



the CATHEDRAL MESSENGER

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On Front Street

The small seaside village of San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua lies on the relatively secluded Pacific coast, just north of the Costa Rican border. If you climb the wooded hillside by the ocean you can actually look around the proverbial bend and see that far wealthier country to the south, imagining, as some Nicaraguans do, an entirely different life in an utterly different place. In the midst of my Clergy Renewal Leave I found myself traveling by bus (an old Bluebird that had once belonged to a public school department in Virginia), down the cratered, rural route from Rivas, to this little enclave by the beach. As is sometimes my wont in both faraway places and with ample time for reflection, I decided to write a long letter to a distant college roommate, in the somewhat delusional hope of rekindling a lost friendship. In truth, my real aim during such epistolary undertakings is to seek a safe and far-removed set of eyes and ears upon which I can vent, revel, share my struggle and “*cast bread upon the water*”. Soon enough, it became apparent that what I was really doing on this warm and sultry January day in Central America was writing a letter not only to God but to myself, the actual recipient of which would be yet a third party, remotely connected to my journey, who would no doubt receive my letter with a mixture of bafflement and grace. Strange as the tale perhaps sounds, here was discernment at work, making its way known, revealing itself and taking shape, in odd ways and in unexpected manners, but it was discernment all the same — the desire, thirst and effort to understand what God has in store for us, and the even deeper (though more risky and frightening) wish for us to reveal our deepest pains, confusions, longings and hopes directly to God.

Some years ago I read an interview with Carlos Santana, and, speaking of his own spiritual life, the guitarist said this: “*Prayer is when I speak and God listens; meditation is when God speaks and I listen.*” Discernment, as I personally experience and understand it, lies right in the middle of this ‘back and forth’ with God. I struggled on, perhaps asking the wrong questions and searching in the wrong places, but I eventually found the courage to reveal my confusion to Bishop Gordon Scruton, my Diocesan from Western Massachusetts. Bp. Scruton shared with me a central and elemental view of discernment which changed my life forever,

coming out of the Ignatian tradition of which he himself was a part. Whatever my bewilderment, uncertainty or confusion it was essential, the Bishop wrote me, to try and grasp whether my discernment was being done out of ‘consolation’ or out of ‘desolation’. Of similar and vital importance was the affirmation that either path — indeed, both paths — were of equal virtue, equal merit, equal strength, equal possibility. I could learn just as much about God and about myself regardless of whether this striving took place out of joy or sorrow, fullness or emptiness, tears or laughter. The key was to dare to name and identify that very place from which discernment itself was taking place.

Needless to say, this spiritual “redirection” was something I had never heard before. To validate desolation as a means for knowing God and self became, for me, one of the truly profound spiritual insights and tools in all my life. It was as if an entire half of me, and of my soul, and of my life experience was being given equal footing with the often more forced and allegedly “adult” side, the public or “mature” side, if you will, which had been the expected norm since my childhood and of my early parish experiences. In an instant, there emerged a level of authenticity and truth about discernment, a degree of raw and earthy abandon which was and remains to this day totally liberating. Looking back it all seems so obvious and self-evident, but it took not only time away, but also time within, followed by an admission of weakness and an asking for help, to make this abundantly clear.

And so, as this strange travelogue reaches its brief end, perhaps you will ask yourself the same question which I finally came to ask, and still ask today: am I approaching God and Christ and Spirit out of desolation or consolation? With what heart, what mind, what essence am I listening to or speaking with The One who made me and directs my being? As Easter nears, but certainly well beyond and for all the days of our lives, how might our entire sense of ministry and call and livelihood be changed forever by this recognition that God loves us without condition, equally in confusion as in surety, equally in brokenness as in confidence? [Part 2 of 2]

In peace and faith,

News and Events

Highlights of the Vestry Meeting on February 17, 2005

To enhance the communication among the members of St. Stephen's and the Vestry, we've included a brief summary of the key items addressed during the meeting held on February 17, 2005. A copy of the minutes of this meeting will be posted on the Cloister Bulletin Board following their approval at the March Vestry meeting. If you do not want to receive this email update in the future, please let Sami know (Sami@ststep.org).

