



# the CATHEDRAL MESSENGER

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## Seek, Knock, Ask . . . and RSVP!

In the past week's gospel lesson, Jesus indeed issues us an invitation. He strongly suggests that we **look** for what we want, **ask** for what we need and **knock** on doors through which we'd like to move. I suppose the catch might be that maybe we don't want to seek, ask or knock. Maybe we are satisfied with the ways things are, thank you very much, and I don't particularly want to upset the apple cart, disturb the sleeping monster or shake up the status quo.

When we are invited to make changes, to even consider doing something different, it is God's way of opening the door just a crack to see if we are going to be a trusting soul. God is testing us to see if we take him seriously when he says "Fear not". God is inviting us to believe in his presence with us through all the craziness that this life offers. The invitation to seek, ask and knock comes in so many different ways . . . from our behavior in relationships to our reaction to changes in Sunday worship time, ways to receive communion, letters from the Capital Campaign leaders or requests to serve on a committee. God uses these challenges to invite us into a deeper

awareness of his presence and her love for us. When we refuse to see, silence our asking or turn from the door we miss out, we lose a piece of God's friendship and we keep from growing.

Attached to the invitation, as with every quality invitation, is an RSVP. We answer these challenges from God with our words and our actions, with our gifts of time and talent and treasure. In the doing we are saying yes to God, stepping out in trust and agreeing to the possibility of growth. Growth is a Christian value, it is a family value and there is no growth without change. We are plunked right down in the middle of change, we are! Fear not, God is with us, Jesus walks beside us and the Holy Spirit is guiding and sustaining us.

*Thanks be to God!*

The Rev. Canon Daphne S. K. Messersmith  
*Canon Pastor*

Services During August	
Wednesday 7:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with laying-on-of-hands for healing
Thursday 12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist with laying-on-of-hands for healing
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Informal Eucharist with Contemporary Music
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Hymns

### WEEKLY LITURGIES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday:	Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Music	9:00 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

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## The Gathering . . .

Wednesday evening August 18 is the date for our discussion of Bury Me Standing by Isabel Fonseca. You still have time to read this intriguing account of Gypsy history and tradition and then join in as we consider it together.

The selection for September is The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Klay by Michael Chabon. Join us to discuss this fast-paced, beautifully written novel about two comic book artists in the 1930s and 40s. Both of these books draw our minds to broaden and stretch. Come join us for some brain exercise! We gather at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor conference room (Sherman Library) of the Chapter House.

## 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 has begun and will run through August 15. For the two Sundays in August, we will meet at 8:45 a.m. 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](mailto:jetharles@comcast.net).

## I'm wondering what to do . . .

The summertime may be a chance for you to downshift the activity level but here at St. Stephens we are going pretty much full steam ahead with the lively tasks that keep us functioning as a community of faith. Messengers continue, mailings, services, projects and meetings. In the midst of it all maybe you wonder where you could fit in, how you might express your commitment to the church through your actions. Well . . . opportunities abound! Immediately, help is needed with some simple but crucial office tasks. Our secretary/office manager, Sami Lytle, could use some extra hands these next few weeks. If you have the time and inclination, please give him a call (236-4059) and make an offer. The choir will be starting up again in a month, Sunday School teachers are needed and plenty of other volunteer opportunities exist for you. Please let Daphne know if you feel called (or nudged) toward a particular ministry - we'll all be the richer for it!

## From the Parish Register!

Congratulations to Carole Clark and James Klinger who were married at the Cathedral.

In loving memory of those we see no longer: Hunter Temes.

## West Nile Virus

Did you know that Pennsylvania is the 7th highest state in cases of West Nile Virus? We are in the peak of the season for mosquito bites. Check out the FREE information at the "Educational Corner" in the Narthex.

## News from Cape Cod

Getting settled and enjoying every moment . . . retirement, the house, the weather, having time for ourselves and for each other and so on.

A quick update for you all . . . this is coming out in batches

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More to come . . .

Mac and Kathie



## Companion Parish Relationship with Sao Paulo

Vestry has approved the establishment of a companion parish relationship with St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral of Sao Paulo, Brazil. A Parish Companion Committee will be formed, chaired by Lynn Schadle, to define the scope of the companion relationship, open communications with the Cathedral in Sao Paulo, and coordinate our shared ministry with our new companion parish. If you would like to join the Parish Companion Committee, please contact Lynn Schadle at 717-545-7044. Information regarding St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral of Sao Paulo is available at [www.catedral-anglicana.org.br](http://www.catedral-anglicana.org.br).

## Summer Fun . . .

Lemonade and T-shirts are such a part of summertime relaxation...Every Sunday in August you are invited to Lemonade-in-the-Garden after the 9:00 a.m. service. It's an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with those you don't often see and a chance to purchase your one-of-a-kind St. Stephens T-shirt in beautiful cathedral purple. Samples will be on display! Immediate delivery is guaranteed! Proceeds go to the operating funds! Get yours now!

