



## Growing with St. Stephen's Stewardship for the Year Ahead

**H**ello everyone! For those of you who may not know me, I want to introduce myself. My name is Beth Howe, and I have the privilege of chairing the Stewardship Committee this fall. I first started coming to St. Stephen's two years ago when I moved to Mt. Pleasant. I have to confess to choosing the church based more on the fact that it was a two-minute walk from my house than for its quality of fellowship and depth of spirituality.

It became quickly apparent, however, that St. Stephen's was different from many other neighborhood churches I had wandered into in the past. First, I felt welcomed from the start. Rather than standing awkwardly at coffee hour, I felt immediately welcomed by the diverse people that make up St. Stephen's. It was quickly apparent that Martin Luther King's comment that 11am Sunday morning was the most segregated hour in America simply didn't apply to St. Stephen's.

In the past two years, I have grown as a person because of my time with the St. Stephen's community. I have grown through fellowship—the membership of St. Stephen's has moved from strangers to me to becoming some of my closest friends. I have grown through activism—through my involvement with the Sudanese “Lost Boys” and my participation in the church's efforts to ease poverty and reduce inequality in DC and beyond. And I have grown spiritually, not only through the prayers and support not just of Frank and Linda, but

also through the support and wisdom of so many members of the St. Stephen's community.

Just as I have grown, the vibrant church I first attended in the fall of 2003 has also grown tremendously in the last year. When I think about how integral Frank Dunn is to the fabric of our community, it's hard for me to believe that he has only been with us for just over a year. When I think about attending John Dut's (one of the “Lost Boys” of Sudan) high school graduation, about our plans for Latino ministry, about the selection of Fletcher Wells as our new seminarian, about the growing strengths of our Christian Education programs for children and adults, about the Tuesday evening contemplative prayer group, about the new crosses on our roof, about the renewed vigor in our Loaves and Fishes program, and about our stellar music program and the beautiful music of the refurbished organ, it's practically unfathomable that so much could be achieved in just one year by a little church like ours.

This letter to the community is about growth, both the church's and mine, but it's also a letter about stewardship. All of the church's achievements that I described in the paragraph above were possible only because members of the congregation have given generously this year. When I try to imagine St. Stephen's without Frank, without our diverse congregation, without the beautiful music from the organ, I am just so grateful that people pledged □ *page 2*

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□ *page 1* and gave as they did. And then when I think about how much we achieved in the last year and how more we can do this year, I know that not only will I pledge again this year, I will give more than I did last year. Because no matter how much I give, I know that I will receive more—in fellowship, in community, and in spirituality—from the community of St. Stephen's.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, please pick up

your stewardship packet while you're at church (we'll mail packets Monday to people not in church). The packet will include more information about the campaign, an invitation to a stewardship gathering, and a pledge form. I encourage you when you think about how much to pledge to please think about what St. Stephen's has given you and what you can give back.

-Beth Howe

## Holloways Celebrate 60 Years of Marriage

**W**hen it rains, you wear a raincoat; but when the sun shines, you enjoy life. That is the analogy Dewey uses to describe the sixty years of marriage to Rene. Dewey closes his ears to a lot of things, said Rene. They both agree that they have taken this journey one day at a time and that by the grace of God they have been blessed.

Rene and Dewey met in high school in 1938 and after a long courtship they were married in 1945. Dewey proudly remembers, "The competition was keen." They were blessed with three children: Dewey, Jr. (deceased), Janice and Gregory. And now six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren are part of their family.

Dewey retired after 42 years of service as superintendent in the U.S. Postal

Service, but his love of music never waned during the years. He studied music and even taught classes in guitar into his retirement years. He continues to play base fiddle weekend evenings at the Market Inn with his nephew, Mac, who plays piano.

Rene spent 32 years at the Labor Department. She has been active in numerous volunteer programs since her retirement. For the last five years she and Dewey have been active officials within the precinct elections process.

The Holloways were married on October 5, 1945. During the 10:30 service on Sunday, October 9, we will celebrate their 60 years of marriage as Rene and Dewey renew their wedding vows. The celebration will continue at a festive coffee hour after the service.

-Vivian McFarland

## And now, a few words about Dewey and Rene

Want to make a marriage work? Watch the Holloways and do as they do. They are kind, generous, patient, funny, trustworthy, and supportive; slow to anger and quick to laugh - in the good times and the bad times. Their loving presence among us is truly a thing to celebrate and may God grant them

many more happy years together.

-Elizabeth Finley

It has been an extreme pleasure to know the Holloways over the past several years. They represent to me two **very** special individuals who set examples in the way they live their lives.

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# 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

**10/2:** The Rev.  
Frank Dunn

**10/9:** The Rev.  
Linda Kaufman

These special people were united in marriage and for the past 60 years have committed to one another a stable and lasting partnership. Rene has shared some of the ingredients for this successful partnership including being each other's best friend, sharing, and communicating, raising children in harmony and of course loving each other. Best wishes to St. Stephen's Official Sweethearts!

