



the CATHEDRAL MESSENGER

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It is still free...Lots of spaces available

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to Our
Volunteers!**

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News and Events

Simple Gifts – Public Concert

The Arts and Drama Committee of St. Stephen's Cathedral has scheduled a public concert at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, November 16, 2003. *SIMPLE GIFTS* is famous throughout the region for their presentation of a wide variety of ethnic folk music. The concert will benefit the *Down-town Churches Homeless Shelter Project*.

Fourteen area churches and synagogues have been invited to participate by publicizing the event to their congregations. Admission to the concert will be by ticket only so the attendance can be counted. Complimentary tickets will be made available beginning November 1st to anyone who wants to attend. A free will offering will be collected during the concert. All of the proceeds will be given to the *Down-town Churches Homeless Shelter Project*.

Simple Gifts will have a presentation during the morning worship service; Adult Forum; and will give a performance the following day for St. Stephen's School children.

We will need ushers for the concert performance on Sunday afternoon, November 16, so please contact Ted Webber at 671-1361, if you would like to help.

This concert is partially supported by a grant from Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, developed and funded by the Vira I. Heinz Endowment; the William Penn Foundation; the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency; and The Pew Charitable Trusts; and administered by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation.

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"!

Uppercroft??

Youthful thinking reasons: if a church has an "Undercroft" (and we do!), it can have an "Uppercroft" as well! Thanks to our kids we have a name for a place that has been variously called "the 3rd floor all purpose room"; the "Upper Room"; the 3rd Floor of the parking garage etc. UPPERCROFT!

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It is still free . . . Lots of spaces available

All in the 2nd St. Garage

Take a ticket to enter the garage

Pick up a validation ticket in church to exit

NO NEED to go to the pay station

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY . . . NOVEMBER 9 (Next Sunday)

- ✦ The Ingathering and Blessing of Our Pledges to the Ministry of the Lord
- ✦ At both services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- ✦ Special Stewardship Program and Continental Breakfast at the Adult Forum 9:00 a.m.
- ✦ Celebrate Faith and Ministry with our Time, Talent and Treasure

YOUR PLEDGES OF

TIME TALENT TREASURE

AT WORK

Organ Recital and Reception

The Cathedral Music Ministry Committee and the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is pleased to present an organ recital by **Craig S. Williams on Friday, November 14th at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral**. Mr. Williams is the Organist and Director of Music at the Cadet Chapel, United States Military Academy West Point, where he plays the world's largest church pipe organ.

Mr. Williams has performed on both the piano and organ in front of audiences for 33 years, over twenty of those years as a professional church musician. He received degrees in piano performance from the University of Southern California and the Juilliard School, where he performed with the Juilliard Chamber Symphony at Lincoln Center. He was the first Currin Scholar in organ performance at Westminster Choir College, studying under Eugene Roan.

Mr. Williams' organ credits include performing at Carnegie Hall with the Orchestra of St. Luke's, in addition to giving numerous recitals for prominent cathedrals and churches in the Northeast and other regions of the country. His recent California performances have included being a recitalist and lecturer at the University of Redlands Organ Re-dedication Festival, and the Crystal Cathedral. In addition to his many duties at West Point, he serves on the faculty of the conservatory division at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey.

Please mark your calendars now for this exciting event! A free-will offering will be received to benefit the Guild's scholarship fund. Parking is available in the Second Street Parking Garage for \$5 at the gate and childcare will be provided. A reception will follow the recital in the Upper Room.

Healing Gifts: A Christmas Alternative

Every year we celebrate God's great and ultimate gift of Himself, given to heal our brokenness. We call it Christmas and we imitate the divine gift by offering presents to one another. I believe that our gifts are true reflections of our love and caring for the other, whether family member or friend. But sometimes I feel that my excitement over shopping, wrapping and receiving presents actually insults the very One we hope to honor. Even though I am careful and thoughtful in selecting just the right gift, the whole process gets my adrenaline to flowing and I forget about Christ.

