



Fall Calendar Preview

St. Stephen's has an astounding array of events this Fall. You'll read and hear much more about each as the weeks progress; for now, read a short description to tickle your fancy.

Pay special attention to the great line-up of Adult Spiritual Formation events. We're planning a varied and substantive lineup of Sunday Forums for the fall. The forums will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday and include the sort of lively exchange we have come to expect of our classes at St. Stephen's. Frank Dunn, our Senior Priest, will lead some classes; others will be led by parishioners and current and former clergy team members. We've tried to balance topics touching personal spirituality, social issues, Bible study, and the wider church. Please join us any Sunday!

Sunday, September 11

Forum, 9:15am: *The Polarized Church: The Windsor Report*. How can Episcopalians and Anglicans worldwide be church together? The actions of the Episcopal Church in the United States in blessing same-sex unions and consecrating openly gay bishop Gene Robinson led many people to talk of schism. The Windsor Report was the official response to these actions. What does the report have to say? Are Episcopalians being arrogant and ignoring the rest of the Anglican world, or are we being prophetic? Come for a lively discussion led by Linda Kaufman, G.T. Hunt and Liane Rozzell.

Wednesday, September 14

On the church calendar, September 14 is **Holy Cross Day**. We'll celebrate the Eucharist at 8am.

Saturday, September 17

Loaves and Fishes Table Volunteer Training. We're looking for a few good parishioners to join the team of

Loaves and Fishes' newest kind of volunteers, the table volunteers. Table volunteers are trained to dine with our Loaves and Fishes guests, extending hospitality to them, getting to know them, and as desired, providing information to them about how to obtain social services assistance they may need. We hope trainees will serve as table volunteers once a month on a Saturday or Sunday for a minimum of six months. If you haven't yet experienced Loaves and Fishes, St. Stephen's principal outreach ministry, signing up to become a table volunteer might be your opportunity. Mark your calendar for 10am to 3pm, for the next table volunteers training session.

We'll weed, prune and mulch from 10-1; please join us for our **Fall Yard Work Day** (rain date September 24).

Sunday, September 18

Forum, 9:15am: *The Polarized Church: Setting Our Hope on Christ, Session I*. The Windsor Re- □ *page 2*

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HOLY CROSS DAY

WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14

HOLY EUCHARIST
8AM

□ **page 1** port invited the Episcopal Church to explain how “a person living in a same-gender union may be considered eligible to lead the flock of Christ.” Clergy team member Kathy Grieb helped write the response, “To Set Our Hope on Christ,” which sets out a compelling Biblical and theological argument for a radically inclusive church. In this session, we’ll look at the document’s thought-provoking challenge to the idea that the Bible condemns homosexuals. Linda Kaufman and Liane Rozzell will facilitate the class; some copies of the response will be available.

Pipe Dreams Recital. Students from the Pipe Dreams scholarship music program and special guests will perform a variety of works for piano and voice beginning at 12:30pm in our auditorium.

Sunday, September 25

Forum, 9:15am: *The Polarized Church: Setting Our Hope on Christ, Session II.* We’ll continue our consideration of “To Set Our Hope on Christ.” In particular, we’ll look at some aspects of the church’s history in light of today’s situation.

Soon you’ll read more about our **2006 Stewardship Campaign**, which starts this day.

Please join us for a back-to-school **outdoor coffee hour** after the 10:30 service. This is a chance to reconnect with St. Stephen’s folks you may have missed over the summer and gear up for a great fall, and to show folks in the neighborhood that we’re a dynamic, multi-cultural church. If you can bring food or drink to share, please send an email to Louise Dyer (ldyer@omb.eop.gov) or George Frederick

Thomas (georgefrederic@hotmail.com).

Sunday, October 2

Forum, 9:15am: *A Word to the Gentiles: Mark’s Geography Lesson, Session I.* Mark’s Gospel is the focus of the upcoming liturgical year. Senior Priest Frank Dunn leads us in a look at the significance of the places and events of the oldest gospel.

Children in St. Stephen’s receive communion at so early an age that they will never, or rarely ever, remember a time when they weren’t fed at the Lord’s Table. Gone are the days when Episcopalians worried that children should “understand” what they were doing before receiving communion. Yet there is a need to understand Holy Communion, much as we come to understand Baptism long after we ourselves have been baptized. (And much as we come to understand our lives long after we were born.) The way we understand Communion is gradual, developing as we grow. Frank Dunn will offer to parents of young children (ages 6-10, say) a brief “course” called “**Coming to Communion**” on Sunday, October 2, at 12:15 in the church office.

Sunday, October 9

Forum, 9:15am: *A Word to the Gentiles: Mark’s Geography Lesson, Session II.* Frank Dunn continues our tour through Mark’s Gospel in preparation for the new liturgical year.

