



## On Being a Leader of Worship

I don't know what had gotten into me but I thought that liturgy training sounded like fun. Perhaps I felt stuck in a rut: despite my comfort with swinging that smoky thurible, I knew deep down that it was time for a change. But I'm so busy, so scattered, often out of town on weekends...

Never the less, I spent portions of two Saturdays watching and listening to tales of "Worship Leading." By the end of those enjoyable, informative sessions, I was convinced I couldn't do it. Too much to remember, too many opportunities to mess up: nope. Nice to know some of the stage hand point of view for liturgy. Maybe in a few years.

Well, try saying no to Gay Gellhorn. I can't seem to do it! She says, I'll give you the customary. I'll show you a cool book with great prayers in it that Ridgely Bennett likes to use. You can do it in the dead of summer when few come to church. Frank will be celebrating and he flips his own Eucharist pages. It will be easy!

And I'm thinking, I'm so stressed, and on a good day pretty anxious. My beloved church, which I've been a part of since I was 17 and 100 pounds, does NOT need my quavering voice leading it into prayer...And yet...Sigh. It would help out Gay. Maybe I'll do okay. The folks who know me will forgive me and

perhaps the newbies won't notice my mistakes! No one will be there in mid-summer. Sometimes its good to get out of one's comfort range. Push the envelope. Think outside the box. As May Sarton says, Our dreams of safety must disappear. Okay I'll do it.

And it wasn't so terrifying. I typed everything into the customary like it was a script and made it size 16 font. Where does one put one's hands when the bible is being held up before and after the gospel reading? Oh well, I tried to look poised. I put the bible in the wrong place before the sermon, but Frank mouthed "ON THE ALTAR" and I corrected myself. I felt like Oprah during the prayers, and wish the microphone was cordless, but didn't pull it apart. I was a little slow with the wine at the altar, but didn't spill it on anyone. The second time, I did better, until I forgot to say the final blessing. Oops.

Best of all, I feel like I'm giving back to this parish that I love so much, that has known me and loved me for so very long, that could use a few more folks to lead the worship even if they are not smooth and confident. I know that the role of Worship Leader is to be calm and humble, to create a space for prayer, and to assist the priest. Much like the thurifer role, the idea is to be invisible as a personality, □ page 2

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**A**re you interested in being a worship leader? A candlebearer? We'll have another round of liturgy participant training in the Fall. The next issue of BREAD will look ahead at all of our Fall events. Watch for it in your mailbox around Sept. 2.

**CONNIE  
ADEYERI  
DIES**

Former parishioner Connie Adeyeri died on August 5. She kept in contact with many of her friends here through her long periods of work in Africa. At St. Stephen's she was part of the Bible Study group that met in the 1980s.

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□ **page 1** and present as one thread among many woven into a 90 minute sacred, shared, experience.

Thank you, Gay, and all the others

who make worship at St. Stephen's the joyful ensemble experience it is. With more practice, I'll do better next time.

-Jane Lincoln

## Upcoming Diocesan and Cathedral Events

**T**he Episcopal Diocese of Washington and the Washington National Cathedral and its Cathedral College have a number of events this Fall that you might find of interest.

### **September 11<sup>th</sup>: Cathedral to Address Global Poverty**

Economist Jeffrey Sachs, author of "The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time," will give a public lecture on achieving the Millennium Development Goals as part of a three-day consultation of world religious leaders on global poverty sponsored by the Cathedral College's Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation. The lecture starts at 2pm that day and will be followed at 4pm by an ecumenical prayer service. For more information, call the Cathedral College at 202-537-6380.

### **November 15 and 16: Revival!**

At 7pm on Tuesday, November 15, and Wednesday, November 16, Bishops John Bryson Chane and Barbara C. Harris and Dean Samuel Lloyd invite you to a two-night revival at Washington National Cathedral. "The Word to the City" will be preached by the Rev. Dr. James Forbes, senior pastor of the Riverside Church, New York, who is widely acclaimed as one of the most dynamic preachers in the United States. Devotions and music at these ecumenical services will be led by local pastors and choirs.

### **October 13-15: Values, Vision and the Via Media**

The Cathedral College, in partnership with All Saints Church, Pasadena, is sponsoring "Values, Vision and the Via Media: A Path to Action," a three-day conference that will explore how moderate and progressive people of faith can make their voices heard in the values debate. The conference will focus on the areas of economic justice, family values, the environment, racism and peacemaking. Speakers include E. J. Dionne of The Washington Post, Michael Kazin, professor of history at Georgetown University and Amy Sullivan of The Washington Monthly. To register, visit: [www.everyvoice.net/values/register.htm](http://www.everyvoice.net/values/register.htm)

### **Moving On**

Kara Garbe and Damon Roberts, who worshipped with us over the past year, have moved to Minneapolis where Damon will attend law school and Kara will do fundraising for an organization that does job-training for un- and under-employed low-income individuals in the Twin Cities. They can be reached at [kgarbe@gmail.com](mailto:kgarbe@gmail.com). They say that they really enjoyed their time at St. Stephen's and appreciated the warmth of everyone.

