



St. Stephen's in 2005: Most Growth in 10 Years

Our annual report to the Diocese on membership shows St. Stephen's growing from 124 active adults at the beginning of 2005 to 140 at the end. This 13% increase is the largest one-year increase since we began keeping accurate information in 1996 and a 30% increase from our low of 107 in 1997.

During every year we lose members as they move to another city, simply stop attending and become "inactive," or, alas, die. What's even more astounding about our growth in 2005 is that 27 of the names on our list of active adults at the end of 2005 were not on the list at the beginning of the year. Twenty-seven new parishioners in one year!

Who is a member of St. Stephen's? For the purpose of this report, we count people who have attended church at least three times in the calendar year and who

contribute to or participate in the worship and communal life of our parish.

There's another aspect to membership that is important: making a public statement of being a member of St. Stephen's. We are preparing to hold "Newcomer Sunday," in February, where people who have attended a recent newcomers' class can make such a statement. Stay tuned for details about this.

Unfortunately, the number of children we count as active members did not change in 2005. We currently count 31 children as active members of our parish, and we hope to grow this number too in 2006.

Will we grow another 13% in 2006? Invite your friends to church, and a year from now we just might be saying that we count 158 adults as active members!

-Brian Best

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The Third
Sunday After
the Epiphany

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St. Stephen's Holds First Bi-Lingual Mass

On Christmas Eve at the 5pm service, we celebrated a bilingual Eucharist. This was my first Christmas Eve at St. Stephen's, and I was very moved by the familiar and warm setting and the delightful Christmas pageant enacted on the spot by children and Linda Kaufman and Frank Dunn.

To prepare for this service, Heidi Mihm and I distributed nearly 200 fliers inviting Latinos in our neighborhood to share in this service with us. Their response to our invitation was very enthu-

siastic. The fact that only two native Spanish speakers showed up was only a little disappointing. Good and sturdy things usually grow slowly.

For me the service was a wonderful success. The spirit and enthusiasm of our congregation as we responded and sang in both English and Spanish was to me a sign that we are ready for this to happen. I am convinced of the rightness of this ministry at this time. My spirit soars and I thank you for your wonderful support and your heart- □ *page 2*

□ *page 1* felt welcome.

I invite your questions, concerns, hopes and suggestions at any time.

Please contact me by email at sarabeth@attglobal.net or call me. I am listed in SALT.

-The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin

St. Stephen's Music Program Marches On

The music program at St. Stephen's has had a very active season. Most notably, the choir made its Washington National Cathedral debut in January, performing at the ordination service of our own Latino Missioner, Sarabeth Goodwin. Twelve St. Stephen's singers performed in a larger diocesan choir comprised of vocalists from the parishes of eight ordination candidates in the area. Interim Director of Music Mark Vogel says it's a thrill to perform at the Cathedral, adding that the choir was ex-

cited to sing in a larger group, and to be there to support Sarabeth on this important occasion.

The music program continues to grow and always welcomes new musicians. The choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30pm. The program is also seeking talented instrumentalists to occasionally participate in service music. Please contact Mark Vogel if you are interested in participating in the music program (202-387-0505; markvogel@verizon.net)

People News

Michele Lewis and Luciano Muzatti are engaged to be married! Wedding details will be announced soon.

Susan Kyle and her partner, Carlos Quintana, are in Tanzania for most of January, visiting churches, friends, and development projects.

An unexpected death has shaken the **Hermonstine clan**. Gary Thompson died at age 41 on January 7. Gary was the father of Rachel Thompson, now 13 years old and a regular visitor to our Sunday School program until she moved to Guyana a while back to live with her grandmother. Gary is Muriel Dick's nephew, and first cousin of Leslyn Hermonstine and Romel Dick. His funeral was held January 13th at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church here in DC, where his mother is a member.

Edith Eder had a partial hip replacement procedure on Dec. 30; she's re-

covering and expects to be back at church soon.

Colette Chabbott has been in Afghanistan since mid-December, working for CARE on a proposal to get community schools into some of the more remote areas. She may be back in DC before this issue of BREAD arrives in your mailbox.

Elizabeth Finley's job sends her to many interesting places around the world—South Africa last summer; Australia this month. But only for a week did she get to experience summer in Australia.

Charles Lawrence and children **Kimiko** and **Paul** have returned to DC and resumed worshipping with us after 6 months in Hawaii.

Ife Wilder is in Ireland for a week, exploring Irish music.

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Robert Bonds Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Robert Bonds, a memorial scholarship fund has been set up at the University of the District of Columbia to support students who have chosen teaching as a career.

Mr. Bonds was a public school teacher in Washington before serving in the Army during World War II. When he returned to the United States, he resumed his teaching career, teaching at Birney, Slowe, and Ross Elementary Schools, before becoming principal of Hayes-Ludlow, Payne and Simon elementary schools from 1956 until 1972, when he retired.

