



The Severn Light

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Severn Parish
Crownsville, Maryland
May 2008

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23rd through June 27th

Closing Program held during the 10:00 a.m. Service on Sunday, June 29th

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 am—noon

Opening Worship, classroom time,
healthy snacks, a play period, and craft center.

Parish Family Night on Wednesday at 6:00 pm begins with
Pot-Luck Supper, Bible Study *for all ages*, & a Family Craft Outreach Project.

Staff and children are encouraged to wear the color of the day and to bring
something to share that corresponds to the color of the day.

DAY 1 – We Share - YELLOW or ORANGE - Boaz shares with Ruth

DAY 2 – We Give - BLUE - Elisha gives food to 100 people

DAY 3 – We Grow - GREEN - Parable of the Mustard Seed

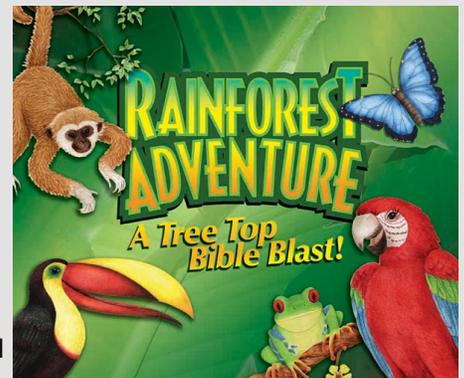
DAY 4 – We Love – RED - Jesus the Vine

**DAY 5 – We Praise - ANY COLOR OF THE RAINBOW -
Jesus enters Jerusalem**

Vacation Bible School requires a host of
volunteers, from teachers to staff for the Snack,
Classroom and Craft Centers.

If you wish to join our Staff, please contact:
Berney Jaroch-Hagerman
410-721-3958 (Rectory)
shbjh@verizon.net

Registration forms are in the narthex or on-line at:
www.ststephens-severn.ang-md.org/vbsregistration.html



**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 de-
livery preference, please
let the church secretary
know.

Stewardship Corner-Summer Newsletter



“Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess; Grant us grace that we may honor you with our lives, and remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(Book of Common Prayer p. 827)

The greatest joy in religious faith comes in prayers and ministries of THANKSGIVING. Everything in our life and faith is transformed through the lens of thanksgiving. A God who may have seemed hidden to us suddenly appears in the constant blessings of Creation. The Canticle of Creation of Francis of Assisi gives this simple and beautiful expression:

Praised be my Lord God for our brother the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the light...His light shows us your light...

Praised be my Lord for our sister water, precious and clean, the Lord's gift of water supports our lives.

Praised by my Lord for our mother the earth, which does sustain us and keep us.

Francis of Assisi may even be something of a second patron of our parish with the St. Francis Garden and trail as a significant part of our grounds.

There are many calls in his expression of praise and thanksgiving.

- A call to good Creation Care. (“The Lord God took the man and put him in The Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15)
- A call to rejoice in the simple gifts of God’s Creation and perhaps find a greater peace and freedom in a greater simplicity in our lives.
- A call to more freely share the gifts God has entrusted to us for God’s work among us.

So, enjoy the summer which hopefully will bring you some gifts of more rest and recreation and remember always the giver of “All good gifts around us.”

Father Hagerman

WELCOME!

I am happy to announce that *Father Bill Anderson*, retired priest of the Diocese of Maryland, will be assisting on a non-stipendiary basis with the ministry of St. Stephen’s.

Father Anderson previously served as a Deacon at St. Stephen’s. He entered the priesthood after a career in government service and has previously served in the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois, St. Andrew’s, Pasadena, and other churches in our own diocese.

Please join me in welcoming Father Anderson and his wife Jane to our parish.

Father Hagerman

MANY HANDS ACCOMPLISH MUCH

The Church School Staff of our Parish has completed another strong year of service in the ministry of teaching and caring for our children. We are privileged to have their skills and talents. Extending a thank you through this newsletter is only a small way of showing appreciation for their dedication.



Meredith Devereaux – Nursery

Margaret Duffy – Preschool through Kindergarten

Mary Ann Michel – Grades 1-3

Bernadette Jaroch-Hagerman – Grades 4-5 and F.F.R.O.G.'S

Michael Duffy, Kathy Bartley, Michael Reschley – E.D.G.E.

