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**CATHEDRAL  
MESSENGER**

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**MAY IT BE YOUR DUTY AND OBLIGATION  
TO ATTEND  
THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Of  
ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2004**

**For the purpose of:**

- Electing four (4) Vestry persons
- Hearing reports of parish activities
- The Parish Budget: 2004

**9:00 a.m.: Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with the Dean's Annual Report  
(NOTE: One service today)**

**10:15 a.m.: Refreshments in the Uppercroft**

**10:30 a.m.: Business Meeting in the Uppercroft**

**ALL PARISH BRUNCH WILL FOLLOW THE ANNUAL MEETING**

**{Sponsored by Evangelism and Parish Life Committee}**

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**WEEKLY LITURGIES AT THE CATHEDRAL**

Sunday:	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	8:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Music	10:15 a.m.
Wednesday:	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	7:00 a.m.
Thursday:	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	12:10 p.m.

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# News and Events

## St. Stephen's Youth Trip to Washington

St. Stephen's Youth Trip to Washington - Saturday, February 7, 2004. Visit Washington National Cathedral and other sites in D.C. (possibilities include a Smithsonian museum, the National Mall, or the International Spy Museum). Register with Craig Wilson by e-mail directed to the following address: [c2wilson@comcast.net](mailto:c2wilson@comcast.net). Sign up today!

## Sunday Forums in February

### January 25

"A Visit With Richard Hooker" Dr. Philip Secor, author of *Richard Hooker Prophet of Anglicanism*; *The Sermons of Richard Hooker*, and *Richard Hooker on Anglican Faith and Worship* will appear as Richard Hooker and explore with us the basis of our faith.

### February 1

No Adult Forum . . . One (1) service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the annual meeting and Vestry elections followed by a parish brunch.

After the annual meeting on February 1, 2004, there will be a 3-week series for the Sunday Forums in February concerning "The Dance of the Mind, Body and Spirit." Dates and topics are:

### February 8

"Knowing God Through Direct Experience" Leader: Sanford Alwine, Retreat Leader at Stillwaters and Co-founder of Oasis Ministries

### February 15

"Faith and Fitness" Leader: Dan Stone, Wellness Coordinator, Central PA Rehabilitation Services and Messiah coach.

### February 22

"Personal Spiritual Discipline" Leaders: Tom and Jeanne Leaman, long time St. Stephen's parishioners

## Hygiene Products Needed!

Your Parish Health Ministry will be collecting hygiene products during the month of January to be delivered to our homeless friends at Down Town Daily Bread. We are in need of the following items:

SHAMPOO (regular sized bottles)

COMBS

TOOTH PASTE

DEODORANT

DISPOSABLE RAZORS

SHAVING CREME

SOAP (regular size bars only, please)

WHITE SWEAT/GYM SOCKS

GLOVES (desperately needed!)

WASH CLOTHS

GALLON ZIP LOCK PLASTIC BAGS (used to assemble the kits)

A box will be placed in the Narthex in January. The folks that receive the bags are very appreciative and we thank you on their behalf!

## Arts & Drama Bus Trip to "The Met"

Now while we're into WINTER and all the fun of shoveling snow and sliding on ice, let's cheer ourselves by thinking SPRING! The Arts & Drama Committee is sponsoring another opera trip. This time we'll be enjoying Wagner's opera *Das Rheingold*. The date is Thursday, April 22, 2004. Departure time to New York is 1:00 p.m., arriving approximately at 5:00 p.m. This will allow time for everyone to have dinner. The opera begins at 8:00 p.m. Immediately following the performance we will board the bus for the return trip to Harrisburg arriving approximately at 1:45 a.m. The price: \$80 per person. This covers the cost of the bus trip and the opera ticket. Dinner is extra and at your own convenience. A limited number of tickets are available for this great trip, so don't wait - call Ted or Rosemary Webber at 671-1361 to sign up for the trip and receive payment instructions.

