

St. Stephen's: Active in the Neighborhood

WIN's Election Work

"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you..."
(Jeremiah 29:7)

We're all at least a little familiar with the deep problems that plague D.C. neighborhoods, including the affordable housing crisis, troubled schools, and underfunded libraries. After going to a recent Washington Interfaith Network meeting along with Jane Bishop, Priscilla Phelps, and Frank Dunn, I'm excited to find that, with a commitment of just 5-6 evenings over the next year, I and others at St. Stephen's can make a big difference in such vital justice concerns—and strengthen St. Stephen's relationships with our neighborhood.

The next year is a kairos moment in DC politics: not only will there be a new mayor, but also, (because you can't run for mayor and city council at the same time), there may be up to 6 new city council members (for wards 1-6), including the heads of three key finance committees. And nothing motivates politicians like getting elected.

The last time the mayor's seat was wide open, the margin of victory was 13,700, and just 2,500 for one of the council races—but over 200,000 registered D.C. voters (two-thirds of the total number registered!) didn't bother to show up at the polls. That's a lot of people who feel like their issues aren't being addressed by candidates; the goal of WIN is to give neighborhoods a

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Walking for Loaves & Fishes

On November 6, following the 10:30 service, we invite all the members of the Parish to join the children in our Christian Education program in "going forth" on a walk through our immediate church neighborhood to Help the Homeless and our very own Loaves & Fishes program. We will talk and walk on Newton, 14th, and Meridian, wondering about the relationship between what we see and hear; our story as a church and a changing neighborhood; factors contributing to homelessness; and things we and others have done and can continue to do to prevent and alleviate homelessness.

The walk is part of the Fannie Mae-sponsored Help the Homeless program, which raises money for area agencies including Loaves & Fishes. The registration fee is \$15 for those 25 and younger, \$25 for others. Every penny goes to L&F, so it can continue to feed the hungry every Saturday, Sunday and federal holiday. Checks should be made out to "Help the Homeless" or you can give cash and your form to Gay Gellhorn.

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And there's a
Halloween Party for
neighborhood children, too!
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BAPTISM

If you or a family member is interested in being baptized on All Saints Sunday (Nov. 6) or the Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 8, 2006), please contact the church office.

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□ **page 1, column 1** mechanism to define those issues and pressure candidates to do something about them.

The citywide goal of the campaign is to get the city council/mayor to commit a half a billion more dollars (linked to the \$8 billion Anacostia waterfront development plan) to help neighborhoods advance their own priorities for housing, jobs, etc., and then to keep the politicians' feet to the fire to make sure that they spend the money according to those priorities.

WIN has a good track record on both fronts. Their advocacy helped prod the City Council to approve the \$450 million Community Benefits Fund (to be funded in by increases in property and sales tax revenue from the new stadium area). The Fund will target rebuilding schools, libraries, recreation centers, and neighborhood commercial centers in distressed neighborhoods. And WIN has good local connections, in part focused on affordable housing advocacy, and follow-through.

In the upcoming weeks, please consider committing 5-6 evenings to helping this effort. The work would consist largely of precinct walks in the neighborhood of St. Stephen's (using lists of irregular voters) to listen to people's priorities and to urge them to sign onto WIN's Neighborhoods First campaign. The first evening would be a training on Nov. 14, 7:30-9 pm. And, if the Spirit leads you to commit a bit more time, you could become the fearless leader of St. Stephen's participation, networking with other groups at Sacred Heart and All Souls Unitarian churches.

Please join us in making a difference.

-Elizabeth Palmberg

Loaves & Fishes Walk

□ **page 1, column 2** Each walker, adult or child, needs to fill out a registration form. If you want to register but the fee is too much, pay what you can and the balance will be paid by other donations. Forms are on the back table and will be available Nov. 6, as well. Early registration makes it possible for us to have the great long-sleeved t-shirts on hand on the day of our walk.

If Nov. 6 isn't a good date for you, preregister (www.helpthhomelessdc.org) for the 5K Walkathon on the Mall on Saturday November 19, designating "LOVS" as the beneficiary agency. Bishop and Mrs. Chane will be walking with all the Episcopal ministries involved in homelessness—we'll meet under the letter "S" (for "Saint").

-Gay Gellhorn

Mysterium Fidei

The artwork of parishioner Patrick Ellis will be displayed at the Dadian Gallery at Wesley Theological Seminary October 24 - December 16. The installation is called "mysterium fidei" and features works by friends of Patrick as well. (Patrick has made the hangings that have been behind the altar the last few months.)