*-Pat Gray*

Besides being a wonderful living example of a loving couple, Rene and Dewey are terrific individuals. I learn from them by their faithful presence every Sunday when I see them in Church. Happy anniversary! We are blessed to have you in our company of believers.

*-Mary Alcuin Kelly*

Dewey and Rene are examples of the best of St. Stephen's. Dedicated, devout, generous, open, accepting, and thoroughly in love with each other—what a joy to be in their lives, and to have them in mine!

*-Frank Dunn*

The only difficulty in responding to this glorious event is request for brevity. A tribute is to say that faithfulness like the Holloways inspires and sustains parish life. Love to Dewey and Rene in abundance.

*-Brother John Mathis, SSJE*

Rene and Dewey are the embodiment of the marriage vows. In the nearly 20 years that I have known them, they have been shining examples of living "in good times and bad, in sickness and in health." Thank you for providing us all with such a loving example!

*-Michelle Lewis*

I know that we often hear the cliché, "pillar of the church/community," but in this case the expression applies. Rene and Dewey energize our parish with their love and devotion. They are a splendid role model for family and church life and community service. They also serve as inspiration to those of us looking forward to productive retirement years! Happy 60th, Rene and Dewey—we send our love.

*-Earl H. Foote*

Renee Holloway was so giving of her time and energy when my knee joint degenerated, and I needed help with cooking meals. She made a week's worth of meals for me that she delivered to church on Sunday mornings. Without that help from her, I could not have survived what was a very bleak time in my life as I was waiting to have my knee joint replacement surgery scheduled. Dewey Holloway is a great musician, who was willing to strum his guitar with me on a couple of occasions. I could barely keep up since I am not in his league, musically. The Holloways are a great example to all of us by showing us what a lifetime partnership should be like. We should all be fortunate and blessed to have a marriage like theirs.

*-Duane Robina Bonds*

## Live at Saint Stephen's

Concert and Recording  
Saturday, October 22, 2pm

Featuring the choirs of St. Stephen's, the Holloway Jazz Trio, Gregory Holloway, and Luci Murphy, performing sacred and secular music.

The concert is being recorded live for the production of a CD and/or DVD at \$20 each...great holiday gifts!

**DATE CHANGE**

The annual Washington Saxophone Quartet concert to benefit Loaves and Fishes, originally scheduled for October 22, will now take place on Saturday, **November 12**, at 3pm. The concert will still take place at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 16<sup>th</sup> and Varnum Streets, NW.

Watch for further announcements. The concert is always a fun event, and proceeds directly benefit Loaves and Fishes. Thank you for your support.

## Latino Ministry Takes Shape

**S**ince July 19 when we held a parish-wide meeting to discuss Latino ministry, a number of developments have happened that have rapidly moved this issue to center stage.

The Latino Ministry Committee of the Diocese, having done a demographic study, has targeted three areas where the density of Hispanic population is significantly higher than average. One of those is Mt. Pleasant/Columbia Heights. The Latino Ministry Committee has endorsed a plan, which has now been presented to and accepted by Diocesan Council, that makes it possible for St. Stephen's to receive up to \$25,000 per year for up to four years for the purpose of beginning a Latino ministry.

To receive these diocesan funds means a firm commitment from St. Stephen's:

- To have a clergy person fluent in Spanish available to work with Latino people in forming the ministry
- To have firm vestry support of the Latino ministry effort
- To have in place appropriate means for evaluation and accountability among all those working in Latino ministry.

As it happens, we have the opportunity of such a clergy person. The Reverend Sarabeth Goodwin lives in Mt. Pleasant and is willing and ready to begin ministry with us, if we are ready to move ahead. Fluent in Spanish, Sarabeth was ordained deacon in June, and hopes to be ordained a priest as early as January. Currently she is spending some time with Father Jesus Reyes in Arlington, the Pastor of Santa Maria Church, to acquire some hands-on experience of a start-up Latino ministry that

has been surprisingly successful. If St. Stephen's is willing to respond to the challenge of Latino Ministry, she can begin work immediately. Bishop Chane is fully supportive of her placement here, and in fact has asked for a meeting to include himself, Sarabeth, and me within a few weeks to explore what the arrangement would look like, provided the vestry is willing to move ahead in commitment to Latino ministry.

How can we decide we want to pursue Latino ministry when we don't as yet know what shape it will take? Although it is impossible to write a tightly detailed description of what form Latino ministry might take at St. Stephen's, we can expect that during the first year of her experience at St. Stephen's, Sarabeth would focus on the following:

1. Preparing the parish, through working with clergy, vestry, and staff, for the establishment of a Latino ministry by:
  - a. Evaluating the use of space
  - b. Evaluating ministries and programs with a view towards making them responsive to and hospitable for Spanish-speakers
  - c. Securing or developing resources for Spanish-speaking congregants (tracts, prayer books, music resources, education resources, stewardship resources, etc.)
  - d. Developing a plan for providing opportunities for hospitality and community building among Latino congregants, as well as between Latino and non-Latino congregants
2. Making street and door contacts with neighborhood Spanish-speaking residents

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursdays, 7pm:  
**Welcome to St. Stephen's:  
 A Class for Newcomers**

