

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Jack Brown, Laura Gural, Dottie Kaster, Tom Larson

Lillian Fink, Marge Pomykala, Peter Quigley

Pat Russo, Randy Walton

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!

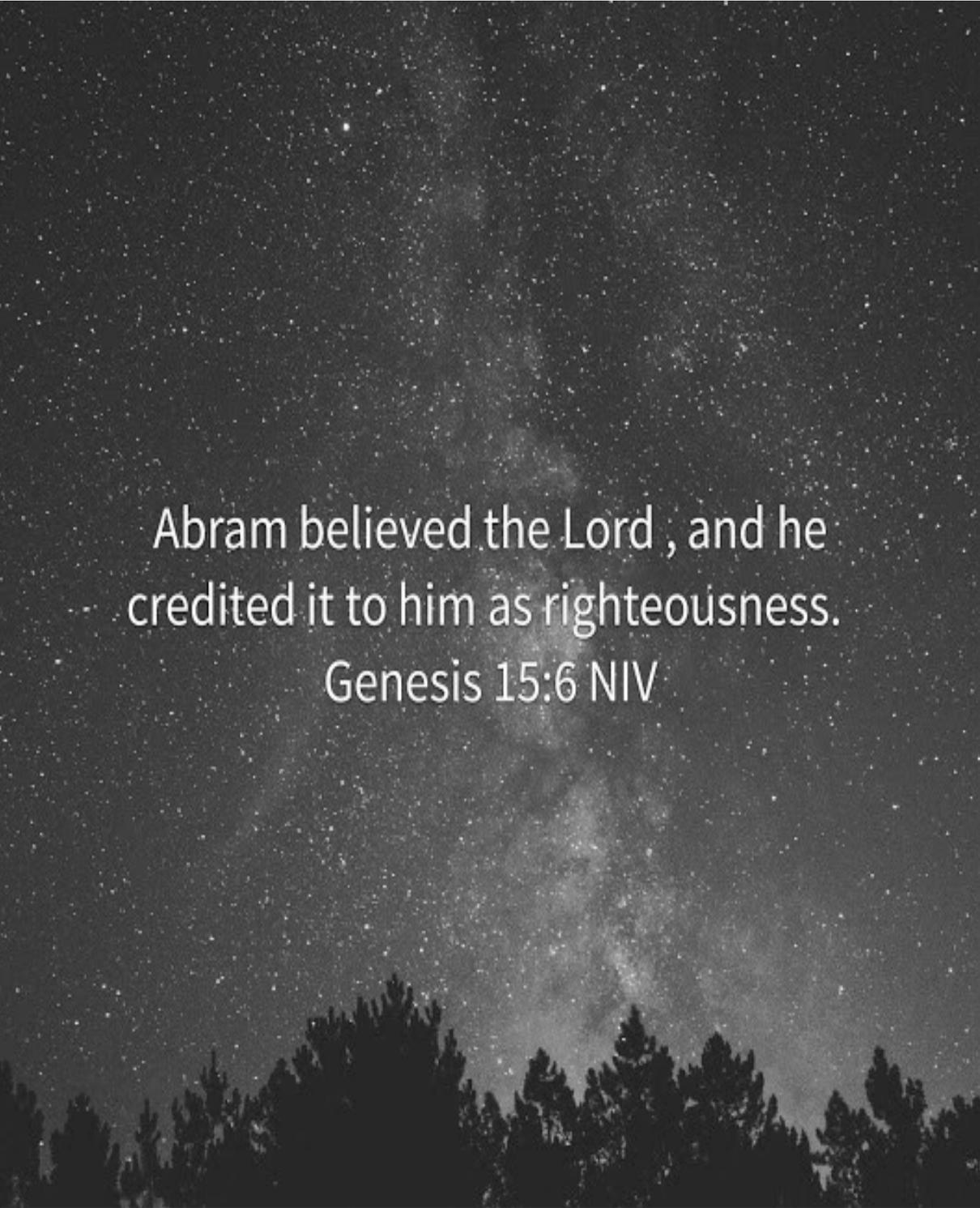
We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly 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 Carl Laursen, Rector's Warden at 732-350-1259 or Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



Abram believed the Lord , and he
credited it to him as righteousness.
Genesis 15:6 NIV

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-PROPER 14
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
Hymnal **The Word of God**

545 Processional Hymn “*Lo! What a cloud of witnesses*”
Patriotic Hymn: 717 V4
Opening Acclamation
Collect of the Day
First Lesson: **Book of Genesis 15:1-6**
Psalm 33
Second Lesson: **Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**
Gradual: “Word of God, Speak”
Gospel: **Luke 12:32-40**
Sermon — The Rev. Cn. Lee Powers
The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People Form VI
Confession and Absolution
The Peace
Announcements
Offertory Anthem
Doxology: “All things come of thee O Lord”