1. Upon the recommendation of the Interim Dean, the Vestry unanimously elected Pete Tartline to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Greg Penny from Vestry, immediately prior to his election as Secretary to the Vestry.

2. The Interim Dean reported that The Grace Period program did not garner enough participants to make it budgetarily feasible as an alternative to a commercial mortgage, and therefore, it was not pursued. Many thanks were offered to those generous friends and supporters of the Cathedral who offered more than \$230,000 in potential in-house, no-interest loans.

Instead, the refinancing of the outstanding construction loan with Fulton Bank is scheduled for March 2nd. Vestry voted unanimously for the Cathedral to enter into a commercial mortgage with Fulton Bank for \$900,000, and will undertake an additional \$100,000 Heistand Fund loan from the Diocese. In addition, Vestry voted unanimously to pay off the entire \$260,000 balance of the construction line of credit by using \$185,000 in Capital Campaign funds and \$75,000 in Cathedral savings. The Cathedral savings account will be reimbursed and made whole as additional gifts and pledges are received for the Capital Campaign. We are deeply grateful to all those individuals who were willing to participate in The Grace Period and to those who chose to make additional gifts to the Capital Campaign fund. Prepayment of the mortgage with Fulton Bank will always be an option as we move forward.

3. The Interim Dean will be meeting with the Wardens, the Treasurer and other leaders of the Cathedral to address the serious structural budget deficit which exists. We are now compelled to rapidly devise additional means to further reduce expenses and generate much-needed income. With the placement of the mortgage and other adjustments, the deficit for 2005 is likely to approach \$100,000. In order to carry this long-term indebtedness, both to Fulton Bank and the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, it will no longer be feasible to contemplate

deficit spending of any kind, and additional set-asides for future obligations (such as deferred Heistand Fund loan interest) will be necessary. Specific recommendations regarding program cuts, staff reductions, asset sales and revenue generation will be made to the Vestry at the March meeting.

4. Vestry unanimously approved the incorporation of St. Stephen's Episcopal School as a non-profit corporation, with the Cathedral as its sole member, effective July 1, 2005, when the School begins its new fiscal year.

5. A draft of a proposed reorganization of the committees of St. Stephen's was distributed to Vestry for discussion, reflection and prayer. No action will be taken on the proposal until at least the March meeting. (A copy of the proposal is posted on the Cloister Bulletin Board.)

6. The Bigler House project is expected to move to the next stage.

Although the Zoning Hearing Board in the City of Harrisburg did not approve a special exception to enable the Cathedral to rent out the building as a temporary residence for four (4) lobbyists, the Cathedral can obtain the necessary approvals from the City to rent the space to three (3) lobbyists.

The plans for the renovation of the building will move forward, with the goal of gaining rental income for the Cathedral at some point in 2005.

Efforts are also underway to ready some of the existing and under-utilized office space on the second and third floor of the Chapter House for rental to other non-profit groups, consistent with the approval of Vestry at its October meeting.

7. Thanks to the efforts of Joan Esham and the Property Committee, an HVAC contractor for maintenance services and a cleaning service for the Cathedral should be in place by the beginning of March.

Prayerfully submitted,
Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt, Senior Warden
Ann Elliott, Junior Warden
Mark Hatch, Interim Dean

The Gathering

Our book group has chosen a book to read for the month of March. Join us in reading [Reading Lolita in Teheran](#) available at Borders or on Amazon. We will gather on Wednesday evening, March 30th to discuss. Heads up . . . the book for April is [The New Rabbi](#), by Stephen Fried. Discussion date for that is April 27. Mark your calendars, read, enjoy and join us!

'Church Women United' Invites You

To a World Day of Prayer at Grace United Methodist Church, 216 State Street, at 12:00 noon, March 4, 2005.