## Peace with Justice Ecumenical Advocacy Days – Washington DC, March 5-8

The Episcopal Church USA is among the sponsors of the March 5-8, 2004 second annual "Advocacy Days" event in Washington DC. Speakers, briefings on global concerns, worship, and advocacy training workshops are on the program. Issue "Tracks": Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Jubilee and Economic Justice, and Nuclear Disarmament. Registration fee: \$125. All sessions Fri-Mon at the Arlington VA Doubletree Hotel. To register on-line, [www.advocacydays.org](http://www.advocacydays.org)

## Nominations for Vestry

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following seven persons to fill four positions for three-year terms on the Vestry. The election will occur at the annual congregational meeting on February 1:

Donna Burkholder

Joan Esham

Gene McHugh

Guy Patterson

Greg Penny

Sandy Strohl

## A Trip to Williamsburg, VA

Once again (after 10 years) M & G Tours, Jim Morgan and Tel Gilroy, will be arranging a fun-filled, leisurely weekend in Williamsburg, VA. Our deluxe bus will leave Harrisburg Friday morning April 30, while our return trip will leave Williamsburg Sunday afternoon May 2, 2004.

For more information and reservations contact,

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Jim Morgan: [jmorgan@tuckerlaw.com](mailto:jmorgan@tuckerlaw.com) 761-4765

# MEET YOUR VESTRY NOMINEES

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- ✦ The Nominating Committee of John Dernbach, Gordon Arnold, Cathy Jones, Gerry Garber, Patrick Strohl, Ted Webber, and Shannon Powers met together through the fall. They did their job well as you will see when you read the biographical data submitted by each nominee. What follows is a summary of their information in alphabetical order of the nominees. Thanks go to the Nominating Committee for their good work.
  
- ✦ The election will be held during the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2004. We will begin with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m., followed immediately by the Business Meeting which will take place in the Uppercroft. {Note: There is only one service, at 9:00 a.m., on the day of the Annual Meeting}
  
- ✦ Nominations are not closed. Any two members of the congregation may nominate a qualified candidate for election by submitting to the chair of the Nominating Committee (John Dernbach), at least one week prior to the election (January 25), the candidate's name, brief biography, and a signed statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to serve. Such candidate would appear on the written ballot.

**DONNA BURKHOLDER:** Donna is presently serving on the Vestry, filling an unexpired term and, thus, is eligible to run for a full term of her own. Along with husband, Ron, Donna maintains a very active ministry here. Donna is a Lector and can be seen arranging the floral decorations on the altar as a member of the Flower Guild. At other times you can catch her in the Cathedral Bookstore, Seeds of Faith, helping out. Reading as a hobby and helping people improve their reading skills as a G.E.D. instructor go together. In the past Donna has been involved as a Youth Leader with our Senior Highs. Her warm smile really shows when you ask her about her two grandchildren! **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ELECTED TO THE VESTRY?** "As a Vestry member, I want to help make decisions that will insure St. Stephen's is a place where people get their souls fed and their minds awakened to new possibilities, a place where people feel warmth, love and acceptance."

**JOAN S. ESHAM:** Joan is committed to our Parish Health Ministry in a variety of ways. She is part of "The Friends of St. Stephen's" and is a regular visitor to our shut-ins. She has headed up the recent project to collect hygiene items for distribution at Downtown Daily Bread, our local soup kitchen. She also coordinates the volunteers who serve meals there. Joan is called upon to speak with first year medical students at the Hershey Medical Center concerning their interaction with patients with disabilities and chronic pain. She is a student of the Bible and actively participates in The Seekers bible study group. Joan is an avid gardener, dog enthusiast and coin collector. **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ELECTED TO THE VESTRY?** "I believe that I can bring a fresh, new outlook to the Vestry based on my past educational experiences and current involvement in the Parish Health Ministry. My life experiences in dealing with my physical challenges and my "up front and to-the-point" nature, I feel, would help me to work in the best interest of St. Stephen's Cathedral and its congregation."

**EUGENE N. McHUGH (Gene):** A true veteran in parish leadership, Gene has served four previous terms on the Vestry which also included terms as a Junior and Senior Warden. Concurrent with his parish involvement has been Gene's service and leadership with St. Stephen's School. He presently serves as its finance chairperson and treasurer. Education has been a hallmark of his ministry in the parish as he spent many years as a church school teacher. Gene is a practicing attorney in Harrisburg and lives with his wife, Deborah, in Mechanicsburg. They have four children: Gene, Jr., Elizabeth, Kristen, and Nikki, all in various stages of higher education. **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ELECTED TO THE VESTRY?** "I hope that my experience on the Vestry and the Board of Directors of St. Stephen's School aids in maintaining a sound working relationship and advances the mission of the Cathedral and the School.

