# The Chapel Chimes



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From the Rector's Desk....







Fear can be a very powerful force in our lives. An extreme or irrational fear is called a phobia. I recently had the opportunity to think as far back as I could and remember my earliest fears. The first was witches and flying

monkeys. That came from the Wizard of Oz. I couldn't have been more than 7 or 8 years old. The fear was intense and had me sleeping with the lights on for weeks. The next was around 11 or 12 years old when I couldn't take a shower without making sure the doors were locked. This followed my TV viewing of Psycho. The last and most intense fear came around the age of 18 when I went to the movie theater and saw The Exorcist... during Holy Week. That experience had me looking over my shoulder for years! In my case most of my fears centered on evil, suffering and death. Whether those fears were rational or irrational each was a fear of what might happen to my earthly body, in terms of injury or death.

Matthew 10:28 tells us: "... do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body..." Matthew

wants us to have a qualitatively different kind of fear, not a fear of harm from evil, but a fear of missing out on the eternal blessing of our creator God. God is the only entity that has the power to give us eternal life in his heavenly kingdom or to deny that blessing forever.

We are not to be afraid of God because we think he might decide to harm us.

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For several years we have been using "Word of God, Speak" as the Gradual the song we use to introduce the reading of the Gospel lesson for the day. Generally, this lesson expresses the major theme for the day. I'm wondering if we've become so accustomed to singing these amazing lyrics that we've lost sight of their significance. I hear:

Word of God speak. Let it fall down like rain. Washing my eyes to see. Your majesty. To be still and know. That you're in this place. Please let me stay and rest. In your holiness. Word of God speak.

In the example above, all of the ideas are separated and appear unrelated to one another. If we were to sing it like this:

Word of God, speak, let it fall down like rain, washing my eyes see your majesty. To be still and know that you're in this place, please let me stay and rest in your holiness. Word of God, Speak.

perhaps we might be better prepared to receive the message we are about to hear.

By stopping to breathe only where there are commas or periods, we start to see more clearly the message of the song. It opens our eyes, hearts, and minds to the fact that the words of the Gospel lesson have much to say to us. The song is not there simply to provide "walking music" – its purpose is to prepare us to receive the Word of God!

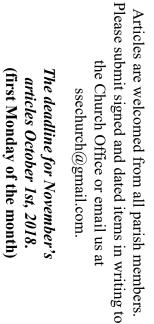
The Choir tries to present their anthems in such a way that the lyrics provide complete thoughts, often matching the theme of the lesson for the day. We should all try to prepare to receive the Word in a thoughtful way as we sing the Gradual every Sunday.

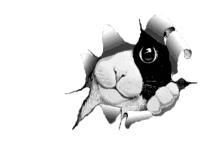
The (voice) Choir very much needs additional members. They rehearse every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM.

The Chime Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30. Our Choir also would welcome additional members. Please see me or one of the members of our group if you'd like more information about playing these unique instruments. The Chime Choir members accompany "Word of God, Speak" whenever we have 4 or more chimers present at the 10:00 service available to play.

Pam Unger

Organist/Choir Director





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### **Heating & Weatherization**

O.C.E.A.N, Inc. 732-244-5333 (heating) 732-244-5396 (weatherization) www.oceaninc.org NJ Shares 866-657-4273 www.njshares.org

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Hope Hotline 888-995-HOPE www.hopenow.com

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www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices
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www.foodbankmoc.org

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www.angelfoodministries.com

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Social Security 800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

NJ Unemployment Insurance 732-761-2020

www.state.nj.us

Our God is a loving God. We are, however, to show God unwavering love and respect in light of his ability to give us both earthly and heavenly life. Proverbs 14:27 says, "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death." If we are to be successful as modern day Christians we must not let fear grip us and hold us from the love and power of God.

To be more afraid of any earthly circumstance and what it may take from us is irrational when compared to the blessings God can give us for all eternity!