Mr. Bonds, father of parishioner Duane Bonds, died November 22. His ashes were interred at Arlington National Cemetery January 18.

Checks can be sent to:
Robert Taylor Bonds Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Ms. Christal Cherry, Director of Development, Office of University Relations, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Conn. Ave., N.W., Wash., D.C. 20008

Update from Canada

Joseph Dudzinski and his partner, Bill Carroll, have mostly finished unloading boxes at their new Canadian residence. Joseph's new website (www.jmdmusic.info) has pictures and music from his days at St. Stephen's; he's interested in starting a music scholarship program in Toronto.

Cathedral Events Of Note

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Celebration

The Cathedral College is marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian who died at the hands of the Nazis, with a series of special events, including: "Following Christ in a Time of Terror," (7pm, Wednesdays, through Feb. 15); "Bonhoeffer," an award winning documentary and discussion with producer Martin Doblmeier (7pm, Feb. 1); a Choral Evensong with prayers and readings by Lutheran and Episcopal leaders (4pm, Feb. 5); "Confessing Christ: The Preaching Witness of Bonhoeffer," a lecture by holocaust scholar Victoria Barnett (7:30pm, Feb. 7); and "Bonhoeffer's Spirituality and Sermons," a residential retreat at the

Cathedral College (Feb. 7-10). For more info: www.cathedral.org.

Lenten Silent Retreat

The Diocesan Retreat Committee will hold a Lenten silent retreat at the Cathedral College, beginning 5 p.m. March 3 and ending noon March 5. The Rev. Martin Smith will lead the retreat. Martin is an Episcopal priest who is well-known for his writings on spirituality and his ministry of teaching and preaching; he preached here a number of times in recent years. He has been leading retreats in the U.S. and Canada for more than 25 years. The fee is \$195 for a private room for two nights and six meal. For more information, visit www.edow.org/retreat or call Margaret Bennett at 202/337-3415.

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

1/22: The Rev.

Frank Dunn
(8:00); The
Rev. Sarabeth
Goodwin,
Celebrant; The
Rev. Frank
Dunn, Preacher
(10:30)

1/29: The Rev.

Joe Clark
(8:00); The
Rev. Frank
Dunn,
Celebrant; The
Rev. Joe Clark,
Preacher
(10:30)

LECTIONS

1st Sunday After
The Epiphany
(January 22)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:
29-31
Mark 1:14-20

2nd Sunday After
The Epiphany
(January 29)

Deuteronomy
18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:
16-23
Mark 1:21-28

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Mass
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THE SAINTS

Sunday, January 22
*Birthday: George
Frederick Thomas*

Monday, January 23
PHILLIPS BROOKS, BISHOP OF
MASSACHUSETTS, 1893
Birthday: Linda Kaufman

Tuesday, January 24
ORDINATION OF FLORENCE LI TIM-
OI, FIRST WOMAN PRIEST IN
ANGLICAN COMMUNION, 1944

Wednesday, January 25
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL
THE APOSTLE

Thursday, January 26
TIMOTHY AND TITUS, COMPANIONS
OF SAINT PAUL

Friday, January 27
JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP OF
CONSTANTINOPLE, 407

Saturday, January 28
THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND
FRIAR, 1274
Heavenly Birthday:
Carlos Van Leer, 1993

Tuesday, January 31
Birthday: Christina Way

Wednesday, January 1
BRIDGID OF IRELAND, c.528
Birthday: Larry Hargrove

Thursday, January 2
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE
*Birthday: Martha Brown,
Muriel Dick*

Friday, January 3
ANSKAR, ARCHBISHOP OF
HAMBURG, MISSIONARY TO
DENMARK AND SWEDEN, 865
*Birthday: Carole Crumley,
Barbara Oldland*

Saturday, January 4
CORNELIUS THE CENTURION

ON THE COVER... Susan Kyle

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;

•Bill & Evelyn Andrew, Roger Beach, Duane Bonds, Bob Broadwater, the Brown family, The Bright/Veneklasen family, Martha Carty, Gabriel Clark, Romel Dick, Katie Finley, Doreen Granum, Lloyd Terril Hermonstine, Lloyd Nkomo Hermonstine Jr, Carol Hermonstine, Asanti Hermonstine, Stephanie Holodnak, Daphne Hunt-Clement, Sunny Jackson , Susie Johnson, Maia Lawrence, Robert Dean McClellan, Melissa and Wil Mefford, Joe Midgely, Carroll Muffett, Barbara Oldland, Karl Palmberg, Marisella Ruiz Ibarra, the Schmidt/Melchar family, Christina Way & Jim Stipe, Willard Webster, Astrid West-Harrington, Ellen Williams, Kawthar Zeraouli, Marc Zielkovicz , and all those who have been commended to our prayers, and

•The repose of the soul of Gary Thompson.

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