

*Cathedral Church of Saint Stephen  
and Cathedral House Harrisburg, PA*

## Cathedral Happenings

Week of

September 7 - 14, 2008

**FLOWERS** are offered to the glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Louise Worden by Miss Sybil Jane Worden; in thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Nelly Seitz and Jason Smith from their families; in honor of our children Rosalie, Benjamin and Andrew by Harry and Karen Weber; in memory of William and Bertha Gardner by Rob Gardner.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL WHO HAVE BEEN ILL:** Lester Albee, Jeanne Barnhart, David Bryan, Suzanne Clough, Andrew Cotzin, Max Crouse, Diana Engle, Carolyn Evens, Freya Gabbutt, Peggy Hartman, Leslie Huber, Suzanne Lanterman, Jeanne Leaman, Elaine Lichtenwalner, Margaret Masters, Brian McInroy, Harry Morrow, Tyler, Paulsen and the Paulsen family, Jo Schramm, Ed Seay, Michael Shoemaker, Mark Sunderland, Larue Welker, Paul Wilcox, Fran Zentmeyer, and Colin Zwally.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** especially Mary K. Howett, former Board member, volunteer Biology teacher, and loyal School parent of Tim and Julia, Josephine Greenwood Killhour (Daphne Messersmith's Mother), and Lois Peckrul.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES:** especially John Abrams, Gary Cassel, Rick Cassel, Chris Frazier, Roy Guerard, Daniel Houghton, James Kopecki, Matt Lapitsky, Douglas Lowery, George Mallory, Dan Mulford, Chris Murdock, Gregory Ralston, Scott Ralston, Andrew Ray, Michael Shoop, Bradley Simpson, Jamie Sipe, Jonathan Slaten, Jud Smith, Christopher Steighner, Kevin Taylor, Jay Transue, Jamie Unger, and Shawn Whitmire.

### **Sunday Forum and Church School begin on September 14**

A "Welcome" day for **Church School** students and parents is **Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 am** with the **start of classes on Sunday, September 14**. Classes meeting places: Pre K and K-1st on orange floor; 2nd-3rd grade on blue floor; 4th-5th grade in school teachers lounge; middle and high school in the classrooms above the Cloister. Information will soon be sent to parents of school aged children. If you would like to assist with these classes or have any questions, please contact Bernadette Kaiser at 774-2021 or Lisa Loring at 774-0316.

The first half of the **2008-09 Sunday Forum programs** will focus on the Bible; how it may be used as a help and guide in our spiritual lives and provide a source of challenge and admonition, beauty and encouragement. On **September 14<sup>th</sup>**, **John Harles and Pete Powers** will introduce the general themes of the series. In broad terms we will consider how the Bible has been used by Christians, for good and sometimes for ill. Historical/critical perspectives on the Scriptures will be addressed as will the interplay between social and cultural norms and Biblical interpretation.

**Youth Group will begin the year on September 14** by helping to serve dinner to the Helping Hands community. Meet at the Sycamore House at 4:00 pm, serve and eat dinner at Helping Hands, and then head back to the House for the regular starting time of 7:00 pm. We have a newly renovated space for youth group, and the beginning of the year is a perfect time to invite your friends to check it out. See you there, y'all.

## **SERVICES & OPPORTUNITES**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study will not meet for two weeks**, but will resume on September 21 at 9:00 AM in the Bishop's Parlors.

**Cathedral Choir Rehearsals have resumed on Thursday evenings at 7 PM.** New choir members are always welcome. If you love music, consider serving the Cathedral in this important way. Michael Shoemaker can be contacted through the Cathedral Office, 236-4059.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> Commemoration: An Appreciation of America's Diversity** sponsored by the Interfaith Alliance of Pennsylvania, **will meet at St. Stephen's, Thursday, September 11, 6:15 – 8:30 pm.** The meeting will be followed by a Ramadan, "break the fast" meal. Rabbi Carl Choper is the local organizer. All are welcome to come and support this event.

**Sunday, September 14, 2008 will mark the day, 30 years ago, when St. Stephen's School opened its doors to the first class – September 14, 1978.** We will celebrate the success of this mission of the Cathedral at the 10:15 service on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Come and help us to celebrate.

**Pathfinders is starting for the year!** Children in grades 3 through 6 and their families are invited to a Kickoff Swim Party after the 10:15 service (approx. 12 – 2PM) on Sept. 14 at the Weber's house, 108 Creek Road, Camp Hill. We'll start our year with fun and good food and start planning for a great year! Questions or directions, please contact Karen Weber at 731-0127 or [harkarweber@comcast.net](mailto:harkarweber@comcast.net).

**Theology on Tap will meet on Wednesday, September 17, at 7 PM** on the second floor of **Ceoltas Irish Pub, 310 North Second Street, Harrisburg.** This venue has more space for our growing attendance. The discussion will focus on Chapter 8, "Reading the Gospels Again," in Marcus J. Borg's book, *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time: Taking the Bible Seriously But Not Literally.*

**The Cathedral Shoppe** has back-to-school items with Fair Trade recycled fish bag backpacks, fanny packs, shoulder bags and more at 25% off regular retail prices. Your purchase of these colorful items supports a good cause, recycling, Fair Trade and the Shoppe. All Episcopal golf items are on sale for 25% off. Coffee is back in stock and supports not only Fair Trade but also the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund. Check out the bottom shelf of the Shoppe's cart for 50% off items. **Support St. Stephen's Youth with your purchase of gift cards from Giant and Isaac's.**

**Sunday School Donations!** A wonderful way to help the Sunday School is to donate a few items to replenish the supply for the fall. The Sunday School has an ongoing need for: plastic cups, napkins, paper towels, spray cleaner for tables, dry erase markers (various colors), washable markers, new packages of white and colored paper (8 1/2 x 11 and 11 x 14), new packages of stickers (all kinds), 40 oz juice bottles, gallon sized containers of water, pretzels, goldfish or other cheese-flavored crackers, teddy grahams (all flavors), Smart Pop popcorn, fruit snacks, granola bars, etc. Please put your donations in the bucket in the gathering room. Thanks!

There will be a meeting of **Sacred Stitches** at St. Stephen's on **September 20<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2 pm.** Sacred Stitches is a group of crafters from all over the Diocese who enjoy doing needle work and get together a few times a year at different locations to share fellowship, food and the work they do for others. Our contributions range from newborn baby hats to seaman's scarves to prayer shawls to sweaters for children in Rowanda. Contact person: Anne Yellott 235-1056 or [ajyellott@paonline.com](mailto:ajyellott@paonline.com) Everyone is welcome.

**New Foyer groups will be set up this fall.** This is a wonderful way to get to know people that you might see every Sunday but don't get the chance to talk to very often. Groups can be either family or adults for either dinner, brunch or whatever your group decides to do. **Sign up will begin September 7<sup>th</sup> and continue until October 17<sup>th</sup>, with an official kickoff evening in the Bishop's parlors, beginning at 6 PM.** You will be invited to bring an appetizer. Beverages will be supplied. If you have any questions please contact Barbara Gutekunst or Sharon Arnold.

**Taize Services at St. Luke's Episcopal Church,** 8 East Keller Street, Mechanicsburg, will resume on Sunday, **September 28 at 7:00pm.** Taize services will be held on the 4th Sunday of each month until the end of April. Taize is an opportunity to seek communion with God in prayer, singing, silence and reflection. The Taize service shared with others, reminds us that daily life is the place where Christ is waiting for us.

**15th Annual Great Pumpkin Chase is Saturday, Oct. 25th** - only 7 weeks away! We've made the Great Pumpkin Chase a project of fiscal sponsor The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, or TFEC. While we're very proud to be hosting this important event, the fact is there are corporations and businesses who won't even consider sponsoring us because it's construed as church related. We're happy to report we've already seen the benefits of being affiliated with TFEC. **The Sycamore House has generously offered to bring back the Bishop's Cup,** awarded to the fastest 4-person church team comprised of 2 women & 2 men. Look for more details, and we're very excited to have their creativity and energy on this. We'll also be meeting with the Sunday School teachers to see how we can get the children involved. Just like Helping Hands has become a tradition for them, it would be awesome to have this event become one too! **Check out the table in the Cloister** where you'll find race flyers and sponsorship forms. Please, help yourselves! If we run out, this won't be a problem. Because this is our biggest fundraising event of the year, we challenge *everyone* to contribute in some way to achieving our goal: "15 in 15" (\$15,000 in honor of our 15th year). Given that we'd ask that you consider doing one of the following (or more!)...

**Register to run or walk:** it's not too late to train for it, and while you're at it grab a buddy!

**Distribute race flyers:** hand out flyers to all the runners you know or give several to your health club or an organization you participate in. Even if you or someone you know doesn't want to run, there's an opportunity on the form to make a donation.

**Solicit a sponsorship:** ask (1) your workplace, (2) family, friends and neighbors (think about where they work), or a business you frequent often.

**Solicit a door prize:** we need many door prizes to hand out after the race. Runners have really come to look forward to this, and we don't want to disappoint them.

Next Sunday there will be a poster where you'll have a chance to volunteer your time or make a donation of water, fruit, etc. As always if you have any questions feel free to give us a call or send an email. Denise Foster at 919-4352 or [bowhunter2001@msn.com](mailto:bowhunter2001@msn.com) Mary Murphy at 773-2806 or [marymurphy01@comcast.net](mailto:marymurphy01@comcast.net)

**To our Episcopal Church Family:** It gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in a very special event. Our parish, **St. John's Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, New Hampshire,** is sponsoring a Fall Foliage Weekend from October 16 to October 19, 2008. You will be hosted by members of the parish in their homes, located in beautiful settings in the seacoast area. We think this is a great chance for an autumn getaway, as well as being a terrific opportunity to get to know and interact with some very wonderful people and to experience the life of a New England parish. Portsmouth, NH is the best kept secret in New England! Located at the beginning of 18 miles of incomparably beautiful and unspoiled seacoast, it offers a variety of recreational activities. It is also home to a number of world-class restaurants, and is a short distance from the shopping outlets in Kittery, Maine. Strawberry Banke, a nationally recognized museum that highlights New England life across four centuries, is located in Portsmouth. St. John's is celebrating its 200th anniversary this year. It is a strong and active parish that offers its members a variety of opportunities to strengthen and enrich their faith through Christian

formation and outreach projects. Come share in the life of this wonderful place for a weekend. Make new friends, compare notes, and enjoy an unforgettable experience! Visit St. John's website at [tour@stjohnsnh.org](mailto:tour@stjohnsnh.org) or call or e-mail Pat Campbell for further information at (603) 319-4966 or [gmu@comcast.net](mailto:gmu@comcast.net) We look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Mama Rosa Fund: UPDATE:** The goal of this fund is to raise \$500 quarterly for the next 3 years in order to assist Mama Rosa (Kasese, Uganda) in the feeding and clothing of the 13 grandchildren she is now raising, all orphaned as the result of HIV/AIDS. Generous parishioners have made donations for past quarters. **We have from now until October to raise \$500.00 for the next quarter.** Please consider a donation, either as a one-time donation or a quarterly pledge. Checks payable to St. Stephen's (with Mama Rosa on memo line) may be sent to the Cathedral office or placed in the offertory basket. Contact Cathy Jones or Tom Leaman with questions.

