



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Severn Parish

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
traditional language

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
contemporary language with music

10:00 a.m. Church School (Sept-May)
Pre-Kindergarten through High School Classes

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICES

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday Morning Prayer 9 am

Tuesday Noonday Prayer 12 pm

Wednesday Eucharist and Healing 10 am

Thursday Evening Prayer 5 pm

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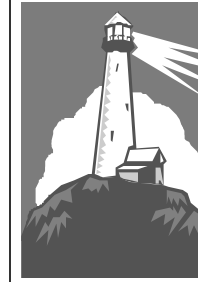
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The Severn Light

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Crownsville, Maryland

“Let every heart prepare him room”

Join us to celebrate the joy of
Christmas

Sunday, December 24

9:00 a.m.....Advent IV Service

5:00 p.m.....Christmas Pageant Service

9:00 p.m.....Choral Service

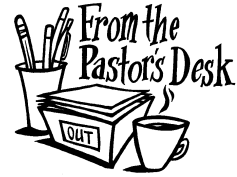
Monday, December 25

10:00 a.m.....Christmas Morning Service



Looking Ahead

A major priority in 2007 will be the development of a new Confirmation program corresponding to the new minimum age of 15 for Confirmation.



A pre-Confirmation Retreat for all youth -Middle School and High School- is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Early in 2007, we will be calling a meeting for all the families of our Pre-Confirmation youth to receive input in the development and support of the program. We also see a role for the parish at large in various support roles including one to one mentor support for those preparing for Confirmation. We ask your prayerful support as we move forward in this important ministry.

Father Hagerman

Episcopal Young Adults

Episcopal Young Adults in the Annapolis area are invited to **get-together** this Advent Season

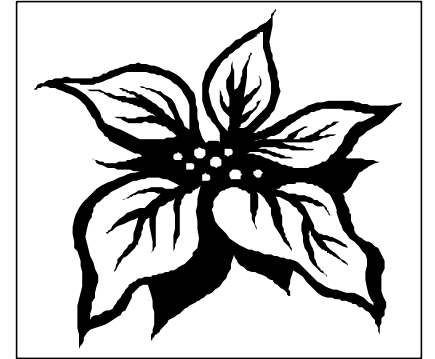
The **PLAN** is to meet at St. Anne's for Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. on December 3

Afterwards, on to 49 West for **food and conversation**

WHY? To pray together, meet one another, talk about future gatherings

For more information, email: dina@st-margarets.org

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form



Name _____

_____ plants @ \$8.00 each

In memory
of _____

In thanksgiving
for _____

Last day for ordering is Sunday, **December 10**

News Shorts

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

You are invited to buy a poinsettia plant that will be used to decorate the church sanctuary at Christmas time. You may designate this offering in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for the special people in your life. After Epiphany, you may take your plant home. Order forms can be found in this newsletter or in the Sunday Bulletin.

GUILD CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Guild Members: The annual Christmas Luncheon will take place at the Sunset Restaurant in Glen Burnie on Thursday, December 7 beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you haven't given your meal choice or check to Jean Sunday or Ella Mae Zorb, please do so ASAP.

CEMETERY SURVEY

There are two parish surveys of the cemetery, one dating 1911 and the later one, 1938. The register of graves has significant variances from the 1938 survey. The Vestry approved a contract with J. A. Rice, Inc., Millersville, MD, land surveyor, to resurvey and place markers to identify each lot as recorded on the 1938 survey. Jean Sunday, Cemetery Administrator.

CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM

A large contribution by the Peter Coakley family and four subsequent gifts have been given in memory of Pamela Coakley. Additionally, the sale of three double niches and the approved Vestry advance of \$1,000 has made it possible to submit the 2/3 deposit of \$13,200 to order the 128 urn space columbarium from the Eickhof Columbaria, Inc., Minnesota. Delivery around April 2007. Jean Sunday.

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All of the runners, dishwashers, servers, hostesses, clean-up crews and anyone we may have forgotten, did a beautiful job. Thanks to the Circle for doing the dining room set-up for us.

Our profits for the Dinner were approximately \$3,200.

Again, many thanks to everyone that helped with both of our fund raisers. *Without your help we could not do this each year.*

GOD BLESS,

Melissa Bednarik, Chairman Lucile Seborg, Co-Chairman Jean Cox, Guild President

Music Notes

by Don Chandler, Organist-Choirmaster

Several musical events are worthy of note.

- 1) On December 17, the Choir will present Charles Stanford's *Magnificat in G*, a well-loved and oft-performed Anglican favorite.
- 2) On Christmas Eve, the Choir will present Vivaldi's *Gloria*, with strings and organ, at a new time: 9:00 p.m. **NOTE THE CHANGED time!** (We will not be offering a midnight service on Christmas Eve this year!)
- 3) Starting in January, I will offer a "Schola Cantorum," Latin for "Singing School," for persons of any age in the parish who wish to study sight singing and ear training (music reading) in a systematic way. We will follow the Kodaly and RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) curriculum. Former Junior Choristers are welcome to continue their Ribbon training by this means; others are welcome to begin their preparation for choir membership or just to enhance their singing skills. Let me know of your interest in these classes so I can formulate a schedule. In general, classes will meet Sunday afternoons or week-day evenings or afternoons and will be set up a month at a time. There will be a small charge (less than \$25.00) for a textbook and other materials.

Bible Studies

Plans are in the making for a Bible Study to be offered two evenings a month beginning in January. There could possibly be more than one group meeting.

Alpha participants are especially urged to consider attending this program. It would be a good follow-up to Alpha and it would

prolong the fellowship and learning experience.

Stay tuned to forthcoming information in the Sunday bulletin. Any questions or comments can be forwarded to Monica Regan.





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Church School Notes

We ALL have an extremely busy time of year fast approaching. A letter has gone out to all the Church School families detailing the particulars, so I will summarize the highlights in order to keep each of you informed.

Sunday, November 26th ~ (Sunday after Thanksgiving)

There will NOT be Church School. However, I will be showing the video of, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," for all our children and any child-aged guests, during the 10:00 AM Service.

Sunday, December 10th ~ ADVENT FAMILY SUNDAY

We will begin at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Our theme is, "The Angels are God's Messengers" and our craft project is an angel candle jar.
ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Sunday, December 10th ~ JESSE TREE SUNDAY

The younger children will decorate the Jesse Tree in Church during the 10:00 AM Service

Sunday, December 10th ~ African Team Ministries Sale

This sale will take place in the Parish Hall after both Services.

Saturday, December 17th ~ NOON to 1:30 PM

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 24th ~ CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

5:00 PM Service

This is why I don't bake at Christmas time.....

Thank you for your support and prayers ~ **Berney**

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Did you miss out on giving for the Nave windows???

Here is another opportunity for those of you who would like to designate an amount for the repair of the Parish Hall. The estimate for the following work has been accepted from Dennis Stanley, Home Improvements:

- Remove loose glazing and install new glazing on twenty windows at the Parish Hall.
- Paint two coats and scrape as needed.
- Remove and replace three broken glass panes as planned
- Install owner supplied storm glass and screens

Woodward Hall

- Glaze one window in the front of the building.
- Repair three screen panels on side door and two panels on the other screen door.

Install one new contractor supplied storm window unit.

Remove all work related debris.

Total: \$3395.00

We already have a commitment from two families for \$1100. If you are interested in designating funds for this project, please call or see Lucile Seborg, Jr. Warden. We will be putting a framed dedication plaque in the entry of the Parish Hall when the work is completed.

Property Committee

I will try to keep everyone in the Parish informed with each Severn Light as to what we are doing with the property. The painting of the High School classroom and the choir room was recently completed. The following people worked to accomplish this task: Barry Regan, Berney Jaroch-Hagerman, Stan Miffleton, Tom Gillen, Mark Johnson, George & Kathy Shahinian, and Lucile Seborg. A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped. The choir members were a big help in clearing the choir room and replacing the bulletin boards. With everyone's help, we can accomplish many things that need to be done at St. Stephen's.

Hurley Boiler Co. had to replace an important gasket on the boiler and check out the entire system. Eastern Petroleum Company gave a complete inspection and checkout for the furnaces in all three buildings. On November 6, all of our fire extinguishers underwent their annual inspection. Steve Bausum, electrician, installed three new smoke detectors in the Parish Hall. November 15, Servpro Carpet Cleaning cleaned the Parish Hall carpeting. The St. Stephen's Guild paid for the cleaning.

The Nave Window project is progressing. All of the frames have been stripped of ap-

proximately 10 coats of paint. The contractor, Renew Restorations, has brought color panels to match our woodwork as closely as possible. The contractor will bring one of the finished frames up to the church and install it to be sure it is correct. After that is confirmed, all of the frames will be taken to Baltimore to the Artisan Glass Works. At that time, the old and new panes will be replaced and the windows will be ready for the Dedication Panels. Sometime in the future, the sills of all the windows will need to be refinished. They, also, have several coats of paint on them. We plan to celebrate the Christmas season with our renovated windows in the Nave!!! A big thank you to the families who will be recognized in a special dedication service for the windows.

Future projects include:

- re-glazing all of the windows in the Parish Hall,
- painting the inside of the porch at the Rectory,
- painting all of the metal doors in the church,
- painting the stairwell in the church leading including the railing, and
- converting the present downstairs supply room to a vesting room for the Rector.

Thank you to all of you who pledged so that these building projects can be completed.

Lucile M. Seborg, Junior Warden

On the **E.D.G.E.**
EVERY DAY GOD EXPECTS

Working God into our lives can be tough – as recently discovered by E.D.G.E. when we were trying to find a date for our Lock-in that was available to more than half the kids. Please be assured the Lock-in was only postponed.