## Avoid The Last-Minute Panic! Plan Your Funeral Now!

**P**lanning your funeral or memorial service is not something that must wait until you are past your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. You can do it now. And if you have young children, a spouse or partner, or others who are dependent on you, you will be doing them a great favor to have anticipated and faced major questions which otherwise they will have to answer.

I have an outline which makes plan-

ning your service (and supporting rites) quite simple and covers all the bases and options. This outline is available from the church office. I will be happy to meet with you and talk over your plans, which may well constitute one of the most important pieces of Christian witness you will ever make.

Call me (202-518-8432) to make an appointment.

*-The Rev. Frank Dunn, Senior Priest*

## Meet Cedric Harmon, Preacher on August 28

**O**ur preacher at both services on August 28 is Rev. Cedric A. Harmon. Cedric is the Associate Field Director for Religious Outreach at Americans United for Separation of Church and State in Washington, DC.

Cedric acts as the liaison between Americans United and various religious communities, religious leaders, clergy and congregations nationwide. He encourages active and vocal involvement in matters of religion in public life. He is committed to basic human rights, dignity and equality for each person. Cedric is a licensed and ordained minister affiliated with both the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America.

Cedric is a graduate of Emerson Col-

lege, Boston, MA and is pursuing a theological degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. His past work experience includes the National Association of Broadcasters, Dance/USA, and the Close Up Foundation. Cedric also serves on the National Religious Leadership Roundtable, the Black Church Initiative DC Organizing Committee, Advisory Committee of the National Black Religious Summit on Sexuality and has worked in church led HIV/AIDS Ministry for over eight years among many other community activities.

Cedric is a native of the St. Louis metropolitan area and currently resides in the Washington, DC area.

We're glad to welcome Cedric to our pulpit, such as it is!

## Washington Free Clinic Update

**Y**ou may have caught media reports earlier this summer that a funding crisis was threatening the future of the Washington Free Clinic, which has been housed in St. Stephen's for three decades. The Clinic reports that a very successful fundraising drive has virtu-

ally assured them they can continue in operation through the end of the year. We've begun discussions with the Clinic about forming a partnership to provide the Clinic with accessible and renovated space at St. Stephen's for future years.

## WORSHIP at St. Stephen's

### Sundays

**8:00a—**

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite I

**10:30a—**

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite II with  
Children's  
Spiritual  
Formation

Celebrants and  
Preachers

**8/21:** The Rev.  
Kathy Grieb

**8/28:** The Rev.  
Frank Dunn,  
Celebrant;  
Cedric Harmon,  
Preacher

# LECTIONS

14th Sunday After Pentecost (August 21)

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

15th Sunday After Pentecost (August 28)

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

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# THE SAINTS

Wednesday, August 24

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

Thursday, August 25

LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE, 1270

Friday, August 26

*Birthdays: Vivian McFarland*

Sunday, August 28

AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO, 430

*Birthdays: Lia Davis*

Tuesday, August 30

*Heavenly Birthdays: Joseph Webster, 1993*

Wednesday, August 31

AIDAN, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE, 651

Thursday, September 1

*Birthdays: Brian Best  
Anniversary: Bill and Ginger MacKaye*

Friday, September 2

THE MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA, 1942

Saturday, September 3

*Birthdays: Carla Crocheron, Sarah Davis, Harry Leich*

ON THE COVER...  
St. Stephen's Nave

# THE PRAYERS

Here's who we've been praying for recently:

•Jonah Best, Jennifer Blackman, Millie Fenwick, Leota Lawrence, Ruth Murphy, Elizabeth Palmberg, Keith Preddie, Daphne Piper, and all who desire to be restored to health; those who are home-bound; and all who care for aging relatives, the sick and the homebound;

•Patricia Davis-Muffett, and her baby-in-the-making;

•Evelyn Andrew, Roger Beach, Duane Bonds, Bob Broadwater, the Brown family, The Bright/Veneklasen family, Martha Carty, Romel Dick, Katie Finley, Reid Franklin, Doreen Granum, Lloyd Terril Hermonstine, Lloyd Nkomo Hermonstine Jr, Carol Hermonstine, Asanti Hermonstine, Sunny Jackson, Susie Johnson, Evelyn Jones, Dana Jordan, Maia Lawrence, Robert Dean McClellan, Joe Midgely, Michelle Crocheron Montgomery, Carroll Muffett, Barbara Oldland, Karl Palmberg, Marisella Ruiz Ibarra, the Schmidt/Melchar family, Robert Spittler, the Revs. Katrina & George Swanson, Christina Way & Jim Stipe, Willard Webster, Astrid West-Harrington, Ellen Williams, and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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