We should not fear poverty, injury, loneliness, or even the devil himself. We should only fear being separated from God due to our own unwillingness to trust him and follow his will in our lives. Let's close with a slightly modified Ash Wednesday Blessing:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their earthly fears and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel. Therefore we beseech him to grant us Godly fear, true repentance and his

Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do each day.

and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *A men*.

May we grow in Godly fear together,

M. Div.;Th.M.

Rector







# News from the Treasurer's Desk



Autumn has always been my favorite season! School would start soon and I really liked school (honest)! Best of all the temperatures were moderate, there were colorful trees everywhere, and my energy level and enthusiasm would increase. What's not to like?

The activities in the Treasurer's Office seem to change with the seasons. Now is the time to closely examine our expenses so far this year. The Finance Committee will be trying to identify places where we can cut expenses without eliminating necessary services. In addition, we will be looking for projects to fund. We particularly want to fund things that will help our parish expand. We hope to have some strategies approved by the Vestry before we start to prepare our 2019 Budget.

Gerianne is helping more and more each day. Right now she is preparing a schedule for our Sunday Offertory counters. We have some new volunteers and they must be paired with our senior counters so that they can get the appropriate training. She also is in charge of reconciling all of our accounts and recording our payroll and loan information in Church Windows, our accounting software. She has signing authority on all of our accounts and will soon have on-line access to make bill payments. It is really nice to have her and we should all

feel secure that there are at least two people here who are trained to handle the job.

Sandy Gaskill

Treasurer







By Stefanie Rotsaert



Operation Christmas Child— Pat Russo will once again, provide shoeboxes to fill with items such as school supplies, toys, puzzles, and toiletries for children in need this upcoming holiday season. Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 146 million children in more than 100 countries. Shoebox gifts are a way to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the other local churches worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Here's what you do: Get a shoebox-Choose to fill a box for a boy or girl-Fill with gifts! Some suggestions? Choose a medium to large "Wow" gift such as a stuffed toy or a soccer ball; then fill with other items such as school supplies, fun toys, and hygiene items. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

If you have access to a computer, you can visit **www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-**Make a difference this holiday season!

<u>Crop Walk</u>- Will be held at Crestwood Manor on Sunday, *October 21, 2018* beginning at 1:30 PM. Several participants at Saint Stephen's will participate and we would love to have more! This is a way to ensure others in our community can eat. Pastor Watson and Red Nolan will be treating us to authentic bagpipe music while we walk! Some of the proceeds will benefit our own Daily Bread & Hungry Paws food pantry. Come out and sponsor us as we walk.

ECW is still collecting box tops for kids, card fronts, cancelled stamps for the Veterans, pop-tops and, of course, toiletries. Thank you ALL, in advance, for your support!

<u>Whiting Garden Club</u>- The annual report for 2017 will be published in November. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and energy and a big thank you to our participants and planners. More to come!

Stefanie Rotsaert 1 Ridgemont Lane Whiting NJ 08759 (732)-350-2904





**STEWARDSHIP** 

"A Way of Living & Reflection"
BY WILLIAM BODINE III

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Here is what's to come in October:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

8AM-ANNA VANSANT

10 AM- MARGARET POPER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

8 AM-PAT HAYTON

10 AM-CATHY MYERS

With Stewardship in full swing, we pause as we are truly grateful for the parishioners who volunteered to share their stories on how God and St. Stephen's has blessed them in their lives. Our Stewardship Team knows you will make the Parish proud when you speak from the heart. It is important when you consider your pledge for this year, to carefully think about and assess your own life and circumstances. How could you best help the Parish while continuing your journey with God, the Father, and the Holy Spirit? It is not only a great question, but a challenge to come up with appropriate answers. If you have been a faithful servant to God, St. Stephen's, and to your own life, then it is very easy to determine the correct answer to this important question. It is a time to reflect, remember, and realize your place in this Parish and with God. Being faithful, kind, considerate, giving, loving, and supportive of those around you and praying regularly to the Lord should enable you to assess the kind of pledge you make to St. Stephen's; taking the time to give back is being a good and faithful servant; keep this in mind when you think about this year's pledge. It is so important to understand that the things we do here at St. Stephen's are for the benefit of everyone. Being a good steward and having that understanding is key to a successful stewardship program. We challenge you to join us and make that commitment to yourself, to God, and to this Parish. Thanks for your participation, and may God bless you and this Parish we call home!

