



Learn How St. Stephen's is Affected by Others

Last January I began a program at Virginia Theological Seminary leading to a Doctor of Ministry degree. I entered the program because it is heavily oriented towards the idea that ministry cannot be done, and certainly cannot be done well, without attention being paid to its context.

One of the components of the program is a congregational study. Mine will be a study of St. Stephen's through the lens of how we relate to our environment: our neighborhood, our city, and the larger Episcopal Church. The study will also seek to define how the neighborhood and other systems view St. Stephen's. We will evaluate the ways in which individual members of St. Stephen's relate to other people, places, and systems.

A key element in the congregational study involves you.

On Sunday, May 28, following the 10:30 liturgy and after we have had a chance to get some coffee and a little visiting done, I hope you will participate in what I promise will be a lively, entertaining, and important event. We will start around 12:30 and be through in two hours. To make it even easier, we will provide a light lunch that day.

Your participation is important to the quality of my learning, and my learning in turn will be important to St. Stephen's. Please plan on staying that day, and even make a special effort to come.

Remember: I can't do it without you. I truly appreciate your help and support.

-Frank Dunn, Senior Priest

Where's Fletcher?

Fletcher Wells, our seminarian, completed the first of his two years of field education at St. Stephen's on May 7. After a well-deserved break spending time with his family in New Mexico, Fletcher will return to Virginia for a two-month summer internship at St. Paul's Church in Old Town Alexandria. Fletcher will help lead liturgy (including a wedding), preach, and lead a "mission trip" to Tennessee to build houses. Fletcher will return to St. Stephen's in September for his second year of field education.

-Lisa Mages

Thank You!

At the Easter Vigil, I was surprised and delighted by the gift of an exquisite white stole from the people of St. Stephen's in celebration of my ordination. The white silk is stitched with flowing bluish-green yarns that symbolize living water. Stitched alongside in a graceful fashion: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24) It was a blessing to receive it and an honor to wear it during this Easter season. Thank you. I pray that the words stitched into its fabric may be ever woven into the spirit of my priesthood.

-The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin

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The Fifth
Sunday of
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SUNDAY,
MAY 21, 9AM

**2006 ANNUAL
MEETING**

(NORMAL SERVICE
SCHEDULE—

8 AND 10:30AM)

ART NIGHT

Interested in the arts at St. Stephen's? Art Exhibitions? Worship Environment? Dance? Drama? Music? A group of parishioners will meet at Patrick Ellis and Mitchell Bond's home on Monday, May 15, at 6:30pm for a simple potluck dinner, discussion and planning. All are invited.

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Young Adults Meet for Fellowship and Service

After much talk about the desire for such a group, the first gathering of YASSI (otherwise known as the Young Adults of St. Stephen and the Incarnation) took place at the home of parishioner Meg Herndon, after our seminarian Fletcher Wells took the lead and made it happen.

The twenty- and thirty-somethings gathered there first focused on devouring all of the delicious potluck items. Then discussion turned to what we wanted this group to look like. The consensus was that most of us were looking for a peer group to talk with about issues we were currently facing, that others were likely facing as well. Most importantly, we wanted a Christ-centered and welcoming place to discuss these issues. While we wanted the

group to be open to discussing heavy topics (the death penalty was one we touched on that night), we also wanted to make sure we did not take ourselves too seriously, as the main goal in forming the group was to simply build community.

We agreed to a general plan of meeting one to two times per month and alternating social activities with community service projects. To date, the service projects have involved an afternoon helping WIN and a morning at Loaves and Fishes. More are planned.

If you're interested in joining us, please go to the St. Stephen's website (www.saintstephensdc.org) to sign up for our email list, and we'll make sure you're invited to our next event!

-Catherine Bugala

Latino Missioner Hiring Process Report Questioned

The April 16th BREAD characterized the Task Force Report on the hiring of the Latino Missioner Process in a manner that I believe is incorrect.

Bread states that the Task Force "...produced a report that found the hiring process to be in order and consistent with our present personnel policies." In fact, the report in its Conclusions section states that, "... the task force determined that the role of the Diocese in establishing and funding this position created an exceptional circumstance that precluded the hiring process that would normally have take place as outlined in the SSI Personnel Policy".

An appeal of the findings of that Task Force has been filed with the Chairperson of the Personnel Committee and hopefully that appeal can also be made available upon request to any

parishioner.

-Terry Lynch

Response

The Ad Hoc Task Force agrees that the quotation from the conclusion of the report to the vestry cited in Terry's letter is misleading and the Task Force is in the process of correcting it and will submit a corrected report to the Vestry. The Task Force was in error in conflating the personnel policy for hiring of lay employees with the Episcopal practice of hiring of clergy and regrets any confusion generated by lack of clarity in the report. This issue was discussed during the Vestry meeting and will be further clarified in the revised report.

