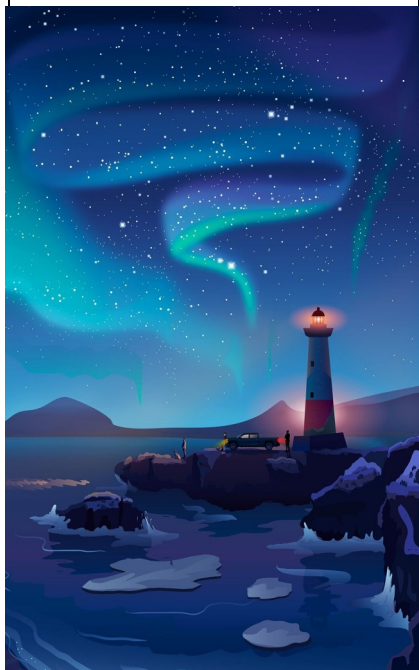


The Chapel Chimes



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From the Rector's Desk...

A NEW YEAR IS LIKE...

My sixth grade teacher, Miss Cooper, would begin the January marking period by telling her students that they were all beginning the New Year with a clean slate. This was her way of encouraging them to do their best and not worry about what might have been one or two disappointing grades from the previous marking period.

The students appreciated this approach and it helped them to avoid the danger of imposing limits on themselves based solely on their past performance.

As I reflected on Miss Cooper's approach it occurred to me that there are certain things that we might *want* to carry forward with us into the New Year. "Clean Slate" infers starting over again from scratch bringing nothing forward



with us. There is no input from ourselves. We just start over again, no discernment, no planning; simply advancing to GO and if your lucky, collect \$200. What then, can we use as an analogy. Allow me to offer the thought that a

New Year is like moving. I should know a little about moving. As a son of an Episcopal Priest, as a youthful wanderer, a member of the military and now an ordained priest myself, I have moved over 16 times in 45 years!

When we move, the first things we do is throw things out; things that are no longer of any value to us; things that are dangerous to us; things we don't want to be reminded of, things that are broken and things that we just don't use anymore.

Next, we choose those things that are most important for us to take with us: Things like our favorite chair, family photographs, important records, pets, and the like. *(Continue on page 4)*

MUSIC NOTES



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Don't you just love the music of the Christmas season? Between the services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the first Sunday after Christmas, we sang almost all of the familiar hymns and carols in our Hymnal. The congregational singing of the hymns prior to the main service on Christmas Eve was enthusiastic and inspirational. The solos interspersed among the carols also helped prepare us for the service celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we enter the New Year, I hope some people show an interest in participating in the music programs in the Church. Our Chime Choir can accompany our Gradual Hymn, "Word of God, Speak," if we have four or more chimers (plus me) available. However, we cannot play an anthem with fewer than six chimers – I can't play a "position" in our anthems because I must conduct the group to keep everyone together!

We have been without two of our voice choir members for a while due to injury or surgery.

It is almost impossible to present an anthem with just five or fewer people. Most of the choral music in our "library" is intended for a choir with more singers than we have. I'm trying to gather some music that can be done by just a small number of singers or the choir together with the congregation. Nevertheless, it would be helpful if we had a few more full-time singers and ringers in the choirs!

As we enter a new year, I hope some of you will consider participating in one of our choirs.

Pam Unger

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*The deadline for February's
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(first Monday of the month)*

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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

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www.oceaninc.org

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www.njfamilycare.org

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www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices

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www.foodbankmoc.org

Angel Food Ministries 732-240-7543

Pick-up location Christ Episcopal Church

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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

The next step is to look ahead at the place we are moving to and ask ourselves if there is room for everything we want to bring with us or do we have to simplify our lifestyle in some way. (My dad had to do a lot of that moving from a three-story home into a single-level duplex!) If there are things we like but can't take, maybe we can give them to someone who can use them or to someone we wish to share with in a special way.

Once the move begins in earnest, we will undoubtedly find things that we need to add to our new home that we did not have before. We might even decide to try something new or different in our life. Maybe even something a little daring!

