The Chapel Chimes



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From the Rector's Desk.....



Language is a fascinating thing; those random sounds strung together into something as beautiful as a poem, as offensive as a curse, or as mundane as the automated, "Please keep vour hands inside the vehicle at all times" that we hear on the amusement rides.





There are many languages in our world. In Pakistan, you might hear Urdu; in Canada; French; in El Salvador, Spanish; in China, Mandarin. What is interesting about learning a language is that there is not always an equivalent word in the language vou are learning to express the thought you have. The reason for this is because every language is based on the culture and experience of the people who use it, and those cultures and experiences vary widely. There are, however, some words or phrases that seem to be universal because of who we are as human beings; one of these

phrases is "Thank you." The title of this article is "Thank you" in Spanish.

You can probably say thank you in several languages you haven't even studied. Why not test yourself by taking our quiz on page 4, after you finish reading this article.

Everyone wants to be thanked for the effort they put into life. A wife appreciates a thank you for a well made meal, a child for

cleaning his room, a dad, the new addition on the house, or your boss for the most recent raise. Nobody wants to think that they are not appreciated, and the easiest way to show appreciation is to simply say "Thank you."

Each November we set aside a special day to give thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed on us: for a country which is strong and free, for the food that fills our stomachs, for the education that broadens our mind, for the churches where we worship, and for the family and friends which bring such joy to our lives. *(continue on pg. 4)*

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NOTES

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Our Church Office is located at:

Our Choir and Chime Choir a both seriously understaffed. The Choir is doing its best to lead the congregation in the singing of hymns and the liturgy as well as presenting relevant offertory anthems. The Chime Choir is accompanying Word of God, Speak when we have 4 or more chimers present. However, it is very difficult for the Choir to present an anthem when two (or sometimes one) or more of our current six members is not in attendance on a Sunday. One of our members will be having surgery in November, lowering that number to five members. While we can manage Word of God, Speak with 4 chimers, we need at least six players to present an anthem.

They are the facts. We are doing our best to manage with what we have. However we need more participants in both groups. The Choir (voice) is willing to rehearse at another time or on another day if necessary (Wednesday is customarily the absolute earliest day in a week for a choir rehearsal, as even a younger congregation benefits from rehearsals closer to Sunday for anthem preparation. Some of our members cannot drive at night, but those who can are willing to provide transportation for those in that situation.

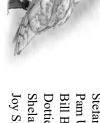
If all that is holding you back from participating is the day and time of rehearsals THE CHOIR MEMBERS ARE WILLING TO COME ON A DIFFERENT DAY AND/OR TIME TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE FOR WHOM THURSDAY AFTERNOON IS NOT CONVENIENT.

We all have busy lives, there are days and/or times that I myself have other commitments and therefore could not conduct rehearsal. But we would be open to considering another time when the majority of people can attend.

Chime Choir participation is easier to master (though not impossible) if you have a knowledge of the kinds of notes and rests and how long each lasts. You also have to be able to "count time." The ability to "read notes" is not necessarily required, as you are assigned to play two notes on the staff. You ring your chime only when those notes occur and for the number of beats they last. However the technique for ringing is not difficult to master, and it is not difficult to learn about the kinds of notes and rests and how long each lasts. The Chime Choir practices in the evening as some of our members work during the day. It is more advantageous for me to direct, rather than ring, so that the group is all at the same place in the music at the same time. Right now we have five ringers. We need six or eight ringers to present an anthem. If you think you might be interested in playing chimes, please talk to one of our current ringers Karen Crawford, Richard and Joann Smithson, or Father Paul. Sometimes we are able to use one or two of our substitutes (people who, because of work or school activities are not able to attend most rehearsal, but who are able to "catch up" with a warm-up on the Sunday we are scheduled to play an anthem).

The current participants in both of these activities and I hope that there are at least a few people who might be willing to try joining us.

Pam Unger Organist/Choir Director



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(first Monday of the month)

articles November 5, 2018.

