



Life and Times

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Welcoming Everyone, Connecting with God, Building Community, Transforming Lives

From the Book of Common Prayer. Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Affiliation Update. Affiliation is one aspect in our Three-Year Plan on Return to Viability. It too, is on the [Strategic Planning Page](#) on our website. Our Affiliation Steering Committee, chaired by Tom Don, has had numerous discussions with Holy Spirit and is close to presenting a draft Memorandum of Understanding to the Vestry. Thereafter the Vestries of both churches will review and may suggest adjustments. We hope to come to a decision on whether or not an affiliation agreement can be reached by the end of September.

Worship Service Information. We are nearing capacity for our Sunday in-person Holy Eucharist Service. Seating is assigned, preferably through pre-registration. Those who attend are automatically registered for the following week. If you are unable to attend, please call the office so we can make the seat available to another. Our online streaming continues. We realize the audio quality needs improvement and we expect to have this issue resolved for the September 20th service. You can view the service live on Zoom or our YouTube channel. It is also recorded to view at any time via YouTube. The [Zoom credentials](#) do not change from week to week. The meeting ID is 871 1758 1899 and the password is 08758. Visit our [YouTube Channel](#).



We have installed a big screen television in the Parish Hall which gives us the capability to stream the Sunday service live into the Parish Hall. Those who choose to view the service from the Hall will be able to enter the church for communion. This will also begin on September 20th.

The [Evening Prayer](#) outdoor service is (weather permitting) is held in the Garden Chapel on Saturday at 5:30PM.



Lay Eucharistic Ministry. If you are uncomfortable or unable to attend church and would like to receive communion at home please call the church office. We will try to arrange for a [Lay Eucharistic Minister](#) to visit you and share the sacrament with you at your home.



The Saint Stephen's Food Pantry is open from 9am until 11:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to help meet the needs of people in our communities. Spread the word to those who are in need of this ministry. We are in need of volunteers in order to expand the hours to Thursday & Friday.

AUTUMN IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER ...



Faithfully submitted by Pattie Meyer

We have been able to survive the summer months like we have never had to in prior years. Some things were the same...the boardwalks and the beaches were open along with some of our favorite amusement parks. How we navigated through all the changes has made us appreciate the freedoms we often take for granted. Now that schools and colleges are opening, we have new obstacles to overcome.

Like many of you, we weren't able to see and do some of the things that would be normal occurrences in the summer. In case anyone didn't know, I am a die-hard Thoroughbred horse racing fan. For many years I have always gone to the Haskell (yes, I saw [American Pharoah](#) walking around the paddock) but viewing this year's race was not in the cards. We've got the NHL and the NBA playing throughout these months. The NFL is trying to salvage their season. The local Jersey Shore summer basketball teams never got to play. Every day we hear about another youth or high school sport that was cancelled with organizations feverishly working to discover ways of having some sort of "season" for these players. Even the Rockettes in Radio City have cancelled their Christmas performances.

Nothing seems to be immune to what the pandemic has done to not only the United States but to the World. Here at St. Stephen's we have taken baby steps by opening up the Thrift Outlet and having Sunday worship services in the church. So far so good on both accounts. At the bi-weekly Lay Leaders Zoom meetings with Bishop Stokes, I learned that the 1918 Pandemic went on for three years. Let us all pray that we can find a vaccine and not live with this scenario looming in front of us.

I know that we can all work together to make our lives here be a little bit more normal and achieve the goal of being totally back to the Good Old Days.

TELEPHONE NUMBER UPDATE! Pattie Meyer

I figured the easiest way to let everyone know that I have a new cell phone number was to put it into the Life and Times.



September Birthday's

Zack Rietman 5th	Linda Staszkeski 8th	Ben Waldron 12th	Jan Winne 13th
Aly Ludmer 18th	Janet Cleary 18th	Nick Morgan 20th	Billy Cacchiola 21st
Rose Ann March 26th	Carol Ricci 26th	Bay Barton 27th	

September Anniversaries

June & George Merrifield 18th Gary & Susan Petrizzo 25th

If we have missed your name, please [email us](#) your name and birth date so we can up date our files and include you.

Priest Schedule

Sep 13th- The Rev Rosemary Lillis | Sep 20th- Cannon Rev Karen Mitchell | Sep 27th- Fr. Daniel Hall



There are always so many people to thank and this month we want to say Thank You to Ron Turner.

There isn't a day that goes by that Ron normally would be found checking on the different aspects of our financial records and accounts to make sure our church is in the best possible position to keep going. However, this

past month, Ron underwent some critical surgery and we are glad to report that Ron is doing well and is almost back on his feet. Ron is a tremendous asset to our congregation and he also joins us at our monthly Vestry meetings to report our financial standing and advises us on how to find the right direction to get the best out of our finances. Ron's knowledge of all aspects of being our Treasurer is a great asset to us and we are eternally grateful.

Thank you Ron....you are one in a million!! \$\$\$



Dear Fellow Parishioners:

I would like to thank the parishioners who sent me get well cards and all those who prayed for me before and after my surgery, and now, as I begin recovering. My surgery was on August 24, 2020, to remove my right kidney, at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Pa. All went well during the operation, and I returned home on August 28, 2020. Now I have to follow instructions to give my body time to heal. Norma, my "nurse", continues to assist me during my recovery. I hope to be back to church as soon as I am able. God Bless You All. Sincerely, *Ron Turner*



Mother Mantelle Bradley who was our priest for 13 Zoom Services and the celebrant at our first resumption of in-person worship has accepted a calling as the [Rector](#) at [St. Peter's in Clarksboro, NJ](#).

We are thankful for her service to Saint Stephen's and wish her well in her spiritual leadership at St. Peter's.



Mother Mantelle Bradley, May 3, 2020 through July 26, 2020

Available During The Pandemic

ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser Supports Our Building and Maintenance.

Please consider donating to the church through purchase of ShopRite Gift Cards. Five percent of your purchase is returned to the church and designated for Church Building and Maintenance. Call Gloria Davis at 609-693-4205 or Ron Turner at 609-660-2635 and place an order and we will be outside the church between 10 AM & 11 AM on a designated day.



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Our St. Stephen's Thrift Shop is finally open, and we are happy to welcome back our loyal customers and shoppers. After five long months of being closed, we are back sorting, cleaning, and accepting donations. Some of the volunteers have been working at the shop while it has been closed to keep up with the many donations that were dropped off. Some days it was overwhelming and other days we just put ourselves to work to get the job done. We are thankful for all the great donations that keep the shop going and helps our church financially. We do have some restrictions in the shop to make sure our volunteers and customers are safe.



As we have requested many times in the past, we could really use some additional volunteers to replace some of the great ladies that are unable to return due to COVID and their own personal reasons. This is a rewarding endeavor and if you wanted to spend just one day with us, you may find yourself wanting to join our group. It really helps if you like junk, which most of us do, and can see the potential in what sometimes turns out to be treasures. That is the excitement of this volunteer work along with the great benefit to our Church.



Supporting Saint Stephen's is only a click away. We are now able to offer you the opportunity to give online. It is quick, easy and of course secure. Visit SaintStephensWaretown.org/Donate to make a donation. You can make a one time gift or arrange for secure automatic reoccurring contributions from a bank account, or from a credit/debit card. You are also able to designate your gift toward your Pledge, Building & Maintenance, Organ & Music, the Good Sam House, Sunday School, Memorial Candles, Memorial Altar Flowers, or make a free-will offering. No matter how you choose to give, your donations will help sustain our church and it's ministries. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Prayer List. We are refreshing our payer list. Should someone need to be included, please [email](#) us or contact the church office. Unless renewed, people will stay on the prayer list for a month.

Please Keep in Your Prayers, Beth MacKenzie, Becky Smith, Ron Turner, and Dick & Flossie Heward and George Merrifield.



Bible Study with Bishop Stokes

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

[Register Now](#)



Every week, Bishop Stokes is holding an online Bible study to look at the upcoming week's gospel lesson. Following the study time, the bishop will lead the end-of-day Compline prayer service. The Diocese has also set up a [web page](#) with study materials and readings to look at before the discussion, as well as recordings of previous sessions.

Please Note: Due to enhanced security precautions for online meetings, you will need to [register for this event](#) even if you have previously registered for it.

Spotlighted This Month... Corinne Cromwell



There is a healing angel among us by the name of Corinne Cromwell. This remarkable woman has graced our church for the past thirty years and brought a special kind of light to help so many with her special gift of healing. Born on January 19, 1927, Corinne moved to New Jersey in 1950 from the Bronx and lived in Midland Park where she attended the Church of the Good Shephard. This was a mission church and Corinne was instrumental in starting the choir there which consisted of a soprano, an alto, a tenor, and a base singer.

Corinne has been involved in her love of singing for most of her life and spent her earlier days as a show organizer with singing and dancing. She confided that she taught the Roman Nuns how to do the Mambo. They would meet with her, close the curtains, and begin their lessons. Sounds like they had quite a good time!!

Corinne was blessed with two sons, Ricky who became a priest and Douglas who currently resides close by in Whiting. Unfortunately, Ricky died recently and now watches down on his mom to keep her safe.

An interesting aspect of Corinne's life was when she worked for the jail system as a trained non-professional counselor offering healing to the inmates. This seems to be her calling as she has been drawn to helping others any way she can. She was also involved in "Church Women United" which was a group of women of different faiths who would meet and share their beliefs and ways to help others heal. She was president of this organization and represented the Episcopal Church in Morristown.

When we think of Corinne, the Order of St. Luke immediately comes to mind as she has been so instrumental in this healing outreach at St. Stephens Episcopal Church. This healing group works as channels for healing from God and they cherish this incredibly special gift. Talking to Corinne, you can feel the energy coming from her heart and it never wavers. She has a purpose here that she gives without question to anyone who needs healing and the others in her group have the same gift. Not until a person is ready as a healer are they welcomed into this healing group which makes it special. To Corinne, our St. Stephen's is a very holy place and I agree as I feel it when I walk through the doors into this wonderful space. She says to "be cautious, but not afraid" for God is with all of us.

Corinne continues, even today with this current situation of COVID, meeting at her house on the front lawn so that her group of OSL can share a healing service and have lessons relating to life and how they can serve those in need. (Delicious cakes and coffee are also served.) Finally, most of us remember Corinne's 90th birthday party of which we all dressed in circus costumes and had a wonderful time. It shows that there are always many sides to an individual and it is fascinating to learn what they are, especially from one such as Corinne!

Please note that the Order of Saint Luke Mission that was scheduled for October 10th has been cancelled for this year due to the current pandemic situation. This is disappointing for all who would have wanted to attend, however, it is in the best interest for the safety of all concerned.

LINKS

[Saint Stephen's Website](#)

[Saint Stephen's Calendar of Events](#)

[Parish Facebook Page](#)

[Thrift Shop Facebook Page](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

[Twitter](#)

September Parish Calendar & Events

WORSHIP

Holy Eucharist

Sunday at 9:30 (please pre-register)

Evening Prayer in the Outdoor Garden Chapel

Saturday at 5:30

Online:

Wardens : [Jim Joeriman](#), [Pattie Meyer](#)

Vestry Members: [Glenys Baulderstone](#), [Peggy Beck](#), [Tom Don](#), [Debbie Kirk](#), [Jo Ann Joeriman](#), [Bob Gray](#), [John Marcy](#), [Bob Rawley](#), [Rett Rich](#)

Treasurer: [Ron Turner](#)

Parish Administrator: [Pat Terentz](#)

Website: www.SaintStephensWaretown.org

Facebook: [SaintStephensWaretown](#)

MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP

Thrift Shop Open

Monday through Saturday 10am to 2pm.

To Volunteer Contact [Beth MacKenzie](#), *Barbara Heilich* or [Jan Winne](#).

ECW

For Information Contact [Pat Spielman](#)

Bible Study

For Information Contact [Marueen O'Keefe](#)

Sunday Seminar—Bible Discussion

Every Saturday starting at 11:00AM on Zoom.

Facilitated by [Debbie Kirk](#) & Marcel Tabone

Choir Director & Organist

[Carlos Staszkeski](#)

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