**bey when the Lord speaks to you. (*Deuteronomy 11:26-27*)

**Y**esterday is over. Refuse to live in the past. (*Philippians 3:13-14*)

**Y**ou can choose to think positive thoughts and to have a good attitude (*Philippians 4:8*)

**O**utlaw "stinking thinking." Take every ungodly thought captive (*2 Corinthians 10:5*)

**U**se your gifts and talents to help others. (*Romans 12:13*)

**R**emember what God has done for you. Be thankful. (*Psalms 103:2*)

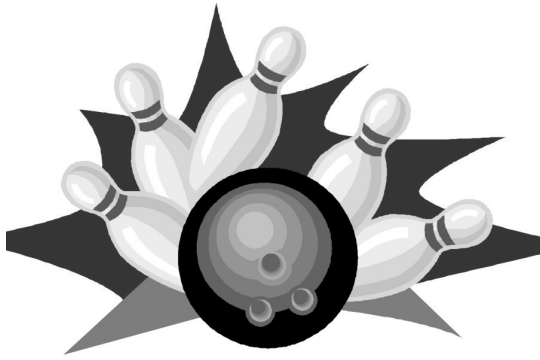
**L**ive by faith, not feelings. (*2 Corinthians 5:7*)

**I**nvoke Christ into every area of your life. (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*)

**F**orgive those who hurt you. (*Ephesians 4:32*)

**E**xpect God's goodness in every situation. (*Psalms 27:14*)

*From Joyce Meyer's Book*



## **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

### **BOWLING MINISTRY**

#### **2019 Proposed Calendar of Events & Tournaments**

#### **Playdrome Lanes-Toms River NJ**

### **March**

Saturday, March 16, 2019

#### ***Women's Singles Spectacular Tournament***

10:00 am

Sunday, March 30, 2019

#### ***Parish Open Bowling 5:30-7:30***

Sunday, March 31, 2019

#### ***King of the Hill 6:30***

### **February**

Saturday, February 2, 2019

#### ***Northeast Regional Collegiate Challenge***

9:00 AM

Saturday, February 23, 2019

#### ***Parish Open Bowling 5:30-7:30***

Saturday, February 24, 2019

#### ***King of the Hill 6:30***



### **April**

Sunday, April 7, 2019

#### ***Sports Shot Singles Spectacular Tournament***

10 am

Saturday, April 27, 2019

#### ***Parish Open Bowling 5:30-7:30***

Sunday April 28, 2019

*More exciting events will follow later this year in future Chapel Chimes publications.*

*We'll See you at the lanes!*



# Laughing is Good for the Soul



If you like the picture of Jesus laughing on the top right of this page, you can obtain a color print in a variety of standard sizes from any of your local Christian book stores.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."



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# February

# Happy Birthday

1st *Catherine Karlic*

7th *Betsy Woods*

*Deborah DeLouise*

11th *Amanda Rutkowski*

14th *Carl Laursen*

*Martha D'Abundo*

15th *Donald Nadeau*

*Melvyn Bray*

16th *Frances Barton*

*Patricia Stahl*

19th *Nicholas Stahl*

*Jim Jados*

22nd *Michael Quigley*

29th *Arline Grande*



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## AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASSES

The folks at AARP offer Safe Driving Classes for Seniors!  
The classes this year will be held in January and February on two Saturdays.  
We are waiting for the instructor to inform us of these dates, Those that took  
the class in 2016 will be notified first. We will share the dates by posting  
them in our Sunday bulletin.



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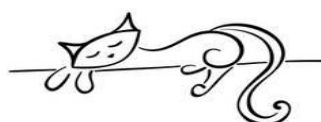


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### **Upcoming Calendar Events**

**World Day of Prayer—March 1st**

**Philadelphia Flower Power Bus Trip—March 4th**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner—March 5th**

**Corned Beef Dinner—March 9th**

