



the CATHEDRAL MESSENGER

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All Streams Run to the Sea

With the arrival of the Pinder family and the commencement of a new ministry on August 28, St. Stephen's Cathedral continues on in its ministry, as it has for the better part of 2 centuries. We open this new chapter with great anticipation, unbridled hope, a fervent and prayerful confidence in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, and a focus on Christ and his ministry which shall remain unabated. While there will now be new faces, fresh initiatives, different styles and distinct perspectives in our midst, what will not and cannot change is our foundational commitment to the Gospel and its essentially uninhibited power to heal, reconcile, change, improve and glorify. As ministers ourselves, each ordained at baptism into this wondrous calling, we as a faith community must likewise carry forth the profound and awesome responsibilities as laid out in that timeless statement.

Within the Covenant itself [BCP p304] we reiterate who we are and why we exist and what the church itself can be. Perhaps even more important, we stand before God and Christ and affirm, in heart and voice, our particular role in this great unfolding of salvation history. We agree to break bread, resist evil, seek repentance and return, proclaim the Word, and to serve Christ. All of you, in your own special and God-given ways, already do this, mostly in quiet and anonymous circumstances which touch lives and change the world, without ever seeking recognition or visibility or a plaque on the wall or a trophy in the case. To me, the single most compelling affirmation in the Covenant, and the single greatest goal which this and every other church must embrace, not only in a time of transition such as this but throughout its life, is the final bidding:

Celebrant: *"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"*

People: *"I will, with God's help."*

How we treat one another, how we welcome the stranger in our midst, how we address difficult matters, resolve personal tensions and conflicts, speak the truth in love, crush gossip and whispering, listen with holy intent, and then move forward unburdened by past grudges, ancient enmities, perceived slights or simple differences is at the very heart of community. And community itself is God's goal for us, so that we might then be the most joy-filled and spirit-focused ministers that we can be. I believe that no single undertaking and no single inner focus will be more important or essential for St. Stephen's in this new era.

Living and working and ministering and praying and undertaking mission together is never without its stresses and strains. But that "respect" for "the dignity of every human being" must be at the heart of who we are and what we do. Put another way, and especially familiar from the lovely language of our Rite I Eucharistic Prayer is this:

"Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." [BCP p324]

It remains my deep privilege and honor to serve as your Senior Warden during these remaining months of 2005 and in this time of transition, hope, promise and possibility.

In faith,

Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt
Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt
Senior Warden

WEEKLY LITURGIES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday:	Holy Eucharist, Rite II – said service	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

Highlights of the Vestry Meeting on August 18, 2005

1. Bill Davis, the Treasurer, reported that the Cathedral has an operating surplus of \$33,399, due to the generosity of those who contributed to the Pentecost gift as well as other cost-saving measures. He also noted, however, that expenses continue to exceed revenue on a monthly basis. In the month of July, for example, expenses were greater than income by some \$10,000. As we head into the budget process for 2006, this remains a concern.

2. Carol Lopus, the head of School, reported that enrollment at the School has declined. The expected enrollment for the first day of school in September is 155. The School Board and the staff are evaluating this situation and looking for ways to increase enrollment.

3. After a very thorough discussion of the options regarding the Bigler House property, located at 223 North Front Street, including the evaluation of a bid submitted by a member of the Parish to purchase the property, the Vestry voted to take the following actions:

→ To authorize the Senior Warden to solicit proposals for the purchase of the property from the general public by, among other things, posting a notice at the building site, with the proposals to be submitted in writing at the offices of the Cathedral on or before 5 pm on Friday, September 30, 2005, with the understanding that the Vestry would retain the discretion to accept or reject any proposal for any reason and to withdraw the property from sale at any time and for any reason; and, further,

→ Simultaneously with the above, to request that the Dean-elect (and/or his designees) evaluate the potential uses of the property for mission-related purposes and the feasibility of renovating the property, including identifying funding sources for such work, and of removing the property from the tax rolls as a cost savings; and, further,

→ To inform the bidder from the Parish who previously submitted a proposal, that another proposal would be welcomed by the Vestry; and, further,

→ At the regular meeting of the Vestry on October 20, 2005, to evaluate any proposals that have been received and to review any recommendations that the Dean-elect may have developed.

4. After a review of the draft lease, the Vestry voted to approve a lease with City's Gate Presbyterian Church, in substantially the form submitted to Vestry for its review. The members of the City's Gate Church would lease the first floor of the Cathedral house and the Uppercroft from 3 pm until 6:30 pm

each Sunday. In the event the leased space was needed by the Cathedral for special events, alternative space would be offered to City's Gate. On an annualized basis, the lease will generate nearly \$10,000 in revenue for the Cathedral. The lease may be terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days notice.

5. The proposed Bylaw amendments which, among other things, would reduce the minimum number of candidates that the Nominating Committee was required to nominate for Vestry from 7 to 4 people, is scheduled to be voted on at the Vestry meeting on September 15, 2005. Copies of the proposed bylaw amendments are available in the Cloister next to the Bulletin Board.