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A 361
S120 Sursum Corda
S125 Sanctus
S136 Memorial Acclamation 368
The Lord’s Prayer 364
Breaking of the Bread
S152 Fraction Anthem
Communion Hymns:
709 “*O God of Bethel, by whose hand*”
312 “*Strengthen for service, Lord*”
341 Post Communion Hymn “*For the bread which you have broken*”
Post Communion Prayer 365
Blessing
637 Recessional: “*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*”
Dismissal

AUGUST 11, 2019
8 am & 10 am
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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost proper 14
Serving in the Liturgy today:

AUGUST 11, 2019

Lector 8:00 AM	Krupa Abbott
LEM 8:00 AM	Jo Ann Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Carino, Debbie Fisher
Ushers 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine, Peter Quigley
Lector 10:00 AM	Valerie Thompson
LEMs 10:00 AM	Richard Woods, Bill Bodine
Altar Guild 10:00 AM	Barbara Lavinio, Margaret Poper
Ushers 10:00 AM	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF

August 11, 2019– August 17, 2019

Today	Holy Eucharist	8:00 & 10:00am
	AA Meeting	8:00 pm
Monday	Office Open	9:00 am—2:00 pm
Tuesday	AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting	3:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service	10:00 am
	Choir Practice (resumes in the Fall)	2:00 pm
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting	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.





SAINT STEPHEN'S
ANNUAL FAIR

"Dignified Junque"

(RAIN OR SHINE!)

Saturday, August 31, 2019 8am-1pm

Donated items may be dropped off at the church beginning ***August 17th-29th***. Come and help price from 9 AM-2 PM Monday through Thursday, August 19-29

REMEMBER to bake and come on over to shop on August 31st!

For Questions and to volunteer, please call Stefanie Rostaert, Chair 732-350-2904



HOMECOMING BARBEQUE

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Following the 10 AM service.

There will be TWO sign-up sheets in the narthex:

First will have your name, phone number, and how many plan to attend;

The second sheet lets us know what you will bring to share. If you're a non-baker or don't like to shop, a monetary donation will help with the supplies we will need.

Additionally, we need helpers to set up and clean up afterward, so please let Stefanie know if you would like to help.

We hope to have a *grand* feast to celebrate the presence of God in our daily lives and those with whom we share our joy! Bring yourself, your family and friends along with your signature dish and enjoy the feast!

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

For questions or to volunteer

Please contact Stefanie Rostaert

732-3502904



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Proper 14

August 11, 2019

Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Book of Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Elie'zer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, thou hast given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness.



Psalm 33

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HEALING SERVICE Thursday 10:00 am

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 2:00 pm

ORDER OF ST. LUKE: 2nd Thursday of each month
after Healing Service

PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND: Fridays 9:30 am



CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE sells well to groups and meeting at our church. Now accepting **LADIES Spring/Summer** clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear*, and other items. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED There is an **URGENT** call out for Lay Eucharistic Ministers for our 10:00a.m. service. Two LEMs are needed at this service.



ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN is in need of additional members. 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.



CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS JoAnn Smithson is the Congregational Coordinator for Care Givers Volunteers here at St. Stephen's. Please continue to use the mailbox in the Office to put in your hours. JoAnn's phone number is 732-408-5351.

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.

YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan.

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND Thank you to all who have donated. There are parishioners as well as other members in our community who benefit greatly from this valued fund. If you wish to contribute, please use the basket on the back table.



EWC Meeting
September 5, 2019

At 1:00 PM

At Saint Stephens Episcopal Church

STEWARDSHIP

Submitted by Bill Bodine

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy, They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they make take hold of that which is truly life.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19



Way of Saint Paul

Submitted by Lillian Fink

Part of God's Community

A woman was standing with her marble jar before Jesus and poured out her expensive perfume on Him. Everything she was and owed was serving Him. You also received a marble jar full of gifts and talents, so you can serve Him, His children and the world. This doesn't mean anything if you leave it standing somewhere as an ornament for everyone to see. Share what's in your jar, but also allow others to share their jars. Delegate and become instruments for Him.

Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. "Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Central to today's liturgy is the gospel call to live always in expectation of the Lord's return. That stance of waiting enables us to put all other aspects of our lives in the correct order. Material needs become not irrelevant, but secondary to our life in relationship to God in Christ. Jesus calls us to live as though he is at hand. The Eucharist is the repeated foretaste of the coming of the Lord to take us into the Kingdom.

We will spend several Sundays reading through the concluding portion of the Epistle to the Hebrews. This section deals with the call to faith, which we have in Christ. Our forbearers in the faith, especially Abraham and Sarah, are presented as models of this faith, which is described as the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen. It is in remembering that God was faithful to our ancestors in faith that we are equipped for our own time of waiting.

The first reading relates God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, old and childless, to give them an heir and produce from them a new people. For the first time, the Scriptures express what will become central to the Gospel proclamation: righteousness depends on faith.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we are upheld in our expectation of Jesus' promise to take us into his Kingdom by the memory of our mothers and fathers in the faith whose hope was fulfilled by God.

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Announcements

August 11, 2019

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

Sans Memorial



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

Arista-Care

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