Sunday, March 13, at Four O'Clock

LENTEN CHOIR CONCERT

Bishop's Discretionary Fund

Please accept my profound thanks for the generous gift to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Your giving will be greatly appreciated by the many folks who have needs that I can now assist.

So much of Christian life is standing by the side of our neighbors in need. You have enabled me to do that with this emergency fund. Your giving is a practical and spiritual blessing.

The Rt. Rev. Michael W. Creighton
Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Easter Clean Up!

Saturday, March 19th beginning at 9 AM, we will be gathering for a clean up of the outside and inside of the Cathedral in preparation for Easter on March 27th. Margaret Messner will be heading up the cleaning of the Altar and Nave areas. Joan Esham will be forming a group to work on cleaning up the debris left over from winter, weather permitting. Unless we have a blizzard, weather WILL be permitting!!! The Bookstore folks will be gathering to clean out the "old" bookstore room for use in the future.

St. Stephen's generally has a very high attendance for our Easter services and many of the people that come to worship are visitors. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all could enter the doors on Easter morning to the sight and smell of a wonderful and proud Cathedral?! Let's impress our visitors and ourselves and help out on the 19th and have a chance to share some good fellowship while working towards our common goal of spic and span cleanliness, inside and out!

Please mark your calendars now and make this clean up day a part of your Lenten discipline. Questions can be directed to Margaret Messner (717)770-0462, Joan Esham at 732-7033. "A light lunch will be served for all hard-working volunteers."

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

ECW Annual Lenten Retreat

All women in the Diocese are invited to a time of quiet and refreshment at Camp Hebron as we gather to enjoy the beauty of the woods and relax enough to be able to hear God's voice within and around us. The Retreat will be held March 16 to 18 in a beautiful lodge at the foot of Peters Mountain in Halifax (just north of Harrisburg) and will be led by The Rev. Lisa Goforth, Assistant at Prince of Peace, Gettysburg. Daphne has more information and registration forms.

The Next Publication Date

Articles for the next Monthly Messenger need to be submitted no later than Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 20

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
- 10:15 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, with music and Choir

Wednesday in Holy Week, March 23

- 7:00 a.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday, March 24

- 12:00 noon Foot Washing and Holy Eucharist
- 7:00 p.m. Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, March 25

- 7:00 a.m. The Solemn Collects and Homily
- 12 noon The Solemn Collects and Homily
- 7:00 p.m. The Solemn Collects and Homily

Easter Eve, March 26

- 7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter: The Lighting of the New Fire, Blessing of the Paschal Candle, the Exsultet, Holy Baptism and the first Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day, March 27

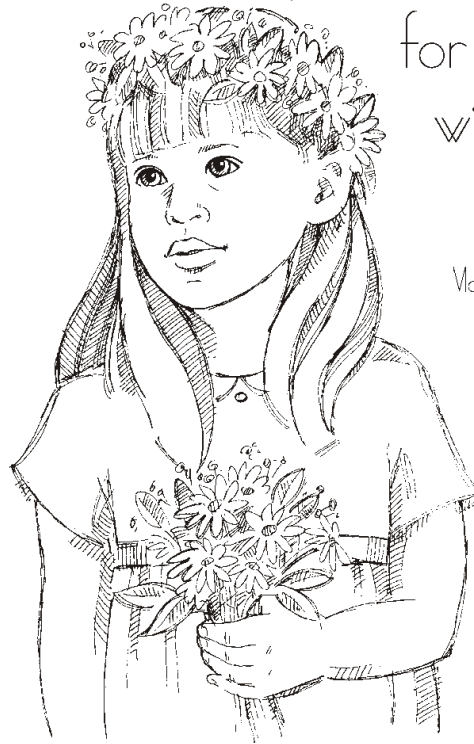
- 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist, with Choir and Music at both services

EASTER FLORAL DECORATIONS

From the cactus of the desert, the "starkness" of Lent, to the majesty of Easter. This is a transformation that depicts the journey from dust to resurrection. The Easter floral decorations at St. Stephen's are a work of art and a labor of love. The Flower Guild will receive memorial donations to defray the expense of the Easter decorations. Please send your gifts, memo to "Flower Guild", and the names of the loved one(s) you wish to have memorialized. Names must be received by Tuesday, March 22, to be published in the Easter bulletin.

