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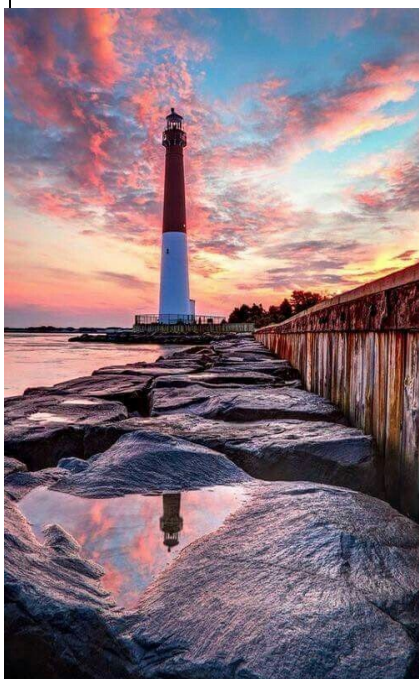


From the Rec-
tor's Desk...

The Acts of the Apostles

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Have you noticed that the first reading we are doing each Easter-tide is not from the Old Testament? It is from the Book of Acts. This is not just a coincidence. In fact there is an important reason for looking so closely at Acts and that reason is hidden in the very meaning of the word,

Now there are three possible definitions for the word *Acts*. The first, (a noun) is “an act” like in a play. Although the Book of Acts has some natural divisions and a flow like a “plot line”, the Book of Acts is not the arrangement of individual acts into a play. It is not the thoughts of one man or even a team of men put to pen for the entertainment of an audience. It is much more.

The second definition (a verb) is “to act or acting” as in imitating something or someone that you are not. The stories in the Book of

Acts are not stories of people trying to be something that they are not; they are exactly the opposite. They are stories of what people have become as a result of coming into a relationship with the risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Nothing phony or pretend here.



The third definition (a verb—Greek?? From the root p?? ss?) is “to do, execute, or transact” as in one’s actions. Here is the heart of the Book of Acts.

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MUSIC NOTES



Choir

First of all, I'd like to thank Debbie Hadley, who has filled in for me during my recovery from foot surgery. I hope you enjoyed the music presented by her. My foot surgery turned out to be more complicated than the surgeon had expected. I hope to return home from rehab in early May, and will try to return to Church as soon as possible after that.

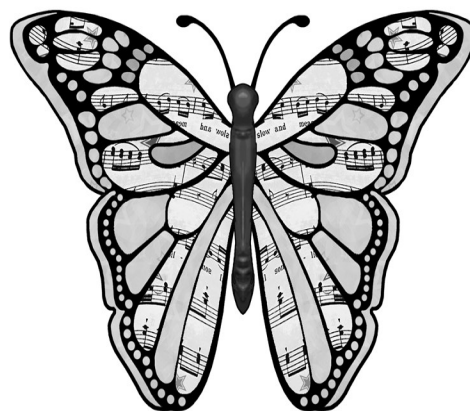
The Choir's numbers are small, but we will continue to sing appropriate music during the offertory through Trinity Sunday (June 16). During the summer months members of the congregation are encouraged to present offertory music. Vocal solos, duets, or small groups are invited to participate as are instrumental performances, each of about 3-4 minutes. If you would like to present an Offertory Anthem, please place your name in the space for any available Sunday between June 23 and September 1 on the calendar on the piano. If you need me to accompany you please provide me with your music a month in advance.

We need at least two additional ringers to continue the Choir chime program. The ability to count time in music is important to playing chimes. Oddly other traditional music reading skills are not required. Please see me for further information.



Pam Unger

Organist/Choir Director



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Please submit signed and dated items in writing to
the Church Office or email us at
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*The deadline for June's
articles is MAY 6, 2019.
(first Monday of the month)*

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It is the actions and transactions of the Apostles and the earliest converts to the Christian Faith. It is not a story, but a History of the problems, solutions, fears, hopes and decisions of those founders of the faith we now hold some 2000 years later.

Why is this important to know? Because every church, every denomination, every reformation has gone through these very same difficulties and questions over and over and over again. If we really understand and learn from what these founders of our faith have left in this record, maybe we can avoid repeating the same mistakes in our history.

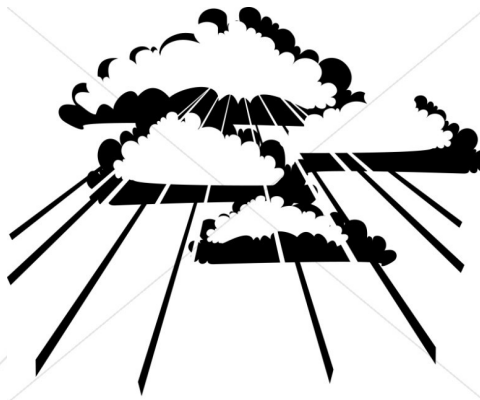
As always, it is the Word of God that will set us free from our fears, anxieties, and doubts. It is God's word that will tell us where we come from, where we are and where we are going. Luke put pen to paper for the questions and education of a friend, Theophilus. Let us learn from those God inspired words as he did.

