



The Severn Light

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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 worship and prayer.

April 5, Palm Sunday

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

April 6, Monday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer**
5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

April 7, Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer**
5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

April 8, Wednesday of Holy Week

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer with Handel Program

April 9, Maundy Thursday

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer**
6:00 p.m.—Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping the Altar to prepare for Good Friday
Prayer Vigil begins after the evening service and continues until Good Friday at noon

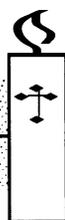
April 10, Good Friday

12:00 p.m. noon—Good Friday Liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer
7:30 p.m.—Stations of the Cross

April 12, Easter Sunday

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

**NOTE the time change for Morning Prayer



Alleluia

The Lord is risen!

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Maundy Thursday at St. Stephen's

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 shaped 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.

At about 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 the 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.

PARISH FAMILY ACTIVITIES THANK YOU ~ ONE AND ALL !!



The **Shrove Tuesday Soup Supper** was a wonderful success and the salad plate project was certainly worth all the time and efforts of the wonderful artists who helped create the masterpieces. Another trip to "Express It" and the opportunity to paint pottery is being planned for next February. The support of those who attended the supper is deeply appreciated.

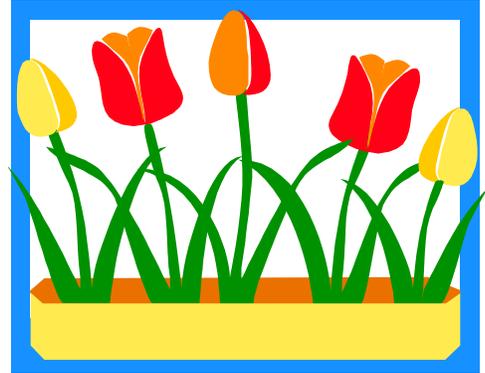
The **Pot-Luck Brunch** on **March 8th** was a fellowship gathering of good food and the opportunity to welcome some of our newest members and families. With a Lenten theme, warm sunshine, and a Family Sunday project, the day was certainly complete.

Keep your calendars free for the upcoming **Pot-Luck Brunch** planned for **Sunday, April 26th**, when the Confirmands will be giving PowerPoint Biographical Presentations. This will be a genuine opportunity to support the Confirmation Class and prayerfully mentor these two young people.

Easter Flowers

Giving thanksgiving and/or memorial flowers at Easter is a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Lilies, hyacinths, and tulips are being offered at \$10.00 each. Fill out the form and place in the collection plate or give to the church secretary.

After Easter, take your flowers home and plant the bulbs in your garden. Enjoy the blossoms again next Spring.



Order Form for Easter Flowers

Name _____

QUANTITY

PRICE

LILIES _____ @ \$10.00 EACH = _____

HYACINTHS _____ @ \$10.00 EACH = _____

TULIPS _____ @ \$10.00 EACH = _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 29, 2009

IN MEMORY OF:

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:



Vacation Bible School

June 22nd~26th

CLOSING PROGRAM~June 28th

“Join the FUN!”

Classes for Pre/K to 5th Grade

Vacation Bible School is in sight and plans are underway. PLEASE contact Berney if you are interested in volunteering.

We need help in the classrooms, craft center, and snack 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.



Church School and Easter Schedule

On Palm Sunday (April 5) and Easter Sunday (April 12)

all students are expected to attend the entire 10:00 a.m. Service with their families—as on Family Sundays.

Regular Church School classes will resume on April 19th.

LOOKING FORWARD

Mark the date

Sunday, May 17

Church School Recognition

At the 10:00 a.m. Service

All students & teachers are encouraged to attend; participation certificates to be presented

&

Parish Wide Pot Luck Picnic

Meet on church grounds (rectory side) after the 10:00 a.m. Service

Drinks, chips & two party size subs provided by the church

Attendees are invited to bring salads or desserts—no sign up necessary

Food, Games, Fun for Everyone!!

NEW INFO NEW PRICE NEW DATE



**RADIO CITY AND
NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP**

THURSDAY~DECEMBER 3, 2009

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

Cost at \$137.00 per person includes travel in luxury video motor coach, bagel & juice breakfast,

Orchestra Seating to Radio City Christmas Show, soft drinks & snacks upon departure from NYC, and all taxes and tips.

Roughly half (\$75.) of the Deposit due by April 1st
Balance due by October 1st.

PLEASE CONTACT BERNEY SOON, IF YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED ON THE MANIFEST.

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

We have to limit ourselves to ONE bus, so put your name in soon!

As of March 17th, 27 of the seats have been booked, so an early decision is to your advantage!

GEMS FROM THE ARCHIVES



Edgewood Farm, with a twenty-seven room house, once a large productive truck farm of 500 acres, now the area of the Burns Crossing Road County Landfill, was home to James L. Woodward, benefactor of our Severn Parish Woodward Hall and parish furnishings. Edgewood was originally settled around 1816 by James Webb of London, England, who was given letters of introduction by President Thomas Jefferson, and came to Maryland in 1807. James Webb married Clarissa Magruder, and their oldest daughter, Mary Edge Woodward, inherited the property and passed it to her son James L. Woodward. He kept a large pack of hounds for fox hunting there. A survey of the land indicated it to be the highest point in Anne Arundel County. Originally, tribes of Patuxent Indians made their homes in the area where many relics and an abundance of flint arrow heads have been found. Subsequently, the property was deeded to his cousin, Mrs. Richard Henry Maynard whose three sons and a daughter were born at Edgewood. After Mr. Maynard died, the property was sold in 1919, and Mrs. Maynard moved with her children to the area adjoining the Dairy Farm on Route 175. She donated a parcel of land where St. John's Chapel, Severn Parish, (now, a Baptist Church), was erected. The stained glass window over the altar in the St. Stephen's Church Sanctuary was donated by Mrs. Mary Edge Woodward, in memory of James and Clarissa H. Webb. Our Drusilla Maynard Wolking, daughter of Leslie Maynard, is a descendent of the original Webb and Woodward families.