Three years ago, St Stephens Cathedral began an alternative Christmas program. It doesn't do away with the adrenaline problem entirely, but it does move us a little closer to living the Gift. We call our program "Gifts for the World." Early in Advent, various groups in the church sponsor an alternative Christmas bazaar. Each group offers parishioners an opportunity to donate to a charity or provide a needed service. I think the real healing for us and for the world comes in the preparation for the day, an intentional turning toward gift and giving, and in the repetition of our event year after year until it becomes a part of how we experience Christmas.

This year "Gifts for the World" will be from 9:00 to 10:15 on Sunday, December 7, in the Uppercroft. All ages are invited. Please begin to think about how you can incorporate a healing gift into your Christmas giving. Watch in later Messengers for a list of this year's charities.

Bookstore in Transition

St Stephen's Bookstore is undergoing a renaissance. A "Friends of the Bookstore" advisory group has been working hard on a "new look and feel".

PLEASE HELP by taking a moment to "vote" for the name you like best from the following list.

- Seeds of Faith
- Tools for the Journey
- St Stephen's Stuff
- The Gathering Place
- Your suggestion here: _____

Please BRING OR MAIL YOUR "BALLOT" to the church, or bring it to the bookstore. OR, go to the web site at www.ststep.org/bookstore and complete the same form there.

The Web Page also has a form where you can make suggestions regarding all phases of the Bookstore operation. YOUR INPUT IS VALUABLE.

The Gathering

Enjoy a good read! This Cathedral Book Group gets together on Wednesday November 12th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Yann Martel's *The Life of Pi*, a colorful adventure story with imaginative spiritual connections. The book is available at local bookstores or from Amazon.com.

Enneagram Workshop

Spiritual formation has been a personal and intellectual passion of mine for many years now. I first heard about the enneagram about 3 years ago and was immediately intrigued. It is an ancient tool, used in many cultures to identify spiritual gifts – the ways in which God graced us as individuals in the image of the divine. The enneagram tool helps us to name our gifts and to recognize paths of spiritual growth suitable to our own gifts.

Part of the process in spiritual growth is in accepting the fact that we have strayed from our gifts and need to grow. I was disturbed when I first realized that the enneagram not only revealed my gifts, but also my coping skills which were blocking or interfering with my growth and preventing me from reclaiming my wholeness in God. I guess I had hoped I was already perfect. WOOPS! WRONG! Long way to go.

From this point on, the Enneagram Workshop becomes a spiritual coaching session. Our identity is good news. "We are wonderfully made" (Psalm 139). We celebrate who we are and maybe laugh at who we are. We explore why some of us prefer one form of spiritual growth and some of us another. We learn why some forms of prayer may leave us cold. It's good news to discover that our discomfort in prayer is not because we "aren't doing it right" or that "God has deserted us." During the conversation, we may also come to understand our friends and family a little better so that we can celebrate their uniqueness rather than criticize it.

If you find this approach to discovering your spiritual gifts and ways of using them to grow in Christ, consider joining us for the Enneagram Workshop, in the Upper Room at St Stephens on Saturday, December 13, 2003 from 1 to 5:00 or 5:30. The leader will be Mildred Lorch, spiritual director and Pastoral Minister from St Thomas, Lancaster. The workshop will close with a worship service. The cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to register for the workshop, please contact Jane Bartholomew at 238-5498 or jbarth@paonline.com

Open House at Downtown Daily Bread

Why not walk a few blocks to Downtown Daily Bread after the "Simple Gifts" concert on Sunday, November 16, for supper and enjoy some delicious hearty soups and specialty breads. Also see a program that feeds over 100 people a day/365 days a year and one that St. Stephen's is a "participating church" which means we support financially and with volunteers. Want to volunteer? Call Joan Esham (732-7033) or Helen Hendrickson at the parish office (236-4059).

