



The Severn Light

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

Stewardship

It is once again time for the Vestry of St. Stephen's to ask you to support the operations of the Parish by making your annual pledge for the upcoming year.

Last year the Vestry told the Parish that St. Stephen's was at an important cross-road, spiritually and financially. Operating revenue was declining and the Vestry was forced to reduce the Christian Education, Stewardship and Evangelism budgets to balance the Parish operating budget. You, the Parishioners of St. Stephen's, responded. For 2007, the Parish pledged over \$232,000 to fund our ministries, a 7% increase over 2006. Fifty-two families increased their pledge amount, and 16 families began, or returned to, pledging. These commitments allowed the Vestry to fulfill the essential needs of our worship, Pastoral care, Christian education, Evangelism and Outreach missions. Beyond the pledges, Parishioners also have generously contributed over \$56,000 to fund several special building projects such as restoration of the Church's brick exterior, and supported Parish ministry fund raising drives.

For those families and individuals who made a pledge or other contribution of time, treasure or talent during 2007, we thank you for your offering of sacrifice to the Lord. The results of your pledges and other contributions are real and tangible. Some examples:

- In the past year, 17 new members were introduced to the Christian community through Baptism at St. Stephen's, and Father Hagerman presided over 5 weddings and 14 funerals.
- For the 5th year in a row, St. Stephen's supported the Episcopal Teens Appalachian Service Project outreach mission. My Brother's Keeper also continued its long-standing mission to provide sleeping bags, hats, scarves and food to the homeless in Baltimore, and EDGE once again raised money to fight cancer by participating in the Relay for Life.
- In support of Christian education, St., Stephen's expanded the home Bible study groups and the Vacation Bible School, hosted a Sunday performance of Soul Searchers, reinitiated a Confirmation program, and began an Alpha follow-on course entitled "A Life Worth Living."

For 2008, we hope to build on the successes of 2007, and we pray that each of you

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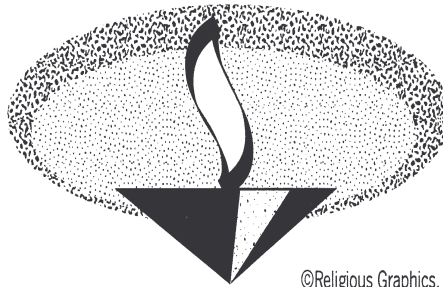
A Service for the Faithful Departed

All Saints Day November 1, 2007—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):

Ministry for All Generations

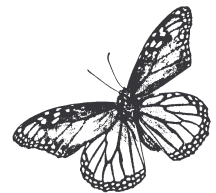


Last April, when we dedicated our new church windows given in loving memory and thanksgiving for many loved ones, we did this in the context of the Holy Eucharist and Baptism of two young children. This is a portrait of a parish family in God that embraces the generations past and future.

As we begin a new church school year with remarkable growth in our pre-school/kindergarten program and prepare for an All Souls Service in which many loved ones will be remembered, we continue this walk with Christ in every season of life...enriching every step with God's love.

Father Hagerman

We share the seasons of life: *from St. Stephen's Registry* *April 2006 through September 2007*



Baptisms

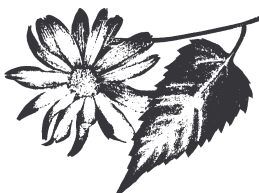
Ava Katherine Yost
Erin Shea Barnhart
Kaitlin Victoria Blackwell
Katherine Anne Mariano
Alice Crowther Wilkerson
Adison Ian Schwerdtfeger
Brookelynn A. Berned
Gary Stephen Berned III
Piper Lynn Langenfeld
Allison Lauren MacLeod
Kyler Michael Dove
Kenna Elise Valentine
Preston Mark Valentine
Alix Turner Dumont
Caroline Dzewela
Alexandra Sean Karner
Caroline Elizabeth Brown
Alexander Houston Delaney

Marriages

James Edward Shenton-Deborah Alane Allen
Robert Phillip Lloyd-Donna Jo Moore
Lee Devereaux-Meredith Kelly
Richard Carl Albert Beeler-Megan Eileen Hudson
John Neale Hatch Jr.-Megan Elizabeth Kindel
Kyle Lusby-Michelle Baranowski

Funerals

Robert Scott Lambert
Pamela Schweickhardt Coakley
Elizabeth Sands
Leah B. King
James Colin Kirby Sr.
Francis Aden Naughton
Oscar Clark
Alan Raymond Mace
Lewis Alfred Grimes
John B. Bosley
Patricia Gail Steptoe
John Yuhas Jr.
Norma Joan Kirwan
Merle Gordon Waugh
Jane Easter Mace



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

Musical Notes

by *Don Chandler*, Organist-Choirmaster

Fall is here, though today's humidity belies it... But it won't be long until the crispness of "fall clearing," the annual cycle when the air truly clears of mugginess the Japanese refer to as *akibare* (fall clearing!), arrives. It gives energy for school and work, and for making music. It's time to join the choir, take music lessons, . . . tune the piano!