**GUY PATTERSON:** Guy and his wife, Carolyn, come to St. Stephen's from the Anglican Church of Canada and their home city of Toronto where he was active in the church there. They have also lived in Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax. Here in Harrisburg Guy is the Chief Operating Officer for Builder Services, Inc.. Guy's red hair shows up in his two young sons, Spencer and Graeme...no mistaking!! Guy has been a Lector at the Sunday liturgy and involved in the dramatic reading of the Passion Sunday Gospel. He has also been involved in the ArtsFest food concession on Memorial Day Weekend. **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ELECTED TO THE VESTRY?** "I have been a parishioner since 1999 and have marveled at the way the Church has grown within the last four years. Moreover, I have benefited spiritually from the fellowship that the Church offers. Although I make a small contribution as a Lector, I feel it is the right time for me to increase my involvement and provide an additional contribution to the parish. In particular, I am interested in the Church's outreach programs and contusing to increaser the diversity and person served by the Church. "

**GREG PENNY:** Greg has been involved with young people in the parish over a number of years. The youth group that he oversees is our corps of Acolytes. Speaking about "cradle" Episcopalians: Greg's father and an uncle have been Episcopal priests. Greg has brought his interest in Habitat for Humanity to the outreach program of the parish. Greg is employed by PennDot as its Public Information Officer who sometimes has the "unenviable" task of telling us about "another detour"!! Don't blame Greg!!!! Greg likes the outdoors and gets involved in bird watching, canoeing and kayaking. He lives in Harrisburg with his wife, Roberta, and two sons, Steve and Jonathan. Greg served previously on the Vestry in the early 1990's. **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ELECTED TO THE VESTRY?** "The Episcopal Church and St. Stephen's are a very important part of my life. I want to be more involved in support of the church—to help strengthen St., Stephen's as a place of worship, to help strengthen the church's ministry to its members, and to support the church's outreach to the community."

**SANDY STROHL:** The floral decorations that adorn our worship space each Sunday, Christmas and Easter, and for the weddings that are celebrated here enjoy a long tradition of excellence and creativity. Sandy maintains that heritage as chairperson of the Cathedral Flower Guild. She also offers valuable assistance at Cathedral weddings. Her ministry does not end there as she is an active member of the Evangelism/Parish Life Committee and serves as co-chair of the Foyer Groups. Sandy recently retired from 33 years in social services with the Commonwealth where she served as the Director of Pennsylvania's Food Stamp Program. Prior to that she headed up the Medicaid Eligibility program. In her spare time Sandy likes to travel with her husband, Pat, as well as dabble in a number of arts and crafts. **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE ELECTED TO THE VESTRY?** "I want to share in the shaping of the future direction of our parish—without losing our rich heritage and traditions."

## Awakenings

ATTENTION High School Students: Awakenings 7 is fast approaching. Join with the young people of the Diocese in this weekend Retreat at Camp Hebron February 20-22. The Deadline for registrations is February 3 and registration forms are available at the Diocesan website ([www.diocesecpa.org](http://www.diocesecpa.org)) and from Daphne and Jonathan. P.S. Daphne is going to be on the staff of Awakenings and could use some company from St. Stephens!

## Pancake Supper

Mark your calendars for February 24th, Shrove Tuesday evening. The Evangelism Team is sponsoring a Traditional pre-Lenten Pancake Supper for the community. Tickets will be available soon..watch the Messenger and Sunday Bulletins!

## Leave your Mark at the Cathedral on an Engraved Brick!

Take a look at the new Cloister area between the Cathedral House and the Cathedral. YES, your name (or a friend or relative) can be inscribed on a brick for \$100 per brick. Forms are available in the back of the church.

## The Gathering

The Gathering (St. Stephens book group) has selected its next book. We will be reading The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. The novel expands on and enlightens our perception of familiar Old Testament women, threads through the Biblical saga and reveals some questioned but interesting theological development. This is a popular book and is available at local bookstores. We'll gather to discuss on February 18th, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapter House. Read it and join us!

## ECW Lenten Retreat

All women of the parish and diocese are invited to a time away at Camp Hebron from March 24 to the 26th. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with Episcopal women in an atmosphere of sacred and quiet beauty. The cost is \$125 per person. The Rev. Elaine Silverstrim will lead the meditations and worship during our time together. Registration forms and information are available from Daphne.

## Stay for Brunch

Brunch will be served immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 1. The Evangelism and Parish Life Committee invites you to the Brunch and asks you to sign up at church this Sunday.

