

St. Stephen's News

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A parish in the classical Anglican tradition

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FROM DONNA SZPER

Cookie Walk '10 takes place next Saturday

IT HARDLY seems possible but our 20th Annual Cookie Walk takes place on December 4th – that's next weekend, the first Saturday in December. It takes place from 9 AM 'til 1 PM in the Parish Hall.

In our neighborhood it has become the sale of the year – and deservedly so with our wonderful cookies, jams and jellies, Christmas Puddings, Christmas Mince-meat, peanut brittle, bean soup, greens, table arrangements, wreaths, candied nuts, and so much more.

But we depend on your help to make this event a success. Use your favorite cookie recipe and get baking. We ask for five pounds of cookies from each parish family to reach our goal of 1000 pounds of cookies! If you can bake a few more cookies than that so much the better.

Last year you excelled yourselves. We had the best selection yet. Thank you so much for your effort of each of you!

Cookies can be delivered from Monday to Friday, November 29th to December 3rd, between the hours of 9.00 AM and 5.00 PM or you can leave them outside the church in critter proof containers.

Please don't let changeable weather lull you into inaction. We know it's easier to get into a baking frame of mind when it's 40 degrees outside than when it's 65, but if you don't get busy in the kitchen you'll disappoint all those people who are depending on us to bake for their families this Christmas.

We need greens, gifts & help!

We use fresh greens for our baskets and to sell in our bags of greens. Please survey your garden and cut greens for us. They can be delivered to church from Tuesday, November 30th – just leave them outside or in the courtyard. If deliveries are difficult, call Donna Szper at 410-252-1499 to arrange a pick up.

We are looking for as many varieties as possible, especially boxwood, magnolia, fraser (and other) fir, hemlock, white pine, blue spruce, nandina, holly, variegated holly, cedars, berried juniper, etc. Also on our list are pine cones (large and small), dried pods and other dried items for our table arrangements and greens assortments.

And, speaking of baskets, wreaths and table arrangements, we could use help making them. We shall be working on Wednesday, December 1st, from 9.00 AM until whenever.

By the way, we still need items of all sorts for our gift table, including ornaments and geegaws suitable to the season. So, please hunt around for that special treasure given to you by Uncle Filbert that you have never used!

By the way, we could also use help setting up and decorating the Parish Hall. If you can lend a hand, *please*

join us on Thursday and Friday (December 2nd & 3rd) starting at 9.00AM.

Your patronage is important. Please plan to attend the Cookie Walk and bring your friends. We mailed 7,000 flyers to the neighborhood and sent one to each of our families. Your support and word of mouth makes all the difference.

The 12th Annual Cookie Walk took place in the middle of the blizzard, but it went on despite the weather. Our faithful customers dug out and waded through knee-deep snow especially to come for the sale. In fact, one of our regulars was so grateful she baked a batch of cookies for us to sell the week following when we held a second cookie sale.

The Choir of Men & Boys
sings an
ADVENT CHORAL FESTIVAL
at the
Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
Charles Street, Baltimore
at 6.00 PM on
Sunday, November 28th, 2010

FROM THE TREASURER

Please make life easier by sending in pledges

A TREASURER'S lot is not a happy one (apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan) at this time of the year. The problem, you see, is that the poor treasurer has to prepare a budget for the coming year and -- as always -- there are still a lot of pledges to come in.

If you haven't yet sent in your pledge, please pop it in the mail as soon as possible. It will make my life so much easier. Take pity on poor treasurers at this time of year. We like to celebrate Christmas too! **BILL HAWKINS**

THE ENDOWMENT FUND

Consider a gift of shares

A SEASONAL gift of shares is always warmly welcome by folks like us who are establishing an endowment fund. A gift of shares can also provide the giver with a useful tax write off, especially if they have an highly appreciated value.

St. Stephen's maintains a brokerage account and we can either hold the shares you donate or sell them if you think that best. The parish has already benefitted from gifts of highly appreciated shares.

Currently the fund stands at over \$100,000 -- over half way towards an initial goal of \$200,000. The Endowment Fund is intended to provide the parish with the financial stability to sustain its growth. The income will be primarily devoted to reducing the mortgage.

The Endowment Fund Drive team welcomes contributions large and small. If you would like to donate to the

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
being Sunday, December 5th, 2010

8.00 AM, 9.15 AM & 11.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Romans 15:4-12
The Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-33

FOR YOUR MORNING OFFICE

The Psalter: Psalm 25
The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-10
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 1:26-56

fund, please send your check to the Treasurer, made out to *St. Stephen's Traditional Episcopal Church* and marked on the memo line "*Endowment Fund.*"

If you wish to make an donation in memory, or in honor of a loved one or friend, please give us the information in a separate note. Also let us know if you would like to be named in the newsletter as a donor. **BILL HAWKINS**

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Join us on December 20th

THE LADIES of St. Stephen's will be holding their annual Christmas lunch at Patrick's restaurant on Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, at 12 noon on Monday, December 20th. To join us for good fellowship and good food, call Joyce Perlberg at 410-252-2680.

✦ **PARISH PRAYER LIST** ✦

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

✦ **St. Stephen's Traditional** ✦
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SUNDAY SERVICES
8.00am -- Holy Communion
9.15am -- Holy Communion (Nursery & Church School)
11.15am -- Morning Prayer (Nursery)
(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer
Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist
Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

RECOVERY: Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Georgetta, Katherine, Hindra, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Sharp, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian and Carol.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, & Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Doris, Drake, The Norris family; Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Tom, Susan, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Micki, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC. R. J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, U.S. Army, Alex Bursi, US. Navy; Capt. Charles Bursi & LTC Harry Hughes, U.S. Air Force.

**COLLECTS: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
& ST ANDREW THE EVANGELIST**

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. *AMEN.*

ALMIGHTY God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of this Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay; Grant unto us all, that we being called by thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN. B.C.P., Pages 92 & 226

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