Michael Duffy and Lee Devereaux – Middle School and Confirmation Preparation

Sheri LaFleur – High School and E.T. and A.S.P.

See you in the FALL!!

Sunday, May 18, 2008

Mark the date

Church School Recognition

at 10:00 a.m. Service

All students and teachers encouraged to attend

and

Parish Wide Pot Luck Picnic

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

Drinks, chips, & 2 party size subs provided by the church

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

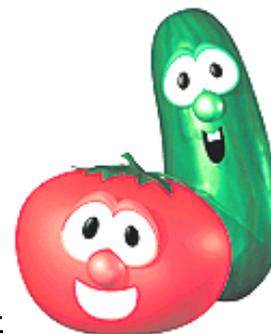


Food, Games, Fun for Everyone

"VEGGIE TALES" SUMMER SUNDAY SOMETHING

RESUMES
SUNDAY, JUNE 8th

"Sunday morning values - Saturday morning fun"



During the 10:00 AM Service each Sunday of the summer - with the exception of June 29th - we will offer a DVD episode of "Veggie Tales" along with a peanut-free snack and simple craft. Any child is welcome to attend. They can stay for the entire hour or a family member can get them for Communion.

For those not familiar with "Veggie Tales" - they are a series of stories with a Biblical message using animated vegetables. Sounds silly, but they really are a treat. If anyone is interested in more information on Veggie Tales it can be found at www.veggietales.com

This will be our fourth summer of offering this enjoyable and relaxing program. We do rely on two adult volunteers for the hour. The choice of DVD, the snack, and the craft are all arranged ahead of time. **SO, IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN GIVE A SUNDAY TO THIS MINISTRY, PLEASE LET BERNEY KNOW.**

THE CONTACT INFORMATION IS: 410-721-3958 (Rectory phone) or shbjh@verizon.net.

THANK YOU!
~Berney Jaroch Hagerman

EDUCATION SUNDAY



Graduates from Kindergarten, Elementary School (Grade 5), Middle School, High School, and College will have these milestones recognized at the 10:00 a.m. Service on **June 1**. Please let the church secretary know if you have a family member that should be included in this celebration. Email her at: st_stephens@verizon.net or call 410-721-2881.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEW CHURCH ROOF

(as of 5-9-08)
Our goal is \$45,000.
We have **\$23,280.**
in contributions so far.



(Name of family or individual)

_____ has enclosed a check in the amount of _____

for the installation of the new roof at St. Stephen's Church.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

In Thanksgiving for _____

What's Happening at St. Stephen's

The donations and dedications for the roof project have been wonderful! To date, we have been able to apply \$22,600 toward the final payment of the roof. After the old shingles were taken off, the contractor found that they were looking at the original planking. Therefore, new ½ inch plywood had to be applied to the entire "old" section of the roof. The new Eco Star shingles really look beautiful thanks to all of you who contributed. Several of you have stated that you still want to contribute. The "Roof Fund" will remain open, however I would like to complete a framed acknowledgement to those who have contributed, by the end of June. We can always add another smaller frame at a later date.

The following is an accounting of the cost of the roof:

Amount due for the original Roofing contract	\$ 45,180
Down Payment	\$ 15,060
2 nd Payment	\$ 15,000
Invoice for Repair of Security Light to S & K	\$ - 149
Amount Paid for Plywood Installation	\$ 2,952
Balance Paid to S & K for the Roofing	\$ 14,971
New Gutters Contract	\$ 5,577
Down Payment for gutters & downspouts	\$ 1,859
Balance Due for gutters at completion	\$ 3,718
Total Cost of Roofing & Gutters /Downspouts	<u>\$ 53,560</u>
Total Amount Underwritten by the Vestry for the Roofing	\$ 50,000
Overage for the Entire Project	\$ 3,560

Amount of Donations thus far \$22,600, therefore we have a deficit which we hope to make up through contributions, of \$30,960. Any funds which are not received through donations will come from the Capital Improvement Fund.

We had to install a new water heater into the Parish Hall. The cost was \$1000 and \$285 for the electrical work to be done. We continue to need volunteers to install light bulbs. It takes two people working together. Please call me at 410-721-2108 if you can help.

Landscaping, weeding, and seeding where needed, has begun. The grounds look really nice. Thanks to all who continue to weed. Please check with me before planting things near the walkway.