Read the Book of Acts of the Apostles. It's an act you don't want to miss!

Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.,



M. Div.;Th.M.
Rector





• We will, of course, need your continued support for this new capital project as well as the routine expenses of the church. As a relatively new participant in the financial activities of this church and congregation, I must tell you that I am impressed with the consideration, evaluations, and thought processes that go into how your valuable contributions are put to use.

• God Bless you all and HAPPY SPRING!

Treasurer





ECW News

By Stefanie Rotsaert



English Tea #2 will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Our wonderful volunteers will be setting tables on the 15th for the 100+ people that purchased tickets to enjoy tea from 2—4 PM. See you next year!

ECW Meeting to be held on Thursday, June 6th at 1 PM. Refreshments will be served by our hostesses Barbara Lavinio and Greta Pearl. Marge Pomykala is working on our program. A business meeting will follow so we can plan to help and organize all of our upcoming events such as *The Fashion Show*, *Boscov's Friends Helping Friends*, *Pasta and More*, *Operation Christmas Child*, *Vendor Fair*, and *Crop Walk*. We will talk about what we have done as well. Everyone is invited. Do you have any question or suggestions? Contact our ECW President, Stefanie Rotsaert at (732) 350-2904.

On Saturday, May 25, *Our ECW Annual Meeting and UTO Ingathering* will be held at Christ Church in Toms River. This year, we are planning a family event and a barbeque. The pavilion was created with UTO funds to honor three generations of the Pettit family and this is where we will meet. If you are interested in joining Stefanie, please contact her ASAP.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the UTO. The blue envelope in our pews remind us of what God has given us and prompted us to share with others. THANK YOU!

The ECW continues to collect box tops for kids, card fronts, pop tops, toiletries, and cancelled post stamps. Because we care, we share these items to benefit others—Whiting School, the veterans, the Ronald McDonald House, St. Jude's and the battered women's shelter. Thank you for sharing AND caring!



Stefanie Rotsaert

ECW President

732-350-2904





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OR EMAIL US AT: ssechurch@gmail.com



The Way of Saint Paul

Submitted by Lillian Fink

We are meeting once a month now, usually at a team member's home. We read Scripture and discuss the meaning of what we are reading. We enjoy our group of joyful participants who add to these discussions. Our April meeting took place on April 30th and Susan Quigley was our gracious host. Our May meeting takes place at Richard and Jo Ann Smithson's house.

We are finding new and interesting ideas of sharing the Love of God. With the everlasting, never ending love of God our Father and his Son, Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are trusting in His guidance for what He wants us to do.

Discipleship requires a commitment from you that is more than just following Jesus. It requires that you be the difference that the world needs, that you will know God's heart and make some sacrifices for others. To be a disciple asks that you be the salt of the earth and not constantly judge people about previous mistakes. Disciples are people who can't wait to spread God's good news!



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UTO's value is so much more than the actual dollars we put in our "little blue boxes". Our act of gratitude for God's blessings in our lives provides the means to spread God's blessings to others in the form of UNITED THANK OFFERING grants throughout the world. The UTO envelopes are located in your pews. Your consideration for these projects is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!





MAY 2019



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM	<i>3</i> <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	<i>4</i> <i>AA Meetings</i> 3 PM & 8 PM
5 HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM 24th Annual Bike blessing 12-4 AA Meeting @ 8 pm	6 Boy scouts 6:30 - 8:30 pm	7 <i>Closed AA</i> <i>meeting @ 2 PM</i> Cub scouts 7pm 8:30pm	8 AA Meeting 3 PM	9 Healing Service 10 AM Monthly OSF Meeting (after the healing svc) AA Meeting 3 PM	10 <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	11 <i>AA Meetings</i> 3 PM & 8 PM
12 HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM Allison's Church 10 AM AA Meeting @ 8 pm	13 Boy scouts 6:30 - 8:30 pm Boy scouts 6:30 - 8:30 pm	14 <i>Closed AA</i> <i>meeting @ 2 PM</i> Cub scouts 7pm 8:30pm	15 English Tea Set up @ 9am AA Meeting 3 PM	16 English Tea #2 Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM	17 <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	18 <i>AA Meetings</i> 3 PM & 8 PM
19 Douglas Fink Memorial Luncheon HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM	20 Thyroid Support Grp 10 am Vestry Meeting 10 am Boy scouts 6:30-8:30 pm	21 <i>Closed AA meeting</i> <i>@ 2 PM</i> Cub scouts 7pm 8:30pm	22 Chanticleer Bus trip AA Meeting 3 PM AA Meeting 3 PM	23 The Diocesan Annual Meeting Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM	24 <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM	25 <i>D i o c e s a n</i> <i>A n n u a l</i> <i>M e e t i n g</i> <i>AA Meetings</i> 3 PM & 8 PM
26 HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM King of the Hill @ Playdome 6 PM	27 Boy scouts 6:30 - 8:30 pm	28 <i>Closed AA meeting</i> <i>@ 2 PM</i> Cub scouts 7pm 8:30pm	29 AA Meeting 3 PM	30 AA Meeting 3 PM	31	<u>AA Meetings</u> Saturdays-3 & 8 pm Sundays-8 pm Tuesdays-2 pm Wednesdays-3 pm Thursdays-3 pm