I invite you to join the Choir on **Friday, Nov. 9** (8:00 p.m.) here at St. Stephen's for an ecumenical Service of Remembrance featuring Faure's lovely *Requiem* composed in 1880 shortly after the death of the composer's parents. Members of other local choirs will join us, along with a small orchestra I am putting together as my memorial to my own daughter and my parents, in remembering those who have gone on before. Memorials can be listed in the service folder of the evening; gifts can be designated for Crofton Christian Caring Council, our joint effort with other churches to provide food and shelter to the needy. Brendan Walls, music director of Seton Parish, will conduct; I will accompany at the organ. Instruments will include harp, cello, violas, violin, and bass. Don't miss this very special occasion! Prospective choir members, including youth, are urged to join the choir for this occasion. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening 7:30-9:00 p.m. and Sundays 12:30-1:30 p.m. Contact me please for information or to indicate your interest: Don Chandler, 410-451-4366 or ddpctuner@aol.com.



Other musical events on the horizon include the Naval Academy Choral Festival on November 4 (Sunday) at 7:00 p.m. This annual event sponsored by the AGO (American Guild of Organists) Annapolis chapter and held in the cathedral setting of the Naval Academy Chapel, including the mighty pipe organ, gathers choirs from 30 churches in an hour-long service of hymns and anthems. Remember to park off-campus and bring picture ID to get through the gate. Gate 3 at the foot of Maryland Avenue is best.

Sight-singing class, our Schola Cantorum or Singers' School, soon draws to a close. Congratulations to the 4 intrepid hand-ringers (referring to our hand-signs for do, re, mi) on their persistence: it's already paying off, folks! We're singing with greater tunefulness and understanding Sunday by Sunday, following St. Paul's dictum: *I will sing with both spirit and understanding*.

Yours for church music,
Don Chandler



Blessing of the Animals

will take place on Sunday

October 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite pet and meet at the

St. Francis Garden, located to the right of the rectory driveway.

(no rain date on schedule)

OUR BASKETS WERE A HIT! TIME TO DO IT AGAIN

The ENTIRE Parish Family of St. Stephen's is invited to participate in a fundraising project that will be part of the Fall Holiday Bazaar which will be held in conjunction with the Fall Dinner, on Saturday, November 3.

The idea behind this project is that a theme is chosen for a "basket" and then items purchased to fill the "basket" that are appropriate to the theme. If you have a real basket to place the items in, GREAT. But, you can get creative and use another type of container.

Here is an example: A large plastic bowl as the container, filled with microwave popcorn packets, a Blockbuster gift card, juice packs, and candy you would find at a movie theatre, napkins, anything else you can think of that would make for a fun *Family Movie Night*. Most of these items can be gotten at any dollar store or discount department store, such as Target or K-Mart.

★★USE YOUR IMAGINATIONS!!★★

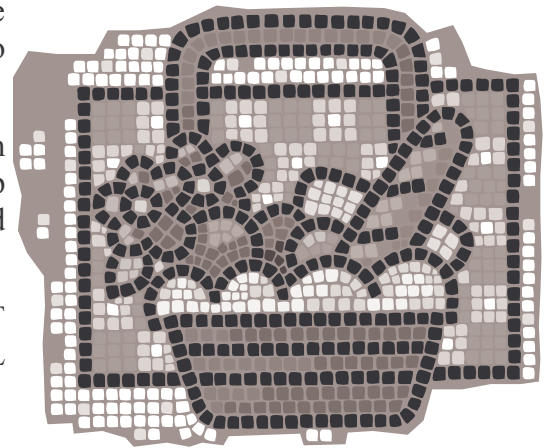
From now through October you can bring in your "basket" and it will be finished with shredded fluff, shrink wrapping, a bow, and tags. The "baskets" will be priced for sale at the Bazaar.

When you bring in your "basket" just add a note with your name and how much you spent, so we will have an idea of what price to place upon it.

There will be a list on the entrance table of the Parish Hall with suggested themes for gift "baskets." Of course, if you come up with your own creative idea, all the better! There are web sites and books at the library that will give you no end of ideas.

THE WONDERFUL PART OF THIS PROJECT IS THAT IT CAN BE DONE AS A FAMILY, COUPLE, OR INDIVIDUAL DONATION.

