



**STARTING NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

PICK UP YOUR SHOEBOXES, FILL AND  
RETURN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

ALL FILLED  
SHOEBOXES  
WILL BE BLESSED

SHOP  
ALL  
YEAR

THEN TAKEN TO THE  
COLLECTION CENTER

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Love Light Tree Ceremony



Deadline to Order  
November 15

**Sunday, November 29, 2026**

6:00 p.m.

Delmar State Street Park

Honor loved ones this holiday season by dedicating a light on the Community Love Light Tree.

White – in memory of someone who has passed  
Green – in honor of someone still living  
Red – Fire Fighter(s)  
Blue – Police Officer(s)  
Yellow – Military  
Orange – Pet(s)  
Lavender – Cancer Awareness  
Pink – Breast Cancer Awareness

*The names will be on display  
at the Tree Lighting Dedication Ceremony.*



#### IDEAS? THOUGHTS? QUESTIONS?

FUNDRAISERS  
FAMILY FUN  
MESSAGES  
BIBLE STUDY TOPICS  
MISSIONS  
COST SAVINGS  
EVENTS  
FAITH  
CLASSES  
TRIPS/ADVENTURES  
.....EVERYTHING IS VALUED

**IF YOU HAVE THEM & WE ARE INTERESTED  
TALK WITH PASTOR PAUL OR THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WE ARE ALL EARS!**

\*Information  
Subject to  
change.

\*Please pay  
attention to  
weekly bulletins,  
Facebook, and  
the church  
website.

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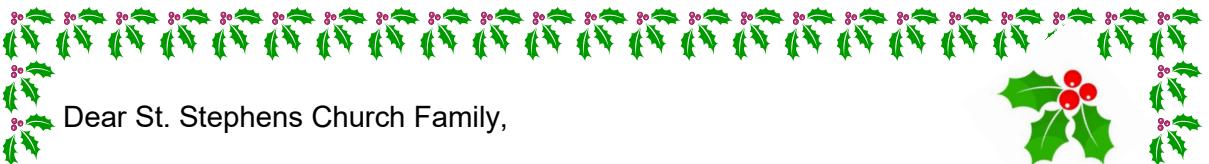
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Dear St. Stephens Church Family,

As Christmas concludes and a new year stands before us, my heart is full of gratitude for each of you. I appreciate everything that each of you do behind the scenes that make our church a success. This season reminds us that God chose to come near—to dwell among us in love, humility, and grace. And in so many ways, I see that same love reflected in you.

Christmas tells us that God did not remain distant. He entered our world as Emmanuel, **God with us**. He came not in power and splendor, but in gentleness and mercy. In that same spirit, I have watched you love faithfully, serve quietly, pray earnestly, and stand together through joys and challenges alike. You are a living testimony that Christ is still present and still at work among His people.

As we reflect on this past year, we give thanks for God's faithfulness. Some of you have celebrated victories; others have walked through deep valleys. Yet through every season, the Lord has been our help, our strength, and our peace. Thank you for remaining faithful—faithful in worship, faithful in prayer, faithful in giving, and faithful in loving one another.

As we step into a new year, we do so with hope. We may not know what lies ahead, but we know who goes before us. The same God who wrapped Himself in human flesh now walks with us into the days to come. His promises remain true. His mercy is new every morning. His love never fails.

My prayer for you this Christmas is that your hearts would be filled with the peace of Christ, your homes with His presence, and your lives with His joy. And in the coming year, may we continue to grow together—deeper in faith, stronger in love, and bolder in sharing the hope we have in Jesus.

Thank you for being more than a congregation. You are a family. You are deeply loved, prayed for, and cherished.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you—let His light shine this Christmas and always.

With Love and Blessings,

Paul

Pastor Paul E. James



Join us

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**

**2:00 PM**

**In St. Stephen's Sanctuary for the**  
***Four Chaplains Service***

The **Four Chaplains**, also referred to as the **Immortal Chaplains** or the **Dorchester Chaplains**, were four chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship *SS Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943, in what has been referred to as one of the worst sea disasters of World War II.

The *Dorchester*, a civilian liner, had been converted for military service in World War II as a troop transport of the War Shipping Administration. The ship left New York on January 23, 1943, enroute to Greenland, carrying approximately 900 as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard Cutters *Tampa*, *Escanaba*, and *Comanche*.

During the early morning hours of February 3, the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their own life jackets when the supply ran out.<sup>1</sup> The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship. (c)

George L. Fox



Alexander D. Goode



Clark V. Poling



John P. Washington





# 2026 Second Sunday Special Offerings

<b>January</b>	<b>Love INC.</b> (Mobilizing Local Churches, transforming lives & communities through economic, social, and spiritual support.)
<b>February</b>	<b>Christian Shelter (Salisbury)</b> (a temporary emergency shelter providing safe shelter, nutritious meals, practical & spiritual direction & the life changing good news of Jesus Christ to people in crisis.)
<b>March</b>	<b>Good Ole Boy Foundation</b> (offers both financial & non-financial assistance to members of the community during their time of need. Provides Christmas gifts, temporary housing, food, clothing for those who have experienced house fires, tragic accidents and unexpected loss.)
<b>April</b>	<b>Christ Connection Youth</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Harvest Ministries</b> (Christian thrift store, food bank & other resources to allow help those in need)
<b>June</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>Halo – Hope And Life Outreach</b> (fight human trafficking, relentlessly support young people facing homelessness & committed to helping young people get back on their feet and onto their next chapters.)
<b>August</b>	<b>Voice of the Martyrs</b> (Provide help for those who have suffered persecution themselves or for the families of Christians imprisoned or killed because of their witness.)
<b>September</b>	<b>Home of Hope</b> (a place of refuge, for children experiencing homelessness & their young moms, we are the next step toward independence.)
<b>October</b>	<b>Samaritan's Purse</b> (SAMARITAN'S PURSE STANDS READY TO RESPOND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD, PLUS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)
<b>November</b>	<b>Israel Support</b> (aids emergency response and saves lives & contribute to Israel's safety)
<b>December</b>	<b>Delmarva Adult &amp; Teen Challenge</b> (Freedom from addiction starts here, with a proven track record of helping people whose lives have been set on the ruinous course.)



## Our Worship Schedule

**8:30 AM** Praise Worship Service  
**9:45 AM** Adult, Young Adult & Children's Sunday School  
**11:00 AM** Traditional Worship Service & KIDZ Church

### **Please note:**

Any Month with a 5th Sunday,  
only **one service** held at **10:00 AM** on the fifth  
Sunday in the Sanctuary

Generally a potluck lunch follows the combined service in Camelot Hall

### **5th Sunday Services 2026**

One combined service 10:00 AM  
in the Sanctuary

5th Sunday Offering Building Fund  
Potluck to follow in Camelot

  
March 29  
June 31  
August 30  
November 29 - **No** Potluck  
January 31, 2027

### **Holy Communion**

1st Sunday of  
every month  
at both  
8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Services



## On Going

2nd Monday of Each Month, **Food Bank Distribution**, 10 AM  
Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month, **Prayer Shawl Group**, 10:30 AM  
Mondays, **Youth Group**, 6-8 PM, Dinner Provided  
Wednesdays, **Bible Study**, 10 AM  
Wednesdays, **Narcotics Anonymous** 7:00 PM, Camelot Hall  
Thursdays, **Choir Practice**, 6:30 PM, Sanctuary  
Thursdays, **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:30 PM, Camelot Hall  
Saturdays **Christian Kitchen**, 11 AM - 12 PM, Free Lunch for Everyone



Look for Youth Dinner Sign up sheets or contact Tammy Jenkins for more details or to choose a date that works for you.  
**Thank you in advance!**

**Youth Meetings are Mondays 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

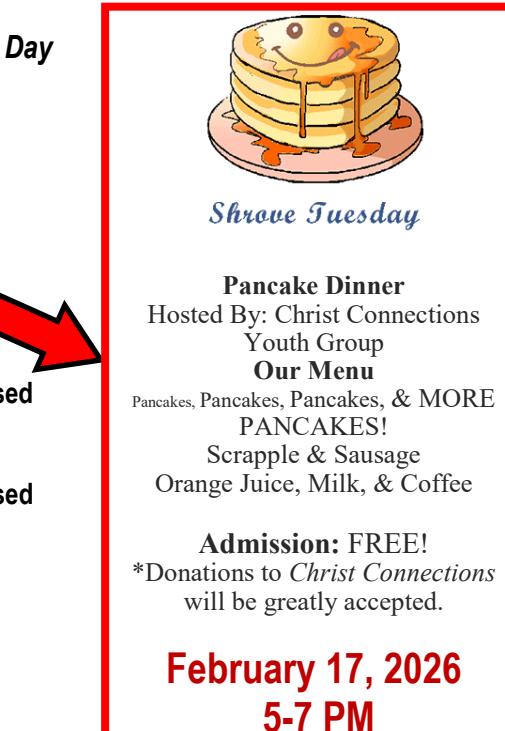
January 12	Meeting
January 19	<b>No Meeting</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 26	Meeting
February 2	Meeting
February 9	Meeting
February 16	<b>No meeting</b> due to President's Day
February 17	SHROVE TUESDAY 5-7 PM
February 23	Meeting
March 2	Meeting
March 9	<b>No meeting</b> due to Delmar School closed
March 16	Meeting
March 23	Meeting
March 30	No meeting due to Delmar School closed
April 6	<b>No meeting</b> due to Easter Break
April 13	Meeting
April 20	Meeting
April 27	Meeting
May 4	Meeting
May 11	Meeting
May 18	Meeting
May 25	<b>No meeting</b> due to Memorial Day
June 1	Last meeting for youth group (Summer break) We'll be back in September

**Attention all Teens 6th—12th!**

**Christ Connections Youth Group** meets Every Monday from 6 - 8 pm. In Camelot Hall 103 E. State St. Delmar, DE. Please join us for dinner, games, fun, and a great Bible discussion. **Come Check us out!**



Stay updated on Facebook **Christ Connections Youth Group**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM**  
IN THE SANCTUARY  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Dates & times of ALL meetings subject to change.

**Come Join US! We'll Teach You.**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Meetings are held on the  
**2nd & 4th Monday of the month**  
in the parlor at 10:30 a.m.



January 12

January 26

February 9

February 23

March 9

March 23

April 13

April 27

May 11

June 8

June 22

July 13

July 27

August - TBD

September 14

September 28

October 12

October 26

November 12

November 26

December - TBD



**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**



**Want to have fun?** Use your musical talents and join our Choir and/or Handbell group (s) See Dot Baker for details



**Watch Our Bulletin Boards**

**RURITAN CLUB**

**FUNDRAISERS**

Connection Café Concerts

**Community Events**

**Healthy Living Info**

**CHURCH INFO & HAPPENING**

**PLUS MORE... Check them out!**



**FoodBank**  
OF DELAWARE

**Food  
Distribution**

10:00 AM

**The 2nd Monday of the month**

Church Parking Lot

January 12

February 9

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

**Applications for  
Delaware Residents  
in the church office**

HEARTSAVER CPR/AED  
CLASSES

SIGN UP TODAY

302.846.9501

THE CLASS IS FREE TO TAKE.  
If you would like the certificate, there will  
be a \$20 fee.



INSTRUCTOR: JIM GIANTO  
CAMELOT HALL  
103 E STATE ST, DELMAR DE

DELMAR/SALISBURY  
COMMUNITY  
BLOOD DRIVE



Blood Bank  
of Delmarva

Tuesday, February 3

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday, May 26

Tuesday, July 28

Tuesday, September 29

Tuesday, December 1

WALK-IN  
DONORS ARE  
WELCOME BUT  
APPOINTMENTS  
PREFERRED

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, CAMELOT HALL  
103 E. STATE ST, DELMAR, DE 19940

REMEMBER TO  
EAT,  
HYDRATE, AND  
BRING YOUR ID

BEEF 'n DUMPLING  
DINNER

September 2026

Watch for more details



Delmar VFW  
200 W. State St.  
Delmar, MD 21875

Benefits the ministries of  
St. Stephen's Church

SAVE THE DATES

5 DAY EVENT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY, JULY 13 -  
FRIDAY, JULY 17

DINNER & SNACKS INCLUDED  
WITH  
A FAMILY DINNER ON FRIDAY  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Trustee Meetings

once a month,  
2nd Tuesday  
@ 6:30 PM

January 13

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

July -TBD

August 11

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8



PLEASE NOTE:

- Dates & times of ALL meetings subject to change.
- Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.
- Events, vacations & holiday's breaks may be observed.

Feel free to contact the  
committee Chairpersons or the church  
office for updates

Interested in being a  
part of a committee?  
Ask Pastor Paul

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Finance Meetings

once a month,  
3rd Tuesday  
@7:00 PM

January 20

February 17

March 17

April 21

May 19

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 17

November 17

December -TBD



Church Council Meetings

once a month,  
Last Monday  
@ 7:00 PM

January 26

February 23

March 30

April 27

May - TBD

June 29

July 27

August 31

September 28

October 30

November 30

December -TBD



2026 - 2027

Season



DelMarVa Model Railroad Club & Railroad Café  
2026  
Hours



JANUARY 3, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 4, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 10, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 11, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

NOVEMBER 28, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

NOVEMBER 29, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

DECEMBER 5, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

DECEMBER 6, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

2027

JANUARY 2, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 3, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 9, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

JANUARY 10, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**ON GOING**  
**Cleaning out your cupboards?**  
 You can always bring your opened or unwanted hygiene items, shampoos, perfumes, laundry items plus other items to the church office. **These items will be taken to Love INC. in Seaford, DE, or other shelters to be used.**

Blankets, & sleeping bags. **These items will be taken to Rev. Chuck Reynolds for the homeless**

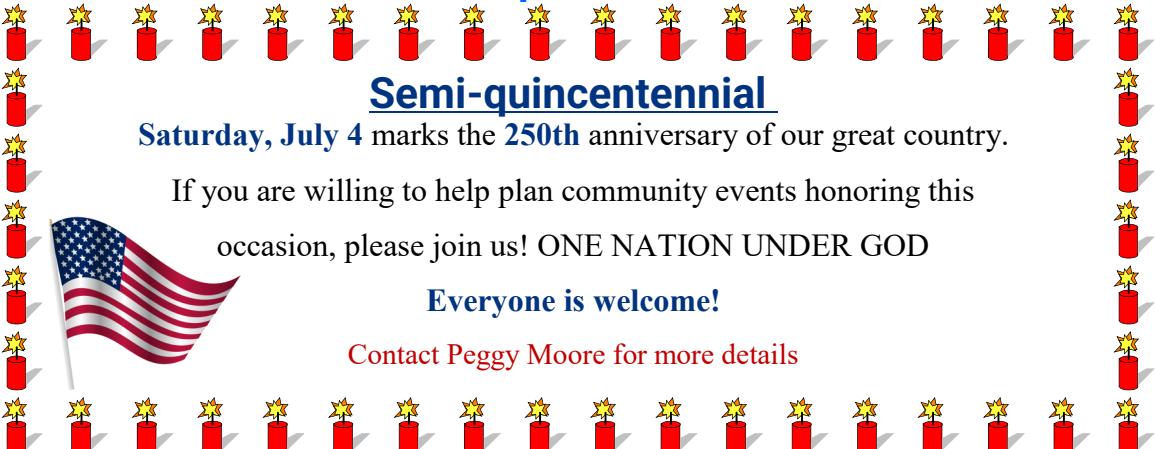
**Thank you in advance!**



St. Stephen's Birthday  
September 4, 1867



Church Celebration  
Sunday, August 30  
After combined service at potluck lunch



**2026**

Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday  
 Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday  
 Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday  
 Friday, April 3: Good Friday  
 Sunday, April 5: Easter  
 Sunday, May 10: Mothers Day  
 Monday, May 25: Memorial Day  
 Sunday, June 21: Fathers Day  
 Friday, June 19: Juneteenth  
 Saturday, July 4: 250th Independence Day  
 Monday, September 7: Labor Day  
 Sunday, Oct 11: Pastor Appreciation Day  
 Monday, Oct. 12: Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day  
 Wednesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day  
 Thursday, Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day  
 Friday, December. 25: Christmas Day  
 Thursday, Dec 31: New Years Eve  
 Friday, Jan 1: New Years Day **2027**

**Honor & Memorial Flower Sales**  
**What a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one**

April – Easter Lilies      May – Mother's Day Geraniums      June – Fathers Day Impatiens or Geraniums


Watch for 2026 prices

**Order by December 6, 2026**  
**Pick up December 20, 2026**  
**Watch for pricing**





**Collections by Month**

**January** - Tissues for the Delmar Nursing Home & Delmar Manor Assisted living and a Winter warmth drive of coats, hats, hoodies, sweaters & mittens for anyone in need.

**February & March** - Socks for the Delmar Nursing Home, Delmar Manor Assisted living and for summer homeless collection

**April** - New or gently used newborn baby clothing for Sussex Pregnancy Care Center

**June, July & August** - Items for homeless summer collection to be given to Rev. Chuck Reynolds for distribution

**September** - Back to school for the Delmar Elementary.

**October** - Trunk or Treat Candy

**November** - *Operation Christmas Child* shoe boxes through Samaritan's Purse

**December** - Stockings for the homeless items to be given to Rev. Chuck Reynolds for distribution  
 Christmas need gifts for adopted local family (ies)