WORK DAY MAY 17!! We need everyone to help. I have many jobs for many people. ☺ Please come to the Parish Hall by 9 AM to get your jobs. We will work until 12 noon. I really need teenagers and up. Some of the middle school kids can gather trash from the cemetery.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR TIME, TALENTS, AND DONATIONS!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Lucile Seborg, Junior Warden

Musical Notes

by *Don Chandler*, Organist-Choirmaster

Spring has sprung at St. Stephen's music program. Our newest musical ministry, *Spirit Singers*, made their debut in March under the direction of Mrs. Amy Laughlin at the 10:00 a.m. service on Palm Sunday. These energetic children, Kindergarten through Grade 5, have already shown their desire to praise God in song by practicing every Sunday after church for 6 weeks beforehand and by practicing 4 weeks since Easter for their next appearance, May 18. Thanks to all of you! We hope to hear more from you in the fall. Think during summer whom you might invite to join our choir in September.

Senior Choir has suffered several illnesses and vacations in the past several weeks. The choir ministered "above and beyond" during Holy Week— thank you, Choir, for a job well done! Your music touches many hearts.

Final choir Sunday for the season is June 1. Special music offerings for summer should be proposed to Don Chandler, 410-451-4366. Thank you! Have a great summer.

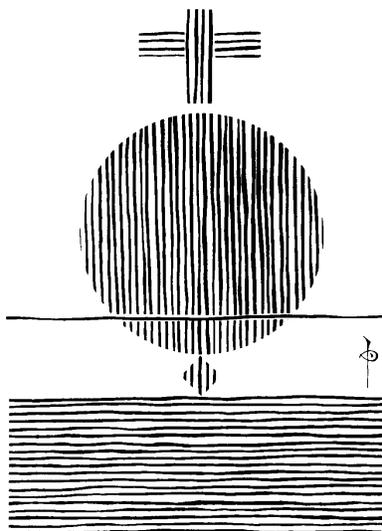


CENTERING PRAYER SAMPLER AT ST. STEPHEN'S

We'll be holding a two-session "sampler" of *Centering Prayer*, the very simple way of deepening your relationship with God that's almost as old as Christianity itself. Two centering evenings will be held on Thursdays **May 15 and 22**, at 7:30 p.m. in Woodward Hall.

Centering takes nothing more than comfortable clothes, the ability to sit for 20 minutes and a wish to know the divine Indwelling—the Holy Spirit of the Father and Son that makes its home within us. Thursday night TV can't touch this!

--*Marjorie Centofanti*



ACOLYTES TO MEET

All acolytes and acolytes-to-be are requested to attend a meeting on Sunday, **May 18**, at 9:10 a.m. in church.

COLUMBARIA

An impressive Columbaria Dedication Service was celebrated by Father Steven Hagerman, following the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Sunday, April 13, 2008. Many parishioners witnessed the consecration held at the site of the columbaria located on the southeast side of the parish cemetery.

The columbaria contains 64 niches; six niches have been purchased to date. For information, please contact Jean Sunday, 410-672-3680.

Thanks,
Jean

The Kiwanis Foundation of Crofton,
Greater Chamber of Commerce, and TLC Inc. presents:

The 28th Annual *Dave Espie* Charity Golf Tournament

Crofton Country Club

Monday, May 19, 2008

12:00 p.m. Registration—1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start

The Crofton Christian Caring Council has been chosen again this year to receive proceeds from this charity golf tournament.

These funds have allowed the Caring Council to help assist families in the community with large financial needs which include rent, mortgage payments, BG&E bills, oil bills, and more. Last year because of the availability of the funds, the CCCC was able to help five families with ongoing financial difficulties.

Please help support the tournament and supply families in need with help for rent, mortgage payments, and financial difficulties resulting from the loss of jobs (especially when children are involved).

Our church's Crofton Christian Caring Council representative, Ella Mae Zorb, has entrance forms, as does the church office.

Donations are also always appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call 410-451-3998.





UTO The *United Thank Offering* is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of The Episcopal Church. Its mission is to expand the circle of thankful people by encouraging daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. Twice a year, we at St. Stephen's, join our fellow churches in collecting donations which are then presented to our local bishop at an Ingathering Service. Every penny of these thank offerings go to support grants for ministries at home and overseas.

Perhaps you have noticed the blue UTO boxes on the shelf in the narthex. Any family is free to take one of these and collect your offering gradually throughout the year.



