



the CATHEDRAL MESSENGER

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On Front Street

In a recent newsletter from the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Br. Curtis Almquist writes: "*Christ's unavoidable call to 'lay down our lives'*" for one another is remarkably unheroic and tedious most days. 'Laying down our lives' comes in offering to do the dishes or walk the dog for a brother who needs some time off, in our forgiving someone again (or being forgiven again) for the same thing, in our making time in our day or space in our heart for someone who needs to be cherished, in responding to the interruption of a sick brother's need, in living with the disappointment that something we value or desire is not equally valued or desired by the community and may never come to be." The wisdom in these words, at this time and juncture in the life not only of St. Stephen's but of the wider church, is breathtaking to me. For what Br. Curtis is saying, if I might be so bold as to offer a paraphrase, is really two things: first, we must find holiness in the mundane. That which seems ordinary always possesses within its doing and its being the potential of the extraordinary. We live out Christ's mandate and reflect Christ's hope mostly in small, anonymous, daily undertakings. And there is immense beauty and enduring comfort in holding fast to the infinite possibility of that Godliness in everything. Second, he speaks to the very difficult but spiritually liberating exercise of "letting go", of recognizing and accepting that the larger community of which we are a part may not, indeed almost surely will not, always see a matter, an issue, a decision, a change just as we ourselves might. In an age and a society overflowing with individualism, self centeredness and ego, what he really is affirming and calling for is the giving over of our selves for the greater good of the larger whole. This always sounds far easier in theory than it is in practice. To submit oneself and

one's vision and even one's passion to the larger enterprise of the church and its ministry is a decidedly unhip and countercultural notion, yet one which scripture urges and our souls require. I wish I could tell you that I was some expert, some master, at just such "letting go". But I too fall short of the glory of God, and I too spend far too much time striving for matters and issues and ideals which, in a larger communal context, are not to be. It is what I regularly refer to as forsaking the Christ-focus on behalf of Our-focus. In recent years it has been my great joy to move closer to true detachment so as to revel in the maturation and emergence of many various parishes, especially those in transition. The joyful challenges we face here on Front Street in the autumn of 2004 are no different. And thus, it is with a renewed sense of grace, abundance, gratitude and deep spiritual transformation that I — and, I pray, we — sojourn forth, on behalf of Christ and His mission, and no other.

In peace and faith,

The Very Reverend Mark H. Hatch
Interim Dean

WEEKLY LITURGIES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday:	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	8:00 a.m.
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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

Habitat for Humanity

Calling for volunteers to help out with Harrisburg Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, November 20th. You don't have to be handy — though those skills are greatly appreciated. You just need to be willing to roll up your sleeves and plunge in to help prepare a place for people in need of housing. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Greg Penny, tel. 657-3872 or email at pennyhouse@msn.com. We usually work from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Sometimes, a few of us will continue into the afternoon. It's a great cause, especially when accompanied by friends from church.

Nominating Committee

The nominating period is open to nominate candidates to stand for election to Vestry and as delegates or alternative delegates to the Diocesan Convention. According to our By-Laws, any parishioner may recommend candidates to the Nominating Committee by submitting the candidate's name to the Committee at least ten weeks before the date of the annual meeting. The annual meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2005. Accordingly, the deadline for nominations to the Nominating Committee is November 21, 2004. Nominations may be made to any member of the Committee, as follows:

Helen Delano 717.528.8485 or helenoel@blazenet.net
Michael Frascella 717.944-0710 or frascell@paonline.com
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Our Vestry consists of the Rector and twelve lay persons. The lay Vestry persons are required to be parishioners of St. Stephen's Church who (i) have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church or by a Bishop of a church in communion with the Episcopal Church, (ii) are at least eighteen years of age, and (iii) are regular contributors to the expenses of St. Stephen's Church. Four lay Vestry persons are elected annually for a term of three years each. The term of office begins immediately after their election at the annual meeting. At the expiration of an elected Vestry person's term of office, the Vestry person is not be eligible for re-election for one year. However, any Vestry person serving an unexpired term of another Vestry person is eligible for nomination, provided that Vestry person has not served more than eighteen months. Anyone who meets the qualifications of Vestry persons also is qualified to be a Diocesan Convention delegate.

Thank you!

A Gilded Thank you to Duryea Cameron for his generous and energetic restoration of the prie-dieu which now resides in the Kunkel Chapel. It is there for your use in private meditations and prayer.

A place at the Table – The Third in a Series

Come join Barbara and Walter Gutekunst Saturday, Oct. 30, at 6:00 p.m. for a delicious German Oktoberfest Dinner. The evening will begin with an appetizing assortment of German meats, cheeses, breads and wines of the Rhine Valley. A traditional four course dinner follows of Pancake Soup, Herring in Sour Cream, Roast Sauerbraten in gravy, Spaetzle and Red Cabbage. Black Forest and Apple Cake finish the meal. Dress is casual with Lederhosen or Dirndl skirt optional. Available to 12 people at \$40 each, checks made out to "St. Stephen's Cathedral." Your check is your reservation; send it to the Gutekunsts, 2406 Toftree Dr., Harrisburg, PA 17112, by Oct 24. Any questions or additional information please call Barbara or Walter (540-8789) or e-mail wggute@msn.com.

A Place at the Table – The Fourth in a Series

For a genuine taste of Scotland, right here along our own river, plan to attend "Scotland on the Susquehanna" on Saturday, November 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Scott and Carrie Wissler-Thomas. Scottish smoked salmon, pates directly from Oban, caviar from Iceland, and, for those bold enough to try it, haggis, direct from Glasgow, will be served. The hors d'oeuvres will be complemented by samples of Scottish single malt whiskey, explained by aficionado Scott. The Wissler-Thomas home's walls are filled, European salon-style, with dozens of paintings, many of them of Scotland painted by Carrie as a result of their numerous trips there. The ambiance will be completed by the presence of the Wissler-Thomases' two wee Scotties, Rufinia and Bartacus, whose boisterous play with their soccer ball will provide ample entertainment for the evening! Available for 16 people at \$25 each, checks made out to "St. Stephen's Cathedral." Your check is your reservation; send it to Scott and Carrie at 2721 N. Second St., Harrisburg, PA 17110. For directions, call Carrie at The Art Association (236-1432) or at home (238-3452).

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

Mark your Calendars

Our Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, November 6th at 9:00 a.m. The clean-up is a joint effort by the Property Committee, Altar Guild and Flower Guild. Watch for details coming soon in the Messenger!

The Gathering Book Group

The Gathering Book Group . . . next discussion to be held Wednesday, November 10 for The Color of Water by James McBride. Join Us! The selection for December is The Barn at the End of the World by Mary Rose O'Reilly. We'll meet December 7 to discuss.

Great Pumpkin Chosen!

The ballots are counted. Sami Lytle has been chosen as the Great Pumpkin this year. Your balloting raised \$100 for St. Stephen's Youth Group. If you are not running the race there is a place for your help. Please call Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt 652-1180 to find out how you can help!

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.

Three Acolytes Attend Festival

On Saturday morning October 9, **Samantha Schuetz**, **Alexis Arnold** and **Hailey Spangler** along with Greg Penny and Daphne met very early to trek down to the National Cathedral for the 25th National Acolyte Festival. The entire nave was filled with banners, kites and acolytes from all over the country. Samantha, Alexis and Hailey processed with our St. Stephen's banner and after the Eucharist we had lunch and explored the cathedral with all its nooks and crannies. Thanks to all three girls who represented us with grace and energy!

Anyone 10 or older (even adults can join) is invited to inquire about being an acolyte, serving God by serving in this ministry! Call Greg Penny if you are interested - 657-3872.

Capital Campaign Update – October 2004

At the end of July, you received a letter explaining the need for additional pledges for our Capital Campaign. You were encouraged to support the renewed effort to reduce the sizeable mortgage that St. Stephen's Cathedral needed to assume to pay for the recent renovations. **As of October 5, 46 gifts have been received for a total of \$45,005!** Those who have responded to the request encourage all of you to consider the level of support that you can give and join us in the mortgage reduction. Whether your pledge is a new one or a renewal from the initial campaign, every dollar paid now will reduce the impact on the general budget. Can we count on your support?

Capital Campaign Co-Chairs,
Margaret Messner and Lee Van Valkenburgh

Credit Cards Accepted

The Cathedral currently has the capability to accept credit card payments at the Seeds of Faith Bookstore for purchases you may make there. Also, available is the ability to process secure payments on line at our website. You may now make pledge payments online as well. This feature will be available for this year's stewardship campaign. Please be in contact with the Cathedral if you have any questions.

Brownies Are Here!

These aren't the chocolate variety but the 2nd and 3rd grade girl variety. St. Stephen's has our very own Brownie troop and any girl in 2nd or 3rd grade is invited to join. Troop leaders, Kathy VanderWoude and Lisa Brittingham will meet with the girls twice each month, on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Call Kathy @ 238-3929 or Lisa @ 234-5662 for more information.

Flu Clinic Cancelled

The Health Ministry was notified this week that due to a shortage of the flu vaccines they will not be able to perform our clinic scheduled for November 14th. Please don't panic! Those of you that are healthy, stay that way by continuing your healthy lifestyle of good nutrition, exercise, rest, taking extra vitamin C, good handwashing and if you feel ill stay home and take care of yourself. Your healthy immune system will fight off any germs. We urge those of you who are high risk to make an appointment with your physician to get your flu shot. If you have access to the web, use this site to locate stores that will be administering the vaccines www.maximflu.com. The Center for Disease Control defines high risk people as the following:

Children age 6 months to 23 months, Adults 65 years or older, Individuals 2 years to 64 years of age with underlying chronic conditions, Women who expect to be pregnant during the flu season, Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, Children 6 months to 18 years of age on chronic aspirin therapy, Healthcare workers with direct patient care, Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months of age.

From the desk of your parish nurse
Liz Fite, RN

News & Notes from your Property Committee

The Property Committee and the Altar Guilds are jointly holding a Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, November 6th beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be preparing the outside and the inside of the Cathedral for the winter months. Outside, we will be doing end-of-season weeding and raking, as well as removing any trash or debris that has found its way onto the grounds; a general sprucing up for the long winter months that follow. The Nave will be the target of the inside clean-up. Volunteers will provide a general cleaning of the pews and cushions not only for our parishioners but also for the many people that will be attending St. Stephen's during the anniversary celebration of our Diocese that will be held towards the end of November.

We are asking that volunteers bring task appropriate tools to assist in the clean-up. Outside volunteers may wish to bring rakes and gloves as well as trash bags or anything else that will aide in the clean-up. Folks that volunteer in the Nave are requested to bring along some Murphy's Oil or Pledge, rags and small brushes to wipe off the cushions.

We would appreciate as many volunteers as possible. If it rains, outside volunteers can simply come inside to help out! Remember, many hands make for less work. Please show your support for St. Stephen's and plan to attend our work day on November 6th. Questions? Please call Joan Esham (732-7033) or Margaret Messner (717)770-0462 See you then!

Parking Changes

St. Stephen's community now has access to free covered parking at the PHFA facility, adjacent to the Dauphin County Bar Association. This is as a result of a negotiated agreement with our neighbors at PHFA, and will eliminate the use of and cost for the 2nd Street Garage at the end of October. Free access to the covered parking will be available all day Saturdays, all day Sundays, and after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays. Rare exceptions may be made in the event of festivities such as Kipona. Drivers will be asked simply to enter a 4 digit code (7732#) at the entrance of the garage, on River Alley. The gate will automatically rise upon departure. The garage interior has an elevator on every floor and a handicapped ramp at ground level. Special thanks to the "Purple Shirts", ministers from the Evangelism Committee, who are helping to provide guidance and direction during this transition. Beginning November 1, 2004 there will be no free parking in the 2nd Street Garage, and no vouchers will be available. People must use PHFA's lot or the lot behind the Bar Association.

Please Help Support the Youth Group!

Do you buy groceries – we know you do! Now your grocery purchases can help fund the Youth Group activities. If you shop at **Giant Food Stores**, you can purchase a gift card from the Youth Group, which can be used at any Tops Markets, Giant Food Stores, Martin's Food Market, Stop & Shop, Bi-Lo, Super G or Giant of Landover. The gift cards are available for purchase in different denominations. You pay the face value for the card and the Youth group receives 5% of the face value. That card is good for the face value when presented at the store. Gift cards are available from Connie Wilson. Connie can be contacted in person or at (717) 534-0642 or c2wilson@comcast.net. If you shop at **Fox's Markets**, save your receipts and bring them to the collection envelopes located in the Narthex and the Uppercroft. The Youth Group will receive 1% of the value of collected receipts. This is an easy way to support the Youth Group, simply buy your weekly groceries and you raise money for the Youth Group!

This winter we, at St. Stephens, will be participating in the operation of the temporary emergency shelter for the homeless in downtown Harrisburg. The host churches are Market Square Presbyterian, Grace United Methodist, St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Michael Lutheran. We will be helping by gathering volunteers for a week in February at Grace and a week in March at St. Michael's.

'Service of Remembrance' November 2

All who have recently lost loved ones or who would appreciate a focused time of prayer and sacrament in observance of The Commemoration of All Faithful Departed are invited to attend the Service of Remembrance on Tuesday evening November 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral. This is an intentional way to express our gratitude for those who have gone before us and to allow their blessings to be ours. Names of your loved ones submitted to the church office will be read in the context of the eucharist. Please see the St. Stephen's website (www.ststep.org) for more information.

Homeless Shelter

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Many of you know first hand how important this ministry is. You know how good it feels to extend the hand of hospitality to people left out in the cold. And you know how, in the end, you find your own faith deepened by connecting face to face with people in need.

To support the operation of the shelter, we are asking you all to help either with your time or your financial contribution.

If you're interested in **volunteering** by staying on site for a night or more, please contact Daphne to get yourself on the schedule. Volunteers must be 18 years old or older. We will need 3 people each night. Daphne can give you more details about what's involved. She'll contact you closer to our scheduled time with specifics.

If you want to support the shelter **financially**, you may send a check to the church office, made out to Market Square Presbyterian Church (with DES in the memo line). We will also be participating in Shelter Sunday, November 14, when we and the other congregations involved will take up a special collection for your tax deductible contribution.

Last year over 250 people different folks found respite at the shelter. More than that number of volunteers experienced the blessing of doing the good work of the shelter nights. This is what God asks of us – to reach out to those in need and then know the joy and peace of having loved. Please help.

CROP Walk Update

Thanks to all who sponsored my representing St. Stephens in the October 17th, CROP Walk for Hunger. I ran 9 of the 10 miles and walked the last as a cool-down. (I know this may disappoint some of you who hoped I wouldn't complete the entire distance, thus saving you some pledge money!) Seriously, thank you so much for supporting this worthy cause, especially among so many causes to which we've been asked to respond. We were able to raise over \$400. Those who pledged and have not yet paid can make checks payable to "CROP" and mail them to me, Bill Ilgenfritz, at 3521 Rutherford St. Harrisburg, PA 17111 - or catch me at church. Thank you, again!

Holiday Stop and Shop – November 22

Spend an evening browsing in the Uppercroft. Vendors will display their wares between 4:00 and 8:00. Avon, stamps, candles, Pampered Chief and much much more will be available through this special event sponsored by the school's Home and School Association.

If you would like to sell items or know someone who would, call Keldeen Stambaugh at 558-8373.

Fall at St. Stephen's School

Fall is busy time at every school and St. Stephen's is no exception. We began with a successful in-service week for teachers and staff that included training in *Safeguarding God's Children*. A record setting number of students (196!!) began classes on September 8 and all are now fully engulfed in the school community. The first graders have begun their cycle of swimming lessons at the downtown YMCA and older students have been training for The Great Pumpkin Chase, still others have been enjoying a soccer club after school with The Venerable Paul Donecker. The entire school celebrated the Great Pennsylvania Apple Crunch on October 13 with apples courtesy of Kegel's Produce.

We would love to have you involved in the school! If you would like to read a story to a group of eager listeners, monitor students at recess or help with clerical work in the office just call Carol or Ann in the school office, 238-8590, and we will work out a time.

ARTS and DRAMA Weekend –

With All the Company of Heaven . . . celebrating with the saints in liturgy, music, story, art and drama.

This Halloween/All Saints weekend is the annual Arts and Drama event which every year features a guest artist(s) in residence at the Cathedral and School. We are excited and fortunate to be welcoming The Rev. Bruce Stewart, an Episcopal priest who is the director of the Center for Arts and the Liturgy in Annandale VA. He will conduct a diocesan workshop on Saturday, lead the Sunday Forum, preach/present at both services on Sunday and lead the chapel service at St. Stephens School on Monday. Bruce will be sharing ideas about weaving arts and drama into our liturgy and leading us with his creative energy into a moving experience of worship. Please join in welcoming him into the Cathedral community.



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October 24, 2004

We the Vestry, Clergy, Finance and Discernment Committee, inspired by the Holy Spirit and utterly grateful for God's abundance in our lives and in the world, here at St. Stephen's and far beyond, joyfully offer \$124,459 as our 2005 Financial Pledge. This amount represents an increase of 25% over our cumulative 2004 pledge. We pray that you, our beloved church family, may be equally moved and similarly thankful for all God's many graces in your own life.

William C. Emhardt, Jr. *Joseph*
Greg Miller *Robert DeLuca* *Steve Penney*
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<i>Hospitality Coordinator</i>	Judy Clemmer
<i>Bookkeeper</i>	Donna Osborne
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<i>Flower Guild</i>	Sandy Strohl
<i>Ushers</i>	Michael Frascella
<i>Nursery</i>	Carolyn Patterson

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

October

24 **THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
 24 Stewardship Sunday Breakfast, 8:45 a.m.
 24 Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
 24 Serving at Downtown Daily Bread, 12:00 p.m.
 24 Madeline Foster's 3rd Birthday Party,
 2:00 p.m.
 24 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.
 24 Youth Group Event, 6:00 p.m.
 25 Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
 26 Race for Education Work Night, 5:30 p.m.
 28 Race for Education Work Night, 5:30 p.m.
 28 Personnel Committee, 7:00 p.m.
 30 "With all the Company of Heaven" Workshop,
 10:00 a.m.
 30 Holy Eucharist, 5:00 p.m.
 31 **THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
 31 Coffee Hour, 11:15 a.m.
 31 Helping Hands, 4:30 p.m.

November

1 St. Stephen's School Board of Directors,
 6:00 p.m.
 2 Race for Education Work Night, 5:30 p.m.
 2 Outreach Coordinating Committee, 6:30 p.m.
 2 Service of Remembrance, 7:00 p.m.
 3 Discernment Committee, 7:00 p.m.
 4 Race for Education Work Night, 5:30 p.m.
 4 Christian Education and Formation Committee,
 6:30 p.m.
 6 Fall Clean-up, 9:00 a.m.
 6 Holy Eucharist, 5:00 p.m.