



Eleven Join St. Stephen's On Pentecost

St. Stephen's shows continuing signs of growth. Average Sunday attendance for both services for the first five months of the year was 87 in 2004, 97 in 2005, and 116 this year. In February, eight people joined St. Stephen's. On Pentecost, eleven more joined. Learn a bit about each of our newest members:

Diane Aten

St. Stephen's attracts me for a lot of reasons. One is our racial and cultural diversity. I was born and raised in Washington D.C. and went to a public high school with more than 25 different nationalities. As a Caucasian, I was in the minority. Diversity is important;



especially since Sunday mornings at church are ironically one of the least integrated time of the week.

St. Stephen's attracts me because of our social outreach. I work for Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. St. Stephen's is one of Samaritan Ministry's Partner Parishes, and Samaritan Ministry began here at St. Stephen's over 20 years ago. It is one of many of our important social ministries including Loaves and Fishes, feeding several hundred hungry people every Saturday and Sunday, and WIN (Washington Interfaith Network), standing up for neighborhood revitalization, affordable housing, and youth in Washington D.C.

St. Stephen's also draws me in because of what is going on in the Episco-

pal Church right now. I have had an assortment of Christian influences in my life. I was raised in a Methodist Church. I then spent more than 10 years in a non-denominational church, which never felt enough like home to declare myself a member. As a progressive Christian, I believe that we cannot allow anything to divide us from God and loving one another. We must respect, support, and accept each other. St. Stephen's seems to me to be unique in that it is welcoming and open to all people. Most importantly, I am here because God is here.

Jessica Baumgarten

I moved to Columbia Heights in August, 2005, and am happy to have found such an interesting neighborhood church in St. Stephen's. I grew up in California and since venturing out on my own I attended college at the University of Notre Dame, worked on Capitol Hill for two years and went up to New England where I earned a law degree from Boston College. I am currently clerking for a tax and probate judge at the Washington



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CORRECTION

The May 28 edition of BREAD reported that Bill MacKaye was elected at the May 21 annual meeting to a two-year vestry term. In fact, he was elected to fill a vestry seat that has only one year remaining.

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□ *page 1* DC Superior Court and enjoying being back in DC with my fiancée, Martin Baggenstos.

Nicholas Clark & Christine Wilson

Christine Wilson and Nick Clark moved from Iowa to DC to pursue Law and Healthcare educations respectively, and to be closer to the political action that was driving them crazy. While those plans have become muddled, altered and lost along the way, Christine and Nick are adapting and finding new opportunities around every corner.

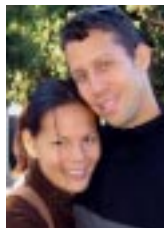


Nick read an Ian MacKaye interview in *Street Sense* in which Ian cited St. Stephen's as an influence that keeps him socially involved; he mentioned anti-war protestors staying in the sanctuary, the Black Panthers, Stokely Carmichael, and an active homeless program. Christine and Nick felt the need to see for themselves; they like it.

Jeremy Edwards & Amy Nakamoto

Jeremy and Amy will be married at St. Stephen's on August 5 and have bought a house in Petworth.

Jeremy: I grew up in Adams Morgan and was baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen's. After time in Pennsylvania (for college and my first jobs), Wales (to play basketball!?) and California (more schooling) I am back in DC working at the



Edmund Burke School in northwest. As it was in the '70s St. Stephen's remains a very alive and real place to worship—and now I'm old enough to stay awake for the entire Easter Vigil! Outside of work, I coach kids, play sports, lead workshops and travel to visit friends who, for some reason, don't live in Chocolate City. I feel fortunate to have been raised in this vibrant parish and fortunate to be returning.

Amy: I grew up in Falls Church, Virginia and have recently moved permanently back into the Washington, DC area after living in Boston, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. I am glad to join this diverse, neighborhood-oriented spiritual community and to get involved in St. Stephen's volunteering opportunities.

I am an avid soccer player and currently coach a DC Stoddert travel team. I am the associate director of SportsChallenge Leadership and Education Alliance, which aims to connect leadership development with sport participation.

Meg Herndon

Meg was born to converted hippies in Ithaca, New York, and grew up in a conservative church in Greensboro, North Carolina. She attended Gordon College in Massachusetts where she earned a degree in History and was converted to Episcopalianism by Monks at the society of Saint John the Evangelist in Cambridge. She moved to Columbia Heights after a short stay on Martha's Vineyard a little over a year ago and has been attending St.



Stephen's ever since because it is a place where she feels divinely provided for. Meg works in Virginia as a landscape

designer and volunteers for a kids garden in Petworth.