Join us for a festive coffee hour following the 10:30 service to celebrate **Dewey and Rene Holloway’s 60th wedding anniversary.**

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Saturday, October 15

Parents and children of the Sunday School are invited to spend the weekend at Barb Neal and Sarah Davis's West Virginia cabin for our annual **Little Church Retreat**.

Sunday, October 16

Forum, 9:15am: *The Word of the Day*. "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's," says Jesus in this week's Gospel reading. What are we to make of this? Or of Moses' encounter with God in this week's passage from Exodus? We'll discuss the readings of the day.

Saturday, October 22

Join our choirs and other parish musicians in our sanctuary at 2pm for "**Live at St. Stephen's**," a festival of sacred and secular music that will be recorded live for the production of a CD.

The Washington Saxophone Quartet will give its annual benefit concert, "**Music: The Food of Love**," at 3pm. As usual, it will be at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 16th and Varnum Streets, just north of St. Stephen and the Incarnation.

Sunday, October 23

Forum, 9:15am: *Christian Contemplative Prayer, Session I: Centering Prayer*. In worship and on our own, we often pray actively with words, asking and thanking God for many things. But there are other ways to pray. Drawn from ancient prayer practices of Christian contemplatives, centering prayer is a means of quieting oneself to be present to God. St. John of the Cross describes it as "the practice of loving attentiveness." In this practical session, parishioner Marty De

Nys will teach us about centering prayer and lead us in doing it.

Sunday, October 30

Forum, 9:15am: *Christian Contemplative Prayer, Session II: A Rich Tradition*. Christianity has a long and deep heritage of contemplative prayer in many forms. Former clergy team member Barbara Henry will teach us about the practice of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition. Come and appreciate the gift of contemplative prayer through the ages.

Monday, October 31

It's **Halloween Party** time! We'll continue our long tradition of hosting a party for neighborhood children.

Tuesday, November 1

We'll celebrate the eucharist at 8am to mark **All Saints Day**.

Saturday, November 5

The Bel Cantanti Opera Company makes its first of two Fall appearances at St. Stephen's at 3pm as it presents "**Hansel and Gretel**."

Sunday, November 6

Forum, 9:15am: *War and Peace, Session I*. What do you believe about war? How should Christians respond to war? Is war ever justified? This forum will engage us in discussion of the law and morality of and in war. We'll delve into three of the possible Christian responses to war: pacifism, bellicism (the embrace of war), and just war theory. We'll also consider the implications of the weapons and strategies involved in modern warfare. GT Hunt, Liane Rozzell, and Marty and Mary De Nys will lead different sessions in this series.

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

9/4: The Rev.
Ronald Conner
(8am); The
Rev. Frank
Dunn (10:30)

9/11: The Rev.
Linda Kaufman

LOAVES AND FISHES
MANAGEMENT
GROUP

The Loaves and Fishes Management Committee is working on new and creative ways to increase parishioner involvement and to utilize better the multitude of volunteer talents available. You are invited and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings on the third Sunday of the month, at 9am in the church office. The next meeting will be on September 18.

-Earl H. Foote
and Nigel Collie,
Co-Chairs

Sunday, November 13

Forum, 9:15am: *War and Peace, Session II* (see Nov. 6).

We'll conclude our **2006 Stewardship Campaign**.

Friday, November 18

It's a big Loaves and Fishes fundraising weekend. Join us for the "**Jazz Fighting Hunger**" concert at St. Stephen's at 8pm. This will feature various jazz musicians, including some loyal—and very talented—parishioners.

Saturday, November 19

Loaves and Fishes big fundraising weekend continues with the annual **Help the Homeless Walkathon**. This walkathon is sponsored by Fannie Mae, an important donor to Loaves and Fishes. There are tentative plans for children's activities, such as a mini-walk, to be held in October.

Sunday, November 20

Forum, 9:15am: *War and Peace, Session III* (see Nov. 6).

Wednesday, November 23

Join us for a **Thanksgiving Eve eucharist** at 7pm, as we give thanks for all that God has given us.

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Forum, 9:15am: *War and Peace, Session IV* (see Nov. 6).

Saturday, December 3

We'll hold an **Advent Quiet Day** in our sanctuary, to help us prepare for the coming of Christ.

Sunday, December 4

Forum, 9:15am: *Hallelujah! Reflections on Handel's Messiah, Session I*. Frank Dunn leads us in a revealing look at this beloved musical classic. The scriptural passages and musical artistry combine to create a compelling and timeless witness to God's grace and power. This forum will be a great lead-up to Christmas (and the Kennedy Center's free Messiah Sing-Along on Dec. 23).