Please submit signed and dated items in writing to Articles are welcomed from all parish members.

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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.

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www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices
Ocean County Food Bank 732-918-2600
www.foodbankmoc.org

Angel Food Ministries 732-240-7543

Pick-up location Christ Episcopal Church

1415 Washington St., Toms River

www.angelfoodministries.com

Other Important Numbers

Social Security 800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

NJ Unemployment Insurance 732-761-2020

www.state.nj.us

The truth is, everything we have from the day we are born to the day we die is a gift from God, and we should want to thank him for those gifts. God appreciates our thanks.

Throughout the Psalms, Israel was encouraged to thank God for the glory of their country. Jesus thanked his Father for the privilege of fulfilling his will. Paul thanked God that he was His slave. And Peter thanked God for showing him the value of all people.

But we do not have to wait for God to give us something to say thank you. In Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:6) he says, "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be known to God." In other words, your prayer to God should offer thanks even before you have received your request, because you know you will receive it! God is faithful God, and gives us everything we need. And, though Thanksgiving Day is a special day set aside to give God thanks, let us not forget that *every* day is a day to give God thanks. God never stops giving and we should never stop thanking.

Thanking God for the many blessings we share together at Saint Stephen's,

Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.,

M. Div.;Th.M.

Rector

Thank You Quiz

See how many ways you know how to say "Thank You" by entering the language of each foreign phrase in the space provided, choosing from the language list.

<u>Foreign Phrase</u>	Answer Space	Language List
Merci		English
Grazie		Spanish
Danke		French
Ahehee		Urdu
Gracias		Hawaiian
Thank You		Polish
Obrigado		Japanese
Mange Takk		Norwegian
Bedankt		Italian
Dzienkuje		German
Domo Origato		Navajo
Mahalo		Dutch
Shukryia		Portuguese



News from the Treasurer's Desk



Hi from the Treasurer's Desk!

Did you go to Sight and Sound to see *Jesus* with us? The rain and local flooding made the long trip home even longer. When we arrived at St. Stephen's, there were no welcoming lights in the parking lot. It was dangerous and hard to find our cars. Where were the lights?

We've actually known for some time that there were too few working lights in the parking lots, but (shh!) you know we have a cash flow problem! When the Vestry met in September, they came up with a solution that will help us pay for the project. The Vestry approved treating this

improvement as a Capital Project. This means that some of the money collected for the current Heat-Exchange Capital Project can now be used to fix the lighting! It is important to fix the lights by November 4th when we return to Daylight Saving Time. It is mandatory to have them fixed by December 6th when we have the annual WBA Christmas Tree Lighting. I've placed some of the green Capital Campaign envelopes on the table in the Narthex. If you can, please help us by putting a donation in one of these envelopes. The Vestry also approved using Capital Campaign funds to fix the broken red door. We really need a bright, welcoming, and safe area around the church. Thank you.

Sandy Gaskill

Treasurer



A note from Gerianne:

Anyone who has been in the office on a Sunday after the 10 o'clock service has an idea how noisy and chaotic it can get. In the interest of maintaining accuracy, we (okay, it was me!) have decided that going forward we will not be writing any checks out on Sunday. If you will need a check on a Sunday, please let us know by the preceding Wednesday. If you have a mailbox in the office, the check will be in your box on Sunday morning; otherwise, it will be in the accounting office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gerianne Murphy

Assistant Treasurer







By Stefanie Rotsaert



The ECW would like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Fall Fashion show. Thanks to local merchants and ECW members we had wonderful door prizes and the treasure auction was outstanding! Thank you to the models who did a great job modeling the casual and dressy clothing line from Macy's Fall fashion popular for 2018-Even with a smaller turn out this year, we were still able to raise 700.00 that will be used for church projects.

Thank you all for supporting our Annual Crop Walk. *Operation Christmas Child* boxes are due NOVEMBER 11th. The need is greater than ever and many have risen to the occasion with wonderful generosity for each project. We are eternally grateful for your consideration. Thank you!