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

Combined Service to Mark New Dean's Arrival

The new Dean of St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Rev. Churchill G. Pinder, will begin his tenure with us on Sunday, August 28. To welcome Rev. Pinder, we will hold a combined service on August 28 at 9 a.m., rather than our usual 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. Afterwards, everyone will then have an opportunity to meet and greet Rev. Pinder during a special reception.

The Rev. Pinder has served for the past 10 years as Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (Diocese of Long Island). He has previously serviced as Rector at All Saint's Portland, Oregon (Diocese of Oregon), and Assistant here at St. Stephen's Cathedral from 1987-1990, during the tenure of the Very Rev. Richard McCandless.

We look forward to welcoming Rev. Pinder back to St. Stephen's on August 28.

— The Transition Committee

Monday Evening Bible Study Resumes

The Monday evening Bible study sessions will resume Monday, Sept 12 in the Bishop's Parlor. We begin at 6:30 and end at 8:00. Participants bring light supper or snack items as they are able and often stay to eat and socialize after the teaching time. All are welcome.

The season will begin with a study of the 5 creation stories in the Bible. Please read the stories and consider the following questions: Who wrote the stories? When? Why? How are they similar? Different? How did they speak to the theological needs of their time? How is God experienced by the writers of the story? How do the stories speak to us today? The stories are 1) Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 2) Genesis 2:4 - 24, 3) Psalm 104, 4) Proverbs 8:22 -31, 5) John 1:1 - 14.

For more information, Please contact Jane Bartholomew (238-5498) or Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt (652-1180.)

Youth Group Fundraising Continues

The Youth Group is continuing to sell Giant Food gift cards and to collect receipts from Fox's Market to fund Youth Group activities. Gift cards are available from Connie Wilson or Mary Jane Forbes Schmidt. If you shop at Fox's Markets, save your receipts and bring them to the collection box located in the Narthex. Contact Connie at (717) 534-0642 or c2wilson@comcast.net if you have questions.

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 the name of a friend or loved one) can be inscribed on a brick for \$100 per brick. Forms are available in the back of the church.

Knowledge Brings Tolerance

One of the wonderful things about St. Stephen's School is diversity of the student population. We believe that knowledge and discussion of individual and group differences brings tolerance of those differences. When we set out to design our curriculum for religion, we wanted to ensure that students were gaining information about the world to enable them to better understand it. It is terrific to see how successful we were!

Several years ago, with the guidance of Chaplain Kate Harrigan, we began religion classes for middle school students. The sixth graders study environmental stewardship, the seventh graders concentrate on world religions and the eighth graders learn about Episcopal traditions. During the 2004-2005 school year the students in preschool, prekindergarten and kindergarten excitedly awaited their weekly class with Chaplain Harrigan where they learned Bible stories, sang songs and learned about celebrations of world faiths. This September, thanks in part to a grant from the National Association of Episcopal Schools, the students in first, second and third grades will also have a scheduled time for religion. They will continue discussing the Christian faith and other world faiths, but will also begin learning ethical decision-making skills. In the fall of 2006 fourth and fifth grades will add religion class to their schedule.

If you would like to observe one of these fascinating classes or you would like to participate as a guest speaker, please call the school office to arrange a time.



Mark your Calendar

The Great Pumpkin Chase is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2005. We're looking for volunteers to help organize the event, sponsors to contact and the donation of door prizes. The proceeds from the race and the fun-run will benefit DownTown Daily Bread. Please contact Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt at forschmid@aol.com or 302-4209, or The Great Pumpkin aka Sami at 236-4059.

Spirit Day Parking

The Dauphin County Bar Assoc. parking lot will be closed on Sunday, Sept. 11 for Spirit Day. Please use the PHFA parking garage on this day and join us from 9-10AM for food, fellowship, and information. Please see an usher for more information about parking. Thank you.

St. Stephen's Spirit Day Sunday, September 11 9-10 A.M.

Parking Lot of the Dauphin County Bar Association (next to the school entrance)

- ✠ Outreach Canned Food Drive
- ✠ Faith Through the Arts Auction - Seeds of Faith Bookstore
- ✠ Music by Arts and Drama
- ✠ Register children for Sunday School.
- ✠ Information on Sunday Forums and Youth events for Fall.
- ✠ Games and crafts for children

* Ministries' Fair - find out more about various opportunities and activities of St. Stephen's from committees such as Evangelism, Flower Guild, Parish Life, Parish Health, St. Stephen's School and more.

* Don't forget Food and Fellowship!

Come to St. Stephen's Spirit Day to celebrate the spirit of and the Spirit in our community! This is a great opportunity to learn more about St. Stephen's, to meet folks new to our church, and to reacquaint with old friends after summer vacations.

A Message from Daphne

Dear Friends at St. Stephens,

I think of you so often and pray that parish life is about to calm down for you all with Churchill's arrival.

I must thank you for such a warm and gratifying 'send-off' this summer, for the many gifts and cards and kind comments that have come my way. My experience with you was, of course, unforgettable. You gave me the opportunity to learn and grow, the chance to explore our faith together and the privilege of walking through difficult times by your side. Many of you have stepped into a call to minister through the past year in self-sacrificing ways for the sake of the parish...I hope your sense of discipleship is strengthened and encouraged.

