

WE WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

St. Stephen's News

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A parish in the classical Anglican tradition

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Cookie Walk: We sold a cool \$8,200 worth!

IT TAKES a bit of time to finalize the results of the Cookie Walk because of the sales we make after the big day itself. However, Cyndie Baker, our hard-working treasurer, has now made her final tally.

Altogether our Cookie Walk sales totalled \$8,200. That's no small potatoes! It is, in fact, an awful lot of cookies, table arrangements, decorated wreaths, greens and gifts. With all expenses paid, our net profit came to a handsome \$6,372!

The people responsible for this success story are you, the parishioners. It is your talents, your crafts and above all your glorious, utterly scrumptious cookies that have transformed the St. Stephen's Cookie Walk from humble church fund raiser to a neighborhood institution.

We know that it's tough to summon up the enthusiasm to begin your Christmas baking ahead of time -- especially when the temperature is in the balmy 60 degrees Fahrenheit. But every year you've come through and created a selection of fabulous cookies that have become a neighborhood byword.

Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts

DONNA SZPER, Cookie Walk Chairman
STEPHANIE VERHAGE, Parish Life Ctte Chairman

CELEBRATION INVITATION

Christmas Eve Reception

FOLKS WHO plan to attend our Christmas Eve Children's Service or our Family Candlelight service are invited to join for Christmas Eve Reception from 5.00 PM or so to 6.30 PM.

Join us for great Christmas reception fare and a glass or two of punch. If you would like to contribute a festive dish, so much the better.

If, of course, you are planning to attend the Midnight Eucharist or the Christmas Day Communion, don't let that prevent you from dropping by. It is the season to be jolly, so please join us to start your Christmas celebrations.

ANNE E. HAWKINS, DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

FROM THE TREASURER

Please make my life easier

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

Please 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 \$110,000 -- well 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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Schedule, Dec. 24th, 2010, to Jan. 9th, 2011

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24th

4.00 PM: Children's Christmas Service
& Blessing of the Creche

7.00 PM: Family Candlelight Eucharist

10.30 PM: Choir sings carols followed by
Solemn High Christmas Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25th

10.00 AM: Sung Holy Communion

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

The Feast of St. Stephen

Sunday, December 26th

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Morning Prayer

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Feast of St. Sylvester

Friday, December 31st, 2010

11.15 PM: Holy Communion

NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Feast of The Holy Name

Saturday, January 1st, 2011

10.00 AM: Holy Communion

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, December January 9th, 2011

At 6.00 PM The Choir of Men & Boys sing:

A FESTIVAL OF
LESSONS & CAROLS FOR
THE EPIPHANY

large and small. If you would like to donate to the 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**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE: Please give the gift of life this Christmas. Sign up for our Christmas Blood Drive, which will take place on Monday, December 27th, between the hours of 3.30 PM and 8.00 PM.

SAVE THE DATE OF April 23rd, 2011 for the dedication of the Joyce Holmes Memorial Glen at the Cylburn Arboretum. Time: 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY
being Friday & Saturday, December 24th & 25th, 2010**

10:30 PM SOLEMN HIGH EUCHARIST

The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12
The Gospel: St. John 1:1-14

7.00 PM & 10.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The First Lesson: Titus 2:11-15
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 2:1-14

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, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lelillah, 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.

✠ **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.

RECOVERY: Noah, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Georgetta, Katherine, Hindra, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb,

Christmas Memorial Flowers

If you wish to make a contribution towards the Church Christmas decorations in honor or memory of a loved one please complete this form and return it with a check (payable to St. Stephen's Church and marked Christmas flowers) by December 20th.

Name of Donor:

Poinsettias (Pink, Red or Jingle Bells)	# of plants
6 inches, single (4-6 blooms) @ \$8	_____
7 inches, double, (7-10 blooms) @ \$15	_____
8 inches, triple, (red & white) (10-15 blooms) @ \$22	_____

My gift is made **IN HONOR OF, IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR** (please circle)

Total enclosed: \$ _____

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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.

**COLLECTS: CHRISTMAS EVE AND
CHRISTMAS DAY**

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge, who livest and reignest with thee and the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who livest and reignest with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 96 & 98

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