



The Severn Light

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Severn Parish
Crownsville, Maryland
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

The Paschal Mystery—Christ's dying and rising for us—is the heart of the Christian Faith. From Palm Sunday through Easter, we will walk this path with Jesus. Join us for prayer and worship.

March 24, Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of Palms and the reading of the Passion according to St. Mark

March 25, Monday of Holy Week

10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

March 26, Tuesday of Holy Week

5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

March 27, Wednesday of Holy Week

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

March 28, Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
6:00 p.m.—Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping the Altar to prepare for Good Friday
(The Agape Meal begins in the Parish Hall celebrating the Liturgy of the Word with a Seder-like supper and continues in Church at the Offertory for the remainder of the Service.)

Prayer Vigil in Woodward Hall begins after the evening service and continues until Good Friday at noon.

March 29, Good Friday

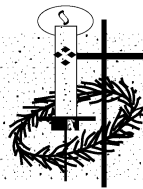
12:00 p.m. noon—Good Friday Liturgy from the *Book of Common Prayer*, Stations of the Cross, and Private Prayer until 3:00 p.m.

March 31, Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m.—Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist



Enter into
the PASSION
and GLORY
of the LORD

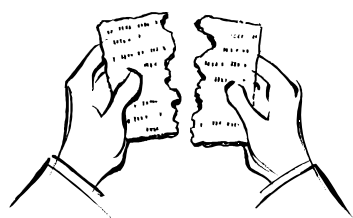


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HOLY WEEK AT ST. STEPHEN'S

From *Hosannas* to the starkness of the *Reading of the Passion according to St. Luke*, our observance of Holy Week begins on the Sunday of the Passion—March 24—Palm Sunday.

Extra prayer opportunities abound for parishioners on Monday (Morning and Evening Prayer), Tuesday (Evening Prayer), Wednesday (Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer) and Thursday (Morning Prayer).



Maundy Thursday is uniquely observed here at St. Stephen's. The evening service begins in the Parish Hall with an Agape Meal in a design borrowed from the Jewish Passover Meal. Children are chosen to ask questions that will tie the Old Testament with the New Testament. For some families, this meal will be the culmination of Holy Communion instruction and there will be a special presentation to the children who participated in these classes.

The food is simple - a salad bar potluck. Please bring a dish to share (no desserts). We will have "lamb cakes" as part of the symbolism of the evening. We also have hot dogs available for the children. Even if you did not participate in the Communion Classes, we invite all of our parish families to join us.



Between 7:15 and 7:30 p.m., we will go into the church where we will continue with the Offertory, beginning with the hymn, *I come with joy to meet my Lord*. Please understand that if you are joining us in church at this time, this is the point of the service in which we are continuing. (The Liturgy of the Word is done in the context of the Agape Meal in the Parish Hall.) After Holy Communion, which may be First Communion for some of our children, we set the stage for the Stripping of the Altar, first by singing the hymn, *Go to dark Gethsemane*, followed by a reading of the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John, which are the final prayers of Jesus before his arrest. The altar is stripped and the church is prepared for Good Friday. The altar of the prayer vigil has already been prepared in Woodward Hall, where the sacred elements will be contained until noon the next day. All are invited to take time to come, pray and meditate during the night hours. (There is a sign up sheet in the narthex to make sure all hours of Night Watch will be covered.) Many events in salvation history converge on Maundy Thursday. Come and join us for this unique and powerful experience of worship and fellowship.



On Friday, March 29, from noon until 3:00 p.m. three hours are set aside for the Good Friday Liturgy from the *Book of Common Prayer*, Stations of the Cross, and private prayer and meditation time.

Please take advantage of these prayer times and be blessed!



Musical Notes

by Don Chandler, Organist-choirmaster

Holy Week is fast approaching at St. Stephen's. Our music covers the contradictory themes of joy (Palm Sunday), sorrow (the Passion), and joy again (Easter). Scripture describes the shouts of the children as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, so we're asking our children's choir, *Spirit Singers*, to sing "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" at the beginning of Palm Sunday's service (10:00 a.m. only). Later in the same service, both choirs join to present Thomas Tallis' "The Third Tune," which is Hymn 170 in our hymnal. Written in the 16th century, this music (and the excellent text by Frederick Pratt Green) is one of the profoundest portrayals of the Passion in history, it seems to me.

The Choir will present Mozart's *Ave verum corpus* on Maundy Thursday, as is traditional for a celebration of the institution of the Eucharist. We sing it in Latin since the commonly-available English translations mask the sense of the text of "Hail, true body," with a more accurate translation in prose given elsewhere in that night's bulletin. This is regarded as one of the most wonderful anthems ever written. I hope we do it justice.

Easter is the day of days of our Christian religion. This year we present the very traditional Easter hymn, *This joyful Eastertide*, words by George R. Woodward (early 20th century), tune of venerable Dutch origin (17th century), harmonized by Charles Wood (English, early 20th century), in a classic anthem format. The Choir will sing the Hallelujah Chorus after the Dismissal (10:00 a.m. service only): please remain standing for this very special piece.

