



Stewardship

Stewardship packets were distributed in church on October 22 and mailed to other people on October 23. If you didn't receive one, we'll gladly mail you one. Call or email—staff@saintstephensdc.org or 202/232-0900. Please turn in your pledge form by Nov. 12.

- Y**our pledge helps pay for:
- materials for Adult Forum and for Children's Christian Education
 - BREAD!
 - St. Stephen's annual contribution to the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington
 - Heat in the winter
 - repairs in the sanctuary
 - our Senior Priest's salary
 - health insurance for our staff
 - bi-annual organ and piano tunings
 - Sunday babysitter during the 10:30 service
 - Candles for our altar

- O**ur goals this year's pledge drive:
- a 5% increase in the total amount pledged;
 - ten new pledgers.

And while we're on the topic... We are nearing the end of the year and as church expenses mount it is very important that you keep your pledge payments current. If you got behind during the summer and haven't yet caught up please do so if you are able. We are currently experiencing cash flow problems and every pledge dollar SSI receives will ease this problem considerably.

This year's stewardship campaign focuses on:

Growth

•At the 10:30 service on Oct. 22, 110 people were present—the eighth time this year attendance has been 110 or higher. In the last two years we saw a congregation of that size only two times. How will we maintain a strong sense of community as we grow?

Mission

•We support Loaves and Fishes and the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. We have regular spiritual formation classes for adults and children. What more do we need to meet the needs of those around us?

Our Building

•We are a seven-day-a-week church, with hundreds of people coming into our building each week for services offered by organizations based here. What should we do differently next year?

BREAD

Oct. 29, 2006

The Twenty-First
Sunday After
Pentecost

Number 1560

Vestry Report: July Meeting

Here are highlights from the July meeting of the St. Stephen's Vestry:

Treasurer Harry Leich reported on the church's finances, six months into the year; he noted that overall parish income as of June 30th was at an appropriate level, but that Loaves and Fishes income was substantially down. A task force formed as a result of the July 15th vestry planning meeting will work with the Loaves and Fishes management group on their fundraising efforts.

Senior Warden Fern Hunt reported on the July 15th planning meeting. The meeting successfully communicated with parishioner attendees the vestry priorities for the year. In return the vestry received many valuable ideas and initiatives for implementing them.

The vestry discussed the parish's personnel policy in the light of recent hiring decisions. The issue of consistency between the shared ministry model, the parish bylaws and the personnel policy

regarding decision making was highlighted, and the personnel committee will be working to revise the personnel policy to address the issues raised by the discussion.

Loaves & Fishes Donations

Reminder — Please donate to Loaves and Fishes! At the end of the summer an appeal letter went out to all parish households asking for financial support for Loaves and Fishes. The program needs more financial contributions so we can continue to provide hot meals for the hungry each weekend. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, now is the time! If you misplaced the letter, just put your check in the collection plate - make sure it is marked "Loaves and Fishes Appeal." Thanks for your support of this long-standing parish program.

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Upcoming Events

Sundays,
9:15am,

Adult Forum:

•**Oct. 29:**

"Day of the Dead:
Honoring Ancestors"

•**Nov. 5:**

"The Cloud of Wit-
nesses"

•**Nov. 12 & 19:**

"Two Guys Talk About
Women in the Bible"

Sunday,

Oct. 29, 5pm:

El Día de los

Muertos (Day of the Dead) Celebration

*(please bring food to
share) Tuesday,*

Oct. 31, 6-7:30pm

Halloween Party for Neighborhood Chil- dren

Sunday, Nov. 1:

All Saints Sunday

Saturday,

Nov. 4, 3pm:

L&F Benefit Concert with Washington

Saxophone Quartet

*(at Grace Lutheran
Church, 16th and
Varnum Streets NW)*

Sunday,

Nov. 19,

10:30am service:

Newcomer Sunday

Parish Weekend Away Was a Blast!

The weekend of October 13-15, some 30 parishioners attended the Parish Weekend Away. Bishop Claggett retreat house in Frederick County was home base; we hiked, played games, learned handcrafts, ate smores, and got to know each other. One wonderful thing about our gathering was the range of ages—from Nora Wien (age 3) to others who will remain nameless who have passed the half-century mark. The setting amidst beautiful rolling rural (and rapidly suburbanizing) countryside and



Nora Wien and Linda Kaufman

An Inconvenient Truth

One of the highlights of the Parish Weekend Away was a screening of Albert Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth" followed by a discussion of global warming. The film uses a combination of graphics and dramatic footage to issue a powerful warning to us about the consequences of our profligate use of fossil fuels. Excess carbon dioxides is damaging the life-giving atmosphere that bathes the earth and is destabilizing our weather patterns. But what can we do?

Liane Rozzell led the discussion, using resources from an interesting inter-

denominational group called Greater Washington Interfaith Power and Light (www.gwipl.org). They have a program that allows each household to donate money to purchase clean energy (i.e. electricity generated by a renewable source that does not harm the atmosphere). The resulting clean energy is put on the grid in the general market and helps to tip the balance of energy sources toward "clean". Global warming is not just an environmental issue-it is a moral issue. Are there other things we can do as a parish?

-Fern Hunt

See more photos—in color!—on our website: www.saintstephensdc.org.



Catherine Bugala, Christine Wilson and Louise Dyer, knitting

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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

10/29: The Rev.
Frank Dunn

11/5: The Rev.
Linda Kaufman
(8:00);

The Rev. Frank
Dunn,

Celebrant;

The Rev. Linda

Kaufman,

Preacher

(10:30)

LECTIONS

21st Sunday after Pentecost (October 29)

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Mark 10:46-52

All Saints Sunday (November 5)

Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9

Psalms 24

Revelation 21: 1-6a

John 11:32-44

THE SAINTS

Sunday, October 29

Birthday: Lucille Jeffers

Heavenly Birthday: Vernel Clayton, 1996

Wednesday, November 1

ALL SAINTS

Birthday: Leslyn Hermonstine

Thursday, November 2

COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Friday, November 3

RICHARD HOOKER, PRIEST, 1600

Monday, November 6

WILLIAM TEMPLE, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 1944

Tuesday, November 7

WILLIBRORD, ARCHBISHOP OF UTRECHT, MISSIONARY TO FRISIA, 739

Wednesday, November 8

Birthday: Marty De Nys

Friday, November 10

LEO THE GREAT, BISHOP OF ROME, 461

Birthday: Faith Hutson

Saturday, November 11

MARTIN, BISHOP OF TOURS, 397

Birthday: Asa Kienitz Kincade

Sunday, November 12

CHARLES SIMEON, PRIEST, 1836

Birthday: Erin Hutson

THE PRAYERS

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

- The repose of the soul of Judith Timol, and all who mourn her;
- Erin Hutson, and her baby-in-the-making;
- Michelle Dyro, and her baby-in-the-making;
- Jennifer Blackman, Martha Carty, Terrey Danley, 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, Helen Bonds (mother of Duane), Louisa Brown, Jamal Duncan and Ryan Kaufman (sons of Linda Kaufman and Liane Rozzell), Stephanie Holodnak (daughter of Martin Padarathsingh), Ben Scharfstein (friend of Cam Crockett), and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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Michael Sherrard, taken at the Parish Weekend Away

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