William Bodine III, chairman



Walking the Way of Saint Paul

By Shelagh Bluni

There is so much going on in our world. I find myself praying every night when I give God all the glory for this life and for sending us his only son, our savior Jesus Christ with His tender love and mercy for us. I thank Him for the blessings of this day and each day He has given me. I'll read a prayer from my prayer book or a passage from my bible. I sit quiet for awhile and "listen" to the "word" God has spoken to me. It amazes me that there are so times when the scripture I turn to is exactly what I need to hear at that time. Then I begin asking God for so many things: help for my family and the struggles we are experiencing daily; for brothers and sisters who have been impacted by storms. I pray for the children and their families who have lost friends, brothers, sisters, teachers, sons, and daughters in the unthinkable shootings in our schools. I ask God for mercy for people all over our world who are suffering from health issues, loneliness, false imprisonment, and wars that are killing innocent women and children. I ask God for mercy for children in far off places who are dying everyday because they don't have clean water to drink. I pray for my friends and my church family; the list goes on and on. I just keep asking God for so much! Often I forget the many gifts and miracles my Father in heaven has given me over my lifetime. I am blessed. I try to remember to ask for guidance so I can continue to be a follower of Christ every day in my own small world in Whiting. I hope to spread HIS word and remain open so I can be a true follower as Jesus calls me to be.



Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the *ECW's annual Holiday* Craft & Vendor Fair on Saturday, October 27 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. In addition to handmade items and popular vendors there will also be a baked goods table, a 50/50 raffle, Treasure Auction and a chance to win door prizes. The Kitchen Cafe will be open with lunch and snack items available for purchase. For information contact JoAnn Smithson at 609-575-1879 or contact the church office.



# Saint Stephen's

# 2018

Wednesday October 17 – Woodmere and Philadelphia Museum of Art

Tuesday October 23 – Longwood Gardens Chrysanthemum Festival

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

Submítted by Stefaníe 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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## Are you Willing to be Changed?

Submitted by Stefanie Rotsaert

The Holy Spirit asks us the questions: are you willing to be changed? Are you willing to have the Holy Spirit fill you with the very character of Jesus? Are you willing to give up your own control of your life to live the life God created for you to live? Are you willing to give up your pride and vanity, your envy, and resentment, your gluttony and lust, and any other characteristics that seem contrary to what you see in Jesus?

There is only room for love, joy, patience, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control as Paul lists in Galatians. Love is the antidote to fear. Love is the quality that gives meaning and purpose to our lives. It is God's unconditional acceptance of us, his children, in spite of what we are and because of what we are.

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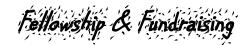
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Fellowship and Fundraising committee have raffle tickets for a

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The cost of tickets are \$10.00

The drawing will take place on October 27, 2018 at the Saint Stephen's Vendor Fair

You need not be present to win, so please write legibly on your ticket so we can contact the winner!



JOIN SAINT STEPHEN'S AND OUR FRIENDS FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN FOR OUR ANNUAL CROP WALK TO END HUNGER!

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Our time and proceeds will also benefit

Our Daily Bread

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# Laughing is Good for the Soul





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# <u>October</u>

3rd Eileen Ebell

Robert Payne

6th Sharon Lee

11th Fred Gerdes

12th Don Cummings
Dianne Jacobs

14th Alan Conlin

15th Marge Littlewood

18th Bridget Tichenor

19th Doris Mc Donald Bernice Neuman

21st Landon Hinton

23rd Anna Van Sant

24th Bruce Braender

27th Betsy Welch PJ Van Sant

31st Jennifer Brennan Edward Brennan



# Happy Birthday October!



# **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT**

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followed by a Brunch potluck.





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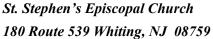
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Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupon Day~October 16th
Community Crop Walk~October 21st
Craft and Vendor Fair~October 27th