Finally, we are in the new home. We adjust to the changes we have experienced and begin to settle into a new routine; it will have many similar aspects to our past routines. It will also have a few things that are different, but it will be our home.

This New Year, 2019, is our new home. We come to it from 2018 with much experience and many things which we have accumulated. This New Year is a time in which we can leave behind the things that we choose: a bad habit, a sin for which we have asked forgiveness, a depression due to loss or fear; a grudge.

We also choose what we wish to take into the New Year: our friendship, our skills, our faith, our aspirations.

As we look at 2019 we can ask ourselves if there is really a time to do all the things we have been trying to do in the past. Is it time to let go of something so that we can lower our stress level? Is it time to empty out some of the things we've been saving for one reason or another and give them to someone who can use them now?

Then there is the excitement of the New Year. Will there be new opportunities to grow? Are there things that we would like to do that maybe we have never done before? Or maybe we could do something we enjoyed doing years ago, but put aside for lack of time?

As 2019 begins to pass, we will undoubtedly fall into a routine that looks a lot like the one we had in 2018. 2019 won't be a clean slate. There will be memories, achievements, hopes and fears that stay with us from before. There will be many things that come with us by default. But what we do with this move, how we manage it, how we use it to better ourselves as God's children. And where we set our sights; this is what will determine whether we are happy in our new home or not!

A final thought: There is no home on this earth that we will be in forever. As Christians our focus should always be on what we can do to prepare for our eternal home with the Lord. Remember that the most important thing we have in this life are the things that we *can* take with us when we move to heaven. Faith, Hope, Love, and our eternal Soul. If we focus on these things, wherever we live, whatever the year....we will be on solid ground.

May God Bless us all as we begin this New Year together,

Your fellow laborer in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.,



M. Div.;Th.M.

Rector



News from the Treasurer's Desk



Hi from the Treasurer's Desk!

1. 2018 is almost over, so it's time to reflect on our accomplishments this year. Since this is the Treasurer's column, so I've decided to identify the many different ways our members have helped our finances this year. We try to keep our pledges (Operating Budget Pledge, Building Maintenance Pledge, and Capital Campaign Pledge) up-to-date. This is the most important way to help us to prepare for our financial future.

2. We give various donations to the church and, if we wish, we specify how these donations are to be spent.

3. Some of us give "in-kind" donations. These gifts are donations of new items for church use. Some donated items for our event treasure auctions or for food for these events. Office supplies can also be donated. In order to get tax deductions for these donations, you must present your receipt to the Treasurer's Office and include information what the donation is and how it is to be used.

4. Others remember loved ones or celebrate birthdays or anniversaries by donating money for Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candles, or Memorials. There are special envelopes in the Narthex for these gifts. The money donated for Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candles is given to the Altar Guild. Memorials get listed in our Sunday Bulletin showing the donor's name and the person or person being memorialized. The family of the deceased person will receive a note informing them about the gift. Memorials may be designated for a particular purpose. Some have been used to buy liturgical items, others were designated for Our Daily Bread or Hungry Paws pantries. Several gifts were designated for choir and music related supplies.

5. Bequests are gifts that come from the settlement an estate from parishioners who include St. Stephen's Church in their wills. Like memorials, these gifts may be designated for a particular use. Non-designated memorials are normally divided equally between our endowment funds and one of our three pledging funds (Operating, Maintenance or Capital). Endowments are the building blocks necessary for the long-term survival of our church.

6. Fr. Paul has a Discretionary Fund account which is used to help those in need. It may provide temporary housing, payment of a heating bill, or food for the hungry. You may place these donations in an envelope labeled "Discretionary Fund". Donations may also be placed in the basket on the table in the back of the church.

7. A fun way to help our church financially is to support our many church activities. Profits from these events both help our finances increase and increase the development of fellowship with our neighborhood. We can buy extra tickets for various events and donate them to the pantry to distribute to pantry clients. Just give the tickets to the Treasurer's office first and we will pass them on to the pantry managers.