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Sundays,  
 9:15am:

**Adult Spiritual Formation Forum.**

10/2 & 10/9:  
 "A Word to the Gentiles: Mark's Geography Lesson"

10/16:

"The Word of the Day"

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Sunday,  
 October 2,  
 12:15pm:

**"Coming to Communion"**

class for Sunday School parents

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Sunday, Oct. 9,  
 10:30am:

**Holloway's 60th wedding anniversary**

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Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16:  
**Little Church Retreat**

3. Exploring the possibilities of a Spanish liturgy and establishing a Spanish-language service when the time and conditions are right
4. Responding to the pastoral needs, as appropriate, of Spanish-speakers in need of support.
5. Establishing programs and ministries, such as Bible studies, prayers groups, immigration support, ESL, based on desires expressed by the Latino congregation.

We foresee that at the end of a calendar year (though with at least a quarterly evaluation), St. Stephen's vestry will take stock of where the Latino ministry is, with a clear hope that a viable Latino community will have begun to come together so that members of that community can be a part of charting its course.

I have shared with the vestry my view of what "full support of the vestry and Senior Priest" involves:

1. An understanding that language-specific ministry is a challenge, is labor-intensive, and cannot happen without dedicated clergy hours.
2. An appreciation of the fact that, for the Episcopal Church to realize its full potential, we must take seriously developing ministries in parishes that can reach out to and minister to a burgeoning Hispanic population.
3. A willingness to put in place the criteria for evaluating Latino ministry, and to oversee it on a vestry level with understanding, clarity, and fairness.
4. A readiness to support the ministry financially, to a reasonable extent, increasing that support incrementally as the ministry develops.
5. A clarity that Latino ministry is

fundamentally about inviting all people, regardless of culture or background or language, into the Christian community, and being enriched by their gifts, not about growing the church numerically and financially.

6. An understanding that Latino ministry involves worship, Christian formation, and pastoral care.
7. Agreeing to be in partnership with the diocese, seeing ourselves as a part of a larger whole; and voluntarily being accountable for spending responsibly whatever dollars we might receive.

My own sense of discernment is that God is presenting us with an enormous opportunity for addressing a large part of the neighborhood in which we are situated. Who would have ever dreamed a year ago that we would be witnessing the coming together of the bishop's support; diocesan funding; an ordained person fluent in Spanish and eager to work at St. Stephen's; a neighborhood with a large Hispanic population; a fair number of Latino people who already use our building, its service organizations, and our sacramental ministry; my own progress in learning Spanish and interest in this ministry?

-Frank Dunn

## Godly Babysitter

**S**t. Stephen's seeks a "Godly Babysitter" to watch babies and very small children in the Marshall Room. Pay is \$10 per hour for two hours each Sunday. If you know of a candidate, please be in touch with Katy Kincade (301-588-6944)

# LECTIONS

20th Sunday After Pentecost (Oct. 2)

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Phillip 3:4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

21st Sunday After Pentecost (Oct. 9)

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:

1-6, 19-23

Phillip 4:1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

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# THE SAINTS

**Sunday, October 2**  
*Birthday: Earl Foote*

**Tuesday, October 4**  
FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FRIAR, 1226

**Wednesday, October 5**  
*Anniversary: Dewey and Rene Holloway*

**Thursday, October 6**  
WILLIAM TYNDALE, PRIEST, 1536  
*Anniversary: Judith and Tim Timol*

**Saturday, October 8**  
*Birthday: Dewey Holloway Sr.*

**Sunday, October 9**  
*Birthday: Greg Holloway*

**Monday, October 10**  
*Birthday: Daphne Piper*

**Tuesday, October 11**  
*Heavenly Birthday: Iris Brathwaite, 1988*

**Wednesday, October 12**  
*Birthday: Inez Haynes*

**Thursday, October 13**  
*Birthday: Paul Matsuda-Lawrence*

*Anniversary: Gregory and Beverly Holloway*

**Friday, October 14**  
*Heavenly Birthday: Ruth Webster, 2000*

**Saturday, October 15**  
SAMUEL ISAAC JOSEPH SCHERESCHEWSKY, BISHOP OF SHANGHAI, 1906  
*Birthday: Emery Bright, Archie Bright*

## ON THE COVER...

Beth Howe

# THE PRAYERS

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

•Jennifer Blackman, Millie Fenwick, Shepard Graves, Lucille Jeffers, Ruth Murphy, Elizabeth Palmberg, John Phillips, Daphne Piper, and all who desire to be restored to health; those who are homebound; 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, Doreen Granum, Lloyd Terril Hermonstine, Lloyd Nkomo Hermonstine Jr, Carol Hermonstine, Asanti Hermonstine, Stephanie Holodnak, Sunny Jackson, Susie Johnson, Dana Jordan, Maia Lawrence, Robert Dean McClellan, Joe Midgeley, Carroll Muffett, Barbara Oldland, Karl Palmberg, Marisella Ruiz Ibarra, Stephanie Holodnak, the Schmidt/Melchar family, Robert Spittler, 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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