Wesley Theological Seminary is located at 4500 Massachusetts Avenue, NW; the gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 11 am to 5pm; Friday 11 am to 4 pm, except holidays.

It's Almost Time for Our Annual Halloween Party

It's October, and soon the leaves will be turning, the wind blowing. We'll wrap scarves around our necks, and we'll host our annual Halloween Party!

Neighborhood kids and parishioners under the age of 13 will be able to celebrate in a safe and fun way from 6–8pm on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31. Although the sanctuary could potentially feel spooky on a night such as Halloween, the party will light-hearted and fun, with games, face painting, ,

arts & crafts, storytelling, and of course, lots of candy!

We need St. Stephen's parishioners to get involved: to publicize the party; to set up and decorate the night before; to run each activity station; to monitor the door and pass out candy.

If you are not able to attend the Halloween Party, you can still take part by making decorations or donating candy. Please contact Louise Dyer (202-441-4839; ldyer@omb.eop.gov). We hope to see you all there, preferably in costume!

Stewardship: Will You Join Us for a Party?

Please join a group of fellow parishioners for a stewardship party. We'll talk about St. Stephen's in 2006, and we'll also have fun.

We're having seven parties:

- Friday, October 14, 7:30pm, in the Dupont Circle neighborhood
- Sunday, October 16, 6:00pm, in Silver Spring, MD
- Saturday, October 22, 7:00pm, in the Columbia Heights neighborhood
- Saturday, October 29, 12:30pm, in Potomac, MD
- Saturday, October 29, 6:00pm, in Arlington, VA
- Sunday, October 30, 7:30pm, in the Brookland neighborhood
- Monday, November 7, 6:30pm, in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood

If you'd like to attend one, please contact Brian Best in the church office (202-232-0900 or brian.best@saintstephensdc.org).

We hope you'll join us!

Live at Saint Stephen's

Concert and Recording
Saturday, October 22, 2pm
In the sanctuary

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!

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

10/16: The
Rev. Carole
Crumley

10/23: The
Rev. Frank
Dunn

LECTIONS

22nd Sunday After Pentecost (October 16)

Exodus 33:

12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians

1:1-10

Matthew 22:

15-22

23rd Sunday After Pentecost (October 23)

Deuteronomy

34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6,

13-17

1 Thessalonians

2:1-8

Matthew 22:

34-46

THE SAINTS

Monday, October 17

IGNATIUS, BISHOP OF ANTIOCH,
AND MARTYR, c.115

Heavenly Birthday:

"Mother" Esther Mae

Scott, 1979

Tuesday, October 18

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

Wednesday, October 19

HENRY MARTYN, PRIEST, AND
MISSIONARY TO INDIA AND
PERSIA, 1812

Thursday, October 20

Birthday: Kelsey

Menehan, Laura Mol

Friday, October 21

Birthday: Sally Jackson

Monday, October 24

SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM

Birthday: Lillian Audette

Wednesday, October 26

ALFRED THE GREAT, KING OF THE
WEST SAXONS, 899

Birthday: Susan Kyle,

Rashawn Miller

Friday, October 28

SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE,
APOSTLES

Heavenly Birthday: Ted

Collier, 1990

Saturday, October 29

JAMES HANNINGTON, BISHOP OF
EASTERN EQUATORIAL AFRICA,
AND HIS COMPANIONS,
MARTYRS, 1885

Birthday: Lucille Jeffers

Heavenly Birthday:

Vernel Clayton, 1996

THE PRAYERS

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

- Jennifer Blackman, Millie Fenwick, Shepard Graves, Arrina Hermonstine, Lucille Jeffers, Ruth Murphy, Elizabeth Palmberg, John Phillips, 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;

- Bill & Evelyn Andrew, Roger Beach, Duane Bonds, Bob Broadwater, the Brown family, The Bright/Veneklasen family, Martha Carty, Judy Clark, Romel Dick, Katie Finley, Doreen Granum, Lloyd Terri Hermonstine, Lloyd Nkomo Hermonstine Jr, Carol Hermonstine, Asanti Hermonstine, Stephanie Holodnak, Sunny Jackson, Susie Johnson, Dana Jordan, Maia Lawrence, Robert Dean McClellan, Melissa and Wil Mefford, Joe Midgely, Carroll Muffett, Barbara Oldland, Karl Palmberg, Marisella Ruiz Ibarra, 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.

