



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

14th Annual Community Love Light Tree Ceremony

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.*

**Deadline to Order
November 15**



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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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.¹ 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

January

Love INC. (Mobilizing Local Churches, transforming lives & communities through economic, social, and spiritual support.)

February

Christian Shelter (Salisbury) (a temporary emergency shelter providing safe shelter, nutritious meals, practical & spiritual direction & the life changing good news of Jesus Christ to people in crisis.)

March

Good Ole Boy Foundation (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.)

April

Christ Connection Youth

May

Harvest Ministries (Christian thrift store, food bank & other resources to allow help those in need)

June

Vacation Bible School

July

Halo – Hope And Life Outreach (fight human trafficking, relentlessly support young people facing homelessness & committed to helping young people get back on their feet and onto their next chapters.)

August

Voice of the Martyrs (Provide help for those who have suffered persecution themselves or for the families of Christians imprisoned or killed because of their witness.)

September

Home of Hope (a place of refuge, for children experiencing homelessness & their young moms, we are the next step toward independence.)

October

Samaritan's Purse (SAMARITAN'S PURSE STANDS READY TO RESPOND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD, PLUS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD)

November

Israel Support (aids emergency response and saves lives & contribute to Israel's safety)

December

Delmarva Adult & Teen Challenge (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:

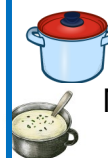
Any Month with a 5th Sunday,
only **one service** held at **10:00 AM** on the fifth
Sunday in the Sanctuary

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



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Dinner
Hosted By: Christ Connections Youth Group
Our Menu
Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes, & MORE PANCAKES!
Scrapple & Sausage
Orange Juice, Milk, & Coffee

Admission: FREE!
*Donations to *Christ Connections* will be greatly accepted.

February 17, 2026
5-7 PM

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

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**

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!**





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 GIJANTO
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

REMEMBER TO
EAT,
HYDRATE, AND
BRING YOUR ID

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

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

MY FAMILY



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



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



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

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!

2026

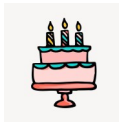
Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Wednesday, February 18: Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday
Friday, April 3: Good Friday
Sunday, April 5: Easter
Sunday, May 10: Mothers Day
Monday, May 25: Memorial Day
Sunday, June 21: Fathers Day
Friday, June 19: Juneteenth
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](#)



St. Stephen's
Birthday
September 4,
1867

Church Celebration

Sunday, August 30
After combined service
at potluck lunch



Semi-quincentennial

Saturday, July 4 marks the **250th** anniversary of our great country.

If you are willing to help plan community events honoring this occasion, please join us! ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Everyone is welcome!

Contact Peggy Moore for more details



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)

