



Mark Vogel Named Parish Musician

Mark Vogel plays to great reviews!

Last November, before Joe Dudzinski departed his post as parish musician, he mentioned the name of Mark Vogel as one who was possibly interested in being an interim. Mark came on board with the understanding that he would have until Easter to size up the situation at St. Stephen's to see whether he wanted to commit for a longer term. Likewise, choir and congregation might see whether Mark might be a good fit for us.

By Pentecost Day, as had been agreed, we entered into a new agreement with Mark, naming him Parish Musician. Never before have I been so besieged with letters, phone calls,

emails, and notes saying, "We've got to have him!" Clearly Mark has not only proven his ability as a keyboardist and conductor, but has won a place in the hearts of the St. Stephen's family too.

Mark grew up in Iowa, leaving for the Manhattan School of Music after college. He lived in Hawaii for a year and a half, where he worked in musical theater and opera. Then on to Portland, Oregon, where his partner Scott Vogel started a magazine. They moved to DC in 2005; here Mark accompanies the Washington Men's Camerata and works with the Washington Ballet. Mark says he is thrilled to be at St. Stephen's.

Mark and Scott live in Georgetown with their six-year-old son, Spencer.

-Frank Dunn, Senior Priest

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Goodbye, Gloria

On Sunday, July 9, during our worship services, St. Stephen's will say goodbye to the Gloria, the large reflective sculpture that for three decades has hung over our altar and dominated our worship space.

The Gloria will be removed by a team of parishioners the following week.

Frank Dunn, our Senior Priest, announced this decision in his June 26 letter to the parish. He wrote, "we have frequently seen how the Gloria no longer speaks what we are trying to express visually in our liturgy." Also con-

tributing to this decision are the appearance of the aging sculpture and the difficulties the Gloria's reflective surfaces present for our plans for better lighting in the church.

At its June 11 meeting the Vestry directed the Building and Grounds Committee to finalize a plan for the Gloria's removal and disposal. The St. Stephen's Art Collaborative (see page 2) is working with that committee on this project.

Be prepared for a different look over our altar on Sunday, July 15.



**BREAD's
SUMMER
SCHEDULE**

BREAD will skip one issue this summer. If you're planning ahead, here are the summer issues (and deadlines):

- July 23
(July 13)
- August 20
(Aug. 10)
- Sept. 3
(Aug. 24)

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Arts Collaborative Forms at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's has an Arts Collaborative! At its June 11 meeting, the Vestry approved a proposal to create this group.

The Collaborative's guiding principles:

- Our work will be grounded in the seasonal liturgical life of the congregation.

- Our work will reflect the diversity of the congregation and the communities with whom we live and minister.

- Our work will encourage and nurture the individual and corporate making of art as an expression of faith.

The Arts Collaborative will develop a year-long plan of events, which might include such things as seasonal liturgical environments, a season concert series, art exhibits, chancel drama, singing workshops, creation of a welcoming space at the 16th-Street entrance to the

The Arts Collaborative will meet Monday, July 17, 6:30pm. All are invited! To attend, RSVP with Harry Leich (hlei@loc.gov or 202-328-3917).

church/parish hall and entry to the sanctuary, artist talks, and activities with children.

Throughout the past year, and particularly during this past Lent, the congregation has had positive experiences of the arts. We know that music, visual arts, movement, drama, videography,

multimedia, writing and other arts can be used to nurture St. Stephen's core values, which include hospitality, openness, social justice, creativity, diversity, awareness of our neighborhood and

community, participation by all across generations and backgrounds, lifelong learning, theological integrity, liturgical sensibility, and prayer.

And now we have an official group to guide us in these efforts. For more information, speak with Mitchell Bond or Gay Gellhorn.