Please make a note on your calendar: the ECW meeting was originally scheduled Thursday, December 6 at 1PM-howerver, due to the St. Stephen's annual Christmas Tree Lighting with our local WBA, we thought it better to change our meeting date to *Monday December 3, 2018 at 1 PM*. A visual presentation of Christmas at Sea from Seaman's Institute will be shared. The business meeting will also include the election of officers for 2019. As chair for the nomination committee, Laura Gural listed the following nomination choices: President: Stefanie Rotsaert-Vice President: Marge Pomykala-Secretary: Mary Storey-Treasurer: Kay Karlick. Please note: nominations will be accepted from the floor in this process as well. Prior to the meeting, Stefanie will be sending invitations for a "Thank you" luncheon for everyone that helped the ECW all year with our various events.

Thank you to Jo Ann Smithson for all her hard work on the Annual Craft and Vendor Fair on October 27th. The ECW partners with Jo Ann to help with the kitchen, bake sale, treasure auction, 50/50, and a beautiful Christmas ornament section. Proceeds will benefit church projects.

Thank you to everyone that supported and lent a helping hand to sell Boscov's Friend's Helping Friends cards and participating in gift-wrapping.

Crestwood Village 7 will host their Annual Christmas Tree Festival. ECW will have a tree in place. This is a free event; refreshments will be served and a basket will be available to accept donations for a local charity.



Thank you all and God Bless!

Stefaníe Rotsaert

ECW President



STEWARDSHIP

A time to reflect, pray and join together as one family

I would like to extend a heart-felt word of thanks and appreciation to all of our speakers who addressed the congregation during Stewardship Season! We heard touching expressions on how the Lord and St. Stephen's has blessed their lives. As the season comes to a close, have you considered looking back to get a closer look at how God and our Parish has blessed you in your life? This should be a challenging and intriguing question when you pledge to Saint Stephen's this year. This is a question that will long surpass Stewardship season once the pomp and circumstances of the season is long past. We are stewards of the Parish. Care and trust is placed in us to consider what you gave back as a result of all the testimonies you have heard this year. We are proud of what transpired over the last several weeks. Stewardship serves as a great catalyst for accomplishments we will see blossom into fruition; we look forward to building on this momentum in the near future.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve our Parish Family. Thank you to Father Paul for his guidance. We all enjoyed working together. It is a true blessing to have such good-hearted loving members of our Parish family and I look forward to your support in this effort for years to come! It is not only worth it, but it is our bounded duty and our service to God and our Parish.

May God Bless you and
Our beloved Parish we call home



I was already in bed one recent Thursday night when I heard a loud *thud* outside. I went to the window and saw a car with flashing lights going and someone inside the car struggling. I went to my front door and asked if they needed help. The man said, "Yes, please." As I walked to the car in my bathrobe and slippers, it was obvious the gentleman inside was confused and trying to get out of his car. I called 911 as I stayed with him. I convinced him to sit still and told him that help was on the way. I saw a cane by the door and a walker in the back seat. Soon police and EMS arrived. They did what they do every day and they decided that he didn't need to go to the hospital. He just wanted to use the bathroom. The officer asked me if the man could use my bathroom and I said yes. The man, whose name is Ron, couldn't walk without assistance, but with expert help from the police and EMS, they got him in my house. Afterward, we put a chair down in the hall for him to sit and he began to tell us what was going on in his life while he took a minute to regroup. His mother passed away a couple of weeks ago, his wife was coming home from the hospital the following day; and he more than likely just totaled his car, crashing it into a fire hydrant. After everyone was gone, I made myself a cup of tea and I prayed for Ron. With all the grief in his life at that very moment, he must have been so overwhelmed. It occurred to me that I let an opportunity slip by to pray WITH Ron while he waited for the police to arrive.

Psalm 147:3 tells us "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Jesus is with us!

Lovingly submitted by Shelagh Bluní

Annual Micah Award Dinner

The Vestry members are pleased to announce that the Whiting Volunteer First Aid Squad will be the recipient of our 2018 Micah Award. As you know, the Micah Award is intended to recognize those individuals from our community who have performed such good works locally that Whiting has become a better, safer, and more pleasant place to live. The award dinner is on Monday, November 5th, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 180 Route 539, in Whiting. All persons who wish to honor the Whiting Volunteer First Aid Squad are invited to this festive celebration.

Our Daily Bread Food Pantry tours will be conducted between the hours of 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm; Hors d'oeuvres will be available from 4:15 pm until 4:45 pm. A buffet-style hot meal will then be served. A donation of \$15 per ticket is suggested to help defer costs. Tickets for those who help at the event are \$8. Tickets may be purchased at the church office (732-350-2121) on Monday through Thursday from 9am until 2pm. You may also call the office if you need additional information.



Tríps leaving from Saint Stephen's 2018

Tuesday November 20 – Holiday Train Show at the NY Botanical Gardens

Thursday November 29 – Winterthur

<u>2019</u>

Monday March 4-Philidelphia Flower show

"Flower Power"

Tuesday September 24-"Jesus" at Sight and Sound

Tuesday November 12-"Miracle of Christmas" at Sight and Sound





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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.



A Prayer for Healing

Submitted by Joy Snyder

Lord,

You invited all who are burdened to come to you.

Allow Your healing hand to heal me.

Touch my soul with Your compassion for others.

Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all.

Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may

always proclaim Your praise.

Teach me to reach out to You in my need.

Help me to lead others to You by my example.

Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in

body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength.

Touch gently this life which You have created.







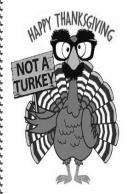
THANKSGIVING HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, November 21, 2018 @, 2PM

Saint Stephen's will host the annual multicongregational Thanksgiving Service

We will join with other churches in our community to celebrate the season of giving thanks and counting our many blessings!

AND



Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

At Saint Stephen's by Boy Scout

Troop #350

Will be on Thanksgiving Day

November 22, 2018 11 am-1 pm

here at Saint Stephen's.

Píneland Symphonic Band Concert

Come to Saint Stephen's on

Sunday, November 18, 2018 @ 3 PM

For the annual Holiday concert performed by

The Pineland Symphonic Band

Featuring Jack Milkovitz

as Principal Conductor

Tickets are \$7.00 and will be available at the door and at the church office





This November we will kick off the month on **Sunday November 4th** with a visit from the Bishop. We will have **one service at 9AM**, followed by a Pot Luck Brunch. The Bishop will join us to celebrate and receive new members to our Church Family; therefore we hope you will join us on this auspicious day. We have a sign up sheet available for those who wish to share their best loved dish with everyone.

The Micah Dinner is scheduled for November 5th @ 4:30

The Pineland Symphonic Band will treat us to the annual Holiday Concert on November 18th @ 3 PM

Looking ahead to later in the month, we look forward to a Thanksgiving full of love and turkey. Boy Scout troop 350 give so generously of themselves to ensure Thanksgiving is a joyful day for everyone. It is a wonderful time for fellowship and giving thanks for all the blessings of the past year while enjoying the company of our Church family and friends.

Blessings and Joy to everyone!

Dottie Kaster and Lillian Fink (co-chairs)

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.





Xovember ...

Happy Birthday

1st Emily Tominovich

2nd Karen Crawford

David Bellmore

3rd Roger Barlow

6th Lena Wyatt

8th Nancy Mullin

13th Helyn Weinberg

15th Linda Nodes

18th Bob McDaniels

19th Dottie Kaster

20th Matthew Johnson

21st Kathy Rumbold

26th Chris Rumbold

27th Sherene DeLucia

Mary Ellen Mills





UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

In honor of the Bishop's visitation on

Sunday, November 4, 2018 we will have a

9 AM service only

followed by a Brunch potluck.





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