This year, St. Stephen's is honored to host the Ingathering for the Diocese of Maryland with Bishop Michael Creighton in attendance. It will be held on Wednesday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

Our offering will be taken up at the Sunday Services on May 18 and 25. Look for the special UTO envelopes. For more information about UTO, see Kate Marshall, our UTO representative, or check it out on the web: www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.

MAY 17 WORK DAY!!

Everyone needed to take care of chores for our parish.

Please come from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.



Don your work clothes

rain or shine

.....be ready to roll!!!



SPRING DINNER

...Deliciously successful

The Spring Dinner was a great success. A big thank you to all the volunteers. Beginning on April 29 and ending May 3, volunteers washed turkeys, roasted turkeys, baked hams. Washed, chopped, peeled, cooked, and worked in the dining room until the Dinner was over. Then more volunteers came to break down the dining room and clean up the kitchen until every last fork was in the drawer. It could not have been accomplished without this parish effort.

Total net profit from the Dinner and Bake Sale was \$3,159.84!!!

Sincere thanks,
The Guild and the Circle of St. Stephen's

NEWS SHORTS

BISHOP CONSECRATION

On June 28, 11:00 a.m., the Rev. Canon Eugene Taylor Sutton will be consecrated as the 14th Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland. The ceremony will take place at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Each parish in the diocese has been allotted a certain number of passes that will be required to attend. If you would like to be present at the Consecration, you must give your name to Father Hagerman as soon as possible. He in turn, must send the list in to the Diocese by June 1.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Placing flowers on the altar is a wonderful way to commemorate special occasions— baptisms, birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, etc. There are many open Sundays on the flower calendar. Please call Gail Brooks, Altar Guild Director, 301-261-0647, or the church secretary if you would like to give flowers to enhance our worship service.

ICED TEA AND LEMONADE

Summer is just around the corner and that means iced tea and lemonade after the 10:00 a.m. Service. Volunteers are needed! Only one Sunday out of the entire summer is all that is required. Everything is provided by the parish. You just provide the cookies.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

USHER MINISTRY

We are looking for a volunteer or a couple to head up our Usher Ministry. This would involve putting the schedule together and training for any new volunteers.

Please see Father Hagerman or Senior Warden Pete Coakley if you have any questions.

THEME "BASKET" PROJECT FOR FALL BAZAAR



The theme "basket" project for the Fall Bazaar will once again be a feature of this event. The Guild would like to scale down the number of "baskets" offered and keep the final amount at **30**. If you are interested in completing a theme "basket," a sign-up list with suggested themes will be on the Narthex table in August. **HOWEVER**, you are most welcome to let your imagination run wild and create your own masterpiece.

For those not familiar with this ministry, you pick a theme, container, and contents, donate the finished product and a Guild member will finish the "basket" for you. All proceeds benefit the Parish and Outreach Ministries of the Guild.

If you have any questions, please contact *Berney* at the Rectory (410-721-3958) or via e-mail (shbjh@verizon.net).

CIRCLE NEWS

The Circle will hold its last meeting until September on June 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please join us as we wrap for summer and think about joining us in the fall. *All* are welcome.

Thank you for your support over the last months, and look forward to exciting events in the fall.

Look for the next Severn Light in AUGUST for Fall Preview Activities.



Thank You

Many thanks to you all for your prayers, good wishes, cards, phone calls, and visits following my recent back surgery. Just knowing that people were praying for my recovery was a morale boost that was really needed. Thanks to everyone.

Donna Graves

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The Rev. Steven W. Hagerman, *Rector*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23-27

Pre-K through Grade 5

Register at:

www.ststephens-severn.ang-md.org/vbsregister.html

**Episcopal
Teens**

Car Wash

May 17, 10 am – 2 pm
at the Crofton Kmart.

Also, **ASP Stock Options** available for \$25.
per family. For more info, see any
Episcopal Teen or Sheri LaFleur.

*ET would like to thank all those who continue
to support their outreach to the folks in
Appalachia.*



FUND RAISING

TO FUN RAISING



ET IS ALWAYS ON THE GO!!

THEIR MISSION:

“ET will seek to maintain our teenage body in the church through active Outreach participation. Through our Outreach efforts, it is our hope to make a difference in our community, set an example for younger children in St. Stephen's Parish and, through grace, continue to maintain and build a strong spiritual relationship with Christ.”