-Mitchell Bond and Gay Gellhorn

Kathy Grieb's Inter-Anglican Commission Work

During a recent sermon, The Rev. Katherine Grieb mentioned work she is doing with an international Anglican commission. Here is more on that:

Kathy continues to serve on the Inter Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission and plans to attend the IATDC meeting in Kenya this September. This is one of a number of groups working to keep different parts of the Anglican Communion talking to each other about the things that matter most to us theologically and doctrinally. The

work of this body was temporarily suspended while energy went into the making of the Windsor Report and it is now reconvening after a hiatus of three years. Kathy says: "It looks like we'll be working on the question of covenant as a strategy for maintaining the highest possible level of communion among the various provinces of the Anglican Communion."

Help Set Goals for St. Stephen's for the Next Year

During its annual retreat the vestry did an inventory of the condition of the parish in a number of areas. The vestry decided to focus on three broad but important topics for the coming year and sketched out issues and tasks for each of them:

- Growth:** the issue is how to adapt to, prepare for, continue to welcome and incorporate newcomers while retaining the enthusiasm of continuing members—and leadership development too.

- Building:** issues are how to perform and pay for more complex maintenance and repair projects.

- Mission:** Loaves and Fishes, building use, WIN, our changing neighborhood.

We very much want the response, input and help of the parish with the plans proposed so we are planning a meeting on Saturday, July 15, 8:45-Noon. If you are interested in any of these issues we strongly urge you to attend.

-Fern Hunt, Senior Warden

WIN's Election Canvas Success

Thanks to all who participated in the first Neighborhoods 1st canvas on Sunday, June 11. With a fit and determined cadre of 39 canvassers drawn from several local congregations, we were able to knock on 1,397 doors, hold 315 conversations with potential voters about WIN's neighborhood agenda, and secure 307 commitments to vote on September 12th.

That really is incredible, and amplified by two remaining canvases—Sunday, August 20, and Saturday, August 26—will have a tangible impact on voter turnout in Ward 1.

St. Stephen's participants were Liane Rozzell, Meg Herndon, Michael Sherard, and Matt Brouwer. For more information, see Matt Brouwer.

General Convention Report

Please join us on Sunday, July 30, when the Rev. Frank Wade will speak to us about what took place at General Convention. He is an excellent speaker, seasoned General Convention Deputy, and head of our diocesan delegation. Join us at 9:15am (prompt!) that morning.

The Vestry Needs Help!

The vestry is looking for two capable individuals to join our "register team." Registers take vestry meeting minutes and help to make our official vestry files complete. Each register will assist at three vestry meetings this year. Interested? See Fern Hunt, our Senior Warden.

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

7/9: The Rev.
Linda Kaufman

7/16: The Rev.
Frank Dunn

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Forum,
Summer
Sundays,
9:15am,:
**“The Word of
the Day”**

Sunday, July 9:
**Decommissioning
of the Gloria**

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

Sunday,
September 10,
during 10:30
service coffee
hour:
**“How We Spent
Our Summer
Vacations”**

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

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

St. Stephen's Long-Term Investments

Our long-term investment account, currently valued around \$146,000 (April 2006), is invested in a number of socially- and environmentally-responsible mutual funds under the umbrella of the Charles Schwab brokerage firm. Our investments represent a mix of equities (stocks), bonds, and cash, and in roughly fixed proportions: stocks, 60%; bonds plus cash, 40%. This is currently felt to represent the best “mix” to assure long-term future growth balanced against the need to protect our assets from excessive risk should there be a major decline in the stock market.

We have an experienced financial advisor, Andy Loving (a former member of this parish, now living in Louisville, KY), handling our account for us. Andy is doing a great job on our behalf.

When he selects appropriate investments for our account, Andy applies the Vestry-approved parish *Investment Policy Guidelines*, which specify positive and negative screens on investments, prohibited investments, and minimum and maximum allocations in various types of investment instruments. Andy also assures that the mix of different types of investments in our account (stocks, bonds, cash) stay in basically the same proportion, by periodic re-balancing among the categories.

