



Fall Preview Issue

# Adult Forum Fall Line-Up

**S**t. Stephen's Adult Forum resumes on September 10. This Fall, parishioners and two special guests present programs ranging from personal stories to theology to singing.

Forum is one of our best endeavors. The programs last year were well done and well attended. Please consider joining us any Sunday at 9:15am (prompt!) for these moving, educational, and community-building programs.

Here's the schedule for our Fall Forum programs:

- September 10:  
**“Teaching is Prayer Without ceasing: or, Why I Cut my Dreadlocks”**  
*-Cosby Hunt*
- September 17:  
**“Forbidden Conversations: Daring to talk about race, the Word and the law”***-Charles Lawrence*
- September 24: **“Strangers and Pilgrims — a Way of Life”***-Marie Stevanus*
- October 1: **“If We Could all Just be People: Conversations across the divide of body, mind and spirit”**  
*-Kelsey Menehan*
- October 8: **“Amblin’ Toward Bethlehem”** *-GT Hunt*

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EVERY SUNDAY MORNING  
AT 9:15AM (PROMPT!)  
IN THE CHURCH  
AUDITORIUM.  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

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- October 15: **“Hymn Sing”** *-Mark Vogel*
- October 22: **“Teach Us to Number our Days: Some thoughts on death and dying”** *-The Rev. Joe Clark*
- October 29: **“Day of the Dead: Honoring ancestors”** *-The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin*
- November 5: **“The Cloud of Witnesses”**  
*-Jane Lincoln*
- November 12 & 19:  
**“Two Guys Talk About Women in the Bible”** *-Fletcher Wells and The Rev. Frank Dunn*
- November 26:  
**“Wreath Making for Advent”** *-Gay Gellhorn*
- December 3: **“Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary ...To the Media Hype: A feminist view of Jesus’ mother”**  
*-special guest Dr. Mary Hunt*
- December 10 & 17: **“Om for the Holidays: Finding peace in a busy season”** *-Kelsey Menehan and special guest Carolyn Bluemle*
- December 24: **“Hymn Sing”** *-The Rev. Frank Dunn*

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The Thirteenth  
Sunday After  
Pentecost

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THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14,  
8AM

HOLY CROSS DAY

HOLY EUCHARIST

LITURGY  
PLANNING

Our Advent-Epiphany liturgy planning group meets on Monday, September 18 at the church. All are invited to help design our Winter worship.

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## Children's Christian Education Fall Program

**A** new year is beginning for the Children's program at St. Stephen's. We have come quite a long way in the past few months, and I hope that the fall will bring even greater solidity to our ministry.

On September 10 we resume our two-class Sunday school program, with a class for the younger children, ages 3-8 (or through 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade) in the "manger" area of the office, and a class for older children, ages 9-12, in the "couch-and-pillow" area. Beginning this fall we will have a rotating clergy presence in the Sunday school, with one clergy Sunday per month—very exciting news. Acolyte training for the children, which began in June, will continue, so expect to see some younger faces this year doing some of the liturgical work in the service.

On Saturday, September 16, from 9am - Noon, we will be holding a workshop/training /sharing time for all Sunday school teachers. Please let me know that you will be attending by emailing me. **We want to have ALL teachers at the training session, and welcome your suggestions for what will be done at the workshop.** If you're not sure about teaching, or just want to know more about the program, we invite you to attend as well. It will be a time of deepening community and connection with each other, with ourselves, and with God. On Sunday, September 17 during the 10:30 service, we will have a commissioning of all teachers during the liturgy.

We will continue with our practice of having rotating teachers. We ask that anyone with a child in the program contribute in some way, whether it be providing the snack, teaching (e.g. once a month, once every two months, etc.), or

doing the leg work to purchase supplies (you will be reimbursed for the cost of the supplies). However, if you don't have young children yourself, please prayerfully and seriously consider finding a way to be involved in the program. Often, parents are running ragged, and it is such a gift to the children to get to know other adults in the congregation. It is also a gift to the adults! Our congregation has a shared invitation and responsibility to bring up our children in the faith, and cross-generational connection is important for a vibrant community.

Thanks to the vestry's commitment to the well-being of our children and parents, the nursery (located in the Marshall room) is funded for every Sunday of the year. Abi Hurlston will continue to be our "Godly Babysitter," so please invite your friends with small children to worship with us. Since Abi is not always available, we continue to look for other Godly babysitters to ensure that the nursery is staffed at every service, so if you know of folks who might be interested, do let them know of the opportunity.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about our children's program, don't hesitate to contact me. I send out a weekly update about the children's ministry to all parents and other interested folks. If you're not receiving that email and would like to, please let me know.

