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All is Praise and Thanks for all my Days

The weekend of “farewell events” was almost overwhelming!! Reality set in, though, when Kathie and I returned home Sunday afternoon and we had to resume packing for our move on Tuesday to Cape Cod. We will actually move in on July 1 and then begin to unpack what took us so long to pack in the first place.

The outpouring of gifts and cards and personal messages were staggering. Each came with its own specialness. I am waiting for that day, when all is moved in and the pressure is off to unpack another carton, to reflect more deeply upon all of your kindness and generosity and the many “remember whens”. In so many ways you were a “gift” to me.

As I stumbled over the last line of my farewell sermon; emotion was building real fast. I shared, “I have been blessed by you, by my family, by an extravagant God. So it is not “good-by” but heartfelt gratitude.”

From a paraphrase of an unknown author:

I pause to praise and thank you

with this one more trip of words

which leaves too much uncarried,

but not unfelt,

unlived,

unloved.

THANK YOU

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.
Saturday:	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	5:00 p.m.

News and Events

The Gathering (St. Stephen's Book Group)

The selection for July is The Confessor by Daniel Silva and we'll gather on the evening of July 21 for that lively discussion and we have chosen our book for August . . . Bury Me Standing, by Isabel Fonseca is an account of the search by the author for the history, traditions and life of the worldwide Gypsy community. We will join in a discussion of this book on Wednesday evening August 18.

The Gathering book group is a collection of avid readers who love broadening their horizons and who find it helpful to be accountable for making themselves take the time to read! Learning and growing and sharing are priorities for those who participate. If this appeals to you, please join us! You will be welcomed.

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.

Summer Sunday School

Attention parents and caregivers for children, ages 3-9: Summer Sunday School will begin on July 11 and run through August 15. For those six Sundays, we will meet at 10:00 am in the kindergarten classroom on the first floor of the St. Stephen's School building.

As always, committed and caring teachers are needed. If you think you might be available to teach for a week or two during the summer, contact Ellen and John Harles, 731-0394 or jetharles@comcast.net.

"Lay Eucharistic Visitors"

Training is being offered on July 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 248 Seneca Street, Harrisburg, Pa 17110. If interested please contact The Rev. Kate Harrigan at 236-5959.

L.E.V.s are lay folks who take the bread and wine from the altar on Sunday mornings after services to homebound or hospitalized parishioners. The training teaches one how to conduct the simple bedside/chairside liturgy which brings the spirit of the congregation and the presence of Christ to the recipient. Training also covers some pastoral concerns and theological basics. Anyone interested in ministering in this way are encouraged to speak to Daphne or Helen Hendrickson about joining the LEV team here at St. Stephens.

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(this will change in a few months)

Letter from Lynne and Walter

Dear People of St. Stephen's,

Walter and I were so happy to see so many of you at John's memorial service at St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg, PA on May 24. It warmed our hearts to have you come to salute us and to honor John. You cannot know what it meant to us. Thank you for coming.

Also, John and I appreciated the cards and letters that have come to us since his diagnosis last August. We eagerly awaited the mail each day, for each day brought us the news from someone at St. Stephen's that you were keeping us in your prayers. We felt that outpouring of your prayers through these months.

John's focus was on a verse, Psalm 34:5, "Keep your eyes on the Lord. You will shine like the sun." He saw that as his final ministry to keep his eyes focused on the Lord and to try to show other people and himself how to die. He also believed that by keeping his eyes on the Lord, at his death he would move into the light of resurrection.

Thank you for your kindnesses and care of the Diehl family.

Lynne and Walter Diehl

Birthday Party at County Nursing Home

On Wednesday, July 14th 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Spring Creek – 28th Street and Paxton. Come and celebrate with 32 residents. Any ideas for gifts and entertainment? Call Barbara Gardiner at 233-0900.

The Property Committee Seeks You!

The Property Committee will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the Dean's Office. The committee is reinvigorated and up and running and we are looking for committed, conscientious and hard working individuals to join us during this exciting time! Now that all of the construction workers and trailers are gone and the building is complete, it is time to get to work making this Cathedral a proud place to worship and gather. Whether you are interested in being a committee member or just want to help out when possible, please plan to attend this inaugural meeting. Any questions? Call Joan Esham (732-7033) or Guy Patterson (233-3545).

Glad you asked!!

Yes, there will be a Saturday evening service during the summer. The Saturday schedule will commence of July 10.

New Members Inducted!

At our services on June 13th we welcomed our newest members . . . *Chad Alander, Christian Alander, *Evan Alander, *Gigi Alander, Brandon Anderson, Cavil Anderson, *Christina Domanski, *Dan Duch, Anthony Durborow, Dan iel Haskins, *Grace R. Schuyler, *David Zwifka. Those with an asterisk were unable to attend the induction ceremony. Please extend your welcome to our newest members.

Saturday Evening Services to Begin . . .

Beginning July 10th we will be celebrating Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. in the choir section of the Cathedral. The atmosphere will be a bit more informal than Sunday morning and we will be using contemporary music offered by parish musicians. These services will continue through August 28th . . . all are welcomed!

Thank you for Christian Education Gifts.

A BIG Thank you to all who so generously shared their faithful wisdom and energy teaching/facilitating in the Christian Education and Formation programs throughout the past year. Those of us who attended Sunday School and Adult Forum have learned and grown with your help . . . we ARE grateful!

Parking behind McKissic Associates . . . (Bigler House)!

Please be advised that after the 1st of July there will be no parking at the Mckissick's garage. We have rented out those spaces.

Skip DeMarkey
Facilities Manager

Attention Youth . . .

