



Four Saints Who Guide Our Journey

In this month of November, the month of the dead, when you look at the ambo, the stand from which lessons are read and the gospel is proclaimed, remember that it was conceived by a human mind and made by human hands.

Specifically, the mind and hands were those of sculptor Eliza Miller, who died Sept. 3, age 92, just as the Arts Collaborative’s now closed “In Situ” show was opening. Three days later, on Sept. 6, died Boston artist Allan Rohan Crite, 97, whose 1960s St. Stephen’s bulletin covers were also on display in the show, along with “Jonah,” one of his woodblock prints.

Janet de Coux, the sculptor who executed St. Stephen’s hanging crucifix, wood and iron principal altar and ceramic baptismal font and was Miller’s life companion, died in 1999, age 95. Remember de Coux’s mind and hands as well, for she not only shaped and carved and hammered these things, she also conceived most of the design of St. Stephen’s 1966 renovations.

These three, who have now gone on ahead of us into what God has provided next for us, are living memory to me. I first met Allan Crite in 1951, when I was a freshman in college and was a frequent worshiper in the chapel of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, as was Crite.

De Coux and Miller and I came to know each other soon after they visited St. Stephen’s in 1965 and, awed by our space, asked if they might propose a re-design that would ease the transition to the new worship practices that were

coming into use in those days. As it happened, soon after that I was asked to chair the committee that shepherded the redesign from the first glimmering of an idea to its completion. At times we were in almost daily contact as the work progressed, sometimes smoothly, sometimes calamitously—as when de Coux’s first execution of the font exploded in the kiln while it was being fired.

Now these three are among the great cloud of witnesses that surround in our worship, joining their voices with ours as we sing, “Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory...”

There are other unseen singers as well, many too many to name all. Let me name just one, Eleanor Landis Walker, who died in 1989, age 98. Her mortal remains rest in our churchyard.

Walker, a retired missionary to China, was true to her name, a walker. Until her legs gave out in □ page 2

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Reminder: Pledges due by Nov. 18

Our fall stewardship campaign, “Sowing Seeds of Faith for the Future,” is in full swing. Looking around the sanctuary, you’ll see days on the calendar gradually being filled in with tulips as we collect pledges to support the church’s ministries through 2008.

Please review your stewardship booklet and return your pledge form by Sunday, November 18, by mailing it to the church office or putting it in the offering plate. Every gift, however large or small, is important — but we need to receive your pledge in order to set the budget for next year. If you have questions, please contact Martha Lockwood, Michael Sherrard, or Jean Langhorne.

□ **page 1** her early 90s, she walked every day to St. Stephen's from her home at the Wyoming, an apartment house at Wyoming Avenue and Columbia Road. And she walked everywhere else in the city, to the National Gallery of Art, to the Capitol, the Cathedral, wherever the day called her.

Walker's parents were also missionaries, and she was born and raised in Japan. In her teens she studied music in

Dresden and delighted to recall her attendance at the premiere of Richard Strauss's opera *Elektra* in 1909. She connected us with saints of a still more distant past with her stories of seeing as a child Bishop Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky of our Litany of the Saints as he sat paralyzed in his invalid's chair in Tokyo, translating the Bible into Chinese.

-William MacKaye

Godspeed, and Thanks, Steve Thorngate

On Sunday, October 28, we said goodbye and thanks to Steve Thorngate who has graciously led our music ministry for the last three and half months. Steve is leaving to take an internship with the Utne Reader. He might well return to Washington after that concludes, so we bade him godspeed but not farewell, in hopes that his journey may bring him back to us.

Steve is a talented, gifted musician who joined our choir about a year ago while Mark Vogel was directing. We

will miss his gorgeous tenor voice, as well as his conducting, keyboard, and guitar skills, all of which he has generously contributed to enrich our worship life. Steve was the lynchpin of the recent "Live from the Nave" concert, which was enthusiastically received by some 80 folks who attended.

Prayers and blessings, Steve, on your journey! We greatly hope and anticipate your return to be among us, if that is to be.

- Frank G. Dunn, Senior Priest

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Music Search Continues

The committee searching for our new church musician has thus far responded to eight inquiries, some of whom were viable candidates. Thus far no match has been found, either from the church's point of view or the candidate's. Our ad continues in all appropriate venues, and we continue to solicit names from all sources.

It is possible that we will have an interim musician soon as the search continues. Meanwhile, we are blessed and thankful to have the services of parish members Harry Leich, Sally Ethelston, and Fern Hunt at the keyboard on Sunday mornings.

Pie Time!

As always, Loaves and Fishes invites parishioners to contribute pies for its Thanksgiving meal.

Any kind of pie will do. Please deliver your pie(s) to the church the Sunday before Thanksgiving (Nov. 18) or directly to the church kitchen on Wed., Nov. 2 or on Thanksgiving morning.



If you plan to bring a pie or two, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet on the table at the rear of the nave.

Loaves and Fishes Mini-Walk: 75 Parishioners; \$3,600

Loaves and Fishes St. Stephen's miniwalk on October 21st was a huge success! We had 76 registered participants in our walk, and through miniwalk registrations and parishioner donations, Loaves and Fishes raised a total of \$3,600 through the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless program. Thank you to everyone who walked or sponsored walkers.

A special thank you goes to Matt Brouwer, Linda Kaufman, Bill MacKay and Michael Sherrard of WIN, who led a discussion of affordable housing issues during our walk through the neighborhood. We heard success stories, such as the tenants who were able to buy their building thanks in part to a small loan of just \$1,000 from the Urban Village Corporation. We also saw affordable housing units at risk of being developed into condos, and discussed some of the steps WIN is taking to help the tenants.

If you were not able to walk in the miniwalk, Loaves and Fishes is looking



Mini-Walk-ers on Holmead Place

for people to walk in the 5K walkathon on the Mall on November 17th, when we'll join with the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington and Bishop Chane. If we get 25 more people, we will get a \$2,000 bonus cash from Fannie Mae. If you have the time, please come walk with us! Contact Sandra Moore for more information.

-Sandra Moore

St. Stephen's Building: Puppets, Dancers, Worshippers

Among the events that took place at St. Stephen's November 2 and 3:

- Two hundred people attending a climate change conference slept on our floors.
- The Bread and Puppet Theater held two performances in our nave when their original venue fell through at the last moment.
- The SEIU held an organizing meeting in our nave.
- New space user CISPES (the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) sponsored a talk by

Ricardo Calderon, the leader of the Salvadoran Union Front (FSS).

- Students involved with space user African Immigrants and Refugees Foundation's tutoring program practiced dances for an upcoming event.
- A benefit for children in El Salvador took place in our dining room
- An event with speakers on Guatemala took place in the auditorium.
- Loaves and Fishes served four hundred meals.
- Three All Saints Day church services were held.

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

11/11: The Rev.
Frank Dunn,
Celebrant; Lisa
Mages,
Preacher (8:00
and 10:30);
The Rev. Frank
Dunn (5:00)

11/18: The Rev.
Frank Dunn
(8:00 and
10:30); The
Rev. Sarabeth
Goodwin (5:00)

LECTIONS

24th Sunday after Pentecost (Nov. 11)

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

25th Sunday after Pentecost (Nov. 18)

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

THE SAINTS

Monday, November 12

CHARLES SIMEON, PRIEST, 1836

Birthday: Erin Hutson

Wednesday, November 14

CONSECRATION OF SAMUEL SEABURY,

FIRST AMERICAN BISHOP, 1784

Friday, November 16

MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND,

1093

Saturday, November 17

HUGH, BISHOP OF LINCOLN, 1200

Birthday: Diane Aten

Heavenly Birthday: Margot

Clark, 1996

Monday, November 19

ELIZABETH, PRINCESS OF HUNGARY,

1231

Tuesday, November 20

EDMUND, KING OF EAST ANGLIA, 870

Wednesday, November 21

Heavenly Birthday: Jackson

Morton, 1995

Friday, November 23

CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME, c.100

Heavenly Birthday: George W.

Hart, Jr., 1980

Saturday, November 24

Birthday: Ellen Baynard

THE PRAYERS

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

•Carla and Bryan Crocheron, and Louise Dyer and Falan Yinug, who are expecting babies;

•Ridgely Bennett, Terrey Danley, René Holloway, Teresita Kelly (Mary Alcuin Kelly's mother), Brother John Mathis, 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, Phyllis (Jane Bishop's sister-in-law) and her caregivers Joan and Paul Bishop, Helen Bonds (mother of Duane), the Brown family, Lisa Buonarosa, her husband Marcus Spiegelman, and their daughter Rebekah (Michele Lewis's sister and family), Clara, Jeremy & Kyra Grant (Jane Bishop's daughter and family), Thomas Holloway (nephew of Dewey Holloway), Melissa Mefford (Michele Lewis's niece), Tom Rozzell (father of Liane Rozzell), and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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St. Stephen's font, made by sculpter Janet de Coux

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