Joan Esham

DEDICATION OF
NEW BUILDINGS
DECEMBER 7 . . . 2:00 P.M.
SAVE THE DATE!



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and Cathedral House
Harrisburg, PA

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Altar Guild	Sandy Strohl
Flower Guild	Michael Frascella
Usbers	Jonathan Frazier
Youth Ministries Coordinator	

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

November

- 8 Discovering your Gifts Workshop, 8:30 a.m.
- 8 Alternative Worship, 5:00 p.m.
- 9 **THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 9 Loyalty Sunday
- 9 Helping Hands, 4:00 p.m.
- 10 Seekers Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
- 10 AIDS Community Alliance Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 St. Stephen's Outreach Coordinating Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Evangelism Committee, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Property Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 The Gathering, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Craig Williams Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Recital reception, 9:30 p.m.
- 16 **THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 16 Simple Gifts at Adult Forum, 9:00 a.m.
- 16 Simple Gifts performance 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Helping Hands, 4:00 p.m.
- 17 Simple Gifts performance for St. Stephen's School, 9:00 a.m.
- 20 Vestry, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 **THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- 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**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT . . . A GOURMET MENU
A Balanced Meal for The Abundant Life of Giving and Living

*** APPETIZER ***

From our Mission Statement: We are challenged as stewards to spread the Gospel, not only with our lips but in our lives. BUT HOW?

- Our doors remain open for prayer, rest, warmth and reflection.
- A school for a diverse urban community
- Our “Great Pumpkin Chase” raised funds for Downtown Daily Bread. Raised \$8,100.
- “Sharing Our Caring” Dinners for people with AIDS and their caregivers.
- Involvement in all the city/Riverside Park festivals; Memorial Day ArtsFest, Kipona, Central Pa. Jazz Festival.
- Our space given to community groups. One example is the “Home For The Holidays” concert to support Habitat for Humanity.
- Ten percent of all unrestricted gifts to the parish are designated for outreach ministries. Already these funds have done great work.
- “Helping Hands” meals served on Sunday afternoons.
- Our parish health ministry extending to the soup kitchen at Downtown Daily Bread.
- Drop-in emergency help and counseling to people in need.
- We have “greened” the construction of our new facilities. They are now working for us.

*** ENTRÉE . . . MAIN COURSE ***

HOW IS ALL THIS SUPPORTED? Where does your financial pledge fit in?

- It fits in **MOST SIGNIFICANTLY**. We are not a parish that runs its show with a huge endowment. While there are some endowed funds, 80% of the budget comes from your financial pledges.
- In addition to reaching out to the community, this wonderful faith community we call St. Stephen’s is nourished through worship, music and preaching; a wide variety of education programs; exciting and enriching children’s programs.
- If we broke our expenses down, they would look like this: total 2003 parish budget of \$643,000 of which 81% will come from individual pledges and contributions, while only 14% will come from investments and saving
- Our average pledge is healthy . . . but not enough of our worshipping congregation is pledging. 275 pledge now . . . but that is not everyone. Everyone is needed.

*** “JUST DESSERTS”***

WHAT DOES OUR FUTURE HOLD? Our STEWARDSHIP needs to remain strong.

- Construction is just about complete. The Dedication will be December 7, 2003. The new space is already at work.
- We have hired a “facilities manager” (sharing the position with the school and the Diocese). The care and stewardship of our properties are important; now we have done something about it.
- We expect to see the enrollment of St. Stephen’s School increase over the coming years with their improved facilities.
- A “strategic plan” for our parish will be completed by year’s end.

*** THE FINE WINE ***

WHAT DO YOU MEAN TO THE ONGOING MINISTRY OF ST. STEPHEN’S?

EVERYTHING!!!

Each and every one of us is a gift of God. Every one . . . NO exceptions. Working, living, caring and praying together allows us to see the wonder and glory of God’s many gifts and abundance.

BON APPETIT!! *