It's too much fun to miss it all together. Until we find that magic date that suits all of us, I have to say it is an opportunity to remember that God is there 24-7. Even if you aren't at church or with someone from church, try to remember to think about God and put him first in all your relationships. Does that mean E.D.G.E. should come before your sports team? Absolutely not! It means that you should remember to talk to God while you play your team sport and maybe even share those thoughts (or some of them) with your team. Don't be afraid to offend someone because you say "Thank God!" and really mean it.

We will have a Lock-in – probably in January. So kids and parents, check the schedule. I'll wait until we have everyone's winter sports schedule. We may never get 100% consensus, but we certainly want as many kids to attend as possible. In the mean time – we are getting together the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5-6:15pm.

I have already registered our Relay for Life team, **E.D.G.E. Out Cancer**. You can join the team by visiting the Relay website www.acsevents.org/oldmillrfl. The date for Relay is June 1st and 2nd at Old Mill High School.

Our next big event: Holiday Sharing for Christmas – We have 4 Senior Citizen households and 5 families to support this year. Like the Thanksgiving Sharing, we are counting on your help. Soon winter will blow in to the Parish Hall leaving lots of snow. Shovel a few flakes off our bulletin board and help us fill the Holiday Sharing Baskets. Please have all donations to church by Thursday, Dec 21st.

We are also asking that you help us with the Christmas white gifts program of the Diocese. Bring a white wrapped gift to church Christmas Eve. The gift can be for any child ages 17 and under. Please use a post-it note or light pencil to mark the age and sex of the child who should receive the gift. These are not Christmas gifts – these are birthday gifts for children who traditionally receive nothing. Please help! We know we are asking for a lot this time of year, but we believe it very important to remember and live the fact that it is indeed "better to give than receive"

Then in January we kick-off Relay for Life with dinner at Eddie's Pizza/Ledo's Pizza on Rte 3 Wednesday, January 17. Please plan to join us for dinner. The more the merrier and the more money raised to fight Cancer. A percentage of all sales (dine-in or carry out) goes to Relay for Life.

Miss Lisa and the kids of E.D.G.E.



Fall Festival Bazaar & Fall Dinner

On behalf of the St. Stephen's Guild and Circle, we would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Bazaar and Fall Dinner.

Our Bazaar was again another success. With all the crafts, quilt, theme baskets (which we had a lot of this year, thanks), the luncheon, silent auction and bake sale items, it was quite a busy day.



Our antique quilt *top* was donated by Dorothy Waugh. It was put together by her grandmother back in the 1920's. Carrie Manion donated her time and talents to quilt it for us. All of our items (crafts, quilt, theme baskets, baked goods) are donated by Parish members. Many thanks to each and everyone who donated a basket, and to Berney, our Pastor's wife, who spent many hours putting them together.

THANKS

- to everyone who donated items for the Silent Auction,
- to Mary Brown and helpers for setting it all up,
- to Kate Marshall and all of her little bakers for the Bake Sale,
- to Lucile Seborg and her little cooks in the kitchen for the luncheon.



MANY THANKS!!

Our profits for the Bazaar were approximately \$6,600.

Our Fall Dinner was not the success we had hoped for, but we can always hope for better results next year. We only sold 263 dinners.



We wish to **THANK** everyone that helped with our dinner, starting with the turkey cleaners, to Pete Coakley and Hugh Seborg for cooking turkeys for two days and to everyone that helped in the kitchen during the week and on the day of the dinner. The dining hall was served by the children and families of our parish. They all did a great job.

The table decorations (turkeys and trees) were made by our own church youth group, FFROGS (Fourth and Fifth Graders Relying On God). Thanks to Meredith Kelly and all the children for a job well done. We had a lot of comments on them - some even wanted to buy them.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH is:

★ ADVENT FAMILY SUNDAY ★

★ AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES SUNDAY ★

★ JESSE TREE SUNDAY ★

Please join us as we celebrate this Season with a special Sunday morning of events.

We will begin at **9:00 AM**, with BOTH our sale of African Team Ministries items and our Parish-wide Advent Family Sunday Program.

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES is an Anglican-sponsored series of projects in East Africa that supports health facilities, schools, and outreach ministries. ALL the monies raised go directly to this group. In fact, all shipping is handled by U.P.S. as a charitable project. The items include hand-carved animals, jewelry made from stones and materials that are indigenous to East Africa, silk-screened scarves, and usually a wide variety of soapstone items, such as candlesticks and nativity figures.

We will be conducting the sale after both Services on this day and items may be paid for by a check made out directly to African Team Ministries.

ADVENT FAMILY SUNDAY begins at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Our theme is, *The Angels Are God's Messengers*. Our group craft project will be an angel candle jar for each participant or family.

PLEASE sign-up on the list that can be found on the table in the Parish Hall entrance. Knowing roughly how many will attend helps in creating the needed number of craft kits and arranging the table set-up.

ALSO, we are asking that, if possible, you bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas treats to share at the Coffee Hour after the 10:00 AM Service.

JESSE TREE SUNDAY ~ During the 10:00 AM Service the younger children will be in Church to decorate the Jesse Tree with ornaments made during classes on November 12th. (That'll do....)