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*fitly
framed
together*

*In whom all the building fitly
framed together groweth unto an
holy temple in the Lord.*

Ephesians 2:21



Join us for a

Dedication

Celebrating the transformation of

*St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral and School
221 North Front Street,
Harrisburg, PA 17101*

*Sunday, December 7, 2003
2:00 PM in the Cathedral Nave
Reception to Follow*

Free Parking in the Second Street Garage

News and Events

Organ Recital and Reception

On Friday evening, November 14 at 7:30, Craig S. Williams, Organist and Director of Music at the Cadet Chapel, United States Military Academy West Point, was the guest recitalist for the inaugural concert on St. Stephen's re-built and expanded Möller/Allen organ. This was a wonderful occasion, co-sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral.

Our distinguished guest recitalist gave a great performance of a broad range of music from the Romantic era. His performance was distinguished by the clarity of his phrasing, allowing one to hear the various ranks or voices of our new organ. Several of his compositions were built on themes familiar to many people. These included Calvin Hampton's 'Setting of "America the Beautiful",' Dudley Buck's splendid 'Concert Variations on "The Star Spangled Banner", Op. 23,' and the Theme from the "Largo" of Antonin Dvorák's *New World Symphony*. I thought that his performance of Theodore Dubois's "Toccata" from his *Twelve Pieces*, and his encore performance from memory of Charles-Marie Widor's "Toccata" from his Fifth Symphony for Organ were the most brilliant pieces of the recital. Several former members of the Cathedral whom I hadn't seen for a decade or longer attended the recital, a capstone on a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

After the intermission, our organist, Mr. Michael Shoemaker, was presented with an engraved brass plaque by Dean McDowell, commemorating Michael's many years of dedicated service and the high standards of artistic excellence which are a hallmark of his service in the music of the church. Look for the plaque that will be installed on the wall behind the organ bench.

Organ Rebuilt 2003
To The Glory of God
And
With Gratitude to
Michael H. Shoemaker
Organist and Choirmaster
For His Faithful Ministry of Music
To The People of
The Cathedral Church of St. Stephen
"When in our music God is glorified."
ALLELUIA

Following the recital, there was an elegant reception with festive floral arrangements by Sandy Strohl and delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by Judy Clemmer. Judy prepared a cold beverage so tasty as to become habit forming in the space of a single evening.

David Messner

2004 Episcopal Liturgical Calendars

Great gifts for parish ministry and home are now available at the Bookstore. \$5 each.

Thanksgiving Offering To "The Episcopal Home"

One of the better kept secrets of our Diocese is a "jewel" that is located adjacent to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Shippensburg. That "jewel" is The Episcopal Home, with emphasis on home! For more than 75 years it has provided a warm and caring environment for senior persons. Because it "feels" like home and the care is individualized by a very dedicated staff, it doesn't have that institutional look and feel.

It has been our tradition at St. Stephen's to dedicate our Thanksgiving offering and make donation envelopes available to those who are to donate. With costs that are already very reasonable, \$1800/month, many of the residents are "on scholarship". You are invited to be part of this wonderful Diocesan ministry.

Perhaps you might also be interested in making a donation to their "wish list" which includes: Large Print Books(already have Readers Digest books!); videos and CDs; hand towels and wash cloths; twin sheet sets (they love colors and prints); a group to sponsor a special activity there, such as an ice cream party; . . . you get the idea!!!!??? Bring any "wish list" items to church on Sundays, Nov. 23 and 30, and to the Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7:00 p.m.

An Adult Education Opportunity

Bishop Michael Creighton will join us in a weekday Forum to share his insights into the current challenge of our church and reflect with us on ways we might move toward reconciliation and faithfulness. We'll meet in the Uppercroft at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening December 10th for coffee, light refreshments and some time with Bishop Mike.

YOUR STEWARDSHIP CO-CHAIRS REMIND YOU:

Please . . . PLEASE . . . PLEASE:

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you,
Mary Jane and Gerry

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. Think "Christmas Gift"!

St. Stephen's Youth Trip to Washington

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, February 7, 2004. More information to follow soon.

Our Music Blessing

We are blessed at St. Stephen's in so many ways, not the least of which is our marvelous music. Our organist/choirmaster and my dear friend, Michael Shoemaker, has helped us make music for over 50 years. He is a man of great talent, commitment and spiritual presence and it is a privilege to sing under such a music master. It is inspiring, soul-stretching and satisfying as Sunday after Sunday, the choir and Michael lead us in "the singing tradition of the people of God".*

The music doesn't just happen, however. On any Thursday evening as I walk my dog through the church garden, I can hear the choir fine tuning their voices, practicing anthems, hymns and psalms. Sometimes I sit and listen. Sometime I hum along.

In this season of Thanksgiving, my thanks go to Michael and to each and every member of the choir who sings or who has ever sung over the past 110 years from those creaky old choir stalls, raising the Song of Harvest Home. (*Hymn book 1982 preface)

Anne Yellott

Honored For Excellence In Her Profession

On October 17, 2003, Pat Baxter (you see her in the choir and taking blood pressures in our Wellness Ministry) was flown to Reno, Nevada, to receive the Academy of Medical- Surgical Nurses Clinical Practice Award for her achievements and contributions to the profession of nursing. Pat related that it gave her pause "to remember how wonderful it is to be a nurse." And for us, it is wonderful to have you as a nurse and witness to your dedication and commitment. Congratulations.

Enneagram Workshop

Deepen your understanding and explore your own spiritual awareness through this intriguing personality tool presented by Mildred Lorch, the parish spiritual director of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Lancaster. We'll meet from 1:00 til 4:30 p.m. on Saturday December 13th in the Uppercroft. Join us!

Thanksgiving Eve Service

"By stretching forth our hands in prayer, we acknowledge the Creator. When our hands are filled, God is beckoned to the feast. When they are empty, we acknowledge we are nothing without God." Let us gather in prayer and at the Lord's table on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. The offering received will be given to support The Episcopal Home in Shippensburg.

The Gathering

Our December selection is All That's Holy: A Young Guy, and Old Car and the Search for God in America by Tom Levinson. A Jewish Harvard Divinity School graduate reflects on his 3 month road-trip-turned-spiritual-pilgrimage. Borrow or buy this book, read it and join us to chat together about it on Tuesday evening December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sherman Library. It promises to be an entertaining journey of faith and hope!

Sunday Forums continue through Christmas

November 23

Vestry leaders will present the Final Product of our strategic plan which has involved parshioners, committee heads and vestry members and will guide our efforts to be the Church and do ministry here at St. Stephens for the next 5 years.

November 30

Advent wreath making. Each of us will fashion an Advent wreath (with candles) for the observance of this season of preparation in your home. Guidance and materials will be provided. This is a lively and fun intergenerational event!

December 7

Alternative Christmas. Find gifts of love for all your friends and family making donations to ministries here in Harrisburg and around the world. Reduce your buying of "stuff" and share Christmas blessings with those in need.

December 14

"A Cup of Christmas Tea". Judith Smitely, a local storyteller, will inspire and entertain with her Christmas story.

December 21 and 28

"Mothers and Sons" The Rev. Gary Harke will draw us to look more closely at two special and holy women, Mary and Elizabeth, and the miraculous births of their sons.

Gifts for the World

Once again the Cathedral will offer you the opportunity to Give the World a Present this Christmas. What will it be? Food for the hungry? Peace? Warm homes and healthy living conditions? St Stephens is making it easy for you to give such a gift. At 9:00 a.m. on December 7, you can shop among booths offering contributions to charities the Cathedral supports. Offerings so far include the Heifer Project, Downtown Daily Bread, the El Hogar project, and the Ugandan AIDS Project, Habitat for Humanity, and St. Stephen's School. After you select your gifts, you can make a gift card for your friend or family member to indicate the very special nature of the gift you are making this year.

Jane Bartholomew

Christmas Wreath Sale

The Flower Guild is once again offering Christmas wreaths and other fine greenery for sale. The popular Door Swags are again available and several new items are being offered.

Order forms are enclosed and are available at the rear of the church. Please mail your PREPAID order to the office, give it to any usher, or place it in the collection plate no later than **Sunday, November 30, 2003**. Delivery will be on Sunday, December 7, 2003 until Noon from the garage at the rear of the Bishops' Garden.



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Parish Nurse	Liz Fite
Deacon Emeritus	Paul Williams
Facilities Manager	Skip DeMarkey
Organist-Choirmaster	Michael Shoemaker
Office Manager	Sami Lytle
Bookkeeper	Donna Osborne
Senior Warden	John Dernbach
Junior Warden	Craig Wilson
Vestry:	Donna Burkholder
Gordon Arnold	Cathy Jones
Ann Elliott	Lynn Schadle
Mary Jane Forbes-Schmidt	Rosemary Webber
Gerald Garber II	Helen Delano
Warren Gillam	Bill Davis
Parish Treasurer	Paul Nickalls
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Worship Ministry	Linda Shorey
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Finance Ministry	Carol Lopus
St. Stephen's School	Greg Penny
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Church School Coordinator	Kathyann Rodeheaver
Bookstore Manager	Margaret Messroh
Altar Guild	Sandy Strohl
Flower Guild	Michael Frascella
Ushers	Jonathan Frazier
Youth Ministries Coordinator	

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

November

- 23 THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
23 Bookstore Christmas Open House, 10:00 a.m.
23 Helping Hands, 4:00 p.m.
24 Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
26 Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.
27-28 Office Closed

30 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 30 St. Stephen's volunteers Downtown Daily Bread, 12:00 p.m.
30 Helping Hands, 4:00 p.m.

December 1 St. Stephen's School Board of Directors, 6:00 p.m.

- 4 Christian Education and Formation Committee, 7:00 p.m.

7 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7 Blood Pressure Screening, 8:45 a.m.
7 Gifts for the World, 9:00 a.m.
7 Dedication of New Facilities, 2:00 p.m.
7 Helping Hands, 4:00 p.m.
8 Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
8 AIDS Community Alliance Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
8 Arts and Drama Committee, 6:30 p.m.
9 Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m.
9 The Gathering, 7:00 p.m.
9 Eakin Trio "Home for the Holidays" Concert, 7:30 p.m.
9 Property Committee, 7:30 p.m.
10 Forum with Bishop Creighton, 7:00 p.m.

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL FLOWER GUILD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Each year the Flower Guild offers wreaths, greens, etc. for sale at a reasonable cost. Listed below are sizes, types, prices, etc. Please place your **PREPAID** order by **Sunday, November 30**. Make your check payable to "St. Stephen's Cathedral" and mail it to 221 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101, place it in the collection basket, or give it to any usher on Sunday.

PICK UP YOUR ORDER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, NO LATER THAN 12:00 NOON

NOBLE FIR WREATH

Quantity	Size	Cost	Amount
_____	16"	\$10	_____
_____	20	\$12	_____
_____	24"	\$15	_____
_____	28"	\$20	_____
_____	32"	\$30	_____
_____	40"	\$45	_____

MIXED GREENS DECORATED WITH CONES

Quantity	Size	Cost	Amount
_____	18"	\$18	_____
_____	20"	\$21	_____
_____	24"	\$23	_____
_____	28"	\$30	_____
_____	32"	\$45	_____

OTHER ITEMS

Quantity			Amount
_____	Door Arch	\$20	_____
_____	Door Swag	\$12	_____
_____	White Pine roping (25 yd. Coil Only)	\$30	_____
_____	Cemetery Easel	\$3	_____
_____	Burgundy Velvet Bow	\$3	_____
_____	Red Velvet Bow	\$3	_____
_____	Plaid Bow	\$3	_____
Total Order \$			_____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____