Andrea Kraynak

I grew up in Allentown, PA and lived there until venturing off to college in Ithaca, NY. I did my undergraduate work at Ithaca College, where I received a Bachelor's in Music-Vocal Performance in 2002. I then proceeded to Boston, MA, to pursue a Master's in Sacred Music. I found that my love of the sacred was equal to my love of music and switched within a semester to



pursue instead Masters of Theological Studies in Biblical and Historical Studies, which I received in 2004 from Boston University. Since I'm a sucker for punishment, I also did some post-grad work

and found myself with a second Master's in Sacred Theology.

Now, of course, I'm doing nothing related to anything I did academically, and instead am trying to do a bit of work to return back to the world a bit of what I've been given. This decision brought me to DC in January when I took a job with RESULTS, a non-profit advocacy organization with an anti-hunger and anti-poverty focus. And I still sing, occasionally, when people let me, and translate ancient texts at every opportunity—which, as you might imagine, is less often than they let me sing.

Susan Kyle

I was born and raised in North Salem, NY, just outside New York City. My family attended St. James Episcopal Church, where I was baptized, confirmed, and all major family life events

occurred: marriage, memorials, etc. I moved around quite a bit after I turned 14 until I landed in the DC area in 2003. I began attending St. Stephen and the Incarnation in the fall of 2004 when I moved to Mt. Pleasant. It is my neighborhood church and I love its people, prayer, and community service. This church feeds me and I am happy to give my service in return.



Luciano Muzzatti

Luciano is a native Washingtonian. Born and raised a Catholic, he served as an altar boy at St. Matthew's Cathedral and Holy Rosary Church in Washington. He attended Catholic grade school and later graduated from St. John's Military High School and Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia.

Luciano spent most of his professional career in the hospitality industry, where for nearly thirty years; he managed two of Washington's very successful Italian restaurants.

Luciano came to St. Stephen's in the fall of 2005 by the invitation of his then-"friend" (now fiancé) parishioner Michele Lewis.

Always a believer, praying has been important to him throughout his life. He meditates daily and finds that same peace as he gathers around the altar each Sunday with fellow parishioners at St. Stephen's.

It's for this reason that he chooses to join St. Stephen's and looks forward to becoming more actively involved in the Church.



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

6/11: The Rev. Linda Kaufman

6/18: The Rev. Ronald Conner (8:00); The Rev. Frank Dunn (10:30)

ELLEN
BAYNARD
RETIRES

After 49 years of work with the federal government, Ellen Baynard is retiring at the end of June. She's vowing to spend no more than two days each week at St. Stephen's starting July 1!

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Marie Stevanus

Marie was born and raised a Mennonite and never expected to be anything else. She was born in a Mennonite



farming community in Ohio and married a Mennonite minister. He died in 2000; in 2004 she moved to DC to live with her son in Mt. Pleasant. She attended an informal house church

in Adams Morgan that worships three Sundays a month and attended a second church the fourth Sunday. When she was unable to drive to the second church, a friend suggested that she

come to St. Stephen's.

On the last Sunday of July, 2005, she walked through our doors. She felt at home the minute she entered and was handed a bulletin. From there on she began to covet every opportunity to be here, and by the end of February she began attending every week. She says she has wanted to be in a diverse church and quickly made friends with different people. She formed a bond with Susan Kyle while attending the contemplative prayer group. She loves being with the ladies from the Caribbean. She says that Holy Week was an experience way beyond anything she has ever experienced before, especially the Easter Vigil. She feels like she worships in spirit and in truth when she's at St. Stephen's and can hardly wait from Sunday to Sunday.

A Prayer For the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA, June 13-21

God our Wisdom, who eternally makes all things new: encourage by your Holy Spirit those who prepare for General Convention to labor together for the building up of your world and your Church; counsel them when to act and when to wait; turn their hearts always toward those in greatest need, and away from their own preoccupations and fears; help them never forget that love and mercy are your greatest gifts given us all to offer one another as we see in them Jesus Christ who alone is our joy, our way, our truth, and our life.

Sponsor an AIDS Runner

New parishioner Christine Wilson is preparing to run in the November 26 marathon in Florence, Italy, to raise at least \$3,700 for the Whitman Walker Clinic (which is in dire need of funds). To sponsor Christine, visit www.aidsmarathon.org, click the "sponsor a runner" link, and look up runner #4159.

"The Word of the Day"

Join us Sunday mornings this summer for an informal adult forum discussion of that Sunday's readings, led by that Sunday's preacher. "The Word of the Day" takes place from 9:15-10:15. This is an opportunity to be fed by the Word we will hear in the service and continue the adult forum during the summer with a bit more informality.