-Elizabeth Finley, on behalf of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Hiring Practices

Two Events of Note

The Network of Spiritual Progressives is building a movement to make love and compassion the new bottom line in America and invites all to join them at the **Network of Spiritual Progressives Spiritual Activism Conference**, May 17-20 at All Souls Unitarian Church, a few block down 16th Street from St. Stephen's. Some conference events will be held at St. Stephen's.

Speakers include Cornel West, Roshi Bernie Glassman, Rev. Jim Wallis, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Sister Joan Chittister, Cindy Sheehan, and Abdul Aziz Said. Full 4-day or 1-day participation is welcome. For more information, including a list of workshops, as well as to register: (510) 528-6250 or www.spiritualprogressives.org.

The goal of the conference is to build an interfaith network of people dedicated to bringing about a new vision of public life in America—one that seeks to put love, compassion, generosity, nonviolence, and ecological sensitivity, rather than militarism, corporate greed, and fear—at the center of our public life. The conference will also train organizers to take this agenda back into their communities.

One of the exciting programs housed in St. Stephen's Church is Brainfood, which uses the culinary arts to teach life skills to high school students. Brainfood invites us to join them for **Open Kitchen Night** on Thursday, May 25th, from 5:30 to 8:30pm, in the church dining room, to see where the Brainfood magic happens and to help them recognize the accomplishments of another Brainfood class.

One highlight of the evening will be the Brainfood Chefs' Challenge in which their students compete for the Brainfood Skillet Award.

In addition to participating in the Chefs' Challenge, their students will create the menu and prepare the food for the celebration.

Brainfood will also recognize some of their key partners, including the Lehrman Foundation. Brainfood has been awarded the Lehrman Foundation Impact Award to fund infrastructure upgrades allowing them to prepare for expansion.

No donation required (but certainly welcomed). For more information, visit www.brain-food.org. RSVP to paul@brain-food.org or 202-667-5515.

WORSHIP at St. Stephen's

Sundays

8:00a—

Holy Eucharist,
Rite I

10:30a—

Holy Eucharist,
Rite II with
Children's
Spiritual
Formation

5:00pm—

Misa en Español

Celebrants and
Preachers

5/14: The Rev.
Frank Dunn

5/21: The Rev.
Sarabeth
Goodwin
(8:00); The
Rev. Joe Clark,
Celebrant; The
Rev. Sarabeth
Goodwin,
Preacher
(10:30)

Upcoming Events

Tuesdays in May,
7pm:

"Welcome to St. Stephen's",
a class for
people new to
St. Stephen's

Sunday,
May 21, 9am:

**2006 Annual
Meeting**
(normal service
schedule—8 and
10:30am)

Sunday,
May 28,
12:30-2:30pm:

Frank Dunn's
**Congregational
Study Event,**

Sunday, June 4:
Pentecost, and

**Newcomer
Sunday**
(at 10:30
service)

Sunday,
June 11, Noon:

**Children's Ed
Meeting,**
for parents and
interested
parishioners

LECTIONS

5th Sunday of
Easter
(May 14)

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

6th Sunday of
Easter
(May 21)

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

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THE SAINTS

Tuesday, May 16
Birthday: Nick Spears

Friday, May 19
DUNSTAN, ARCHBISHOP OF
CANTERBURY, 988

Saturday, May 20
ALCUIN, DEACON, AND ABBOT OF
TOURS, 804

Birthday: Ernie Jackson

Sunday, May 21
Birthday: Lisa Veneklasen
Heavenly Birthday:
Benjamin Blackman,
1997

Wednesday, May 24
JACKSON KEMPER, FIRST
MISSIONARY BISHOP IN THE UNITED
STATES, 1870

Thursday, May 25
BEDE, THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, AND
MONK OF JARROW, 35

Friday, May 26
AUGUSTINE, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF
CANTERBURY, 605
Heavenly Birthday: Hazel
Shecut, 2005

Saturday, May 27
Birthday: Tom Bell
Heavenly Birthday: Carl
Zanner, 1985

ON THE COVER...
Daphne Piper

THE PRAYERS

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

•Jennifer Blackman, Martha Carty, Theresa Danley, Elizabeth Palmberg, Priscilla Phelps, Judith Timol, 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;

•Corinne and Milko (friends of Priscilla Phelps; they lost a newborn and have another clinging to life), Duane Bonds, Helen Bonds (mother of Duane), Romel Dick, Pat Gray's extended family (especially Linda, Troy and MariAnne), Stephanie Holodnak (daughter of Martin Padarathsingh), Dana Jordan (friend of Sally Jackson), Cornelia Murphy (friend of Michele Lewis), and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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