



Latino Ministry Adds a Choir

Last month in my sermon on the parable of the Mustard Seed, I mentioned to the folks present at the Misa Alegria that each person had a gift to offer that would help our congregation grow. Following the service, our musician, Cruz Aquilar came forward with a gift. Cruz offered to lead a choir practice on Wednesday nights. The following Wednesday, 4 adults, three teens and two young children gathered to practice the music for the following Sunday. We had a great time singing together and the watermelon we shared afterwards was a juicy reward on a hot night.

Our Wednesday night hymn sing has grown to include an hour of English conversation before choir practice. Those who come for conversation stay for choir. We are all at different levels of English language ability. Most have studied some English but don't have much opportunity to practice their skills. Our sessions work like WD-40 to help loosen up the moving parts...like lips and tongues. The more recently arrived are anxious to learn, but don't yet have the basic building blocks. I am feeling my way about how best to lead this. I am open to suggestions and help.

The seed group of our Latino congregation is getting stronger. I can feel the roots growing. Roots take hold when people begin to share the stories with each other. People are getting to know each other at our lively fellowships following the 5 pm service. I love the way the congregation pushes the round

tables together so that everybody can talk to each other.

Being invited to hear people's stories is one of the greatest privileges of my ministry with our Latino brothers and sisters. The first-hand stories of peoples' journeys are inspiring stories of unwavering faith. They remind me of nothing so much as the story of Abraham in Genesis 12: "The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's home, and go to a land that I am going to show you...I will bless you ...so that you will be a blessing.'" I am receiving blessing upon blessing. My own faith is being challenged and strengthened as I share more deeply in their journeys.

Misa Alegria meets on Sunday evenings at 5. Come for the Eucharist and stay for the fellowship. You can sing in Spanish even if you don't understand what you're saying. It's all about Joy. We have a potluck supper on the first Sunday of every month. Bring a dish and join us.

*-The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin,
St. Stephen's Latino Missioner*

Advent Liturgy Planning

All are welcome to help plan our Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany liturgies. The planning group will hold its first meeting on Monday, September 18, at 7pm at the church. The group probably will meet two additional Mondays in the Fall.

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The Eleventh
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BAPTISM

At the 10:30 service on Sunday, September 17, we will baptize Amelia Evans, daughter of Jai Evans and Moira Clarkin Evans. We baptized Amelia's brother, Benjamin, in 2003.

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People News

Newcomer **Michelle Dyro** is pregnant! She and husband Pete Dyro expect their first child to be born around January 7. Michelle plans to take the rest of the year off from her job as a special education preschool teacher in Fairfax schools.

Frank Dunn, our Senior Priest, is in Guatemala through September 9, improving his ability to speak Spanish.

Many faces are absent during the summer at St. Stephen's. One — that of our seminarian **Fletcher Wells** — has been absent longer than most. That's because Fletcher's been doing a summer internship at St. Paul's Church in Old Town, Alexandria. While there, Fletcher has preached frequently, organized a lay Eucharistic care team, and

been part of a mission trip to West Virginia to repair homes. On a July Sunday when lay committee members Ridgely Bennett, Mitchell Bonds, Kim Klein, and Lisa Mages visited St. Paul's, Fletcher preached at the main service. The service included the baptism of five infants(!) and Fletcher's sermon struck just the right tone — preaching on the texts and welcoming the many family members and friends who were visiting that day. We look forward to Fletcher's return on September 10th. As always, please keep him in your prayers.

Marian Meyer Wilpers, mother of parishioner **Michael Wilpers**, died on August 7. She was a third-generation Washingtonian and grew up on Spring Road NW, a few blocks north of St. Stephen's.

WIN News

It was a packed house on Monday, July 31, at Lebanon Baptist Church for the WIN At-Large and Council Chair Candidate's Forum. Estimated attendance was over 300. All four candidates who attended—Vincent Gray, Kathy Patterson, Scott Bolden, and Phil Mendelson—committed to WIN's Neighborhood's 1st Agenda. Each also said that if elected they would meet monthly with WIN to ensure that the neighborhood goals are implemented. Four representatives from St. Stephen's attended.

On August 20th and 26th, WIN members hit the streets of Ward 1 to remind folks to vote Neighborhoods 1st in the September primaries.

-Matt Brouwer

Vestry Report: June 2006

At its June 11 meeting, the Vestry:

- appointed Harold M. Leich parish treasurer for one year.

- approved the amended Annual Meeting minutes.

- approved the proposal by the St. Stephen's Arts Collaborative to be an official commission of the church with two conditions: the collaborative coordinate their activities with already existing committees which deal with issues that overlap, and that budget development and fundraising be done in coordination with the finance committee.

- approved a proposal for the removal of the Gloria. The disposition of the Gloria after it is taken down was delegated to the Buildings and Grounds committee.