In Christ's love, and with gratitude for this beautiful community,

*-Anna Gilcher*

## More Fall Events at St. Stephen's

### *St. Stephen's Weekend Away*

Come join other parishioners for an intergenerational weekend away October 13-15. We're still planning, but the weekend is sure to include time for relaxation and getting to know each other better, fun games, times to sing and worship together, and activities to nourish your spirit. The weekend will be held at the Bishop Claggett center in Frederick County, Maryland. You can arrive Friday evening or on Saturday, and we'll finish with lunch on Sunday. Look for announcements and sign-up information at church, or contact Liane Rozzell.

## Fall Events Happening Elsewhere

### *Tikvah Rising Retreat*

"Tikvah Rising: Healing Through Grief and Hope" is a retreat and workshop led by Gail Rosen and parishioner Anna Gilcher.

Tikvah Rising ("tikvah" is the Hebrew word for hope) will be held at Wellspring in Germantown, MD December 8-10. On September 30, Anna and Gail will hold a workshop offering a taste of the safe and sacred space that will be created at the retreat.

Grief comes to us all. It is part of the experience of being human, of being alive in this world. People of all faiths, questioning faith, or no faith are welcome.

The retreat preview workshop takes place Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 11am – 3pm at Seekers Church, 217 Carroll St., NW (across from the Takoma Metro). For more info, speak with Anna Gilcher.

### *"Welcome to St. Stephen's"*

All who are new to St. Stephen's or who wish to learn more about our church are invited to join us for "Welcome to St. Stephen's." This program includes dinner at the home of a parishioner on Sunday, September 24, and a six-session class that will meet Monday evenings starting October 2. The program culminates on Sunday, November 19, when participants will have the option of joining St. Stephen's Church.

If you are interested in "Welcome to St. Stephen's," please contact Elizabeth Finley or the church office.

### *Cathedral Events*

Washington National Cathedral offers a diverse series of events this Fall. Of note:

Saturday, Sept. 30: Two films about global warming.

Wednesday, Oct. 11: "The Faith Club." Three women — one Muslim, one Christian, one Jewish — talk about what they learned working together as writers over a period of years.

Tuesday, November 14: Author Isabel Allende discusses her books with psychotherapist Jean Shinoda Bolen.

Friday, December 1: Dr. Larry Dossey speaks about healing, medicine, and spirit.

For more information, look for the brochures on the nametag table in the rear of the church or click on "Blueprints for Healing our Divides" on the cathedral's website: [www.cathedral.org](http://www.cathedral.org).

## 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

**9/3:** The Rev.  
Ronald Conner  
(8:00); The  
Rev. Sarabeth  
Goodwin,  
Celebrant; Anna  
Gilcher,  
Preacher  
(10:30)

**9/10:** The Rev.  
Linda Kaufman

# LECTIONS

13th Sunday after Pentecost (September 3)

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalms 45:1-2, 6-9

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

14th Sunday after Pentecost (September 10)

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalms 125

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

# THE SAINTS

**Sunday, September 3**

*Birthday: Carla Crocheron, Sarah Davis, Harry Leich*

**Monday, September 4**

PAUL JONES, 1941  
*Birthday: Isabele Crocheron*  
*Anniversary: Brian Best and Jane Lincoln*

**Tuesday, September 5**

*Birthday: Rene Holloway*  
*Heavenly Birthday: Dorothy MacKaye, 1992*

**Thursday, September 7**

*Birthday: Katy Kincade*

**Saturday, September 9**

CONSTANCE, NUN, AND HER COMPANIONS, 1878  
*Birthday: Ridgely Bennett*

**Sunday, September 10**

*Heavenly Birthday: George Dickerson, 1999*

**Monday, September 11**

*Birthday: Jane Bishop*

**Tuesday, September 12**

JOHN HENRY HOBART, BISHOP OF NEW YORK, 1830

**Wednesday, September 13**

CYPRIAN, BISHOP AND MARTYR OF CARTHAGE, 258

**Thursday, September 14**

HOLY CROSS DAY

**Saturday, September 16**

NINIAN, BISHOP IN GALLOWAY, c.430  
*Heavenly Birthday: Neville Padmore, 1997; Freddy Reynolds, 2000*

# THE PRAYERS

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

•Jennifer Blackman, Martha Carty, Theresa Danley, Jamal Duncan and Ryan Kaufman (sons of Linda Kaufman and Liane Rozzell), Paula Morgen, Elizabeth Palmberg, and all who desire to be restored to health; those who are homebound; 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), and all those who have been commended to our prayers, and

•For Bill Andrew, who died Aug. 23, and all who mourn him (Bill is Jane Bishop's father).

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