Jean Sunday, Archivist

Episcopal Teens

ET would like to thank all the *X-Press It* kids and adults who contributed to the salad plate making and purchasing. The Appalachian Service Project (ASP) received 450 dollars from this effort. We have very talented artists; the plates where very imaginative and beautiful. In addition, all the Scrapbookers (please forgive if the reference is wrong) had a wonderful outing in the Parish Hall that raised 550 dollars for ASP. This event allowed for those within our surrounding community to contribute to our youth while sharing our wonderful Parish Hall with some of our own parishioners. For this effort we are grateful on both fronts.

Going forward, our Episcopal Teens will have a routine March. We will get going in April with Stock Sales, Car Washes, Dump Drives and possibly a Donut Sale. Stay tuned for the details. July 19 through the 25, we will leave for West Virginia once again to help folks have safer, warmer and drier homes within the Appalachian region. We will be in the town of Omar in Logan County. So far we have 16 participants and still recruiting.

We look forward to serving our distant and local neighbors. Each month we will continue to carry food and health articles to the homeless in Baltimore.

IHL
Sheri LaFleur
ET Advisor

Women of the Bible Study Group

The group discussing the Women of the Bible is nearing the end of four years studying 52 different female Biblical characters. Each one had a message. The group identified themes and God's message to us women through their lives, sinful or Godly. We discussed facts new to us about living in those times and reflected on issues that are still relevant today especially in our personal lives. The final discussion examines the contribution of The Wise



Woman of Abel from the Book of Samuel. This will be followed by a celebration of Afternoon English Tea at the home of Monica Regan on Monday, March 23rd at 2:00 pm. a change of time to accommodate "tea time". If you would like to "come for tea", please contact Monica Regan: 410 729 4036; monicaregan3@verizon.net or Jean Cox.

Congratulations to all the ladies who have successfully completed many sessions of our Women's Daytime Bible Study.

Musical Notes

By Donald Chandler, Organist-Choirmaster

Fog and clammy cold remind us that Lent is here. The fogginess of our sojourn, the ignorance against which we strive – is that one meaning of "dust thou art..."? For "enlightenment," we continue our series on Handel's *Messiah*, Wednesday evenings at 7:00, to understand (and listen to) this great work, its origins and inspiration for millions throughout the past 250 years. Won't you join us for the three remaining sessions?



Choral highlights of Passion Week at St. Stephen's include a Renaissance motet by children and adults on Sunday- - "Hosanna to the Son of David," by Decius; Handel's "Behold the Lamb of God," at the Offertory that day; Mozart's "Ave Verum" on Maundy Thursday; Latrobe's (Moravian) "Go to dark Gethsemane" at the Stripping of the Altar; and Bach's "O Lamb of God" on Good Friday, preparing us for Easter's joy, joy announced through Charles Wood's "This joyful Eastertide," and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

Your help is requested for the funding of supplementary musicians on Easter Sunday; checks including memorials may be directed to "Easter music" and the name of the loved one, as you are able. Thank you for your faithful support of music at St. Stephen's!

Happy Easter!

St. Stephen's Church Spring Dinner

~Saturday, May 2, 2009~

Save the date! The Women's Guild and The Circle invite everyone to the annual Spring Dinner. This year's dinner will be on Saturday, May 2 in the Parish Hall, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu includes the following:



Turkey Salad
Ham
Parslied Potatoes
Green Beans
Corn Pudding
Cranberry Jello Mold
Rolls
Dessert
and Beverage



Advanced tickets will be on sale shortly. In addition to the dinner, there will be a Bake Table filled with all sorts of homemade goodies for purchase and there will be a Plant Sale taking place on the premises throughout the day.

Please also look for sign-up sheets to help with dinner preparation during the week leading up to the dinner along with assignments in the dining room and the kitchen on Saturday, May 2.

The Plant Sale proceeds will directly benefit the Episcopal Teens annual Appalachia Service Project trip in July. The dinner and bake table proceeds are directed to benevolences and outreach projects sponsored by the Women's Guild and The Circle throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing and serving everyone!

Adults: \$15. Advance ticket sales (\$17. at the door)

Children Ages 5-12: \$6. **Under 5 years:** free

Take outs available

**Look for the next
Severn Light in May
which will highlight
Pentecost and end of
the program year
activities.**



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**EASTER SUNDAY
SERVICES
APRIL 12
8:00 & 10:00 A.M.**

**HALLELUIAH
THE BIBLE AND HANDEL'S *MESSIAH***

LENTEN PROGRAM 2009

Wednesdays at 7-7:45 p.m. in the church

March 4th through April 8th

Scripture meditation and musical commentary within a simple Evening Prayer Service

Lead us to  *that Easter Joy!*

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