

# THE SPIRIT



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JULY-AUGUST

"Death and taxes and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them." Those were the words of Scarlet O'Hara, from "Gone with the Wind".

Sometimes I feel that some might add "worship" to this list. "You see, God, it's like this; we could attend church more faithfully if your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we're all tired out. Not only that, but it's the day following Saturday night; and Saturday night is the one time when we feel that we can go out and enjoy ourselves. And of course, you realize, Lord, that Sunday morning papers take the longest to read—the day when the biggest meal of the week must be prepared—the day when we usually have company. It just isn't a convenient time."

Can you be a Christian without worshipping? Yes, it is possible. It is something like; a student who will not go to school; a politician who is a hermit; a scientist who does not share his findings; or a salesperson with no customers on a deserted island.

Summer is here, and setting time to worship may seem to be more inconvenient. Yet as Christians, followers of the one who gives life, and as a member of His church, worship needs to be and must be a priority even when it is inconvenient. In worship we affirm our faith. In worship Jesus strengthens our faith. This can "only" happen in worship. Without worship, your faith will be like a coal that is pulled away from the fire; it will soon lose its light and warmth, and it will inevitably dim. In worship, the gifts the Holy Spirit has blessed you with, are shared with the body. The congregation and all grow in the mission of being and sharing the wonderful news that we truly have the hope of eternal life. Life in Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is not a matter of "convenience." So this summer make it a priority to worship even when it doesn't seem convenient.

For your convenience, our summer worship service will be at 9:30 am beginning on June 20th, and continue at that hour through September 5th.

*Pastor John*

# VACATIONS

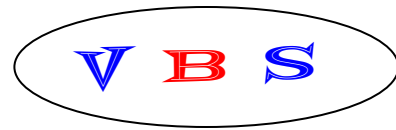


As we enter the summer season when school is over and we think about going on vacation, I am reminded of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus began his ministry. I think of the mountains in Galilee where Jesus directed his disciples. After the resurrection, they went to the mountain and there they saw Him. And they believed.

Remember, as you go, God never takes a vacation. If you are away on a weekend, find a church that you would like to visit. Perhaps you'll visit another denomination so you can see how others worship the same God we do. Perhaps you would rather go to another Lutheran church. Be sure to bring back the bulletin (and their newsletter) and let's see if they have some good ideas that we could use.

As you rest your body, restore your soul as well. Take your Bible with you and keep up on your daily devotions. I promise you will be happier and more fulfilled when you return home.

*Pastor Peggy*



**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>,  
22<sup>ND</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Save these dates!

## Meet a hero and make a quilt

The Vacation Bible School this year will again be intergenerational. That means everyone is welcome, ages 3 to 300! Just come and learn and play with us. We will meet from 6:30-8:00 every Thursday evening in July. We will be discussing heroes/heroines in the Bible and making quilt squares in relation to those Bible people. We'll sew by hand so no need for a machine. And, there will be activities for little children who can't handle a needle yet. Thank you to all who donated cotton material for our quilts. Now, come join the fun!!

## THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the members of our church who have had anything to do with music this past year! Your talents have been used to God's glory and to greatly enhance our worship service. Imagine how our Church would be without any music.

We are blessed to have both Trish and Holly as the professional musicians in our church. But we are also blessed with many others who sing or play an instrument, including our wonderful bell choir. It takes a lot of effort and time to be in a choir of any sort and we are thankful for all you have given to us.

The choirs will get a little rest now until September. Enjoy your rest. We should all be sure to tell the members of all the choirs how much we appreciate their gift of music to our church.

**BROWSE OUR  
WEB SITE AT**  
[www.ststephenslutheranchurch.org](http://www.ststephenslutheranchurch.org)

Something to add or change?  
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## GOD'S PHYSICAL FITNESS PLAN

PSW DR XTPO MA WLS PMLW

CH WLS PCZF

- MRTMTL WXC: HMJS

## YOUTH GROUP LEADER SAYS GOODBYE

On Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, our youth group said goodbye to longtime leader, Dawn Boger. The group presented flowers and gifts and hugs to Dawn who has led them through Camping retreats, sleepovers, craft projects, fund raisers, church services and service programs.

"Is there really life after youth group?" someone asked. "I'll have to let you know," she laughed.

Thank you, Dawn, for shepherding our youth and for the time and effort and love you've given them over the years. Best wishes!

## ATTENTION YOUTHS

There will be a new bible study after services each Sunday starting June 27th.

We will be studying the book of Luke as he relates the life of Christ. Rumor has it there will be food!



## TRAVELERS

### HOW IT ALL STARTED

By your Organizer, Sharon Buchholz

When Pastor Karl Zimmerman came to St. Stephens he mentioned to me about starting a traveling group. I thought it was a great idea and before I left church that day I was given the job. It has been a lot of fun over the years. We are mostly seniors but everyone is invited. We go by fun, food and fellowship, with food being at the top of the list.

We have traveled to many states including a cruise to Alaska, a long bus ride to Nova Scotia, and by air to Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Our next 3 day trip is to Ocean City, Maryland, in September. Our Christmas Mystery trip is December 8<sup>th</sup>. This usually needs two buses as it is very popular.

Come join us if you can. We are a great group of people!

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

It's not too late to be involved

The house we are helping to build in Levittown now has part of its roof and a front door. AND...they have chosen the family who will live there.