Mark your calendars for Sunday July 11 as it is once again our turn to assist feeding our neighbors. We meet from 430-600 p.m. at the Cathedral. I hope to see you there to assist feeding our neighbors.

Jonathan Frazier,
Youth Events Coordinator

Re: Diocesan Convention

Dear Mac and St. Stephen's parishioners,

Congratulations! What a memorable convention! I can honestly say I have not had an easier one to coordinate. I know it was made possible by the wonderful spirit of the parish volunteers. As I always say, God is in charge of convention and it is always a relief to give Him all the work! The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident in all who worked with me this year.

I would like to especially thank Pat Strohl and all his gang, who listened, took direction and cheerfully put their all into what they did. Bless them for their participation, leadership and their enthusiastic, untiring and creative spirits!

Again, my congratulations. It was a pleasure to work and play with you all.

Be assured of my prayers and God bless,

Maureen Gebhart
The Episcopal Diocese of Central PA
Diocesan Convention Coordinator

The Next Chapter Begins

When a community loses its leader attitudes change, energies shift and fears surface. Sometimes confusion reigns as many try to fill the vacuum of authority and keep things on an even keel. I can feel this starting to happen even though Mac's been gone only a day! Let's take a deep breath . . . look at the gift that is this parish . . . the diversity, the commitment, the faith, the joy. We can make this interim journey together by praying, paying attention to the needs of one another and honoring the process with all its uncertainties. I'll do my best along with the wardens, vestry and discernment teams to communicate, listen and trust that all shall be well as we go from strength to strength. This vibrant community of St. Stephens will continue to flourish as a parish with a mission - convinced that God is guiding us, Jesus is walking with us and The Spirit is sustaining us.

I give thanks to God for all of you, your spirit of adventure and your willingness to jump into the next chapter with vigor and hope!

Peace,
Daphne

Re: Diocesan Ordinations

Dear Wonderful People at St. Stephen's Cathedral,
How grateful I am for your hospitality on the occasion of the ordination on June 19!

Mac, you preached a powerful and soul-challenging sermon. I was hoping that you would strike the cord of justice and community service. So many of our deacons are oriented to pastoral care, which is fine, but we need more to have deeper sense of social conscience and conviction to their ministry. Your words and the spirit in which they were delivered were an immense gift.

Daphne, thank you for "opening doors" so that the diocese felt welcome and clergy like Dan and Kate could do their thing. You provided great hospitality and gracious space for people and that is huge.

Michael, you are magnificent. Your skill and spirit are so wonderfully evident. Thank you for accommodating some requests from the ordinands. The singing was wonderful at the service. It is so terrific to have a congregation full of committed people who respond and sing well. Well, you enabled it. Thanks. On behalf of the whole Diocese, thanks.

Judy, you are wonderful to work with. You offered to do more, and I am glad you let us provide some of the offerings. Your life has been one reception after another, and we certainly did not want to add too much to an already full plate. Thank you for giving your time to this occasion.

It was good to have the Cathedral front and center for this Diocesan event. People loved being there, and most of all they loved the effort and the hospitality put forth so gracefully.

Most appreciatively,

Michael W. Creighton
Bishop, Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

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<i>Dean</i>	To be determined
<i>Canon Pastor</i>	Daphne S. K. Messersmith
<i>Parish Nurse</i>	Liz Fite
<i>Deacon Emeritus</i>	Paul Williams
<i>Facilities Manager</i>	Skip DeMarkey
<i>Organist-Choirmaster</i>	Michael Shoemaker
<i>Hospitality Coordinator</i>	Judy Clemmer
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	Donna Osborne
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Craig Wilson
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt
<i>Vestry:</i>	Gene McHugh
Helen Delano	Guy Patterson
Ann Elliott	Greg Penny
Joan Esham	Lynn Schadle
Gerald Garber II	Rosemary Webber
Warren Gillam	Bill Davis
<i>Parish Treasurer</i>	Paul Nickalls
<i>Vestry Secretary</i>	Jane Bartholomew
<i>Worship Ministry</i>	Becky Tartline
<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>	Gerry Garber
	Thomas Schmidt III
<i>Finance Ministry</i>	Joan Esham
<i>Property Committee</i>	Jeff Spangler
<i>Environmental Stewardship</i>	Carol Lopus
<i>St. Stephen's School</i>	Greg Penny
<i>Acolyte Warden</i>	John and Ellen Harles
<i>Church School Coordinator</i>	Kathyann Corl-Rodeheaver
<i>"Seeds of Faith" Manager</i>	Margaret Messner
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sandy Strohl
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Michael Frascella
<i>Ushers</i>	Carolyn Patterson
<i>Nursery</i>	Jonathan Frazier
<i>Youth Ministries Coordinator</i>	

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

<i>July</i>	3-5	4th of July Festival - Riverfront Park
	4	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	4	Blood Pressure Screening, 8:45 a.m.
	4	Lemonade Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	4	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	8	Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
	10	LEV Training, 9:00 a.m.
	10	Informal Contemporary Eucharist, 5:00 p.m.
	11	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	11	Lemonade Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	11	Helping Hands, 4:00 p.m.
	12	Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
	12	AIDS Community Alliance Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
	13	Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m.
	13	Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.
	15	Vestry, 7:00 p.m.
	17	Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 p.m.
	18	THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	18	Lemonade Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	18	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	21	The Gathering, 7:00 p.m.
	23	Wedding Rehearsal Clarke/Klingler, 6:00 p.m.
	24	Wedding Clarke/Klingler, 3:30 p.m.
	24	Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 p.m.
	25	THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
	25	Lemonade Hour, 11:15 a.m.
	25	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	26	Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
	31	Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 p.m.
	1	THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST