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Severn Parish

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STEWARDSHIP EDITION

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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.

A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



It begins on Sunday morning with the decision to draw near to the God who is the author of all the blessings of this life. We come to know that strength and guidance in all we do is so important that to pass this on to our children is one of the greatest gifts that we can give to them. In all the challenges of this life that we and they must face, the gift of prayer, God's Word and the Spirit's leading us to service, really does make our lives better and in the hand of God makes our world better.

It is a real treasure with which we are entrusted: our lives, our families, our Church. A treasure cared for by many generations before us and passed on to the children of today who will be the fathers and mothers of tomorrow: **HONORING OUR PAST, BUILDING OUR FUTURE.** This is the Life of Stewardship in our 175th Anniversary year at St. Stephen's.

Our pledges support our facilities and ministries and we thank you for your continued support. The time is at hand for pledging for 2013. For everyone pledging we ask you to consider an increase to help us keep up with the costs of a growing church and we invite anyone who is not pledging to consider taking this step of faith.

This year we are also celebrating an important step of improved stewardship at St. Stephen's. We hope to have our new oil free heating and cooling system for the Church and Parish Hall operational for the coming heating season. Work has been underway and we expect to meet this goal.

Moving forward with this project was supported by a generous act of stewardship by the late Walt Longanecker who left St. Stephen's \$50,000. in his will designated specifically for the building fund. We are very grateful to Walt for modeling this generous example of the Stewardship of Planned Giving. We invite the members of St. Stephen's, who are able, to consider remembering St. Stephen's as a legacy that blesses generations to come as Walt's gift has.

Besides Walt's gift, the Vestry made the decision to use a significant portion of our

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existing Capital Funds to fund the HVAC project. As you were previously informed, the Vestry also decided that it is important to have a Capital Fund drive to keep our funds strong to meet present and future needs. It was decided at the September Vestry Meeting to focus on this campaign after we have completed our regular pledge campaign in the coming months.

Our stewardship is reflective of the deepest values of our lives, a ministry of faith, hope and love entwined. Faith in the God who so deeply blesses our lives, hope for our children and the good legacy we would leave to them and love that joins every generation of St. Stephen's in service to Jesus Christ who is "the same yesterday, today and forever."

Father Hagerman

Don't forget our QUILT

ANNIVERSARY QUILTING PROJECT

Commemorative Quilt—Severn Parish 1838-2013

YOU complete the quilt!

We need your patch! Every person in the parish is invited to add your own home-made patch to the patch work quilt which will hang in the Parish Hall when complete. This quilt will be representative of parish members past, present, or future.

Melissa Bednarik will supply 11 inch fabric squares for families to work with. Or you can make your own from fabric that has been special to you: old bedspread, favorite apron, dress, pants, overalls, shirt, favorite robe, etc.....it just has to be **11 x 11**.

Make this a fun family project. You may paint, sew, glue—use your imagination—anything that you feel represents yourself or your family.

May 1, 2013 is the deadline to turn in your patch. Pin your name onto the square and turn it in to Melissa Bednarik (301-261-3623) or Arlene Rayburn (410-923-0239) or place in the container that will be in the narthex close to the due date.

The picture won't be complete without you!!

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church – Severn Parish

1838-2013

175th Anniversary

Honoring our past - Building our future

EVENTS

Sunday, December 30th – Celebration of the patronal feast of St. Stephen

Epiphany Sunday, January 6 – *We all have gifts to bring*

Annual Meeting Sunday, February 3, 2013

Sunday, June 30-Bishop Sutton's visit: A celebration of our anniversary and our ministry with children and youth- Confirmation and a VBS Presentation

October 5-6, 2013-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. We are just beginning to plan.

***The next Anniversary Planning Meeting is
Monday, November 5
at 7:00 p.m. in Woodward Hall.***



THIS WEEKEND

ZUMBA CONTINUES

A Zumba Fitness Class meets at 8:30-9:30 a.m. on Saturdays in the Parish Hall (when the schedule permits). Join instructor Angelica Magness for this Latin inspired hour of fun.

MINISTRIES FAIR

Representatives and displays of the various ministries that help our parish to function will be on hand in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. Service this Sunday, October 7. Stop by for a cup of coffee and visit our **Ministries Fair**.

CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS

In the spirit of the teachings of St. Francis, *God's good creation* is always our theme on this first Sunday of October, **October 7**. Church School students will be sharing their thoughts on the *Colors of Creation* at the 10 a.m. Service.



At 4:00 p.m. that day, bring your favorite pet for the *Blessing of the Animals* Service. Gather in the St. Francis Chapel area - the outdoor altar area located in the back of the Parish Hall.

BIBLE STUDY

St. Stephen's Women's Bible Study Group meet on Monday, **October 8** at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Lesson Two of the study guide will be covered. They will be meeting on the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month through April 2013. The subject of study is the minor prophets: Jonah, Joel, and Amos. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Joan Trisko (301-262-4399) or Jean Cox (410-573-1638).

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of St. Stephen's gather for their Corporate Communion and Rededication Rite at the 10:00 a.m. Service on Sunday, **October 14**.

COMING SOON!

FALL DINNER

The first Saturday of November will be here before you know it! Keep Saturday, **November 3** 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. The volunteer sign up list will be available in the narthex this weekend. Hope to see you there!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, November 10 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 or you may stop by the church office for a vendor application. And remember, if you have an antique or collectible that may be someone else's treasure, you are welcome to donate that item to the Silent Auction. Call Mary Brown for more info: 410-266-6672.



HEATING-COOLING SYSTEM

The HVAC should be up and running in the church shortly. Next on the agenda is the Parish Hall. The HVAC equipment will be delivered this weekend. (Woodward Hall will wait until next year to change over to the new system.) **We want to give a special thank you to Pete Coakley for his diligence in overseeing this project!!!**

Look for the next
Severn Light
in mid-November





CHURCH SCHOOL AT ST. STEPHEN'S

The Church School staff is very pleased with the smooth transition to our new year.

We have adjusted our teaching spaces and locations, kept our wonderful staff in place, and introduced an entirely new curriculum for our Grades 1 – 5 students.

A special thank you to Carolyn Younkin and Lillian Younkin, as well as Katie Duffy. They have provided invaluable support and assistance in our two youngest classrooms and the Nursery.

As our Church School grows, we are mindful that Parent and Teen volunteers are essential to assuring each and every Sunday is a welcoming and stress-free experience for Staff, parents, and the children.

Please consider giving a Sunday to our Church School. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

~Berney Jaroch Hagerman
Church School Superintendent

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Join us for the Diocesan Ministry Fair

Saturday, October 27

9 a.m.-2:10 p.m.

At the Diocesan Center and Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore
Registration opens: 8:30 a.m.

Keynote address and Ministry Fair with workshops

The Rt. Rev. Gregory H. Rickel, bishop of the Diocese of Olympia, is the keynote speaker and will speak on "*Our Adventurous Task: On the Cutting Edge.*" He will also be leading several workshops.

After the keynote, participants will attend two morning workshops and one afternoon workshop with a break for lunch. Choose from among more than 35 workshops on a wide variety of topics, including Christian formation, evangelism, communications, church growth and community, leadership training, youth ministry, and stewardship. For a full list of workshops, [follow this link](#) or go to the Diocesan website at: www.episcopalmaryland.org.

All participants are asked to register and select their workshops in advance. [Click here to register online for this event.](#) or again, go to the Diocesan website. Note, each person attending needs to register individually.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch.



Musical Notes

How wonderful is the month of October, with its cool nights, clear skies, rich colors, and bountiful harvest! It's my favorite month of the year, mostly because I arrived in this area from Chicago during October: 31 years ago! The harvest is severely curtailed this year due to the heat-then-frost in late winter/spring, and to summer's heat and drought: they're already almost out of apples in Shenandoah Valley, I hear! I hope you are able to get up there before they're all gone!

Spirit Singers have returned to our 10:00 a.m. worship, an inch taller, a couple decibels louder, and ... ready for anything musical, it appears! Thanks so much for returning and helping us worship more joyfully, Spirit Singers (and their Director, Amy Laughlin)!

What has become a "main event" musically at St. Stephen's in the fall, the *Requiem*, performed during All Saints season by the Choirs of Seton Parish RC Church and our Choir, is this year the Mozart *Requiem*, returning by acclamation November 10 (Saturday) at 7:30 p.m. after last year's successful fund-raiser/performances of the same work. The annual performance of a requiem helps me mourn my daughter Kristine's passing on, thirteen years ago. Bless you for your friendship and support in so many ways these years.

This year we are adding a "prelude" at the Requiem concert: "I was glad," by Charles H.H. Parry, with our junior choir, Spirit Singers, in the lead, after their wonderful debut of those high Bb's on this number on Easter this spring! (Any members of Spirit Singers who wish also to join in on all or part of the Mozart are welcome to apply: let me know of your interest.) We expect all Spirit Singers who sang last Easter to "return" for at least this one performance....plus all current members! Rehearsals are each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service.

This will also notify others of the Congregation who might wish to join the senior or junior choirs for this event. General rehearsals of the Requiem take place each Sunday after Coffee Hour and a potluck lunch, approximately 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Please let me know of your intent ASAP: 443-924-8264, or ddpctuner@aol.com. We plan to have the performance of November 10 recorded professionally in order to offer a CD for sale as an additional fund-raiser for Crofton Christian Caring Council (in addition to the freewill offering that night) making this an even better service-through-singing opportunity. Don't miss it, either as singer or as audience-member! Also, as in past years, memorials of loved ones gone on before are welcome and will be noted in the bulletin that night. We engage a small orchestra and memorials will help defray that expense.

Spirit Singers, our junior choir, uses a sight-singing curriculum based in the UK, along with other training materials of the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music), as symbolized by the green, light blue & other-colored ribbons worn over their robes as they sing. Each color indicates a stage in that chorister's progress in music reading and choir citizenship: green, light blue, dark blue, bronze, red, and gold, in that order. One who had passed all these ribbon tests would certainly be ready to major in music in college! Please encourage your young singer to "go" for their next ribbon/join our junior choir today. Let me know of your/their interest. Remember, "It's not an Anglican choir unless it includes children!"

Yours for Church Music,
Don Chandler
Organist-choirmaster

Annual Fall Dinner

Saturday, November 3, 2012

3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

CARRYOUTS
available from:
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

BAKE SALE IN BASEMENT
12 pm til 5 pm

Please Come!!



Adult Advance Ticket: \$15.

Call church office to place your
advance ticket order: 410-721-2881

Adult at the Door: \$17.

Children 5-12 years: \$6.

Children under 5: free

Children's prices are the same,
advance or at the door

Roast Turkey with Gravy and Dressing
Parslied Potatoes Green Beans Candied Sweet Potatoes
Sauerkraut Cooked with Spareribs Cranberry Sauce
Freshly Made Rolls Apple or Pumpkin Pie
Coffee, Tea, Milk for Children



St. Stephen's Holiday Bazaar & Silent Auction

Saturday, November 10, 2012

10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



ADMISSION: \$1.00 or 1 canned good
(Canned goods given to the Crofton Christian Caring Council Food Pantry)



Crafts & Holiday Decorations
Vendor Tables (call office if you want a table)
Homemade Baked Goods
Lunch



(chicken salad sandwiches, chicken soup, chili dogs, or just plain chili..)

Silent Auction items (Bidding ends at 4 p.m.)

\$50.certificate from the **Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts** which can be used for classes, shows, or gallery;
Spice Rack from **McCormick's**; Memorabilia from **Baltimore Orioles** and **Washington Nationals**;
Picture of **Troy Polamalu** of the Pittsburgh Steelers; Ticket for **Annapolis Symphony's** March 1 concert;
Two **Danbury Mint collectible dolls**; Certificate from **Red Lobster of Annapolis**;
200 count tin of **Goetz's** caramel creams; Certificate for **Freeway Aviation** 30 minute Discovery Flight Lesson;
Tickets to see **Colonial Players of Annapolis**; Dinner and Show at **Toby's Dinner Theater**, Columbia (\$48.);
Tickets for Sunday Brunch at **Buddy's Crabs & Ribs in Annapolis**;
Tickets to Nov. 11 **Ravens** game; **Anne Arundel Park Pass**;

and more to come...

We share the seasons of life:

from St. Stephen's Registry

October 2011 through October 2012

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...Ecclesiastes 3:1

Baptisms

Madelyn Neale Hatch
 Addison Paige Warrilow
 Bradley Martin Logan Fetzer
 Dierdra Robin England
 Jamie Leann Queipo
 Gage Joseph Queipo
 Kolby Jon Baldrige
 Brody Scott Jones
 Presley June Morley
 Wyatt Michael Karner
 Owen Davis Lusby
 Paige Casey Majikas
 Annika Marie Olson

Confirmation/Receptions

George A. Balkoski
 Douglas A. Sykes

Funerals

Margaret Carr Turner
 R. George Hopkins
 Shirley M. Greeno
 Walter R. Longanecker
 Dorothy Louise McDowell
 Standish O. Brooks
 Robert Phillip Lloyd
 Lewis Hendrixson

Marriages

Melani Pearl Wachter—Brandon Earl Stanley



Mozart's Requiem

Our annual Combined Choirs Benefit for the Crofton Christian Caring Council performs Mozart's *Requiem* again this year, **Saturday, November 10**, at St. Stephen's. All singers and instrumentalists are most welcome to join - music and recordings of your part will be provided.

Rehearsals are at:

- ◆ St. Stephen's on Sundays after a 12:00 potluck lunch,
- ◆ Monday's at First Baptist in Crofton at 8:15 p.m., and
- ◆ Wednesdays at St. Stephen's and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 7:30 p.m.

Come and help support a really worthy cause and enjoy being a part of a community venture celebrating some of the best music ever. Call Brendan Walls at 410-721-5770 x 231, or email Brendan.walls@seaseton.org for more information (or you may contact our own organist-choirmaster, Don Chandler: 410-451-4366/ ddpctuner@aol.com).

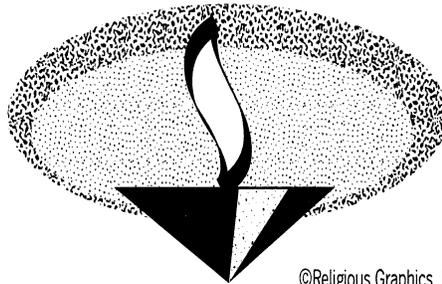
A Service for the Faithful Departed

Thursday, October 25, 2012—7:30 p.m.

The ancient *Feast of All Souls*, the day after All Saints Day, is a time to remember departed loved ones and turn to Christ, who is the Resurrection and the Life, for loving remembrance deepened by our faith. Our service that day begins with prayer and Scripture and a candlelight service of remembrance. *All those buried from St. Stephen's the past year as well as loved ones from parish families deceased this past year will be the list from which we start.* In our first year of having this service at St. Stephen's, there was a good response and we will continue to open the candle lighting service to any one who would like to remember a departed loved one in a special way.

The prayer necrology (the listing of additional names of deceased) that follows the candle lighting service is for those who may not wish to light a candle but would like a loved one remembered by name. My family has several names that we include in this section of the service every year.

If you would like to be a part of the service, please submit the form below to the office so we can prepare a bulletin that includes all the appropriate names.



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YOUR NAME: _____

I would like a candle for:

NAME OF LOVED ONE: _____

I would like to include the following name (s) in the necrology, (to be read after the Candle Lighting Ceremony):

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The Rev. Steven W. Hagerman, *Rector*

Fall Dinner

November 3

3:00 pm-6:30 pm

Holiday Bazaar & Silent Auction

November 10

10:00 am-4:00 pm

SAVE THESE DATES!!



Put this on your calendar:

October 20th

For a night of family fun at our
2nd annual

Trunk or Treat

Kids' activities:

including crafts and games starting at 5 p.m.

Followed by a dinner of hotdogs, chips, & lemonade.

And then the main event: **Trunk or Treating!**