Saturday, December 10

The Bel Cantanti Opera Company makes its final Fall appearance at St. Stephen's as it presents "**Amahl and the Night Visitors**" at 3pm in our sanctuary.

Sunday, December 11

Forum, 9:15am: *Hallelujah! Reflections on Handel's Messiah, Session II*. More Messiah! Join us to enjoy and learn about this fabulous musical treasure.

Sunday, December 18

Forum, 9:15am: *Carol Sing*. Frank Dunn will lead us on piano as we sing songs of Advent and Christmas. All voices — strong and sure or wobbly and enthusiastic — are welcome for a joyous time of fellowship and song.

Saturday, December 24

We'll **decorate the church for Christmas** in the morning and begin our **celebrations of the birth of Jesus** that evening.

Still to be Scheduled

Advent Liturgy Planning Team

St. Stephen's has a history of great creativity in worship. We are reviving an old St. Stephen's custom of having a team of lay and clergy plan our worship for two upcoming seasons, Advent and Holy Week. The Advent team is now forming and is about to begin work; if you're interested in being a part of it, please read more about this in the flyer on the back table in the church. If you are interested in participating, fill out the form on the flyer or contact Father Dunn (202-518-8432).

Newcomers Class

We will hold a 5-session class for people new to St. Stephen's, probably on Thursday evenings beginning around the first week of October.

Lay Liturgist Training

This Fall, we'll offer several new sessions for all in the congregation who want to learn more about the liturgy and explore various roles. Newcomers are most welcome in all roles; please let Gay Gellhorn know of your interest. Last Spring, we focused on readers, MC, Worship Leader, thurifer, crucifer

and candle bearer. This Fall we'll emphasize additional roles. Some of us feel called to serve as **greeters** — at the door, or the role of roving greeter, who insures that folks attending services for the first time are comfortably folded in to our worship and the 8 or 10:30 congregation. Laura Mol, Colette Chabbott, George Frederick Thomas, Louise Dyer and Gay Gellhorn are planning a training for greeters early in the Fall. Do let one of us know of your interest so we can check with you as we set the date.

We will also hold a training session for those who want to explore a call to **serve the Bread or the Wine at the Eucharist** at the 8 or 10:30 service. At 10:30, eucharistic ministers serve at the circle, the side altar and at Loaves & Fishes. Those who sense a call to carry the Eucharist to our sisters and brothers who cannot be present in church because of illness will be asked to participate in a diocesan training; that date has not yet been announced. An additional focus for Fall liturgical participant training will be on **carrying the candles** — the light of Christ — in the processions at the 10:30 service so that we have a year-round roster.

News from Pakistan-Sri Lanka

On July 24, we sent forth Jim Stipe and Christina Way, who were moving to Pakistan. But they have had problems getting visas, so Catholic Relief Services has sent them to Sri Lanka, where Christina will evaluate tsunami-relief efforts while they wait for visas for Pakistan.

In a recent email, Christina wrote, "We are really happy right now—it

feels great to be here and we are trying to take advantage of our (potentially) short time here."

Catholic Relief Services will forward letters and small envelope packages sent to: Jim Stipe & Christina Way, 209 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Or email them at christinaway@yahoo.com and jim@jimstipe.com.

ST. STEPHEN'S OPENS IT'S DOORS

Over the weekend of September 23 and 24, when a major anti-war march will take place on the National Mall, St. Stephen's will provide sleeping space for march participants and will be the site of march-related events sponsored by the Washington Buddhist Fellowship and the International Action Center.

LECTIONS

16th Sunday After
Pentecost
(Sept. 4)

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:
8-14

Matthew 18:
15-20

17th Sunday After
Pentecost
(Sept. 11)

Exodus 14:
19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14:
1-12

Matthew 18:
21-35

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THE SAINTS

Sunday, September 4

Birthday: Isabele

Crocheron

Anniversary: Brian Best

and Jane Lincoln

Monday, September 5

Birthday: Rene Holloway

Heavenly Birthday:

Dorothy MacKaye,

1992

Wednesday, September 7

Birthday: Katy Kincade

Friday, September 9

Birthday: Ridgley

Bennett

Saturday, September 10

Heavenly Birthday:

George Dickerson,

1999

Sunday, September 11

Birthday: Jane Bishop

Monday, September 12

JOHN HENRY HOBART, BISHOP OF
NEW YORK, 1830

Tuesday, September 13

CYPRIAN, BISHOP AND MARTYR OF
CARTHAGE, 258

Wednesday, September 14

HOLY CROSS DAY

Friday, September 16

NINIAN, BISHOP IN GALLOWAY,
c.430

Heavenly Birthday:

Neville Padmore,

1997; Freddy

Reynolds, 2000

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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