



The Severn Light

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Severn Parish
Crownsville, Maryland
FALL PREVIEW 2010

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St. Stephen's Church Invites You To Join us Every Sunday

WE ARE CONNECTED

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is a parish that welcomes the diversity and strength of those seeking a spiritual community.

There is a place at the table for you.

Services are held at

8:00 and 10:00 AM every Sunday

Nursery available during the 10:00 AM Service

FALL WELCOME SUNDAY
is **SEPTEMBER 12th**

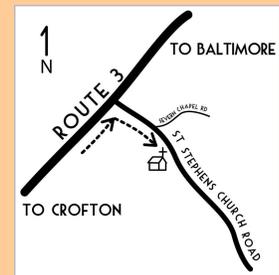
WELCOME SUNDAY events take place in our Parish Hall from 9:15 to 10:00 AM

Christian Education enrollment will be held for all ages

Refreshments served

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INVITATION and WELCOME

Invitation and Welcome are keys to good evangelism, and these things are an essential part of our Emmaus Church Growth Program. Our Church Growth Committee has been working for several months to help us move forward as a parish.

Sunday, September 12th, the beginning of a new Church School Year, will also be *Invitation and Welcome Sunday* at St. Stephen's. Supported by a grant from the Diocese of Maryland, we are sending out over 6,000 colorful postcards letting people of our community know about our church and what we have to offer through the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Invitation is very personal and we encourage each of you to invite someone you know to church.

September 12th is a special Sunday, but

EVERY SUNDAY IS INVITATION SUNDAY!

Father Hagerman

**Refreshments served after both services on September 12



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

In the coming year, Confirmation will be held at St. Stephen's on Sunday, June 19th at the 10 am service.

Bishop Joe Burnett will be coming to our parish. Bishop Burnett, currently Bishop of the Diocese of Nebraska, will be serving for two years as the Assistant Bishop for Bishop Sutton following the retirement of Bishop John Rabb effective January 1, 2011. It was decided to have a two year interim period before electing a new Bishop Suffragan to succeed Bishop Rabb.

Father Hagerman will be starting the Confirmation program on **Sunday, September 19th at 9:10 a.m. in Woodward Hall.** All youth from High School age and up are invited to attend.

We would also like to organize an adult class and, as we did last year, schedule that according to what works best for everyone's schedule.

Contact the church office or register at church at the Christian Education table on September 12th. We will also have registration forms in church by August 29th.



A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP PART II

Seek First the Kingdom of God

In a message that is part of The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7) Jesus tells us, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" (Mt. 6:25) Jesus then goes on to tell of God's generous providence in clothing "the lilies of the field" and feeding "the birds of the air." Our heavenly Father knows we need these basic things to live. Jesus says, "But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Mt. 6:33)



Jesus, in his wisdom, knows that paralyzing anxiety suffocates the very energy and creativity we need to meet our own needs and the needs of others. In the creative energy of God's Kingdom, there is a power of cooperative teamwork that feeds us at the table of fellowship and compassion and clothes us in the vestments of Christ's service.

In this is the productivity, creativity and joy of A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP. The work of God's Kingdom is present in many of the ministries we offer at St. Stephen's. Find your gifts for ministry and a place to serve and discover the living reality of *The Kingdom of God*.

Look for the next issue of
THE SEVERN LIGHT
in early October

St. Stephen's in the COMMUNITY

INVITATION



On behalf of the **Crofton Christian Caring Council**, we invite you to a special meeting on **Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.** in St. Stephen's Parish Hall to discuss plans for a WALK-A-THON on the Crofton Parkway in the Spring of 2011 to support the ministries of the Crofton Christian Caring Council.

All ages are invited to be part of this event and we especially invite leaders of children and youth ministries and Scouts to be a part of this initial meeting.

Besides providing financial help for emergency situations (evictions, turn-off notices, prescriptions), the Crofton Christian Caring Council supports a Food Pantry at Seton Parish and a Baby Pantry at United Methodist. Calls for aid are becoming more frequent in the present climate. The need is ongoing.