Order of St. Luke

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.

OSL HEALING MISSION IN MAY

A healing mission will be held on Saturday, **May 4, 2019**, at Christ Church at 415 Washington Street in Toms River NJ from **8:00 am-3:00 pm**. This event is sponsored by "God's Healing Grace", Christ Church, and "The Healing Hand of Christ", Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Whiting NJ. Both are New Jersey Chapters of the International Order of Saint Luke the Physician.



The main guest speaker will be the **Rev. Jo Ellen Werthman**. Her message will be "The Power of Resurrection." We are also looking forward to "**Celebrate**" providing beautiful praise music!

The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. You can pre-register or register the day of the event. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by both chapters.

For more information, please contact Christ Episcopal Church at (732) 349-5506 or email:

christchurchtomsriver@verizon.net or contact Stefanie Rotsaert @ (732) 350-2904

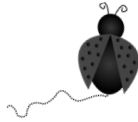
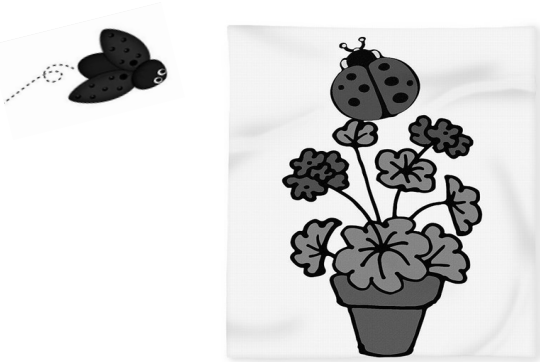
We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Altar Guild Happenings

The St. Stephens Altar Guild is again having a geranium plant sale as a fund-raiser to help defray the cost of much needed linens, altar wine and wafers. Order forms will be available following both services from Sunday April 28 through May 12. Plants will be available for pick up at the Church by May 19 -- in time for Memorial Day displays. Thank you for your support of the Altar Guild in this fund-raiser.

*Submitted by Val Thompson,
Altar Guild Chair*



Month of May Bowling Events

Sunday, May 19th—Juniors Jamboree
Tournament 10 am

Saturday, May 25th—Parish Open Bowl
5:30 pm—7:30 pm

Sunday, May 26th—King of the Hill
6:30 pm

For any questions regarding these events,
contact Bill Bodine at (732)814-6683



Come Join us on at Trip!

Wednesday, May 22nd

Chanticleer

Sunday, June 16th

Woodmere and Philadelphia Museum of Art

Wednesday, June 26th

Mt. Cuba Gardens and Brandywine River Museum

Thursday, August 15th

Delaware Museum of Art

Thursday, September 10th

Museum of The American Revolution

Thursday, September 24th

“Jesus” Sight and Sound

Thursday, November 12th

“Miracle of Christmas” at Sight and Sound

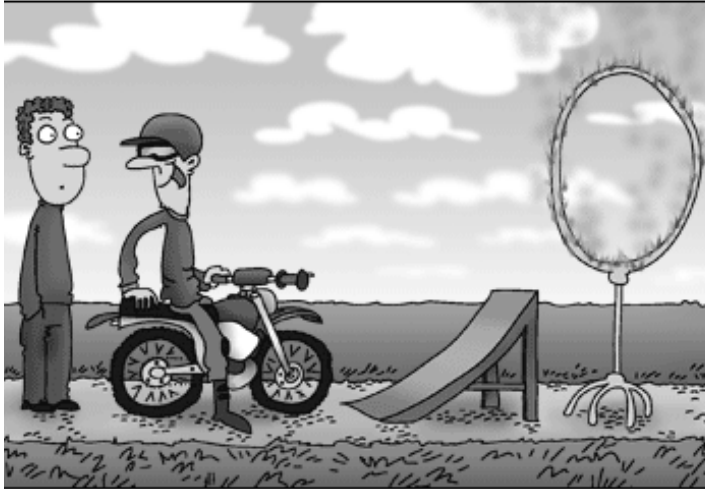
Four more trips are planned for October/November/December

See the flyers in the Narthex and sign up soon.