Blessed are the
pure in heart,
for they
will see
God.

Matthew 5:8



“Health & Wellness”

February is the month of valentines and appropriately named “Heart” month. I extend heart-felt, caring wishes to each one of you. It’s incredible how “fearfully and wonderfully” made we are. Did you know that the heart pumps about 5 quarts of blood each minute, roughly 2,100 gallons a day? The heart, which is continuously working (as opposed to other muscles which are often at rest), needs oxygen rich blood for its food supply. The coronary arteries are vitally important for supplying that blood. Over many years, the coronary arteries can gradually develop atherosclerosis, or “hardening of the arteries” through fatty deposits along the inner lining of the walls. Most heart attacks occur as a result of small, unstable plaques that break open and lead to the formation of blood clots that suddenly block circulation to the heart. High blood pressure, elevated cholesterol levels and smoking make these plaques more vulnerable to rupture.

Risk factors are anything that speeds up the process of developing heart disease. Those factors that cannot be changed are heredity, sex, age, and race. Those that can be changed are smoking, high blood pressure, blood cholesterol levels, diabetes, obesity, lack of exercise, stress, oral contraceptives, alcohol, and inflammation. Two risk factors that I would like to focus on are: gender and inflammation. Men are more likely to have a heart attack or stroke than women of childbearing years. It is believed that female hormones have a protective effect against heart disease. After menopause or surgical removal of the ovaries

this protection is gone. Estrogen keeps the harmful cholesterol (LDL) levels lower and the good cholesterol (HDL) levels higher. It also keeps the blood vessels dilated. Usually symptoms of menopause are enough to tell a woman that she is in this process but there is a blood test, follicle-stimulating hormone, which can be drawn to confirm this. There are high risk factors associated with taking “HRT” for more than five years. Alternative treatments along with reducing your risk factors are certainly very beneficial. A newly recognized risk factor, may originate in a variety of places throughout the body, including excess fat. High levels of a chemical called C-reactive protein (CRP) may indicate an inflammation process, which can significantly increase one’s risk of heart disease. Atherosclerosis is now believed to be a process that resembles inflammation. Ever hear of homocysteine, fibrinogen and lipoprotein? Clues are emerging that their role in causing coronary heart disease maybe significant. Visit www.medlineplus.gov for more information. If you have a strong family history of heart disease, manage your cholesterol and regularly review your heart disease risk factors with your physician. Please help yourself to free educational material on heart disease on the shelf in the Narthex.

Matthew 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.” We must not only guard our hearts physically but also spiritually. Do you have any spiritual risk factors?

Liz Fite, RN
Parish Nurse

Seeds of Faith Expanded Hours

Lent is a time for inward growth and nourishment of the spirit. Seeds of Faith volunteers are offering expanded hours at the Seeds of Faith Bookstore:

- ❖ Thursday 3/03/05 11am-1pm
- ❖ Thursday 3/10/05 11am-1pm
- ❖ Thursday 3/17/05 11am-1pm

We try to time these hours to correlate with the lunch hours of school and diocese staff and our 12:00 parish worship services. If you have additional recommendations for hours that you would like to see the expansion of store hours please speak to Donna Burkholder.

SELECTED LENTEN READINGS

Seeds of Faith offers a variety of readings for the members of St Stephens during the Lenten season.

For our music lovers:

Living Lent by B. Cawthorne Crafton. Outstanding author and preacher, Crafton reflects on the poetry of the hymns we sing during the Lenten season.

For our lovers of the arts:

Passion for the Pilgrimage by Alan Jones. Jones explores pilgrimage through literature, art and biblical texts to understand light and love, repentance and forgiveness in the context of the Passion.

For the readers of the Desert Fathers:

Listen to the Desert Fathers by G. Mayers. This book explores the teachings of the desert fathers, Mayers presents these traditional Wisdom stories while providing provocative interpretations that address the deepest needs of the human condition.

