



November 19

Newcomer Sunday

On Sunday, November 19, a number of newcomers will join St. Stephen's by participating in the "Rite of Membership" during the 10:30 service. All have attended a "Welcome to St. Stephen's" class. Here are short descriptions of some of the people who will participate that day.

Martin Bullock

Martin grew up in North Carolina as the oldest son of a Southern Baptist minister. He joined the Episcopal Church after moving back to the U.S. in 1993. He had been living and working in Germany for a year and was ready to find a church home. Martin visited the church closest to his apartment—an Episcopal church, as it turned out—and loved it from the beginning. He joined that church and went on to become a member of the vestry and junior warden before he moved away in 1998. Since then he has always sought an Episcopal church when he moves.



Martin is happy that, after almost 8 years in DC, his church shopping period has come to an end! When he walked through the doors of St. Stephen's he felt at home immediately. His decision to join St. Stephen's is especially poignant because Martin and his partner, Jason, are hoping to adopt children in the very near future. For the first time, Martin has chosen a church not just for himself, but for his family.

Martin has recently joined the choir

at St. Stephen's and is happy to be singing again. He is looking forward to becoming more involved in the liturgy and the life of St. Stephen's. As a high school teacher, free time for Martin is a "feast or famine" proposition and he has to tailor his activities accordingly. Martin enjoys reading and music and travel — he and Jason travel outside the country once or twice a year. They are headed to South Africa for the last two weeks of December.

Juan Corvelle-Williams

Juan recently moved to the Washington area from New York City, but he is not a stranger to this city. He attended and graduated from the George Washington University Law School in 2004. Previous to his law school education, he worked in the U.S. Army as a Public Affairs and Personnel officer. He was raised in Louisiana and has various cultural and ethnic backgrounds: African-American, Dominican, Native American (Indian) and Creole.



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WEDNESDAY,
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JOIN US TO
GIVE THANKS!

BAPTISM

If you or a family member is interested in being baptized on January 7 (The Baptism of Our Lord), please contact the church office.

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ü *page 1* ground includes an undergraduate degree in Journalism/Communications and a master's degree in International Relations. His passion is teaching; he's been teaching college level undergraduate classes since 2003. He teaches law, communications, journalism, public relations, media relations, speech, intercultural and religious communications and international relations undergraduate courses. His most recent teaching position was as an adjunct professor at Mount Saint Mary College in New York.

His current full-time position is working as a public affairs officer for the government. He plans to transition from working for the government in the next few years to practicing law, teaching and possibly serving in a college or law school administration. His hobbies include golf, reading and exercising. He is currently working to establish a communication consulting firm to help and support non-profit and public interest organizations (such as immigration, poverty and housing improvement), as well individuals in the entertainment field.

Juan currently lives in Arlington, Virginia (Crystal City), but is planning to buy a home in the Columbia Heights.

Michael Sherrard

Michael has been attending St. Stephen's since stumbling through the doors in September 2005, new to the neighborhood and intrigued by information from the website and the prospect of a mere five-minute walk to church on a Sunday morning.



Baptized a Lutheran and raised a Methodist, he has come to deeply appreciate St. Stephen's for the diversity and vibrancy of the con-

gregation, and for its strong commitment to service, social justice, and involvement in the life of the neighborhood and the city.

Michael grew up in suburban Seattle and attended Hampshire College in Western Massachusetts, where he studied American politics and social change. After school, twin obsessions with politics and computers led him to a job at a consulting firm here in D.C., where he helps nonprofit organizations to recruit activists and raise money on the Internet.

Sitter Cares for Young Children Every Sunday

Did you know that every Sunday, a sitter is available during the 10:30 service to care for children who are too young for Sunday School?

Abi Hurlston, a student at St. John's High School, will be with us every Sunday through the end of the school year. She first came to St. Stephen's in the Spring, when she helped out with Sunday School to fulfill a community service requirement for her school. We

liked her so much, we asked her to be our Sunday sitter.

Abi cares for wee ones in the recently-refurbished Marshall Room (the room to the left of the altar). The room has newly-painted walls, new carpet, and a host of clean and appropriate furniture.

Bring your little ones. Even better, invite your friends with little ones. We're ready for them.

Advent Forum Offerings

Yes, you CAN get up that early!!!!
The Forum offerings for Advent are truly worth getting out of bed for on a cold dark December Sunday morning. Everyone within driving distance of St. Stephen's should set their alarm on Saturday night for whatever time in the morning allows you to make coffee, comb your hair, and put on your winter finest—in order to get to church in time for the 9:15am discussion. Look at this line up:

•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*

Do you all know who Mary Hunt is? Well, let's see, she's got a PhD in theology for a start, she's a published author, and cofounder and director of WATER: Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics & Ritual. If anyone can speak to Mary, Mother of God, it would be this Mary.

Then, for two weeks, we get a treat: a balm for mind/ body/ spirit during what can be the most frantic time of year. The session is worth checking out for sheer title cleverness, don't you think?

Last but not least, a rousing Christmas Hymn extravaganza with our senior priest and would-be Piano Man, Frank Dunn. Heck, you won't even NEED coffee that morning: just bring your pipes.

See you then!

*Jane Lincoln,
Coordinator of adult formation*

Vestry Notes: September

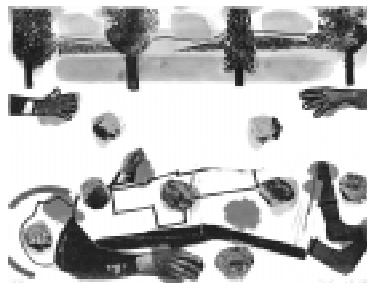
At it's September meeting, St. Stephen's Vestry heard a report on the Latino mission at St. Stephen's. The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin told the vestry that she is comfortable with the rootedness of the ministry and is now more involved in pastoral work. She said there is a need for more integration with the rest of the parish.

Priscilla Phelps, chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds committee, gave an update on the state of repairs. Leaks in the roof persist and efforts continue to find their source. Talks with the Arts Collaborative continue on possible building improvement projects. The work on the dining room bathrooms is complete and is quite commendable. Work continues on the seating in the sanctuary and more generally a comprehensive Sanctuary Improvement Plan.

The vestry asked the Finance Committee to consider participation in the “Just a Buck a Month” program of the Diocesan Hunger Fund, which supports our Loaves and Fishes program.

“For All The Saints” Exhibit

St. Stephen's Arts Collaborative presents a November art show called “For All the Saints,” featuring photocopy collages by Daniel Kennedy. The collages are on display through November 30 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

11/12: The Rev.
Ronald Conner
(8:00); The
Rev. Joe Clark,
Celebrant;
Fletcher Wells,
Preacher
(10:30)

11/19: The Rev.
Frank Dunn

ADVENT
QUIET
DAY

The Reverend Mpho Tutu, who has preached at St. Stephen's, will lead an Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 9, from 10am-2pm at All Souls Episcopal Church, 2300 Cathedral Avenue, NW. The cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Register by December 1 by mailing a check (payable to The Tutu Institute for Prayer and Pilgrimage) to 118 N. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Bonds Form Among Latino Congregation Members

In our Stewardship booklet, the Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin summarized the progress in building a Latino congregation at St. Stephen's. That article is reprinted below. Good things are happening!

I came to St. Stephen's as Latino Missioner last December. My charge was twofold: to begin a Spanish-language service and to build bridges between the Spanish- and English-speaking communities. On March 4th, the first Sunday of Lent, the Misa Alegria ("Joyful Mass") held its first service with 27 people present.

The process of creating a new community is slow and uncertain. The faithful endured the withering afternoon heat of Incarnation Chapel, and by summer's end we had an average Sunday attendance of 20 people. We have taken one strategy of community building from Jesus' example: table fellowship. All of our services are followed by lively fellowship and food brought by the congregation. Birthday parties are especially happy occasions. We now have a committed group of leaders, a choir, and English conversation classes before choir practice. The congregation is growing. Since Labor Day, we have had an average attendance of 30.

One of the sure ways to know that this congregation is taking root is the increase in pastoral work. People are beginning to share their stories and their needs. We have prayed for those making their way north to rejoin their families. We have rejoiced and celebrated the arrivals. We have helped furnish a first studio apartment for two members. I have tracked down dental services for the uninsured, accompanied people to doctors' offices and hospitals, and found translators. I have traveled to Homeland Security to stand with people who are

trying to legalize their status. My husband, John, although not yet a Spanish speaker, helps people wade through the confusing waters of our legal system; currently he is helping several people address discriminatory treatment in the workplace.

In addition to Sunday Eucharist, our sacramental activity has included a baptism, two weddings, two large funerals, and five quinceañera misas. We have a baptism on November 12, and several people interested in confirmation.

Now that the Misa Alegria has taken root, we are ready to reach out to the morning congregations. We hope to do this by creating opportunities for communal worship and cultural exchange, such as the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration. We hope that this is the first step of bridge building that helps us get to know each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. Everybody is invited to help this happen.

St. Stephen's has a long tradition of ministry to all people of the neighborhood. Some of our partners in ministry, such as the Washington Free Clinic and Loaves and Fishes, have been providing food and care for the Latino community for many years. It is a privilege to be able to offer a place of spiritual nourishment and growth as well. This is an exciting ministry that by the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of the diocese and the people of St. Stephen's has set roots and is showing shoots.