8. Also remember that we benefit financially by being friendly and smiling at visitors. This helps us build our membership. We have the best and most diverse activities in Whiting. We are known and we are growing!

These are wonderful ways to invest in the future of our wonderful church. BUT ... enough with the money talk ...

WE WANT TO WISH ONE AND ALL A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME 2019!!

Sandy Gaskill

Treasurer





ECW News

By Stefanie Rotsaert



At the ECW meeting on December 3, 2018, the officers for 2019 were elected:

President—*Stefanie Rotsaert*

Vice-president—*Marge Pomykala*

Secretary—*Mary Storey*

Treasurer—*Kay Karlick.*

We wish to thank *Laura Gural* for chairing the nomination committee.

Thank you to everyone, including the men, who help our ECW at our various events, ministries, and projects! We all have a great deal of fun and fellowship!

Every woman is member of ECW, and of course, the men are always welcome. Our ECW meetings for 2019: Thursday, June 6th, September 5th, and December 5th. Each is scheduled at 1 PM. Each meeting features a program, a business meeting, and refreshments.

Be on the lookout for the FIRST fundraiser of the year: *The Bakeless Bake Sale* in February. Every year this successful fundraiser is designed to still raise money for projects, but instead baking items, we place the money in the envelope that would otherwise go towards time and ingredients bought. Any amount is welcome!

Thank you ALL for signing the yearly Christmas card and the thoughtful donations given.

We look forward to working with everyone in 2019!

Stefanie Rotsaert

ECW President

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FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING

Committee

Happy New Year to ALL! The year of 2019 is going to be a great event-planning time! Looking back to December, we would like to send out thanks for all the helpers who made decorations for the tree. Cheerful work and dedication makes this event swell with more fun and participation each year. A big Thank You to our Manchester neighborhood Applebee's for supplying such a delicious meal, along with Whiting Business Association and their partnership with Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church to make this such a brilliant success!

We will start the new year off with a Movie Afternoon. Weather permitting, we plan on showing a movie at Saint Stephen's Church on January 13, 2019. Movie popcorn will be available along with coffee, tea and water, or bring your own snacks and drinks. Keep an eye out for the announcement as to what movie we will be seeing.

February will bring us another Pot Luck lunch. We plan on having a Valentine celebration for us all. Look for fun and fellowship with some awesome giveaways!

Speaking of giveaways.....

The results of our AAA raffle that took place October 27, 2018 at our Annual Craft and Vendor Fair:



CONGRATULATIONS ANN SOLÆQUE

Ann was the lucky winner of a \$1000.00

As always, we welcome anyone to become a part of our committee. We look forward to your ideas and participation with this great group of people.

Have a wonderful New Year!

Dottie Kaster

Fellowship and Fundraising co-chair



OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

Happy New year!

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!



WHITING GARDEN CLUB

Annual Report 2017

At the end of June, 2017-the *Crestwood Village Garden Club* ended its 44-year existence. Members.

Since our members have expressed a desire to continue to meet socially and enjoy programs, Stefanie asked Father Paul if the group could meet here. Stefanie, Fran Reeve, and Cindy Sims serve as co-chairs and plan meetings. The group meets on the first Wednesday of the month with the exception of January, July, and August.

The September program was Pressed Flowers, presented by Petrie Crowley, a former serving president of the Garden Club. October's program was on *Xeriscape Landscaping* written by Eileen Ebell and presented by Stefanie and Fran; additional hand-outs were on Native Plants; we invited everyone to walk our grounds to view our own native plants. The November meeting featured a program by one of our members, Susan Piso, who taught us *Ikebana: (Japanese flower arranging)*. The December meeting was a Holiday Brunch with everyone sharing a special, delicious dish with one another creating a wonderful fellowship experience.

We do have programs planned for the February-June meetings. Members can volunteer to present a program or make suggestions. Planning will create the programs for the Fall of 2019. We welcome anyone to join us at any time, and since dues are NOT collected, home made baked goods are sold to fund the materials we may need for projects.