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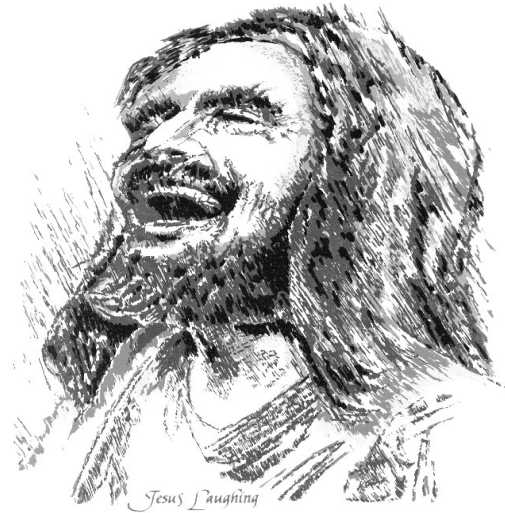
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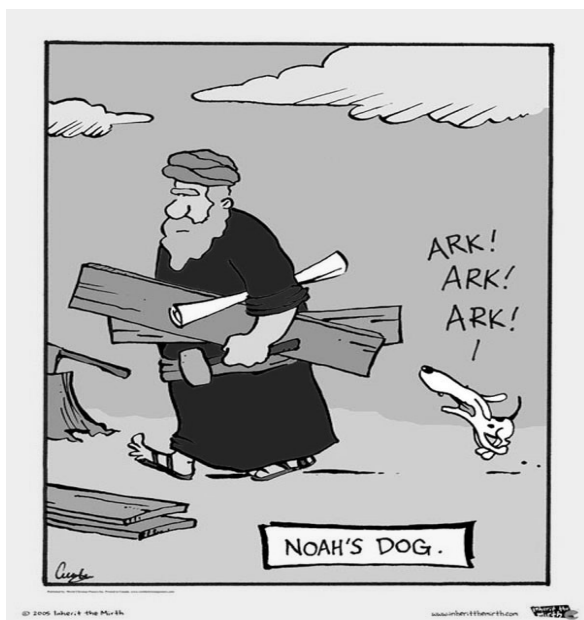
(see Matthew 7:13-14)

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14th *Alice Teta*
15th *Joanne Iacovelli-Lemmon*
19th *Alice Conover*
Conceicao Sutherland
21st *Jean Hanko*
Marge Pomykala
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22nd *Nicholas Castellano*
30th *Ginny Bray*
James Diaz, Jr.



Dollar

Auction

Any questions?

Call Tom Larson at

(732) -849-6256

Saint Stephen's is having a Dollar Auction on Saturday, May 25th. There is no admission and there will be hotdogs and chips to snack on throughout the afternoon. Doors open at Noon—the auction will begin at 1:00 PM.

There will be a variety of items for everyone such as household items, tools, gadgets, and gift cards.

Rules will be given at the event, so put your dollar bills aside and anticipate lots of fun and excitement!

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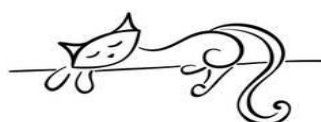


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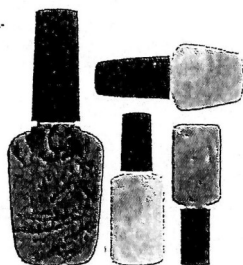
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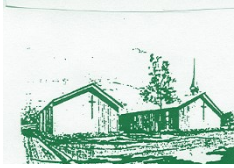
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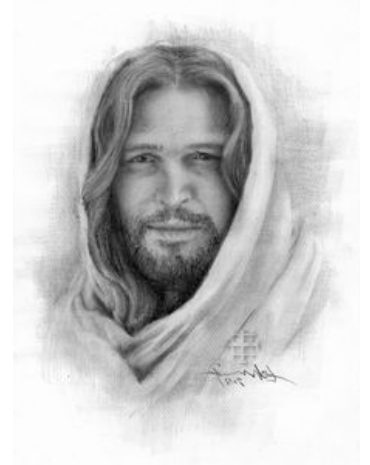




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Upcoming Calendar Events

June 6th—EWC Meeting

June 9th—BBQ Potluck

June 15th—Adult/Youth Bowling Tournament

