



the CATHEDRAL MESSENGER

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I Got Found!

Isn't it a curious thing how we sometimes describe our relationship with Christ? Wanting always to be "in charge" or "in control", we are in the habit of saying things like, "since I found Christ", or "when I gave my life to Christ", or "after I took Jesus into my heart".

Talk of this sort implies that our relationship with Christ is something that we do; something that we decide. Think about that.

The gospel for next Sunday (John 21:1-19) is a reminder that we do not seek Jesus. He finds us. We do not take Jesus into our hearts or take Jesus anywhere. He takes us places!!

The disciples were not looking for some deeper religious meaning in their lives. They were looking for fish! Saul (Paul), in Acts 9, was not looking for some inspiration in his life, he was looking for Christians to persecute!!

The Risen Christ is the seeking Christ. This Christ searches, seeks, and saves those who are not wise enough to know where or even how to search for him. Which I suppose is all of us.

Years ago, there was some sort of evangelistic campaign that produced the curious bumper sticker which read, I FOUND IT! I mean those bumper stickers were almost as popular and prolific as "Honk if you love Jesus"!!

Those bumper stickers, to be truly faithful to the movements of the Easter Christ, should have said, I GOT FOUND!!!

Faithfully,

The Very Rev. Malcolm H. McDowell, Jr.
Dean

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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.

News and Events

Inquirers Class is ongoing

Spiritual explorers welcomed! Anyone interested in knowing more about our faith and traditions as Episcopalians welcomed! Those desiring to officially “belong” to the church through confirmation are welcomed! A class in formation and sessions are on Wednesday evenings in preparation for the Bishop’s visit on June 6th. Please let Mac or Daphne know if you’d like to join us.

A Trip to Williamsburg, Virginia

M & G Tours, Jim Morgan and Tel Gilroy, will be arranging a fun-filled, leisurely weekend in Williamsburg, VA. We still have room for 4 couples. 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, Tel Gilroy: twgilroy@comcast.net 545-2565 or Jim Morgan: jmorgan@tuckerlaw.com 761-4765

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.

Philadelphia Organ Quartet To Appear At Forum Auditorium

Yes, that right! The Philadelphia Organ Quartet - four organists on four organs - will make their Harrisburg debut performance at Harrisburg’s Forum Auditorium on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors and are available by calling (717) 214-ARTS.

Comprised of organists Michael Stairs, Wanamaker Grand Court Organist Peter Richard Conte, Colin Howland, and Rudolph Lucente, The Philadelphia Organ Quartet, will play a program of their own unique blend of original and arranged compositions for four organs. Organ Quartet concerts are characterized by dazzling musicianship leavened with large doses of humor between the players. The wide range of repertoire includes appealing works originally composed for four instruments, adaptations of other works for organ, as well as symphonic, popular, religious, ragtime, and Broadway works. The elaborate transcriptions are created by the artists themselves.

The members of the Philadelphia Organ Quartet feel that their unusual success results from their camaraderie and mutual regard, as well as their ties to the Wanamaker Organ.

This promises to be a grand evening. When and where else can you experience four organists on four organs? Get your tickets NOW!

CATHEDRAL PARISH TO HOST DIOCESAN CONVENTION

2004 is a very special year in the life of our Diocese. It is the 100th anniversary of the Diocese and special activities are being planned. As the Cathedral Parish in the Diocese we have been asked to be “hosts” for the Convention which is held on the campus of Bucknell University. This is an honor for us, but it also means a “SERIOUS CALL” for volunteers to assure the smooth running of this Centennial Celebration.

Volunteers are needed for:

- ✠ There was a great response to “Convention Folder Days” on April 21. Thank you all for your volunteer help. NOW THE PUSH IS ON FOR MAY 20 and THE DAY OF CONVENTION (June 11) . . . Please read on
- ✠ Envelope Day: FIVE (5) volunteers are needed on MAY 20 from 9:30-1:00 p.m.. Lunch will be provided. Assembly line work but it is more detail-oriented.
- ✠ Convention Day on Friday, June 11. Ten (10) volunteers need to be on hand for registration that starts at 8:00 a.m. on Friday. Accommodations are available at Bucknell at no expense to the volunteer. Work includes assisting with registration, serving as greeters, gatekeepers on the floor of convention and offering hospitality to those attending.

For more information and to volunteer, please call Pat Strohl at 796-2349.

Thank you for responding.

It Is Spring!!

After a too-long winter, our world is blooming in warmth and beauty. Although we live in a world of chaos, we have the promise of resurrection!

There is so much for which to be thankful, and that includes another opportunity to show God our gratitude. It is the time for the United Thank Offering Spring in-gathering, on Sunday, May 2 (or the following Sunday in case you forget.)

The U.T.O. has been providing this opportunity for several decades, and uses the funds to provide for the special needs in this diocese, throughout this country, and around the world.

Please continue to respond with your usual generosity – the needs are so enormous and the funds so carefully spent.

Thank you on behalf of all the recipients of your caring!

Jeanne Leaman

Vestry Notes from April

- Began with a joint meeting with St. Stephen's School Board at 6:00 p.m. . . with everyone diving into a four foot sub! Hey, we are Episcopalians!! After prayers and introductions, we enjoyed a PowerPoint presentation by Jeff Spangler that had been presented to the Accreditation Team of the Middle States Association of Colleges and School about a month ago. It was wonderful and gave us a clear picture of what our mission here is about. Following this we enjoyed a tour of the classrooms and the "life and spirit" in each of them.
- We were sobered by our financial responsibilities over the long run. The projected long term debt will be approximately \$1 million. While the results of the Capital Campaign were certainly very good, the Campaign will be extended for another year. Information on this will be forthcoming.
- With fiduciary responsibilities on the Vestry and Parish, which will be implicated by the long term debt and mortgage, your parish leadership feels it has a responsibility to ensure that the relationship with the School is formalized. The above will be discussed by both bodies and then it is proposed that a joint "working group" hammer out the details.
- The School has committed to contribute a base amount of \$24,000 per year to help finance the new space used for our joint mission, plus an additional \$600 per student enrolled above the base enrollment of 190 students.
- Further discussions included establishing at least an annual joint meeting of the Vestry and the School Board and exploring the possibility of a joint major fund raising event.
- At the conclusion of the joint meeting, the Vestry had some of its own business to conduct:
- Appointment of members of the parish's Standing Committees
- Responded to an appeal from Bishop Creighton to help St. James Church in Bedford who are in crisis. We were asked to respond in two ways: 1. To attend an Evensong on April 18 to support this struggling parish 2. To make an offering of tangible support as this parish begins to recover and get back on its feet. From the Tithing Fund the Vestry accepted the recommendation of the Outreach Committee to give St. James' a gift of \$1000.
- A grant request from the Children's Project for Northern Ireland was tabled until further information is communicated to us.
- In the words of our hard working Treasurer, Bill Davis, "We are biting into our cash reserves." Operating Revenues in the first three months fell \$7508 of budget. Operating Expenses were \$20,300 more than

planned. The sources of this overrun compared to budget were primarily in Utilities expenses with the new building. Electric and steam are twice last year's figure of \$18,999.00. We have a lot more space and the heating and ventilation systems are still being tweaked and balanced.

- And we heard that our cow will arrive on Monday, April 19. At this point, after a long productive meeting, the Vestry was moooved to go home! Ugh!

St. Stephen's School Auction

May 7th is just weeks away. Have you purchased your tickets to attend the 10th annual St. Stephen's Episcopal Auction? This gala event is again being held at the Zembo in Harrisburg. Hors d'oeuvre start at 6pm, followed by the Oral Auction at 7pm. There will also be an ongoing Silent Auction.

Donations of items to be auctioned are still being accepted at the school office, as are ads that will be published in the auction booklet.

Questions may be directed to the school office at 238-8590 or ststephensauction@comcast.net. Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Downtown Daily Bread

Sunday, April 25th we are volunteering at Downtown Daily Bread at 12:00 p.m. Can you help? Please contact Joan Esham at Borderlvr@msn.com or (717) 732-7033.

Stay Tuned!

More detailed information to follow about the celebrations for the service and dedication of Mac and Kathie over the past 10 years.



June 22 . . . Circle the date. Yankees and Orioles square off at Camden Yards. The Yankees are loaded with talent and the Orioles have helped their cause with the addition of Miguel Tejada and others. Should be a great game. We have good seats: Upper Deck behind the 3rd base dugout. Ticket price of \$40/individual and \$75/two includes everything. Your check will be your reservation. At present, the bus is about half full. ACT NOW!

Life is the Music. Art is the Dance

Rosemary and Ted Webber are hosting the first in what they hope will be a series of fund raising parties other members of the parish will want to emulate. They are hosting an evening of live music, dinner and art May 22, 2004, 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at their home 2401 Aspen Way, Harrisburg. String music by Hal and Felicity Fox will accompany cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and dinner buffet.

A new painting of St. Stephen's Cathedral by Ted will be donated for auction that evening.

They can accommodate twelve people so act fast to make your reservation. It is \$50 per person. All of the proceeds will go to St. Stephen's 2004 operating budget. To reserve make checks payable to: The Cathedral Church of St. Stephen. Mail it to Ted and Rosemary Webber, 2401 Aspen Way, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9694. (Call 671-1361 for more information)

Greenbelt Clean Up

Did you know that St. Stephen's School sponsors a section of the Greenbelt? On Sunday, April 25, students and friends of the school are planning a "sprucing up" of our section and you're invited to join us! We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the parking area across from the Five Senses Garden on route 441 (this is the road behind the East Mall). We will provide trash bags and plastic gloves. You could provide willing hands, a rake or favorite pruning shears. Hope to see you there!

Sunday Forums through June 1

April 25

The Once and Future Prayer Book" – The Rev. Dr. Marion J. Hatchett, noted scholar and emeritus professor of liturgics and church music at The School of Theology – The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee will lead our Forum. Author of *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*, Dr. Hatchett will discuss the current Book of Common Prayer and ideas for a future prayer book as well. He is in the area for meetings of the Episcopal-Moravian dialogue team.

MAY 2004

A 4-week series, featuring the "Good News," which is a model for small group conversation built on the gospel of Jesus Christ that was developed by the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA in the aftermath of controversy and confusion following General Convention. Using material from the four gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – the Good News focuses on three central visions: Justice, Compassion and Reconciliation.

May 2

"Justice" – Led by St. Stephen's parishioners David and Linda Parkyn.

May 9

"Compassion" – Led by St. Stephen's parishioner John Harles.

May 16

"We Are Familee" – Members of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will share their experiences with having a loved one who is gay or lesbian and with the Church.

May 23

"Reconciliation" – Led by the Rev. John Sivley, a counselor at Philhaven.

Since the Diocesan Convention convenes in June, our last substantive forum will focus on what issues will be before the delegates in 2004.

May 30

"Diocesan Convention Issues" – St. Stephen's Delegates

JUNE 2004

June 6

Forum wrap-up and evaluation. Please come and tell us how we did.

Mark Your Calendars!

On Friday, May 21, at 7:30, an unusually talented young organist from Michigan will give a recital on St. Stephen's new organ. Margaret and I first heard Tom Trenney at the Great Lakes Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists which met in Cleveland in June, 2003. He was unknown to us, but organists who knew Tom promised us that we would be highly impressed with his technical virtuosity and the maturity of his interpretation. We certainly were. Tom is scheduled to give a clinic at the National Convention of the American Guild of Organists, and to give a recital at the National Convention of the Organ Historical Society, this year. Please plan to join us at 7:30 on Friday, May 21, for a memorable performance by a superb young artist.

David and Margaret Messner

Parish Register News!

- † Married were: Kurt Matthew Stockhausen and Rachel Ruth Gingrich.
- † Married were Jennifer Ellen Mroczkowski and Michael Scott Chornak.
- † We give thanks for the lives of those we love but see no longer: Suzanne Heistand Smith and Douglas McCormick.

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	Gerry Garber
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<i>Nursery</i>	Carolyn Patterson
<i>Youth Ministries Coordinator</i>	Jonathan Frazier

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

<i>April</i>	25	THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
	25	Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	25	Transition Committee, 11:30 a.m.
	25	Volunteers at Downtown Daily Bread, 12:00 p.m.
	25	St. Stephen's School-Greenbelt Cleanup, 1:00 p.m.
	25	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	26	Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
	27	Auction Training, 5:45 p.m.
	<i>April 30 - May 2</i>	
	30	Trip to Williamsburg, VA
<i>May</i>	2	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	2	UTO Spring Ingathering
	2	Blood Pressure Screening, 8:45 a.m.
	2	Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	2	Transition Committee, 11:30 a.m.
	2	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	3	St. Stephen's School Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m.
	4	Outreach Coordinating Committee, 6:30 p.m.
	5	Christian Education and Formation Committee 6:30 p.m.
	5	Philadelphia Organ Quartet, 7:30 p.m.
	7	St. Stephen's School Auction, 6:00 p.m.
	9	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	9	Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	9	Transition Committee, 11:30 p.m.
	9	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	10	Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.