**The Episcopal Campus Ministry at Penn State needs your help in identifying our Episcopal students.** Due to university privacy policies and other issues we are no longer able to obtain contact information on Episcopalians who are enrolled at Penn State. This is even true for students who have identified themselves as Episcopalians during the admission process. If you know of any of your congregants who are, or will be, attending any of the Penn State campuses, please let us know by e-mailing us their name and contact information. Also, if you are aware of students from your congregations who are, or will be, attending other universities or colleges located within the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, please pass on this contact information as well. We will then pass this information on to the appropriate Episcopal chaplaincies. Let us not let our students lose contact with their church once they go on to college!! Thank you very much!! Jim Zmyslo, Chaplain for Episcopal Campus Ministry at Penn State, 214 Eisenhower Chapel, University Park, PA 16802 [jaz9@psu.edu](mailto:jaz9@psu.edu) 814-883-2390.

**Don't forget items for our friends served by Helping Hands.** New socks and underwear are always needed. Your donations may be placed on the table in the Undercroft next to the kitchen and marked for Helping Hands. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Foster at 731-6228 or [bowhunter2001@msn.com](mailto:bowhunter2001@msn.com). Thank you!

**Date Savers:**

- ~ Diversity Celebration sponsored by Interfaith Alliance of PA, Thursday, September 11, 6:15 at St. Stephen's
- ~ First Youth Group of the year, September 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Sycamore House Sacred Stitches, September 20, 10 am -2 pm
- ~ Organ Recital, October 10 at 7:30 PM by Peter Lea-Cox of Devon, England
- ~ 15th Annual Great Pumpkin Chase: Saturday, Oct. 25th.

**The Outreach Ministry at Christ Lutheran Church in Allison Hill has constant needs.** Your continued donations are vital in this ministry. **Requested items include:** Ascensia Contour Blood Glucose Test Strips; Decaf Coffee for Brewing; Single serving hot chocolate (regular and sugar free); Liquid children's Ibuprofen; Travel size hand sanitizer; Head lice kit; Lip balm; Reading glasses (all levels of magnification); Shampoo; Razors for men and women; Deodorant for men and women; Blankets (twin, full, queen); Facial tissues; Soap; Lotion; Toothpaste; Baby strollers; Pack-n-Plays. **Drop them into the collection bin in the Gathering Room.** Polly Neal or Kathie Leonard will deliver them.

**The Parish Health Ministry Team is continually in need of Volunteers** who can provide assistance in the way of a phone call, a ride to the doctor, a visit, a card or a meal delivery to anyone of our parishioners in need. Please consider assisting in this opportunity to bring a smile and helping hand to our fellow parishioners. Sign up at [phm@ststep.org](mailto:phm@ststep.org).

**A reminder ~ Keep all prayer list information up to date.** Place a call to the church office where the information will be given to the clergy and the PHM team. Helen Hendrickson is available by calling the church office.

**ROOM RESERVATIONS:** When planning to use space for an event at the Cathedral (meeting, meal, book club, etc.) please remember to fill out a ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST FORM. This form can be found on our website ([www.ststep.org](http://www.ststep.org)). It is important to reserve your space, not only to assure that the room will be available but also so the temperature, room arrangements, etc. can be comfortably programmed and set for the duration of the event. Thank you!

**Hearing Aid Devices and Large Print Prayer Books are available.** Both can be found on the windowsill in the back of the nave. If you need assistance, ask one of our ushers to help you. Please return the hearing device to the usher at the end of the service or leave it in the container labeled "Hearing Aid Devices." Thank you.

**LOST SOMETHING? FOUND SOMETHING?** Check out the Lost & Found box located in the Gathering Room, right off of the nursery.

**IS YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT MISSING?** ~ If so please email it to Margaret Messner at [mamessner@comcast.net](mailto:mamessner@comcast.net) by Tuesday evening, prior to the Sunday you would like it to be published. Likewise, for information to be published in the Messenger, please provide your announcement to Sami in the office at [sami@ststep.org](mailto:sami@ststep.org). prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Parking Notes:**

- ~ **Lots of free covered parking available in the PHFA garage on weekends and evenings!!! Cards are available at the back of the nave with the code numbers.**
- ~ **Diocesan lot parking** is available for St. Stephen's parishioners on Sunday mornings or after 6 PM on weekdays. Please display an Episcopal shield on your visor or bumper to avoid towing.
- ~ **Handicapped parking only behind the Parish House Thursday evenings 6 - 9 pm and Sunday mornings.**
- ~ **HANDICAP PARKING is available along the side of the school on Cranberry Alley**
- ~ **Parking is not allowed** in the rented spaces behind the Bigler House.