Alleluia is the song of the Desert: by L. D. Hart. Hart invites the reader to empty their heart so they can be filled with the loving presence of Christ.

For the readers of SSJE:

A Season for the Spirit by Martin L. Smith. Smith, Former Superior of the SSJE, uses this tenth anniversary edition to lead the reader on a journey of discovery in which we find Christ, through the Spirit, embracing all aspects of humanity.

For women of faith:

Gifts from Within by the women of Bridget's Place. In this collection, these writers seek to celebrate women's unique spiritual gifts that recognize God's Love and invite women to connect their own stories and transform their Lenten reflections into a time of inspiration and growth.

Please join us on Sundays and during our expanded Lenten hours.

Tomorrow's Stars – 11th Annual St. Stephen's School Auction

Our Annual School Auction is rapidly approaching and we would like to invite you to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on Friday, March 11, 2005 at the Zembo. You can place your reservation by contacting the school office 238-8590 prior to Monday, March 7th. Tickets are \$15.

Our acquisitions committee is busy locating donated items, so if you have any hidden talents you would like to donate, please contact the school office. Perhaps you can make a week of lunches for some lucky student, or maybe you own a cabin or beach property that you would allow us to auction off for a long weekend. We are looking for specialty baskets, pictures, sports memorabilia, etc. In fact, we accept just about any new item. All you have to do is decide what you may have to contribute, contact the school office and drop it off. All donations are tax deductible.

We look forward to seeing all of our friends in the St. Stephen's community, so mark your calendars for March 11, 2005. The fun starts at 6:00 (Social Hour) and 7:00 (Live Auction). See you there!!!

Nursery Help Needed!

The Nursery is looking for volunteers to help watch/play with/read to the "crawlers and toddlers" during the 8:00 service, the 9:00 Christian Education Hour or the 10:15 service. Please consider giving an hour or two of your time on a Sunday morning to help us provide an important service to the youngest members of our congregation and their parents. Please call Carolyn Patterson at 233-3545 if you can help. Thank you.

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.

Soup! Glorious Soup!

We are continuing our tradition of offering a soup and bread supper before Lenten programs on Wednesday evenings from February 16 through March 16 at 6:15pm. Please contact Beth Transue at 432-5413 or bmtransue@hotmail.com to volunteer to bring a favorite soup and bread on a Wednesday evening of your choice.

-Beth Transue

A Place at the Table – The Fifth in a Series

Celebrate spring with good company, dinner, and delightful music, all on an April evening! A buffet dinner will be hosted by Ron and Donna Burkholder and Doug and Judy Clemmer, featuring entertainment by Sheila Miller, pianist, a graduate of Peabody Institute, and Jody Brinley, performer in many local shows. Gather from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, at 1100 Granada Lane, Mechanicsburg 17055. Available to a large and festive group at \$40 per person, checks made out to "St. Stephen's Cathedral." Your check is your reservation; send it to the Burkholders, address above, or to the Clemmers, 409 Ritter Rd., Harrisburg 17109. For directions or further information, call Ron and Donna at 697-3312 or Doug and Judy at 652-7866.

All offerings for "A Place at the Table" go directly to the Cathedral's General Budget.

Report of the Arts and Drama Committee for 2004

The Arts and Drama Committee seeks to enhance our spiritual life here at St. Stephen's, and to reach out to the community as well, through the visual arts, dance, drama, music, and literature. During 2004, we pursued these traditional aspects of our mission. We also adopted the additional goal of raising money to contribute to the general budget of the cathedral.

Early in the year, we initiated the fundraising project of selling t-shirts with a cathedral logo. Ted Webber designed the shirts, Shenk's produced them, and the committee sold them at Artsfest, at the diocesan convention's Ministries Fair, at Rally Day, at the Alternative Christmas Fair, and on Sunday mornings. Sales have been good, and we have shirts in stock to be sold continually from now on. All profits from t-shirt sales are designated for the cathedral's general budget.

The committee arranged for a bus full of enthusiastic opera fans to enjoy *Das Rheingold* in New York City in April; another bus filled up for a trip to see *Aida* in November. Each Metropolitan Opera trip generated a modest profit for the cathedral budget.

In June the A&D Committee created and staffed a table for the Ministries Fair at the Diocesan Convention in Lewisburg.

A "Learn to Dance Dance" in October brought several generations together in the Uppercroft to work up a sweat, learn which foot was on the left, and sashay to the meringue (think *Evita*). The purpose of the lively afternoon was to raise money for the general budget.

Our annual Artists' Weekend fell on October 31-November 1 this year, and our guest was Bruce Stewart, a priest whose calling is creative liturgy. His worship service included dance, mime, and imaginative décor. Fr. Stewart also held a liturgical workshop for the diocese on Saturday, and worked with the St. Stephen's School children on Monday.

The committee, through its fundraising events and t-shirt sales, was able to present the cathedral treasurer with a gift of \$1000 toward the budget deficit for 2004. We also took in about \$150 more from t-shirts we sold at the Alternative Christmas Fair, which went directly to the cathedral.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Elliott, Chair

Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday

On Saturday, March 19th, beginning at 10:30 a.m., we will be gathering in the Undercroft and making palm crosses to distribute on Palm Sunday. Families are encouraged to attend. We'll be joining the clean-up volunteers for a light lunch.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

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| March | 1 | Outreach Coordinating Committee, 6:30 p.m. |
| | 2 | Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m. |
| | 2 | Lenten Bread and Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m. |
| | 3 | Christian Education and Formation Committee, 6:30 p.m. |
| | 6 | THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT |
| | 6 | Blood Pressure Screening, 8:45 a.m. |
| | 6 | Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m. |
| | 6 | Uppercroft reserved for private function, 11:30 a.m. |
| | 6 | Serving at Downtown Daily Bread, 12:00 p.m. |
| | 6 | Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m. |
| | 7 | Discernment Committee, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 7 | St. Stephen's School Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m. |
| | 8 | Property Committee, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 9 | Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m. |
| | 9 | Lenten Bread and Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m. |
| | 10 | Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m. |
| | 13 | THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT |
| | 13 | Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m. |
| | 13 | Youth Group helps with Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m. |
| | 14 | Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m. |
| | 14 | AIDS Community Alliance Dinner, 5:30 p.m. |
| | 15 | Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 16 | Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m. |
| | 16 | Lenten Bread and Soup Supper, 6:15 p.m. |
| | 17 | Vestry, 7:00 p.m. |
| | 18 | Dinner and a Movie, 5:30 p.m. in the Uppercroft |
| | 19 | Spring Clean-up, 9:00 a.m. |
| | 19 | Harrisburg Rotary, Foreign Exchange Student Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00 p.m. in the Undercroft |
| | 20 | THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION |
| | 20 | Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m. |
| | 20 | Serving at Downtown Daily Bread, 12:00 a.m. |
| | 20 | Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m. |
| | 23 | Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m. |
| | 24 | Maundy Thursday -- Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing -- 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. |
| | 25 | Good Friday -- Solemn Collects and Homily, 7:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. -- 7:00 p.m. |
| | 26 | The Great Vigil of Easter -- 7:00 p.m. |
| | 27 | Easter Sunday -- 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. |
| | 27 | Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m. |
| | 28 | Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m. |
| | 30 | Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m. |

Online Giving

The Cathedral currently has the capability to process online giving by going to our website: www.ststep.org and selecting secure online giving. From there, create your own personal account. This is an easy and secure way to give. You will be able to view your transactions and can even setup recurring transactions. Should you need help please don't hesitate to call the parish office at 236-4059.

Please Help Support the Youth Group!

Thank You from the Youth Group. The Youth Group thanks everyone who has purchased gift cards for Giant Food stores and submitted receipts from Fox's Markets. These programs and other fundraising efforts allowed a group of 10 from St. Stephen's to attend the Nightwatch Program at The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York City on January 8-9, 2005. We will continue the Giant Food gift card sales and collection of receipts from Fox's Market to fund activities in 2005. The **Giant** gift cards are available for purchase in different denominations. You pay the face value for the card, the Youth Group receives 5% of the face value, and the card is good for the face value when presented at the store. Gift cards are available from Connie Wilson after the 8:00 a.m. service and Adult Forum or Mary Jane Forbes Schmidt after the 10:15 a.m. service. Alternatively, if you have any questions contact Connie at (717) 534-0642 or c2wilson@comcast.net. If you shop at **Fox's Markets**, save your receipts and bring them to the collection box located in the Narthex. The Youth Group will receive 1% of the value of collected receipts.

Flower Memoriam or Communion Elements

Would you like to celebrate someone or an event in your life by offering to provide the Flowers or greens on a Sunday; or offering to provide the Communion Elements, and have that celebration published in the bulletin? The bulletin announcement may be done any Sunday by contacting the Sami in the office at (717) 236-4059 or email: sami@ststep.org. A *suggested* donation for offering flowers is \$50 or for if you would rather offer communion elements a *suggested* donation of \$25 is sought. Please consider celebrating these special times with the parish family. Multiple memorials may be listed on any Sunday. The following dates have not been selected by anyone. Maybe you?

Communion Elements

March 27, 2005

April 24, 2005

The Newsletter is under revision!

Our newsletter 'The Messenger' is currently undergoing revision. The most obvious and immediate change is that we will be publishing once per month. Our intent is to have articles received by Sunday of the last full week of the month and the newsletter in your hands by the first of the next month. The content is under revision as well. The 'Messenger' will include a summary of the Vestry's work, periodic reporting on finances, and happenings in and around the Cathedral. Should you have ideas, recommendations or suggestions, please feel free to share those with the Interim Dean, Wardens or Vestry. Or you may contact the office at (717) 236-4059 or by email: dean@ststep.org. Thank you for your prayerful assistance and spiritual support.

New Clergy Sacristy to Honor the Memory of The Reverend John Diehl

Following approval of the Vestry, construction is scheduled to begin this month to create a new clergy sacristy that will be dedicated in memory of The Reverend John Diehl, who served the Cathedral as Canon Pastor and who, along with his wife, Lynne, was a devoted member of St. Stephen's for many years. The Diehls had relocated to Asheville, North Carolina less than a year before John's death in May 2004. The new clergy sacristy, which was designed by Duryea Cameron, is made possible through the very generous gift of Margie Masters. Gifts from other Cathedral members and loyal friends of the Diehls will also be used to fund this project. Due to the ongoing budgetary constraints, no funds from the Cathedral will be utilized for this project. The room to be renovated, which is currently used for Godly Play on Sundays, is located directly opposite the stairway that leads to the working sacristy in the Parish House. Prior to the start of construction, Godly Play will relocate to the Gathering Room, which is next to the Nursery. The renovations are expected to be completed within one month. Duryea Cameron is heading this project on behalf of the Cathedral.



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| <i>Interim Dean</i> | Mark H. Hatch |
| <i>Canon Pastor</i> | Daphne S. K. Messersmith |
| <i>Parish Nurse</i> | Liz Fite |
| <i>Deacon Emeritus</i> | Paul Williams |
| <i>Minister of Music</i> | Michael Shoemaker |
| <i>Hospitality Coordinator</i> | Judy Clemmer |
| <i>Senior Warden</i> | Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt |
| <i>Junior Warden</i> | Ann Elliott |
| <i>Vestry:</i> | Mike Pasenelli |
| Helen Delano | Lynn Schadle |
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| Guy Patterson | Bill Davis |
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| <i>Education Ministry</i> | Ted Webber |
| <i>Evangelism Ministry</i> | Betsy Howell, Bill Ilgenfritz |
| <i>Outreach Coordinating Ministry</i> | Helen Hendrickson |
| <i>Parish Health Ministry</i> | Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt |
| <i>Stewardship Ministry</i> | Thomas Schmidt III |
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