May the winds of the Spirit cool and refresh the blessed community of St. Stephens and may you know always of my love for you all.

Peace,
Daphne

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List of the Standing Committees' Members

The by-laws of St. Stephen's Cathedral state that the membership of the four standing committees be published each year. The members of the 2005 Property Committee and Finance Committee are listed below.

The Evangelism & Stewardship Committee, to be chaired by Guy Patterson, and the Nominating Committee, to be chaired by Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt, will name their membership in the near future. Those lists will then be published. ~ Ann Elliott, Junior Warden

Property Committee

Joan Esham – Chair	Guy Patterson
Marsali Hansen	Carol Lopus
Gene Schofield	Pat Cameron
Duryea Cameron	Rick Seay
Mort Hendrickson	Tom Long
Roy Knupp	Don Murray
Jim Elliott	

Finance Committee

Wil Everhart – Chair	Anne Yellott
Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt	Pete Tartline
Mike Pasenelli	Pat Cameron
Jim Elliott	Bill Davis
Pat Strohl	Gene McHugh
Tom Schmidt III	

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Elliott
Junior Warden

The Gathering

The Gathering is a book discussion group which meets monthly to discuss a book that has been selected and read by group members during the month. Tuesday, Sept 20: The Ha-Ha: A Novel, by Dave King

Owing to a head injury he suffered 16 days into his Vietnam tour, Howard Kapostash, the narrator of King's graceful, measured debut novel, can neither speak, write nor read. Now middle-aged, Howard lives a lackluster existence in the house where he grew up, along with housemates Laurel, a Vietnamese-American maker of gourmet soups for local restaurants, and two housepainters-essentially interchangeable postcollege jocks-whom he refers to as Nit and Nat. But everything changes when Sylvia, the former girlfriend he's loved since high school, heads to drug rehab, saddling Howard with Ryan, her taciturn nine-year-old son. Like Michael Cunningham's *A Home at the End of the World*, the novel explores familial bonds arising between people with no blood ties — life and healing now forever possible.

Seeds of Faith

This is an invitation for the upcoming Faith Through The Arts Auction. This event is during the St Stephen's Spirit Fair on September 11.

Each artist is invited to donate a piece of art and the proceeds from this year's event will be going to the operating budget of St. Stephen's. Please contact Kathyann to confirm if you would like to participate this year at episfrn@aol.com.

Are you a computer savvy eBay user?

Checkout seedsoffaitthbookstore to view the exciting offerings which are available. Purchases of these books will be going to the General Operating Budget of St Stephens. Visit our exciting virtual electronic books on line. Thank you to Kara Zuck for your work in starting this project.

Youth Group Kickoff Event

This coming September St. Stephen's will be starting a new youth program available for anyone in grades 6-12. To kickoff the new youth group there will be a party held at the Forbes-Schmidt house on August 28th at 4:00 p.m. This will be a social gathering that will allow everyone to get acquainted with each other. Come September there will be regular meetings twice a month for the new youth group. More information on the time and directions will be available soon. Hope to see you there! ~David Haimovich

Would you like the Convenience of 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.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

September

- 3-5 Kipona, Riverfront Park
- 4 **THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 4 Blood Pressure Screening, 8:45 a.m.
- 4 Serving Downtown Daily Bread, 12:00 p.m.
- 4 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 5 Labor Day, Office Closed
- 6 Outreach Coordinating Committee 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 11 **THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 11 Lemonade Hour, 11:15 a.m.
- 11 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 12 Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
- 12 AIDS Community Alliance Dinner
- 12 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Property Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Vestry, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 **THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 18 Lemonade Hour, 11:15 a.m.
- 18 Serving Downtown Daily Bread, 12:00 p.m.
- 18 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 19 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Seeds of Faith, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 The Gathering, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 **THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 25 Lemonade Hour, 11:15 a.m.
- 25 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 26 Seekers, 1:00 p.m.
- 26 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Parish Life Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Parish Health Ministry, 6:30 p.m.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

October

- 1 Deacon's Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 2 **THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 2 Blood Pressure Screening, 8:45 a.m.
- 2 Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
- 2 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 3 St. Stephen's School Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m.
- 3 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- 3 Outreach Coordinating Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Christian Education and Formation Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 **THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 9 Coffee Hours, 11:15 a.m.
- 9 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 10 Seekers, 1:00 p.m.
- 10 AIDS Community Alliance Dinner
- 10 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Russia by River, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 **THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 16 Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
- 16 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Vestry, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Foyer Group Kickoff - Family, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Foyer Group Kickoff - Adult, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 **THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 23 Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
- 23 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
- 24 Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
- 24 Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Parish Life Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Parish Health Ministry, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 The Great Pumpkin Chase, City Island, 9:00 a.m.
- 30 **THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 30 Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
- 30 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.

The Next Publication Date

Articles for the September Messenger need to be submitted no later than Sunday, September 18, 2005. Thank you.



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| Minister of Music | Michael Shoemaker |
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| Senior Warden | Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt |
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| Parish Health Ministry | Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt |
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| Flower Guild | Michael Frascella |
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