If you have any questions, direct them to Berney Jaroch-Hagerman.



We live in a mobile community in this area. And we have an lively church with many activities. In order to continue the good work that those before us have begun, we need HELP. Please don't pass our sign-up sheets for the upcoming Fall Dinner and Bazaar without considering volunteering to help out in the varied jobs that need to be done to prepare for this big event. Thank you kindly.

Women to Women...



Birthright

Birthright of Annapolis and Glen Burnie is an interdenominational non-profit, pregnancy resource center that has been providing alternatives to girls and women with unexpected pregnancy for over 30 years.

Among the services Birthright provides are free pregnancy testing, free maternity clothes, a layette full of baby clothes, blankets, diapers and other essentials needed for a newborn. They assist with obtaining health care and have even paid for the first doctor's visit while the client is awaiting health coverage. They work with other agencies in finding housing, shelter, professional counseling and guidance as needs arise.

Because this organization is non-profit, it exists through donations and contributions from the people in Annapolis and the surrounding area. There are many ways one can help in this important ministry.

- ◆ Give of your time to volunteer to facilitate testing and encourage women in their time of need.
- ◆ Give of your money- donations are always accepted.
- ◆ Hold a baby shower, collecting diapers, formula, maternity/baby clothes and other baby items.
- ◆ Spread the word—maybe someone else has the time to volunteer or to give, invite representatives to speak at your meetings, or maybe that someone might be in need of the support that Birthright gives.

“Most wanted” on their wish list includes:

Diapers, wipes, formula, pacifiers, bibs, blankets, crib sheets, wash clothes, wash towels, toys books, sippy cups, bottles, nipples, clothing under 2T, onesies, undershirts, booties, hats, sweaters, pajamas, shoes, socks, coats.....and volunteers, volunteers, volunteers.

If you have more questions, please feel free to speak with Monica Regan: 410-729-4036.

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will be able to again contribute generously of your time, talents and treasure. The need is great. As a small Church with aging facilities, adequately maintaining the Church campus is a constant challenge. More important, however, is the challenge to provide a spiritual refuge despite ever increasing family and work life demands. St. Stephen's provides that refuge – and does so as an intimate, family-centric community. In addition to attending to the needs of the Parish, St. Stephen's is also called to reach-out to the community beyond our Parish, to help those in need, and to spread God's love and word. Through our ministries, there is much that we can do that can make a difference.

***Each one must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7***

The Vestry asks that you prayerfully consider your pledge commitment to St. Stephen's for the upcoming year. We also ask that you complete the enclosed pledge card and bring with you to Church on Pledge Sunday, October 28, 2007. Pledge cards will be collected during the offering. If you are unable to attend Church that day, please mail your pledge card to the Church office by November 1, 2007.

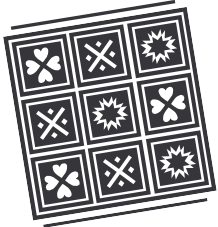
St. Stephen's Stewardship Committee

St. Stephen's Holiday Bazaar & Silent Auction

Saturday, November 3, 2007

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Handmade Gifts Holiday Decorations Theme Baskets
Quilted Tablecloth Raffle Homemade Baked Goods



Silent Auction items (so far) include:

Ticket to Toby's Dinner Theater, Columbia
Coupon from an California Tanning Salon
Certificate for dinner at Galway Bay Restaurant
Coupon Books for Sundance Car Wash
Donations from the Ravens & Bowie Baysox
Color print (framed & matted) of St. Stephen's Church
2 Season Parking Passes for Anne Arundel Parks
Gift Certificate for Jasper's Restaurant
A Piano Tuning by Don Chandler
Gift Certificate for the Double Tree Restaurant, Annapolis
Gift from the Country Feed and Garden Store, Gambrills
Gift Certificate from the Four Seasons Grill, Gambrills
MD Cruising Guide donated by Williams & Heintz Map Corp.
Plant from Tommy Boehm's Nursery
Crocheted "Red Hat" Throw
Hand-painted Lazy Susan
Jewelry Box 5 in 1 TV Companion
Tripod
.....and many more collectibles



and (same day) our
Annual Fall Dinner
Saturday, November 3, 2007

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

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

Cranberry Sauce

Parslied Potatoes

Green Beans

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Sauerkraut Cooked with Spareribs

CARRYOUTS

available from:

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

Freshly Made Rolls

Apple or Pumpkin Pie

Coffee, Tea, Milk for Children

What's Happening at St. Stephen's

The Septic System at the Rectory is now in great condition. We had to have Beall Septic, Inc. install a complete new drain field. The cost of that operation was \$5700. Dreamscape Landscaping, has put down a new lawn for the front yard of the Rectory at a cost of \$600. We are also installing a new top for the vanity at the Rectory. This was something that was overlooked when we renovated the house two years ago. I do not have the cost at this printing.