-The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin

New Chalice and Patens

Several parishioners have asked about the source of the two new paten and chalice sets that are being used at the principal Sunday eucharist. They were made by Sylvia Rinewine, the Bethesda potter who created all of our matching pottery communion ware.



Bill MacKaye gave the two sets in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Poor, and in memory of his wife Ginger MacKaye and his mother Dorothy MacKaye.

Another Great Halloween

This year's Halloween party was a great success. About 100 kids from the neighborhood came by the church for some spooky fun.

Highlights of the party were face-painting (Linda can do wonders with fake blood), a scary witch daring kids to touch eyeballs and brains, and lots of games especially for the little kids. We had a several folks from our new latino congregation join in the fun; the party is a great way to let the neighborhood know about Misa Alegria.

Thanks to all our volunteers: Linda Kaufman, Liane Rozzell, Elizabeth Finley, Jenny Fein, Pete Dyro, Sandra Moore, Sarah Dimick, Heidi Mihm, George Frederick Thomas, Susie Johnson, Sarabeth Goodwin, Vivian McFarland, Jane Bishop, and Falan Yinug.

It's never too soon to start planning next year's party—we're thinking about making a haunted house in the balcony!

-Louise Dyer

Christine's Marathon

Parishioner Christine Wilson is off to Florence, Italy, to run a marathon on November 26 to raise money for the Whitman-Walker clinic. Run well, Christine!

(No, that's not her in the photo; that's Fatuma Roba, an Olympic Gold Medalist from Ethiopia.)



Have You Turned in Your Pledge for 2007?

Among other things, your pledge to St. Stephen's helps support the Samaritan Ministry and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. It helps provide heat in the winter, music for the choir, Sunday School materials for our kids, and health insurance for our staff.

Please turn in your pledge form and your time and talent form as soon as possible!

A Growing Opportunity

Please join the Saint Stephen's "To Grow" team in a conversation after church on November 12 about Saint Stephen's history. "To Grow or Not To Grow" is a program offered by the Diocese of Washington aimed at helping congregations understand the opportunities and challenges of church growth and engaging congregations in conversations about issues involved in congregational growth. This will be the first of several opportunities for you to participate in this process so please come and share your thoughts and perspectives with the team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays,
9:15am,

Adult Forum:
•Nov. 12 & 19:
"Two Guys Talk
About Women
in the Bible"

•Nov.26:
"Wreath Making
for Advent"

Sunday,
Nov. 12, Noon:

**"To Grow"
Discussion
about
St. Stephen's
History**

Sunday,
Dec. 3:

**"Now Love In-
carnate with
Us Dwells" Art
Show Begins**

Tuesday,
Dec. 12,
6:30pm:

**Art Show
Opening
Reception
and
Community
Sing
with**

**Dr. Ysaye M.
Barnwell**

LECTIONS

23rd Sunday after Pentecost (November 12)

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Psalms 127

Hebrews 9: 24-28

Mark 12:38-44

24th Sunday after Pentecost (November 19)

1 Samuel 1: 4-20

1 Samuel 2: 1-10

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25

Mark 13:1-8

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THE SAINTS

Sunday, November 12

CHARLES SIMEON, PRIEST, 1836
Birthday: Erin Hutson

Tuesday, November 14

CONSECRATION OF SAMUEL SEABURY,
FIRST AMERICAN BISHOP, 1784

Thursday, November 16

MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND,
1093

Birthday: Eric Hermonstine

Friday, November 17

HUGH, BISHOP OF LINCOLN, 1200
Birthday: Diane Aten

Heavenly Birthday: Margot Clark, 1996

Saturday, November 18

HILDA, ABBESS OF WHITBY, 680

Monday, November 20

EDMUND, KING OF EAST ANGLIA, 870

Tuesday, November 21

Heavenly Birthday: Jackson Morton, 1995

Thursday, November 23

CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME, c.100

Heavenly Birthday: George W. Hart, Jr., 1980

Friday, November 24

Birthday: Ellen Baynard

Saturday, November 25

JAMES OTIS SARGENT HUNTINGTON,
PRIEST AND MONK, 1935

Last-Minute News!

Please join us in giving thanks for the birth of a healthy baby boy to Erin Hutson. Charlie Hutson was born on Saturday, November 4.

THE PRAYERS

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

- 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, Lisa Buonarosa & Marcus Spiegelman (Michele Lewis's sister and brother-in-law, adopting a baby from Guatemala), Elio Dal Molin (Luciano Muzzatti's uncle, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer), Jamal Duncan and Ryan Kaufman (sons of Linda Kaufman and Liane Rozzell), Stephanie Holodnak (daughter of Martin Padarathsingh), Mary Lynn Mefford (Michele Lewis's sister), Ben Scharfstein (friend of Cam Crockett), and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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