Stefanie Rotsaert continues to organize trips throughout the year for all to enjoy. The ECW pays the bus deposit; and any profit goes to the church. In May, the trip to *Grounds for Sculpture* netted \$70.00—the September trip to Philadelphia's Museum of Art and the Rodin Museum brought in 148.00—November's Longwood Garden's netted \$148.00 and December's trip to the Fairmount Park Holiday House Tour profit was \$128.00. So not only are these trips memorable and fun, but beneficial to our church projects.

We will continue to plan trips in 2019. We will also continue to meet and enjoy our gardening through the year. We are grateful to Saint Stephen's for giving us the space in the church to hold our meetings.

Stefanie Rotsaert,

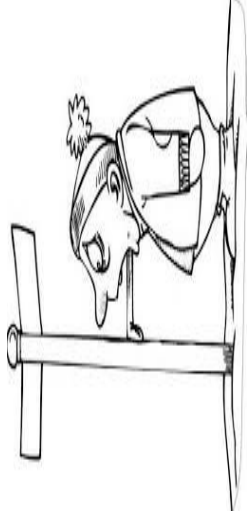
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Whiting Garden Club





January 2019



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4 <i>Pine Land</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	5 AA Meetings 3 PM & 8 PM
6 HOLY EUCHARIST 8 & 10 AM	7	8 Closed AA meeting @ 2 PM	9 AA Meeting 3 PM Chime Choir Practice 7 PM	10 Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM OSL Meeting	11 <i>Pine Land</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	12 AA Meetings 3 PM & 8 PM
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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.

The Power of Healing

Lovingly shared by Greta Pearl

Oh God, who by the might of thy command, cans't drive away from men's bodies all sickness and infirmity; be present in thy goodness with these, thy servants that their weakness being banished, and their health restored, they may live to glorify thy Holy Name

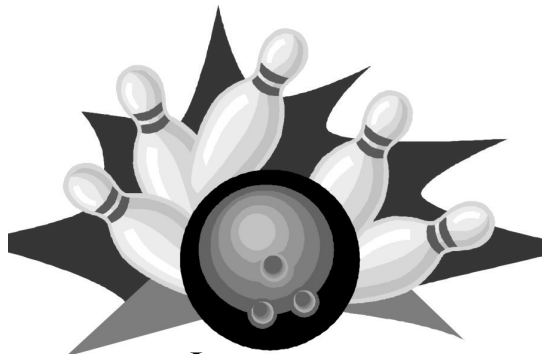
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen



From St. Augustine's Prayer Book





January

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Parish Open Bowling 5:30-7:30

Sunday, January 27, 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

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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

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.

See you at the lanes!

**HAPPY NEW
2019
YEAR**

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(See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-29-2001
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January

3rd *Therese Heon*
 5th *Jennifer Quigley*
 June Bruen
 6th *Rose Emo*
 8th *Emily Stahl*
 Dottie Intrieri
 10th *Maryann Payne*
 11th *Peter Quigley*
 12th *Winter Bradley*
 13th *Greta Pearl*
 14th *Stephen Gural*
 15th *Megan Costigliola*
 18th *Grayson Bradley*
 19th *Joan Gordon*
 Abelardo Gonzalez
 20th *Terry Rutkowski*
 21st *Sandy Drake*
 James Ridge
 22nd *Joan Axon*
 23rd *Lara Dey*
 24th *Shelagh Bluni*
 Jane Schaut
 25th *Irv Neuman*
 31st *Ruthann Brooks*



Happy Birthday



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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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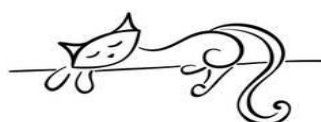


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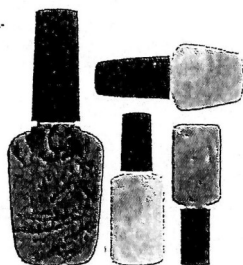
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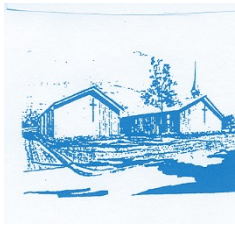
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