We expect to engage a small string ensemble to aid us in worship on Easter morning at the 10:00 a.m. service. Anyone wishing to contribute a special donation for this purpose may use envelopes in the baptismal font (please write "Easter music" in the memo line of your check). Thank you very much.

A very blessed late Lent, Holy Week, and Easter season to all!



NIGHTWATCH

"Could you not spend one hour with Me?"

Sign up for the *Night Watch Prayer Vigil* which begins after the Maundy Thursday service. Each hour till noon on Good Friday should be covered. It isn't limited to one or two persons—families or groups of friends can participate in this silent, devotional prayer time. This is a wonderful way to end your Lenten meditations. The sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

Easter Flowers

Each year at Easter, you can help usher in the Paschal season with flowers. Your donations allow us to purchase Easter flowers to decorate the church. After a few weeks, you are free to take home your flower and plant the bulb in your yard - a Spring treat for next year!

So, order your thanksgiving and/or memorial Easter flowers using the form found below. They are \$10.00 each. Make your check out to St. Stephen's Church. **Sunday, March 17, is the last day for ordering.**



Easter Flower Order Form



Name _____

QUANTITY

TOTAL

LILIES _____ @ \$10.00 EACH = _____

HYACINTHS _____ @ \$10.00 EACH = _____

TULIPS _____ @ \$10.00 EACH = _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 17, 2013

IN MEMORY OF:

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Severn Parish 175th Anniversary Celebration 1838-2013

Honoring our past - Building our future

EVENTS

Sunday, April 21—Panel and History Talk

Saturday, May 4—Spring Dinner and Historic Tour

Sunday, May 12—Special Tribute to Mothers

Sunday, May 19—Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 16—Special Tribute to Fathers

Sunday, June 30—Celebration of Youth during the 10 am service. Bishop Burnett will preside at Confirmation and the VBS Closing Rite will be presented.

October 12 and 13—Homecoming Weekend

PROJECTS

The 175th Anniversary History Project

Theme: *The history of the Church is built on stories of faith, hope and love entwined*

•**Faith**—The Rev. Henry Asquith and the founding of St. Stephen's-Severn Parish 1838

•**Hope**—The Woodward Family: How grieving the untimely loss of a daughter (Edith) built Woodward Hall and the Celtic Cross Memorial (1898-99)

•**Love**—The ministry of My Brother's Keeper as an embodiment of a strong ethic of service.

Bring us your stories of Faith, Hope, and Love.

Throughout the Year

-Join us in sprucing up our grounds and improving our buildings

-We are preparing a historic church tour and collecting historic artifacts

-A quilt is being prepared

Bring us your ideas.

**The next Anniversary Committee Meeting is
Monday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.
in Woodward Hall.
All are welcome!**



NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP



I HAVE BEGUN TAKING NAMES FOR THE 2013 NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

The date of the trip will be Friday, December 6th

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

We are hoping that the cost per person will be around \$150.00.

This cost includes:

- travel in luxury video motor coach,
 - bagel & juice breakfast,
- Orchestra or First Mezzanine Seating to the Radio City Christmas Show,
 - soft drinks & snacks upon departure from NYC,
 - and ALL taxes and tips.

**PLEASE CONTACT BERNEY JAROCH-HAGERMAN,
IF YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED.**

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

*We have to limit ourselves to ONE bus, so get your name
on the roster very soon!*



KUDOS

Special thanks to:

- ☺ The **men** for a great Pancake Supper. Good food and great fun.
- ☺ **Berney Jaroch Hagerman** for making the Parish Hall so warm and welcoming for the Newcomers Brunch. The table decorations were lovely.
- ☺ **Barbara and Chuck Sands** for replenishing the coffee hour supply cabinet.
- ☺ **Dorothy Waugh** for removing the faded Christmas wreaths and decorations from the cemetery. It looks neat, clean, and ready for spring!
- ☺ **Mary and Scott Vining, and daughter Cindy** for removing all the expired stuff from the kitchen refrigerators. What surprises they found!
- ☺ **Pete Coakley** did a great job replacing the emergency doors in the Parish Hall. The doors let in so much light, and look beautiful.

TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Folks, you can make the teller's job a little easier if you keep in mind the following tips.

Please don't put tape or glue or staples on the envelope. When a teller has to open 100 envelopes, that just slows down the process.

If you are paying for two or more weeks, it is not necessary to use more than one envelope. In fact, a number of pledgers pay monthly using one envelope.

If you use one of the special offering envelopes, please write on the envelope what the offering is for. It is also a good idea to write on the check what it is for.

If you are a pledger and you drop a check in the plate without using an envelope, please write your pledge number on the check.

The Easter, Christmas and Special Offering envelopes are not for pledges. If you use them you will not get credit toward your pledge. You will still, however, get an accounting of the offering on your year-end statement for tax purposes.

If you don't complete your 2013 pledge before December 31, you can still make it up in January 2014 but you will not get an accounting on your 2013 year-end statement and cannot claim it on your 2013 taxes. It will be on your 2014 year-end statement.