## Goal Achieved - Almost

Thanks to a flurry of year end donation activity, 52 units of blood, out of our quota of 54 units, were given by our Cathedral blood donors in 2003. The Parish Health Ministry extends its profound appreciation to all our donors who have so faithfully and selflessly supported the Cathedral blood donor program. The quota for 2004 is expected to be about the same as for 2003. However, because of a number of unforeseen circumstances, the quota may be even more difficult to achieve than in 2003. The Parish Health Ministry will consider seriously reinstating the Annual Parish Blood Drive, in an effort to stimulate interest in the donor program, and to make donation as easy and convenient as possible for new and established donors. "Stay tuned" for news about the Cathedral blood donation program in 2004.

## Altar Flowers/Communion Elements

You may celebrate or honor loved ones or significant events by giving the Altar Flowers or Communion Elements for a particular Sunday. Your gift will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. The cost to give the Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday is \$30 or the Communion Elements is \$12.50. If you would like to sponsor Altar flowers/Communion elements for a particular Sunday please call Donna in the parish office at 236-4059 or email her at: Donna@ststep.org. Presently no one has signed up to give Altar Flowers on February 1, 2004. Communion elements dates are: February 1, 22, and 29. Please note that multiple memorials may given on any Sunday.

**An announcement from Christian Churches United**  
**CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNITED**  
**presents**  
**AN EVENING OF**  
**SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC**  
**Thursday, March 4, 2004,**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Zembo Mosque in Harrisburg**  
**(Third and Division Sts.)**  
**Featuring:**  
**The Dove Brothers**  
**The Isaacs**  
**The Chuck Wagon Gang**  
**Tickets:**  
**\$25: Artists' Circle**  
**\$20: General Admission**  
**Proceeds Benefit CCU Ministries**

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**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

Bishop	Michael Creighton
Dean	Malcolm McDowell
Canon Pastor	Daphne Messersmith
Parish Nurse	Liz Fite
Deacon Emeritus	Paul Williams
Facilities Manager	Skip DeMarkey
Organist-Choirmaster	Michael Shoemaker
Office Manager	Sami Lytle
Bookkeeper	Donna Osborne
Senior Warden	John Dernbach
Junior Warden	Craig Wilson
Vestry: Gordon Arnold	Donna Burkholder
Ann Elliott	Cathy Jones
Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt	Lynn Schadle
Gerald Garber II	Rosemary Webber
Warren Gillam	Helen Delano
Parish Treasurer	Bill Davis
Vestry Secretary	Paul Nickalls
Worship Ministry	Jane Bartholomew
Education Ministry	Becky Tartline
Evangelism Ministry	Pat Strohl
Outreach Coordinating Ministry	Betsy Howell, Bill Ilgenfritz
Parish Health Ministry	Helen Hendrickson
Property Ministry	Skip DeMarkey
Stewardship Ministry	Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt, Gerry Garber
Finance Ministry	Thomas Schmidt III
Environmental Stewardship	Jeff Spangler
St. Stephen's School	Carol Lopus
Acolyte Warden	Greg Penny
Church School Coordinator	John and Ellen Harles
"Seeds of Faith" Manager	Kathyann Corl-Rodeheaver
Altar Guild	Margaret Messner
Flower Guild	Sandy Strohl
Ushers	Michael Frascella
Youth Ministries Coordinator	Jonathan Frazier

**CATHEDRAL CALENDAR**

<i>January</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</b>
	25	Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	25	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	26	Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
	27	Children's Home Foundation, 8:00 a.m.
<i>February</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</b>
		ONE service only at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Annual Meeting and Vestry elections
	1	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	2	St. Stephen's School Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m.
	5	Christian Education and Formation Committee, 7:00 p.m.
	8	<b>THE 5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</b>
	8	Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	8	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	9	Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
	9	AIDS Community Alliance Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
	9	Outreach Coordinating Committee, 6:30 p.m.
	10	Home and School Association, 5:00 p.m.
	10	Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m.
	10	Property Committee, 7:30 p.m.
	11	Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
	<b>15</b>	<b>THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</b>
	15	Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	15	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	17	Arts and Drama Committee, 6:30 p.m.
	17	Bookstore Committee, 7:00 p.m.
	19	Vestry, 7:00 p.m.
	20	Wedding Rehearsal Dinner, Gingrich/Firebaugh 6:00 p.m.