Summer Music Plans at St. Stephen's Church

The choir has worked very hard this year and they've done an outstanding job enhancing our worship experience at St. Stephen's. Now they deserve a break! So this summer, look for the music program to be featuring more soloists and small ensembles at the 10:30 service. The lineup for June offers two outstanding musicians.

Flutist Amy Moore visits us June 11th performing music by J.S. Bach throughout the service. Amy has Master's degrees in both Flute Performance and Music Theory & History, as well as a degree in Feminist Theory. She is Parish Administrator at St. James Episcopal Church in Capitol Hill. She lives in Wheaton with her partner of 17 years, Kate Meaker, and their adorable twin two-year-olds, Lucie and Henry.

On June 18th, we will feature mezzo-soprano Andrea Kraynak, a new parish-

ioner at St. Stephen's. Andrea has studied both music and theology and will perform one of her favorite pieces, a gorgeous setting of Psalm XIII by American composer Paul Creston. She discovered this while programming a recital of contemporary classical music with biblical texts serving as lyrics. "This piece is from a set of 20th century settings of Psalms," she explains. "I was trying to prove that the Psalms were so relevant today that modern composers were still using them as texts. In the process, however, I found one of the pieces I've most often performed in my life. And I find new joy and depth in both the musical setting and familiar text with each additional performance."

I'm excited to share these fine performers with you this month. Don't miss this wonderful music.

-Mark Vogel

Samaritan Ministry News

Thou Art Invited to Gales of Laughter!

Samaritan Ministry is selling orchestra seats for the 7:30pm, June 18 performance of SPAMALOT at the National Theatre. This hilarious show, based on the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," has been hailed as "a no-holds-barred smash" and "the best musical to open on Broadway this year." Tickets, including a pre-show reception, are \$150 each. Send checks (payable to Samaritan Ministry) to SMGW Spamalot Benefit, 1516 Hamilton St. NW, WDC 20011. For more information contact parishioner Diane Aten, who just happens to be the Samaritan Ministry's development director, at 202-722-2280.

Cathedral Celebration as Samaritan Ministry Turns 20

On Saturday, October 14, the Samaritan Ministry will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a festive eucharist and other activities at the National Cathedral. Everyone involved with the Ministry and its Next Step program will be invited. (Unfortunately, this is the same day as our "Parish Weekend in the Country.")

We're looking for parishioners who wish to take part in the service (for instance, singing in the mass choir, carrying our banner in the procession) or in any of the other activities planned for that day. Interested? Contact Elizabeth Finley.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Forum,
Sundays during
Summer,
9:15am, :
**"The Word of
the Day"**

Sunday, June
25, during the
10:30 service:
**Acolyte Training
for our Older
Sunday School
Children**

Adult Forum,
Sunday, July 30,
9:15am:
**General
Convention
Report**

September
16 & 17:
**Sunday School
Teacher Training
and
Commissioning**

October
14 & 15: **Parish
Weekend in
the Country**

LECTIONS

Trinity Sunday
(June 11)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

2nd Sunday after
Pentecost
(June 18)

1 Samuel
15:34 - 16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians
5:6-10, 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

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THE SAINTS

Sunday, June 11

Heavenly Birthday:
Rachel Manley, 1989

Tuesday, June 13

*Birthday: Antoinette
Charles*

Wednesday, June 14

BASIL THE GREAT, BISHOP OF
CAESAREA, 379

Thursday, June 15

EVELYN UNDERHILL, 1941
Birthday: Ronald Conner

Friday, June 16

JOSEPH BUTLER, BISHOP OF
DURHAM, 1752

Saturday, June 17

*Birthday: Mkawasi
Mcharo, Gerry
Fitzgerald*

Heavenly Birthday:
Sheila Williams, 1988

Monday, June 19

*Birthday: Candace
Haynes*

*Heavenly Birthday: Mary
Jeanette Oldland,
2001; Mary Jane
Simmons, 1984*

Thursday, June 22

ALBAN, FIRST MARTYR OF
BRITAIN, c.304

Saturday, June 24

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE
BAPTIST

THE PRAYERS

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

•Jennifer Blackman, Martha Carty, Theresa Danley, Elizabeth Palmberg, 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;

•Melissa (friend of George Frederick Thomas and who is about to give birth), Duane Bonds, Helen Bonds (mother of Duane), Romel Dick, Stephanie Holodnak (daughter of Martin Padarathsingh), and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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