Thanks,

Donna Graves (head teller)

St. Stephen's in the Community

CROFTON CHRISTIAN CARING COUNCIL

The *Crofton Christian Caring Council* is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing financial assistance to area residents with an emergency need (rent, power, water, medicine). Areas serviced are: Crofton, Gambrills, Millersville, Crownsville, Odenton.

Member churches include: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish, First Baptist Church of Crofton, Community United Methodist Church, Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, Mid-Atlantic Community Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

CCCC at work: UPDATES

Board Meetings are held monthly; outreach reports are shared. Here are examples of the work being done.

In January:

- 330 bags of groceries were given to 150 families at the Food Pantry
- 134 people received supplies from the Baby Pantry
- 32 clients were aided with \$7,447.97 to help with power, rent, water, and medicine

In February:

- The Food Pantry distributed 218 bags of groceries helping 93 families
- The Baby Pantry had 137 clients needing supplies
- Financially, a total of \$1,960.59 was spent on power and rent for 9 clients

VOLUNTEERS

As you can see, we need to continue money raising efforts. Our funding comes from individual and civic group donations. Recently we have been learning to write and apply for grants. If there is anyone who has a talent in this department and the time, your help would be very much appreciated. During the rest of the year, we could use more fundraising ideas. There are many networking workshops where it would be helpful if the CCCC had representation.

In regard to the Walkathon, we need people to help at the registration table, put out signs, take posters to local businesses, hand out snacks and goody bags, etc....

If any of these activities appeal to you and you have the time to volunteer, please leave your name with Father Hagerman.

WALKATHON INFO

The date for our 3rd Annual *Crofton Cares* Walkathon is fast approaching. Sponsor envelopes with registration forms and info are available in the Parish Hall. Runners and walkers of all ages are welcome. (Runners will start first.) A praise band will entertain at beginning and end of Walk.

Registration forms are handed in at the beginning of the Walk.

when: Sunday, April 14

time: Registration begins at 1 pm; Walkathon begins at 2 pm

where: Walk begins and ends at Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church on Crofton Parkway.
Walk the circumference of the Parkway

why: To raise funds for the Crofton Christian Caring Council

I want to help but cannot walk: Become a business donor or be a sponsor for someone else





2013 Vacation Bible School

"EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR GOD'S WORLD COMES TOGETHER"

June 24 - June 28th and CLOSING PROGRAM ~ June 30th
M, T, Th, F - 9 am til noon

Wednesday evening is Family Night beginning with Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm

Classes for Pre/K to 5th Grade

**** We have a color for each day and challenge the entire VBS to wear that color.**

**** THIS YEAR, WE ARE GOING TO COLLECT MONIES FOR OUR OUTREACH PROJECT TO PROVIDE MOSQUITO NETTING TO CHILDREN IN MALI.**

DAY 1 - RED - Sarah and Abraham Welcome the Visitors (Genesis 18:1-14; 21:1-3)
THEME: Neighbors are friendly

DAY 2 - GREEN - A Widow Gives Cheerfully (1 Kings 17:7-16)
THEME: Neighbors are giving

DAY 3 - BLUE - Good Samaritan: A Bold Neighbor (Luke 10:25-37)
THEME: Neighbors are bold

PARISH-WIDE POT-LUCK DINNER AT 6:00 PM

DAY 4 - ORANGE or YELLOW - JESUS Forgives Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
THEME: Neighbors are forgiving

DAY 5 - ANY COLOR OF THE RAINBOW - GOD Welcomes Everyone (Acts 10:1-43)
THEME: Neighbors are welcoming

We need help in the classrooms and craft center.

You do not have to commit to the entire week.

Any help you can offer will be happily accepted!

THANKS ~ Berney (410-721-3958) or shbjh@verizon.net

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The Rev. Steven W. Hagerman, *Rector*



EASTER SUNDAY
SERVICES
MARCH 31
8:00 & 10:00 A.M.

BITS AND PIECES

Church School Schedule

March 24- Palm Sunday is Family Sunday (all students should attend the 10 a.m. service with their families)

March 31- Easter Sunday, No classes.

April 7- Classes resume as usual.



Altar Guild

Members of the Altar Guild are asked to attend a meeting in the

church undercroft this Sunday, **March 17** at 9:10 a.m. in preparation for Holy Week.

New Floor

A new floor will be installed in the Parish Hall during the week of **April 8-13**.

Guild Meeting

The Guild gathers for their monthly meeting on Thursday, **April 4** beginning with Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. Meeting and refreshments follow. All are welcome!

Pictures

We are still looking for old pictures of the church, especially before 1975.

Guest Preacher

Diocesan Staff member, the Rev. Dan Webster will be the guest preacher at both services on Sunday, **April 28**.

Spring Dinner

Mark your calendars for the **first Saturday of May** and plan to attend our Spring Dinner, especially revived to celebrate our 175th Anniversary.

Patchwork Squares

Completed squares for the Parish Quilt are due by **May 1**. Squares are still available in the narthex or you can use your own cloth as long as it is 11" x 11".