The Day of Witness

On August 28, 1963, a quarter of a million people gathered for the March on Washington.

At St. Stephen's Church, August 31 of that year was the Day of Witness, with a special solemn High Mass celebrated by an African Bishop. We spent much time in preparation.

The church doors opened. The entire congregation and the children of the neighborhood summer program took to the street. Behind a tall processional cross, we wound our way down Newton Street and on to 14th

Street. The thurifer swung a chained brass pot, releasing a spicy aromatic cloud. The church and national banners flapped in the humid summer air. The priests and choir—fully vested—and the entire bi-racial congregation marched, two by two. At the end, the African bishop followed in his colorful native cope and miter. He was a powerful symbol to that predominantly black neighborhood that a person of color was a person of status!

We were a living witness to the community that we are all one family in Christ.

Today it does not seem like much. In those tense days after the March on Washington, it was remarkable!

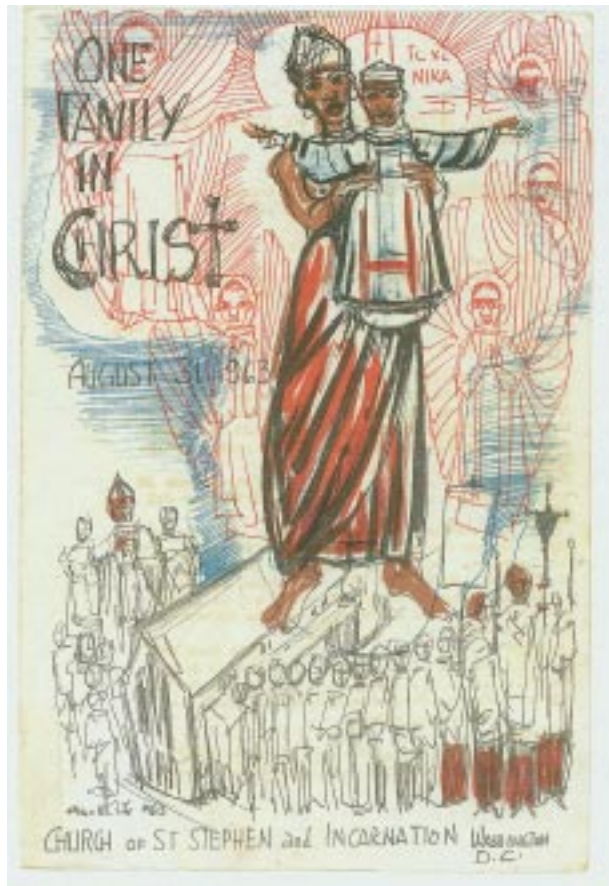
A wonderful carnival and feast were enjoyed by all afterwards. The staff

and children wore African dress. We consumed British beer, fish and chips and Chinese food.

In preparation, the famous black Harlem Renaissance artist Allen Rowan Crite visited. He produced an exquisite drawing for our church bulletin.

Recently, as I was cleaning out a closet, I found it in a cheap frame, the glass broken. I am returning it now to St. Stephen's.

*-Brenda Kincaid Beatty
Service worker at St. Stephen's
1963-1964*



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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

8/20: The Rev.
Kathy Grieb

8/27: The Rev.
Linda Kaufman

LECTIONS

11th Sunday after Pentecost (Aug. 20)

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalms 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

12th Sunday after Pentecost (Aug. 27)

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Psalms 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-59

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THE SAINTS

Sunday, August 20
BERNARD, ABBOT OF CLAIRVAUX, 1153

Monday, August 21
Birthday: Ralph Thompson

Thursday, August 24
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

Friday, August 25
LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE, 1270

Saturday, August 26
Birthday: Vivian McFarland

Monday, August 28
AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO, 430
Birthday: Lia Davis

Wednesday, August 30
Heavenly Birthday: Joseph Webster, 1993

Thursday, August 31
AIDAN, BISHOP OF LINDISFARNE, 651
Birthday: Ramzi Nemo

Friday, September 1
DAVID PENDLETON OAKERHATER, DEACON AND MISSIONARY OF THE CHEYENNE, 1931
Birthday: Brian Best

Saturday, September 2
THE MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA, 1942

Sunday, September 3
Birthday: Carla Crocheron, Sarah Davis, Harry Leich

ON THE COVER...
Ellen Baynard, at her retirement party

THE PRAYERS

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

•Jennifer Blackman, Martha Carty, Theresa Danley, Paula Morgen, 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, Louisa Brown, Stephanie Holodnak (daughter of Martin Padarathsingh), Frank Lewis (brother-in-law of Michele Lewis; he has a broken back), and all those who have been commended to our prayers, and for

•The repose of the soul of Marian Meyer Wilpers (mother of Michael Wilpers).

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