**Meetings this week September 7-14, 2008**

**Sunday, September 7**

Sunday, 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday, 4:30 p.m.  
Monday, 3:15 p.m.  
Monday, 6:10 p.m.  
Tuesday, 3:30 and 6:15 p.m.  
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.**

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday, 12:10 p.m.**

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 6:15 p.m.  
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, 3:00 p.m.**

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost-Proper 18  
Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.**

Blood Pressure Screening, Parlors  
20th Annual Gallery walk  
Helping Hands, Undercroft  
St. Stephen's School Drama Club, Uppercroft  
St. Stephen's School Board of Directors, Uppercroft  
Tang Soo Do Karate Class, Uppercroft  
Property Committee, 2nd Floor Reception

**Worship, Rite II with Holy Eucharist**

Literacy Program, Library  
Staff meeting, Dean's office

**Worship, Rite II with Holy Eucharist**

Finance Committee, Dean's office  
September 11th Diversity Celebration, Cathedral  
Choir Rehearsal  
Wedding Rehearsal, Amy Domanski/  
Lee Michael Houser, Cathedral  
**Wedding, Amy Domanski/Lee Michael Houser,  
Cathedral**

**Sunday, September 14**

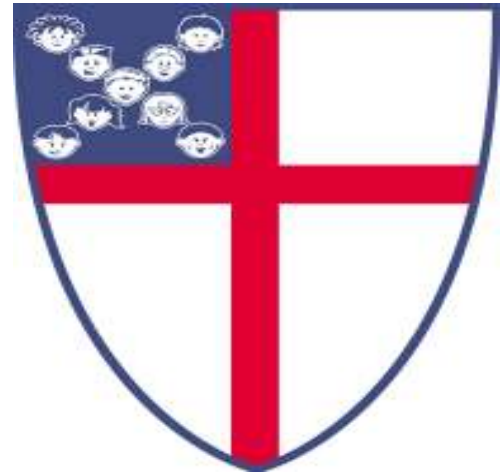
Sunday, 4:30 p.m.

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost-Proper 19  
St. Stephen's School Sunday/30th Anniversay  
Celebration**

Services at 8:00 and 10:15 a.m.  
Youth Group serving at Helping Hands, Undercroft  
please meet at the Sycamore House at 4:00 p.m.  
followed by the regularly scheduled Youth Group  
meeting at the Sycamore House at 7:00 p.m.

## **St. Stephen's Episcopal School**

# **“Voices of the Past & Present”**



**CELEBRATE 30 YEARS!**

**September 14, 2008**

Join St. Stephen's Episcopal School as we rejoice in our 30 years of educating the fine youth of our community. Experience our caring staff from the past and the present and share in our hopes, dreams and vision for a fabulous future!

### Highlights:

- **Speakers:** Mrs. Cameron, Founder of school, Chaplain Harrigan, Mrs. Graffius—current Head of School, Mrs. Lopus and Mrs. Tenan—past Heads of School
- **Processional:** board members, teachers and staff
- **Reception:** food and beverage
- **Music:** “This is the Day!”
- Dedicated Supporters of St. Stephen's will usher, read and serve.

**And much much more!**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, 221 North Front Street, Harrisburg

Contact St. Stephen's Episcopal School for more information—238-8590

Time: 10:15 AM

Date: 09/14/08

The excitement continues on Monday, September 15th as Mrs. Cameron is the “Honorary Head of School” for the day and speaks to the student body about this year's theme, “People Who Teach Us to Lead.”