For more information, call St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at 410-721-2881.

FOOD NEEDED

Recently, the Food Pantry at Seton began a partnership with the A. A. County Food Bank so that some food items are provided when the Food Bank has them. However, the following items are not always provided by the county and are of ongoing need:

Cereal (or oatmeal)	Boxed macaroni and cheese
Soup	Noodle/ rice/ potato sides (pouches or boxes)
Spaghetti sauce and pasta	Peanut butter and jelly (NOT extra large sizes)
Dessert items	Canned meals (chili, ravioli, beef stew, etc.)

STATS

From May 1 through July 31 of this year, the Crofton Christian Caring Council disbursed \$9,742.16 to help 69 families in the Anne Arundel County area.

From May 1 through July 31 of this year, 435 bags of food items were distributed to 187 families.

The bags of food are pre-packed and contain the following items: Canned fruit, peanut butter & jelly, macaroni & cheese, spaghetti sauce & pasta, packaged dessert, canned meal (chili, beef stew, ravioli, etc.), box/bag noodle, rice, or potato side dish, canned vegetables, tuna or canned meat, soup, and cereal.

Every item of food received from the County Food Bank must be numbered and tracked (requiring more volunteer hours).

WINTER RELIEF

For one week this winter, Seton Parish is partnering with St. Paul's Lutheran and Community United Methodist to provide food and shelter for homeless men in the Arundel House of Hope network. If anyone would like to help out, please contact coordinators, Roy and Alice Soluri, at 410-721-1361.



Musical Notes

Musical Notes, by Don Chandler, Organist-Choirmaster (August 17, 2010)

It HAS been a hot summer, hasn't it? For me it was the summer to discover the meaning of "staycation" after my car troubles cancelled my vacation travel plans... The saving grace was Shenandoah National Park, nearby and easily accessible, where I continue to discover more and more wonderful trails for hiking.

My travels to Shenandoah area have been based to a degree upon my reading of an old history recently reprinted, Wayland's *The German Element of Shenandoah Valley, 1901/2001*. This book started out putting me to sleep but quickly woke me up, as I discovered names of a step-ancestor of mine from the 1760's and also the early history of many German-American and very musical Christian denominations such as The Church of the Brethren (Dunker/Anabaptist), "German Methodists" (United or Evangelical United Brethren), Mennonites, etc. Among the many towns of the Valley mentioned in this fascinating book is Singers Glen, Va., near Harrisonburg. The book described the Funk family of Singers Glen and their hymnal publishing company, which had its headquarters in this town in the mid-19th century and published shape-note versions of Mennonite hymns in many thousands of copies. I had to GO to this fascinating town!

I discovered there is a Singers Glen music festival in this tiny town every 5 years, the next one in 2012, at which an "opera" by Alice Parker about the singing background of the town is described and celebrated. Alice Parker is a famous (in her field) arranger and composer of church music, the arranger of the anthem "Be thou my vision" that our Choir has sung several times over the past several years. She is still living, is 82 or 83, and in New Hampshire. She has visited the festival twice since its start in 1978 (held annually until 2007). I hope to be able to attend the next festival, which is scheduled for September, 2012.

So, you never know what enforced staycation may teach you!

Our music program year begins at St. Stephen's in just a few weeks. We urge those who plan to join Choir to let me know as soon as possible (410-451-4366; ddpctuner@aol.com). Returning members need not notify me unless you do not plan to return to Choir this fall. First rehearsal is on **Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 7:30 p.m.** We look forward to doing new (to us) music by Alice Parker as well as some new (to us) classics such as William Byrd's "Non nobis domine" (ca.1590), the main theme of which, I discovered in our Messiah series two years ago during Lent, is used in the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel and which constitutes part of Handel's "ecumenical" message of *The Messiah*. Children ages first grade and up are welcome to join Spirit Singers, under the direction of Amy Laughlin and myself, which will begin rehearsals on **Sunday, Sept. 12, right after the 10:00 a.m. service.** Those adults interested in a Handbell Choir please let me know: do we have the committed nucleus to re-start this enjoyable ministry?

I hope your summer hasn't been too unbearable -- and I hope to see you in a musical context around St. Stephen's in a few weeks!

Yours for Church music,
Don Chandler, ChM, CAGO
 Organist-choirmaster

WELCOME TO THE 2010-2011 CHURCH SCHOOL YEAR!!



CLASSES BEGIN Sunday, **September 12th** at 10:00 a.m.; OPEN HOUSE for Church School will begin at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 12th. Registration papers are on the table in the Parish Hall or available on-line. We are asking that EVERY child be registered for every class in order to have updated information and enrollment files.

The Church School staff members are EXTREMELY proud to engage our children in the Good News of Christ.

Over the coming year, the teaching staff for the First Grade through Fifth Grade classes will again coordinate their curriculums. They will use the Episcopal Church program, ALL THINGS NEW. This program can be reviewed at the publisher's website: www.morehousepublishing.com. We feel this is both a colorful and user-friendly curriculum that is thoroughly scriptural and liturgical.

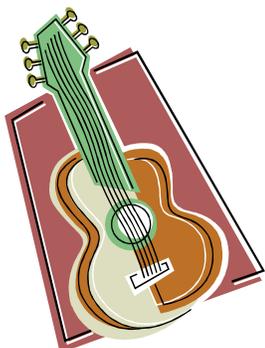
- The Nursery will continue during all 10:00 AM Services.
- The Preschool/Kindergarten classes will be using a curriculum prepared by their teacher, Margaret Duffy.
- The Middle School program will be using "FaithWeaver" from Group Publishing. "Faith Weaver" incorporates Bible Study with real life applications to learn how the Bible impacts each of their lives.
- The High School class will continue with a series of lessons also published by Group.
- The Confirmation preparation group will be using published and "found" materials chosen by Father Hagerman.

We are truly looking forward to the coming year and the opportunities to further engage the entire Parish Family in Church School activities. We encourage input and suggestions and welcome all individual involvement and support.

As always, keep us in your prayers.

PEACE ~

Berney Jaroch-Hagerman,
Church School Superintendent



CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP

next practice

Sunday, September 5

9:10 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Father Hagerman leads this intergenerational group of singers and musicians in singing a Prelude Anthem on Family Sundays (about once a month). Anyone who loves music is welcome to join.

V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School) is a learning lesson during which you will...

Learn the child who will only use one color and you are surprised yourself that a red zebra or a blue giraffe can be beautiful...

Learn which children will be hesitant to speak, however, you know they hear every word and listen well...

Learn the children who must sit near each other to be happy, and you learn very quickly who will make mischief given the slightest chance...

Learn the child who will happily be doused at play time with bubble liquid or coated with chalk dust but who hold up their hand horrified if a drop of glue gets on it at craft time...

Learn how eager, utterly eager, our children are to hear the Bible told in a way that engages them and helps them believe they can be an agent for *GOD* every single day...

Learn, and you re-learn that patience, patience, patience is essential...

There are moments, if you are truly listening, when a child will speak or do something so incredible that you can only wonder about the heart and soul from which it was gathered.

And so, you learn all over again about respect - whether they are 4 or 7 or 12 years old, they deserve our respect...

Learn there are wonderful teenagers and adults who volunteer to shepherd, teach, photograph, feed, sing with, play with, craft with, laugh with, conduct science experiments with, empathize with, clean-up after, and understand each child.

And, it is that individualized attention that matters most...



V.B.S. - continued from page 6

And, even though it can be an exhausting week that requires hours of commitment, as the Director, you learn - to use the words of a special needs student I taught - V.B.S. is ABSOTIVELY, POSITUTELY THE BEST TIME!!

Thank you...



GUILD NEWS AND NOTES:



Summer is almost gone and the Guild Ladies have been quite busy.

We have started a project to raise funds for a new floor in the Parish Hall. We have only one estimate (will get more when we get close to our goal) of \$14,000. In March, we had a *Gold Canyon Candle* fund raiser. In February, the money from the Pancake Supper was donated towards the floor, and in June we had our "Spring Fling", where instead of a Spring Dinner, we went for a BBQ. We had a Vintage Car display (not as many as we expected), a cooler raffle, 50-50, a bake sale and a yard sale. We have also had a contribution from the family of Dunbar MacNemar. Thus far we have close to \$6,000. Any personal donations are also welcome. We have a Bake Sale and a Bingo in the works for the near future.

We are also looking ahead at the "Fall Dinner" and the "Fall Bazaar". Anyone having items to donate for the Bazaar and the Silent Auction, may contact Melissa Bednarik at 301-261-3623 or e-mail at alischief@verizon.net. Also, please be thinking about helping out for the Fall Dinner. We always need help there.

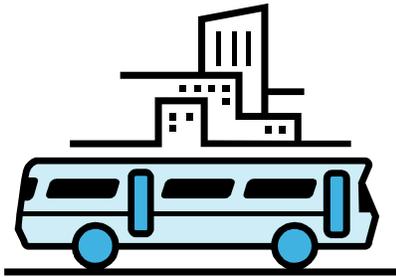
Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 2** in the Parish Hall: Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to attend. We will be discussing our future projects. A light fare will be served. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Melissa Bednarik
President

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Severn Parish
Financial Statement
Period January 01 - July 31, 2010**

	Jan-Jul 2010 Actuals	Budget	+/-	Jan-Jul 2009 Actuals
<u>OPERATING INCOME:</u>				
Pledges	\$135,357	\$137,591	(2,234)	\$127,965
Plate	10,495	13,836	(3,341)	12,472
Other	8,294	8,139	155	9,694
TOTAL	\$154,146	\$159,566	-\$5,420	\$150,131
# of Weeks	30	30		30
Avg Pledge/Week	4,512	4,586	-74	4,266
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>				
Parish Operations	26,318	29,376	(3,058)	25,489
Programs	9,696	7,859	1,837	9,836
Property	34,770	36,199	(1,429)	36,051
Salaries & Benefits	88,264	91,144	(2,880)	86,754
Other	4,023	3,092	931	3,900
TOTAL	\$163,071	\$167,670	(\$4,599)	\$162,030
Cash +/-	(\$8,925)	(\$8,104)	(\$821)	(\$11,899)

Respectfully submitted,
James D. Dietrich, Senior Warden



NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

There's room for you!

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SHOW, ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL & GROUND ZERO THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 2, 2010

There are still 16 seats available, please make your reservation soon!

Cost of **\$140.00 per person** includes travel in a luxury video motor coach with bagel & juice breakfast, a morning tour of St. Paul's Chapel and Ground Zero, Orchestra or Front Mezzanine Seating to the **2:00 pm** Radio City Christmas Show, soft drinks & snacks upon departure from NYC, and all taxes & tips.

CONTACT Berney if interested: shbjh@verizon.net or 410-721-3958

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The Rev. Steven W. Hagerman, *Rector*

FALL

WELCOME SUNDAY

September 12

Open House at 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. WELCOME



CHURCH SCHOOL to start on Fall Welcome Sunday September 12 9:15-10:00 a.m.

There will be time to register & meet with teachers as part of our Fall Welcome Sunday events.

Classes begin at 10:00 AM.

Foundational Christian Education is offered in our Church School program, which provides instruction for all young people from nursery school through high school.

The program year extends from September through May. **Students may register at any time during the program year.**

Church School is held on Sundays in the Parish Hall during the first part of the 10:00 a.m. worship

service; students are then escorted to church to join their families at the offertory. One Sunday a month (Family Sunday), the young people attend the entire worship service with their families, at which time, class projects, which reflect various themes in the liturgical year, are presented.



Our sacramental program includes instructional classes on Holy Eucharist for parents and children during the Lenten season, and a Confirmation program for high school students scheduled one Sunday a month between services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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