If you want to contribute, the sooner the better. St Stephen's will be sending off our contribution towards that house soon, so bring your gift to church and we will send one check from the St. Stephen's Congregation. Make sure to mark your gift "Habitat" so we know what it is for.

If anyone wants to take a lunch to the house for those volunteers who are working, or if you can give a day or two, please contact Pastor Peggy, Kim Coleman or Lynn Billingham.

## Tranquility

In quiet beauty  
The little stream meandered  
Through the woods alone  
Running over rocks and stone  
Sparkling, shining in the light  
Traveling through the day and night  
Cascading over fallen trees  
Persistently...  
Or curling round a bend  
It seemed to have no end  
Trickling onward  
In its calm tranquility

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Myrle Glace

## STEWARDSHIP

## AND



## EVANGELISM

We're changing hats!

*Recently, Charlie Baun accepted responsibilities as Assistant Church Treasurer and has resigned his position as Chairman of the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee. Jim Barrett has agreed to chair this essential committee and Charlie has kindly agreed to remain as a committee member. In addition, Pastor Peggy agreed to assume important oversight responsibilities. Jim asks that each member of the congregation offer assistance in prayers, in ideas and in resources*

## NAME TAGS

We will be replacing our yellowed and cracked name tags this fall. If you wish to continue wearing a name tag, please put your name (printed clearly please) on the form which is located on the name tag table in the narthex. It will be necessary to re-do the names since we can not get the same size tags.

**-Judy Borsuk**

Stewardship and Evangelism are closely linked. Our church cannot remain viable without strong efforts in these areas. Stewardship focuses on our *Time, Talent and Treasure* responsibilities. Evangelism focuses on the great commission of winning others to Christ.

Major issues facing us as we move forward include: (1) how to grow as a congregation, (2) how to pay for needed building improvements such a new roof, and (3) deciding whether or not to sell some of our church property to meet existing financial needs among others.

As you can see these are all significant challenges and we will all need to exercise our combined intellect and prayers for success. Moving forward we will be initiating programs to achieve our goals.

We ask for prayers from the entire church body and also request that, as members of our church, you consider joining the Stewardship and Evangelism Committee Please phone or contact me at church, at home (215-322-6030) or via e-mail at [suecbarrett@hotmail.com](mailto:suecbarrett@hotmail.com) if you are willing to commit some time to this important effort!

- Jim Barrett



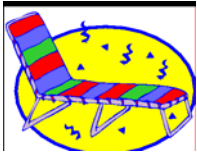
## Theatre Party



Enjoying the  
June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Matinee of

***A Mid summer Night's Dream*** at Bucks County Community College starring Krista Pinkerton (that's how we saw it, anyway) and featuring Dance Del Bello. Krista with fans who include, but are not limited to, Tess Pinkerton (Mom), Pastor Peggy, Al G., Mitzie Lowe, Laura Byrnes and Joyce Veith. A superb performance!

## SUMMER READING



Chasing Fireflies –  
Charles Martin

Paramedics find a malnourished 6-year-old boy near a burning car which contains a dead woman. They wonder who he is and why he won't talk. A small-town journalist is assigned to cover the story and investigate the boy's identity...the boy's abandonment is similar to the journalist's past. This story is about healing and love. I believe it is a truly enjoyable book

- by Nancy Polis

## WE'RE COOL!

Don't forget us on those hot, summer, Sunday mornings. **St Stephen's is air conditioned!** Join us at 9:30 AM each Sunday through September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## FREE CONCERTS

Buckingham Summer Concert Series Wednesdays 7/1 thru-8/12 7:00 PM. Bring Lawn chairs. Visit [www.buckinghampa.org](http://www.buckinghampa.org).

Glen Foerd on the Delaware Tuesday July 20, 7:00 PM Sounds of Swing Tuesday, Aug. 17, 7:00 PM Visit from Elvis Info @ [www.glenfoerd.org](http://www.glenfoerd.org)

Warminster Recreation Center 1101 Little Lane, Warminster Each Wednesday in July 7:00 PM Bring a lawn chair, a blanket and picnic dinner and enjoy a variety of music

# Big Library News -

- 1 Watch for our Grand Re-opening in September
- 2 Joan Bowman has agreed to lead a series of Brown Bag Book Discussions.

*We will be meeting in October, December, February, April and June from 11:00 a.m.-Noon. You are welcome to bring a lunch if you desire to do that. You can get the books from the library or any bookstore. Obtaining the featured title will be your responsibility. If possible, I will try to get Book Clubs in a Bag from the Bucks County Free Library if a title is available. Please feel free to bring any friends with you to our book discussion even if they are not members of our church. Hope to see you at the book club. Please be ready to discuss the October selection when you come on October 7. Thank You", Joan*

Joan Bowman, MLS, Discussion Facilitator

For our October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be reading :  
**Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson

## REMEMBER WHEN

"My son was baptized in Sunset Cemetery. And when my daughter was born Pastor Burt had just left. He came to our home to perform her baptism".

– Lydia Cychowski



I remember we used to have Church picnics at the Bierhy's (Sp?) Day Camp on Byberry road. And we used to have Halloween parties at the Frankenfield's. We had a lot of good times.

-Floss Dudley

*We're collecting St. Stephen's memories for the October issue. Do you have a memory you'd like to share? Contact the Church Office before September 9<sup>th</sup>.*