By all measures, our investments have done well, given that 2005 was not a spectacular year for the stock, bond, or money markets. The return for our account for calendar 2005 was 4.2%, and since its inception (April 28, 2004) the average annual return has been 8.5%. The 2005 return is a little under the S&P 500 index (which for 2005 was 4.9%), explained by the 60/40 stock/bond mix that is applied to our account.

It should be noted that we pay Andy a fee for his services. In addition, fees are built in to all the mutual funds we hold in our account. At some point in the future – Andy recommends when the total value nears \$200,000 – we will want to cash in some of the mutual funds and purchase individual stocks in order to cut down on the fees that mutual funds necessarily involve.

One important agenda item relating to long-term investment for the near future is the development of a considered, rational “planned giving” educational campaign for members of the parish (some of whom, ahem, are approaching retirement and whatever lies beyond). The Finance Committee as a whole is also going to consider issues of planned giving. The campaign will make explicit ways that parishioners can provide for St. Stephen's in their estate plans, either during their lifetimes or after their death.

This past year has been a very exciting one for our parish, and we are starting to experience real growth in Sunday attendance, in our new Hispanic ministry, the expansion of adult Christian formation opportunities, the hiring of a children's Christian education coordinator, improvements to our buildings, and the increased participation in parish activities by younger people and folks from the neighborhood. With this growth come greater financial responsibilities as well as greater financial potential. The parish's long-term investments promise to become an increasingly important part of the total St. Stephen's financial picture.

-Harry Leich, Treasurer

Goodbye, Martin Padarathsingh

Longtime parishioner and Loaves and Fishes activist Martin Padarathsingh has taken his leave from St. Stephen's as he moves to Florida.

Martin was surprised when the June 25 Loaves and Fishes fundraising dinner turned out to be a feast in his honor. Here are photos, taken by Beth Howe.



Jennifer Blackman



Martin Padarathsingh



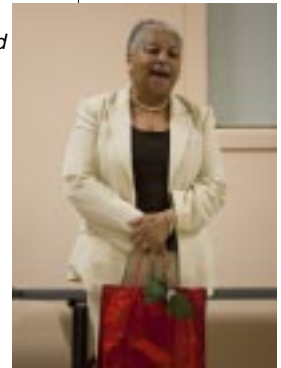
Louise Dyer and Frank Dunn



Leota Lawrence



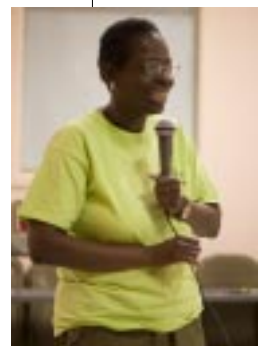
Elizabeth Finley and former parishioner Barbara Conyers



Ellen Baynard



Mitchell Bond and George Frederick Thomas



Fern Hunt

LECTIONS

5th Sunday after Pentecost (July 9)

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

Psalms 48

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

6th Sunday after Pentecost (July 16)

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b -19

Psalms 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

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THE SAINTS

Tuesday, July 11

BENEDICT OF NURSIA, ABBOT OF MONTE CASSINO, c. 540

Birthday: Judith Timol

Wednesday, July 12

Birthday: Ryan

Kaufman, Simon

Kienitz Kincade

Saturday, July 15

Heavenly Birthday: Ruth

Steinem, 1981

Sunday, July 16

Birthday: Rochelle Miller

Monday, July 17

WILLIAM WHITE, BISHOP OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1836

Wednesday, July 19

MACRINA, MONASTIC AND TEACHER, 379

Thursday, July 20

ELIZABETH CADY STANTON, AMELIA BLOOMER, SOJOURNER TRUTH, HARRIETT ROSS TUBMAN

Heavenly Birthday:

Eleanor L. Walker, 1989

Saturday, July 22

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Birthday: Meg Herndon

Heavenly Birthday:

Kenrick Graham, 2000

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;

•Duane Bonds, Helen Bonds (mother of Duane), Romel Dick, Brenda Doharris, Stephanie Holodnak (daughter of Martin Padarathsingh), Paula Morgen, Leona Rice and her family, and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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