A to Z Contracting has installed cell activated security lights for the back end of the Parish Hall. That area has been a problem for years!!

The Property Committee has recommended to the Vestry that we install a propane fueled generator to provide electricity to run the pump for water to all buildings when the church campus loses electricity. The cost will be approximately \$7,000 which includes the hookups and two 200 gallon Propane tanks. The generator would also provide power for the freezer in the lower parish hall and several emergency lights in that building.

Our parking lots have been resealed and lined. What an improvement! Reliable Contracting provided a good job for us in completing the lots. They also removed the unsightly and dangerous piece of cement that had been left from the previous well.

Dennis Stanley continues to work on completing the repair and painting to the breezeway between the church and Woodward Hall.

We are planning to put in a closed system for the boiler pipes in the Parish Hall at a cost of \$1800. This will be accomplished when the heat is turned on for the year. If we continue to have hot weather, this will not be done until the end of October.

We can only accomplish these repairs and upgrades to our facility with the help of all of you! Please consider these expenses when you make your pledges in the upcoming pledge campaign. A big "thank you" to everyone who is always willing to help.

In His Service,

Lucile Seborg
Junior Warden



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join ET for some fellowship and fun on **Saturday, October 20th from 6-8 p.m.** Make your own sundaes, enjoy some serious BINGO for prizes. Door prize drawing for a certificate to Shoreline Seafood will be held.



TRUNK OR TREAT

As an alternative or addition to Halloween activities, St. Stephen's Circle invites YOUNG AND OLD (ER) to a Fall Fest evening - **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Activities will include: Trunk or Treating (costumes are optional); Bag decorating; S'Mores/Marshmallow Roasting; and a Sing-A-Long. A dinner of hot dog, chips and drinks will be available for all who attend (no charge!). Feel free to decorate



your car trunks for the occasion - and remember to bring a bag of goodies to hand out to those who "visit" your car! Do come out and enjoy a beautiful fall evening and with fun and fellowship.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD

This active group of ladies normally meet on the first Thursday of the month for Eucharist and a business meeting with a program. In October, they toured a Greek Orthodox Church in Annapolis and met for lunch at the Naval Academy. Their meeting in November will take place on the second **Thursday, November 8**, because

of Dinner and Bazaar preparations. In December, they will gather to celebrate with a special holiday luncheon at the Sunset Restaurant. All women in the parish are welcomed to join them at any time. Speak to Jean Cox, president 410-573-1638, if interested.

MUSICAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

FAURE's lovely *Requiem* will be performed by our choir together with members of Seton Parish and Our Lady of the Fields choirs as part of a Service of Remembrance, here at St. Stephen's on **Friday, November 9 at 8:00 p.m.** A small orchestra, including harp and organ, will accompany the choir, all directed by Seton Parish's Music Director, Brendan Walls. An offering will be received on behalf of the Crofton Christian Caring Council. Mark your calendars!

OUR COLUMBARIA

Our columbaria is an impressive granite structure located beside the cemetery and to the right of the rectory driveway, in the foreground leading to the St. Francis Garden. The columbaria contains 64 niches, of which each niche, 8" x 8", holds two standard urns. The current price per niche is \$1,000. Cremation urns (boxes) of bronze sheet metal will be available for \$40. each (excluding postage). Orders to reserve niches may be made by calling Jean Sunday (410-672-3680). Contributions may also be given and designated to the **Cemetery Restricted Fund.**

UTO TIME

The United Thank Offering is a spiritual and financial partner in the mission work of the Episcopal Church. Their mission is to expand the circle of thankful people through encouraging daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings.



Twice a year, we join with other Episcopal parishes to collect United Thank Offerings. This will take place at St. Stephen's on October 14 and October 21. These donations will then be presented to the bishop of our diocese at the Ingathering Service which will take place on October 24th at St. Margaret's Church in Annapolis.

Your prayers and offerings in this ministry help to support mission projects all over the world. Please be generous. For more information, contact Kate Marshall, our UTO representative. You can find out more about this ministry at:

www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

United Thank Offering Prayer

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Rev. Steven W. Hagerman, *Rector*

NOVEMBER 3

FALL DINNER

AND BAZAAR



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Severn Parish

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 a.m. Church School (Sept-May)

Pre-Kindergarten through High School Classes

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR ALL SUNDAY SERVICES

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer

WEDNESDAY

10:00 a.m. Eucharist & Healing

THURSDAY

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer