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September 12, 2021 - Year B SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today	9:30am 6:30 pm	Holy Eucharist Rite II AA Meeting
Monday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 13	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday		
September 14	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Thrift Outlet Ladies AA
Wednesday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 15	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday		
September 16	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Friday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 17	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	AA Meeting
September 18	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet



Eucharistic Service Ministers

Lay Readers
John Will

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Peggy Beck	Bob Gray
Debbie Kirk	Ron Turner (Treasurer)

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers: We extend a warm welcome to all who are new to St. Stephen's. We are delighted to have you with us for worship this morning. Please take time to sign our visitor's book. An usher will gladly assist you with any questions you may have.

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

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent, for this is a house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 am

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The Collect of the Day:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Psalm 116:1-8

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of
My supplication. *
Because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I
Called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave
Took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
Our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; *
I was brought very low and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
For the Lord has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, *
My eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
In the land of the living.

A Reading from James 2:1-10, 14-17

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with

greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also, the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist, and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things!" He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake and the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

August Prayers & Memorials

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Revs. Jorge Liriano Martinez, Thomas Szczerba, Jr. and Douglas S. Worthington

Altar Candles for the month of September in memory of Helen & John Kent & Lu and Stu Winne by the Winne family

Please keep in your prayers:

Nancy Sullivan, Traude Beck, Linda Staszkeski, Tom Don, Dick Heward, Beverly Seabert, Barbara Julian, Ellen Rich, Bud Boyd and Marie Carr.

We celebrate the birthdays today of Ben Waldron, Jan Winne, Kimberly Jones & Janet Cleary

St. Stephen's News

All are welcome to join the Bible Discussion Group. It meets following coffee hour til noon. Currently discussing 1st Corinthians.

Wednesday night Bible Study begins September 15th @ 7pm

Shop Rite Gift Cards – See Gloria Davis before and after the service.

The votive candles have recently been placed in the Narthex for those wishing to remember a loved one.

Have you ever thought about being an Usher? Well...now is your big opportunity! The responsibilities are a little different under the COVID protocols and not that difficult to learn. Please remember the more the merrier and the less often you would be scheduled. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please see Pattie Meyer after the Sunday service or you can contact me at 609-891-6814. Thank you for caring about Saint Stephen's!

Upcoming Events at St. Stephen's

Interfaith Health & Support Service of Ocean County is holding their annual fundraiser "Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, September 24, 2021 at St. Mary's of the Pines Parish Center, 100 Bishop Way, Manahawkin, NJ. Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. Additional Bingo cards \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Super Bingo tickets are available for purchase. Complimentary Beverages and Desserts! Bring your own food. No alcohol permitted. Pick up tickets at 56 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ Monday- Thursday, from 10-2. 609-978-3839

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