



The Severn Light

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Severn Parish
Crownsville, Maryland
August 2013—Fall Preview

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**This newsletter is either emailed to those who have online capabilities or sent through the postal system for those who don't. If you have a delivery preference, please let the church secretary know.

FROM THE PASTOR

Honoring our past - Building our future. This is the theme we have set for our 175th Anniversary Year.

The beginning of a new Church School Year reminds us that the faith that we teach is as old as the Scriptures and as new as every new generation of children and youth who receive it. We look forward to a creative new program year featuring many special anniversary events and a visit by Bishop Sutton early in 2014 (January 19).

This is a time to renew and strengthen your faith.

This is a time to invite others to join us.

The past we honor is our heritage of Faith. The future we build is the ministry of God's Love carried forward by every generation of this parish family.

Father Hagerman



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – Severn Parish 1838-2013

175th Anniversary

Honoring our past - Building our future

EVENTS TO COME

Sunday, September 8—Church School Open House and Welcome Sunday

Open House begins at 9:15 and Classes start at 10:00

Saturday, September 14—Crab Feast; purchase tickets ahead of time

Sunday, September 22—Ministries Fair after each service

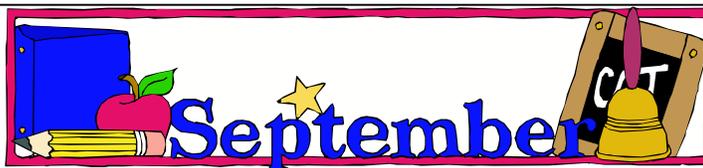
Sunday, October 6—Blessing of the Animals at the 10:00 a.m. service

(to be held at the outdoor St. Francis Chapel)

Saturday & Sunday, October 12 & 13—Homecoming Weekend

October 12 at 7:30 pm—Monumental Brass Concert

October 13 after the 10:00 a.m. service—Anniversary Celebration Brunch



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>8 am-Holy Eucharist 10 am-Holy Eucharist 4:30 pm-Girl Scouts</p>	<p>2 <i>Labor Day</i></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am-Eucharist 10:30 a.m.-My Brother's Keeper 7:30 pm-Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30-Guild Eucharist 10 am-Guild Meeting 5 pm-Evening Prayer</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <i>Welcome Sunday</i></p> <p>8 am-Holy Eucharist 9:15-OPEN HOUSE 10 am-Church School 10 am-Holy Eucharist 6 pm-Girl Scouts</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10 am-Morning Prayer</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am-Eucharist 10:30 am-My Brother's Keeper 7:30 pm-Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5 pm-Evening Prayer</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3-6:30 pm-CRAB FEAST</p>
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ANNIVERSARY EVENT: MONUMENTAL BRASS CONCERT



NOW's the time to get your Monumental tickets!

As part of St. Stephen's 175th anniversary celebration, we're hosting the very fine Monumental Brass Quintet (MBQ) on Saturday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m.

It's an anniversary gift to our parish and the community and friends of St. Stephen's.

An award-winning ensemble, the MBQ has won international and U.S. brass competitions and pleased listeners and critics at the Kennedy Center, DAR Constitution Hall, The Meyerhoff and Strathmore concert halls and nationwide.

Critics have praised the ensemble's energy, skill and sensitivity as well as their diversity of styles - the MBQ plays everything from Renaissance to Jazz to Ragtime.

Buy advance tickets -- \$10 for adults or children -- after church on September 15, 22, 29 or October 6.

Or order them now by mail. Just send a check (made out to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church) to the church office:

St. Stephen's Church
c/o Irene McEntee
1110 St. Stephen's Church Road
Crownsville, MD 21032



Advance tickets will be held at the door on the concert night, starting at 6 p.m. You can still buy tickets at the door: \$12.00 adults/ \$10.00 children.

Don't wait to get tickets. Newspaper announcements will open this concert to the community. Our very reasonable ticket price reflects our hope to fill every seat and make this a great celebration of our church's birthday! Invite your friends and neighbors!

Come to the feast at St. Stephen's...

Crab Feast

St. Stephen's Parish Hall

Saturday, September 14

3:00-6:30 p.m.



ALL YOU CAN EAT

Crabs, Hot Dogs, Corn on the Cob
BYOB(eer), Ice Tea & Water

Tickets are on sale after Sunday services
or in church office during the week.

ADVANCE SALE PREFERRED

Adults: \$30; Kids 5-12: \$15.

Under 5: free



Musical Notes

Musical Notes, by Don Chandler, Organist-Choirmaster

End of summer greetings! Fall is almost here. St. Stephen's musical season begins on September 4, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with Choir Rehearsal in the Church. We hope for many new and returning members: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass, in High School or older. Please contact me with questions and your intentions to join in this vital ministry: 443-924-8264; ddpctuner@aol.com.

Our Junior Choir, the Spirit Singers, composed of children and youth in grades 1-8 for the most part, but also open to High School students, starts with registration on Welcome Sunday, September 8. Please find the Spirit Singers Registration table and fill out a form if you plan to be in choir this year. We sing on the first Sunday of most months and at Christmas Eve. First rehearsal in on Sunday, September 15 after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Choir Room in the Undercroft (basement) of the Church. This year we are happy to have the assistance of Father Hagerman with his guitar; we also welcome Ms. Toni Hoffer, who will help with administration. We need every able-bodied singing child—boys and girls—to make our efforts worthwhile. We are told that our choir is very important to our church! Come and help us sing God's praises, learn anthems, hymns, service music and psalms; earn our ribbons, and "give back" in gratitude for all God has given us.

Looking ahead, the annual Requiem of autumn (with Seton Parish and other choirs) will be that of Fauré, a perennial favorite, on November 2 (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. at Seton Parish R.C. Church, Rte. 424 in Crofton. I urge you to consider contributing toward the cost of the small orchestra in memory of a loved one at that time of All Saints. Mark your calendar now to allow plenty of time to have dinner with us at our Fall Dinner that day (in our Parish Hall, 3-6:30 pm) and to then, the same evening, go over to Seton Church for the Requiem. We look forward to this our seventh annual musical fund-raising event for the Crofton Christian Caring Council.

I urge you to let me know of requests for specific hymns for our 10:00 a.m. services. There are literally hundreds to choose from!

I wish you a fulfilling autumn and program year as we sing, pray and work together at St. Stephen's. "Happy New Year!"

Yours for the church music,
Mr. Don

Donald P. Chandler, ChM, M.Div.
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FOR THE YOUTH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Back to School Initiative

It's hard to believe we are in the final weeks of summer! As "Back to School" time approaches, the Children's Ministry will be supporting Park Elementary School, serving a local underprivileged community in Baltimore. One of our very own parishioners, Theresa Shay, is a teacher at Park Elementary. She witnesses first-hand children who lack the social and financial support that so many of us take for granted. Many students come to school without necessary clothing. We can make a difference! In the coming weeks, please think of these students as you walk the aisles of your local store. We are collecting socks, underwear, t-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweat pants for both boys and girls ranging in sizes 4 through 14. You can drop off in the Baby Needs box in the narthex. The Children's Ministry will sort it out and deliver it to the school.

By the way, the Baby Needs initiative is continuing on as well. Diapers, baby wipes, and baby food are in high demand. If you have any questions, please contact Sonia Blackwell at soniamblackwell@gmail.com or 240-882-2750.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The first Sunday of October is traditionally a day to celebrate God's good creation. **October 6** is the first Family Sunday, where Church School students will be attending the entire 10:00 a.m. Service with their families. This service will be held at the outside St. Francis Chapel area located behind the Parish Hall. The Blessing of the Animals will take place within the context of the service. So bring your favorite pets for this special event.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Put **October 26** on your calendar for our annual TRUNK OR TREAT night celebrating a safe way to observe Halloween.

Games and Food
Fun and Treats
More info to come.....



MEMO TO CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES

from Father Hagerman

We are looking forward to the beginning of our new Church School year on Sunday, September 8th beginning with Open House and Registration from 9:15-10:00 a.m. This is a good time to invite friends and neighbors with children to come and see our program and meet our teachers.

Some important information to note for the coming year:

Bishop Sutton will be making a visitation to St. Stephen's on Sunday, January 19, 2014.

This will give us the opportunity to have another Confirmation, so I would like to see us take advantage of this and have classes available for youth and adults. I would look to start a new youth Confirmation Class on Sunday, September 15 from 9:10-9:50 a.m. in Woodward Hall. Like last year, I am including Middle and High School students in this invitation since this is a special opportunity to have Confirmation with Bishop Sutton. Since this Confirmation would be in January, I would expect to hold classes twice a month to cover our program. Contact the church office or see me if interested.

SPIRIT SINGERS

We will be resuming Spirit Singers on Sunday, September 15th at the usual time after the 10:00 a.m. service in the choir room. We were sorry to say good bye to Amy Laughlin as the Laughlins moved to Myrtle Beach SC. We appreciate the good work she did in the program. I will be working with Don Chandler to make sure we continue the Spirit Singers and we invite parents and choir members to assist us in this effort.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

We were also sorry to say good bye to Mike and Margaret Duffy this summer as they relocate to Alexandria VA and Chesapeake Beach. We are very happy to welcome new teachers/youth workers:

Pre Kindergarten/Kindergarten program

Carolyn Younkin

Middle and High School program

Bob Versis, Robert Fetzer, and Lorin Selby

All Church School Staff will be meeting on Sunday, August 25 to prepare for the new Church School year.

GUILD NOTES AND NEWS

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Our September meeting will be September 5th with Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Hostesses for the meeting are Joan Langenfeld and Melissa Bednarik. We will be discussing our Fall Dinner, November 2nd and the Bazaar, November 16th. *All ladies are welcome!*

Our June meeting was held at Epiphany Church in Odenton following a Holy Eucharist service led by Rev. Phoebe McPherson. After the service, Phoebe took us on a tour of the church and told us the history of Epiphany. The tour was very informative and taught us some of the additional history of Epiphany.