## Healthy Parish / Healthy Kids

**Safeguarding God's Children** is a program of the Episcopal Church which raises awareness and provides tools for making sure that children are protected from molestation and abuse. This program consists of 2 videotapes followed by discussion and is required for Sunday School Teachers, Youth Workers, Acolyte Directors and those who conduct music ministry. Safeguarding God's Children will be offered twice before the school year begins: on Sunday **August 15** following the 9:00 a.m. service (trying to end by lunchtime), and Saturday afternoon **August 28** at 3:00 p.m. (we will try to end in time for the 5:00 Eucharist). Other opportunities will be provided in the fall. PLEASE let Becky Tartline or Daphne know which of these sessions you will attend and if you will need childcare. There is no cost but we need to know numbers so that we have enough materials for all.

## Hospice Ministry . . .

You are certainly aware of the sacred and dedicated ministry of Hospice of Central Pennsylvania. Perhaps you have been on the receiving end of that supportive service. You have the opportunity now to be part of that group of volunteers who provide hope and comfort to those who are terminally ill and their families. The 33 hour training class will meet Thursday evenings beginning October 14<sup>th</sup> at the United Way Office in Carlisle and cover such topics as patient care, pain control, family dynamics and the spiritual aspects of death, dying and loss.

Applications and information are available from Barbara Hardy at 732-1000.

## Thank You

To those who provided a festive birthday party for the residents of Dauphin Manor/Spring Creek on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Barbara Gardiner supervised the cutting of the birthday cake and the distribution of gifts to delighted recipients with able and cheerful help from Peggi Edmonds, David and Avis Ann Bryan and Daphne. Familiar songs and good humor filled the air as the storms and tornadoes blew outside!

**SHHHH!!!!**

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## Vestry Digest . . .

The vestry met on Thursday evening July 15 and welcomed Dr. David Myers and his wife Cynthia Myers who joined us to talk about our potential (now approved) relationship with the Diocese of Sao Paulo and, in particular, with St. Paul's Cathedral.

The group also approved the final draft of the new Facilities Use Policy which articulates standards for outside (and inside) use of the Cathedral buildings.

Much discussion centered around our financial situation, specifically the details surrounding our decision to convert \$1,000,000 of our outstanding line of credit into a permanent loan, backed by a mortgage and a continuing of the line of credit with a maximum draw of \$500,000. The estimated monthly payment for which we will be responsible is \$7,220.

## OOPS!

In the last Messenger, Daphne asked for your prayers for the members of our Discernment Team, those parishioners who are going to be conducting the search for the new Dean. She mentioned that this list of folks appeared elsewhere in the newsletter . . . ahem . . . it didn't . . . sorry about that. Here they are . . . ever grateful for your prayerful support they are:

**Tom Schmidt – Chair**  
**Lynn Schadle (V) – Vice Chair**  
**Marcia Davis**  
**Don Dentler**  
**Joan Esham (V)**  
**John Harles**  
**Helen Hendrickson**  
**Caroyn (Katie) Long**  
**David Messner**  
**David Parkyn**  
**Linda Shorey**  
**Judy Van Valkenburgh**  
**Harry Weber**  
**Anne Yellott**  
**Craig Wilson (ex officio)**  
**Mary Jane Forbes Schmidt (ex officio)**

## John Abraham writes . . .

John has written a letter to us recounting his past years' work sharing the gospel life in the inner city of Atlanta as he and his teammates served to unify the neighbors in a Hispanic and African American community, gathering the children around recreation, Bible study and prayer. John is the son of Moses and Mallika Abraham, brother of James and Joyce and is a former student at St. Stephens School (having entered there at age 3!) Please see the entire text of his letter on the bulletin board by the Bookstore.

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**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

<i>Bishop</i>	Michael Creighton
<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>August</i>	<b>1</b>	<b>THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	1	Blood Pressure Screening, 10:15 a.m.
	1	Lemonade Hour, 10:15 a.m.
	1	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	2	St. Stephen's School Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m.
	3	Outreach Coordinating Committee, 6:30 p.m.
	7	Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 p.m.
	<b>8</b>	<b>THE 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	8	Lemonade Hour, 10:15 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.
	10	Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.
	12	Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
	14	Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 p.m.
	<b>15</b>	<b>THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	15	Lemonade Hour, 10:15 a.m.
	15	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	19	Vestry, 7:00 p.m.
	20	Wedding Rehearsal Reed/Popovich, 5:00 p.m.
	21	Wedding Reed/Popovich, 3:30 p.m.
	21	Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 p.m.
	<b>22</b>	<b>THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	22	Lemonade Hour, 10:15 a.m.
	22	Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
	23	Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
	28	Saturday Evening Service, 5:00 p.m.
	<b>29</b>	<b>THE 13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>
	29	Lemonade Hour, 10:15 a.m.