Following the tour Phoebe served lunch.

During lunch, a short meeting was held in which Arlene Rayburn was elected Treasurer. (Jean Sunday had resigned as Treasurer)

SEPTEMBER 5, 2013
9:30 a.m. Guild Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Guild Meeting

Time to get back to our fall and winter schedule. Thanks to all that have helped out with the Guild Projects. Our Spring Dinner was not a huge success but we raised some monies for our table and chair cabinets in the Parish Hall. We still have to raise more as of now we do not have enough to complete the project.

I am no longer able to be chairman of our Fall Dinner, scheduled for November 2, so I am looking for some younger volunteers (perhaps some of the men) to do the heavy shopping for me. I have a specific list for each thing, so it really is not that hard, just too heavy for me to do anymore. I will be there to help but cannot do the heavy lifting and be on my feet for five days of prep work. If you can help, please let me know, it will be greatly appreciated. I still have the sign-up sheet from last year which was cancelled due to the hurricane and the power outage, so I will bring it out and see if everyone is still agreeable to do the same job.

Our Bazaar will be November 16th. We will have the Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Vendors (call your friends to see if they are interested in a table) and a Raffle. If you have some nice items you would like to donate to the Silent Auction please contact Mary Brown or Marsha Thompson.

Again, thanks to all for your support.

Melissa Bednarik,
 Guild President



Please volunteer.
We can't do it without you!

Up and Coming

MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

The new season of *My Brother's Keeper* helping the homeless is here, beginning on September 4th. Any ladies in the parish who would like to join us for fellowship and good works is welcome to join us at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We'll be meeting every Wednesday throughout the program year. Questions can be referred to Joan Langenfeld at 410-721-7988.

~Joan Langenfeld, President

BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays from October through April in the Parish Hall from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Our purpose is to come to a better understanding of the Old and New Testaments through a self-taught program called "Life Guide Study Program." We compare the lifestyles, customs, and faith practices of the ancient civilizations with those of the modern Western world. We are finding that there are as many similarities as there are differences. We share personal experiences and the wisdom of "our years" as it applies to our faith, our lives and our challenges.

If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Joan Trisko (301-262-4399) or Jean Cox (410-573-1638). Our first meeting will be on September 23rd.

~Joan Trisko

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of St. Stephen's will hold their Annual Meeting on **Saturday, September 19** at 9:00 a.m. Corporate Communion will take place on **October 13** at the 10:00 a.m. Service. All members are urged to attend.

~Gail Brooks

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL

Anyone may have memorial or thanksgiving flowers placed in the chancel for Sunday services. It is a lovely way to remember various occasions. The flowers are available for you to take home the day after the services. Please contact Gail Brooks to reserve *your* day for flowers: 301-261-0647.

FALL DINNER

The first Saturday of November will be here before you know it! Keep **November 2** free for you to attend and /or volunteer to help with our *Annual Fall Dinner*. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served from 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Take-out dinners will be available as well as a Bake Sale for more goodies to bring home.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, November 16 is the date for our *Holiday Bazaar with Silent Auction*. Lunch and a bake sale will be available along with vendors. Contact Melissa Bednarik if you would like a table for items to sell at the Bazaar and stay tuned for a listing of Silent Auction donations.

A NICE THING TO DO

HELP WANTED-HELP READY TO GIVE

There is a bit of room put aside room on the Parish Hall bulletin board (where the calendars are) called "Help wanted-Help ready to give." Parish members who need work done at their home and cannot do it all themselves (perhaps gardening, for example) can put a help wanted note up for teens or pre-teens who may have the time and ability to help them. Any payment can be decided upon by the parties involved. Let's see if we can help each other out.

Look for the next *Severn Light* in October.



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The Rev. Steven W. Hagerman, *Rector*

FALL WELCOME SUNDAY

September 8

Church School Open House & Registration.

9:15-10:00 a.m.

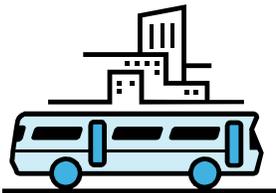
Classes start at 10 a.m.



NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

FRIDAY ~ DECEMBER 6

Includes tickets to Radio City Christmas Show



All 50 seats on the bus are first-registered, first-paid, first-seated.



Cost of \$155.00 per person includes travel in a luxury video motor coach, with bagel & juice breakfast & a movie, Orchestra or Front Mezzanine Seating to the **1:00 p.m.** Radio City Christmas Show, free time to shop, soft drinks & snacks upon departure from NYC, and all taxes and tips.

Make reservation soon.

All monies due by October 1st.

Please contact Berney if you wish to be included on the manifest.

410-721-3958 (home) or shbjh@verizon.net