

We will taking our usual three week break. See you after the Epiphany!

St. Stephen's News

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Timonium, Maryland**

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FROM CHARLOTTE HAWTIN

Pondering Christmas past and Christmas present

Dear Friends, Guy and I become speed limit ages in 2012. That is 65 for Charlotte, and 70 for him. Years ago, our friend Howard Katzander said after meeting Guy, "Charlotte you will never be bored." Howard was right. I am never bored!

In the years between, marriage that was once an expectation of every girl and boy is now a rarity. The world is not a better place because of this. At its best marriage is a world of love, building trust and a safe haven for your children.

Years ago everyone wished a Merry Christmas at this time of year. Now they wish Happy Holidays. Is that better? When Jesus was born of Mary the world changed forever more. There is a lovely Carol that begins 'Love came down at Christmas'. Who could ask for anything more?

When I was a child my block teemed with over 100 children. There was always someone to play with. On a summer's evening we all played enormous games of tag. The future was limitless. Today children have play dates. How different from rounding up the little kids for rock school for "Mother May I". Mom's were all home -- usually without a car. The butcher, the grocer and the milkman delivered. We got to know them all, even the organ grinder who sharpened our knives as well as cranking his barrel organ.

On Sunday the family car rolled to church. My grandmother attended the ladies bible class. Taking her to class always involved greeting all the old ladies and getting kisses. My Sunday school teacher was an expert on ancient Rome. Years later, when I was in college my professor asked me how I had acquired my knowledge of ancient Rome. I told him I learned it in church.

There were clubs everywhere. Garden clubs, literary clubs, charitable clubs, religious clubs, sports activities, fan clubs, women's groups, chorus groups, PTA's and many more where people perfected bylaws and constitutions and had a lot of fun together and learned something too.

Perhaps this is all by way of saying that the changes of the last fifty years have been profound, unhinging lives from the connections that made life worth living, replacing them with "apps."

My wish for each of you this Christmas season, is for love and laughter. Because love did come down at Christmas, and in each of us is the capacity to love. So Happy Christmas to one and to all and many prayers that the year ahead is one of peace and plenty!

As Tiny Tim said, God bless you all every one!

Charlotte

FROM THE TREASURER

Life is much easier when the annual pledges arrive

A TREASURER'S lot is by no means always a happy one (apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan) at this time of the year. We need 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 . . .

And please remember the Endowment Fund. It is primarily devoted to reducing our mortgage. It has growth over the year has been somewhat slower than we had hoped. Currently we are still some \$60,000 short of our initial \$200,000 goal.

A seasonal gift of shares is always warmly welcome. A gift of shares can also provide the giver with a useful tax write off, especially if they have an highly appreciated value. To donate, please make checks out to *St. Stephen's Traditional*

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

December 31st, 2011, to January 8th, 2012

NEW YEAR'S EVE

**The Feast of St. Sylvester,
Saturday, December 31st, 2012**

5.00 PM: Holy Communion

NEW YEAR'S DAY & PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, January 1st, 2012

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Holy Communion

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 8th, 2012

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Morning Prayer

Then **6.00 PM** at the Parish Church

The Choir of Men & Boys sing

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR THE EPIPHANY

Episcopal Church, marked on the memo line "*Endowment Fund*." To donate in memory, or in honor of a loved one or friend, send us a note with the information and let us know if you wish to be named as a donor. **BILL HAWKINS**

HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

Offering a seminar and three courses for Lent

HOLY TRINITY Seminary is offering a seminar on Eastern Mysticism and the Incarnate Christ in January as part of its Associate in Theological Studies Course. It will take place at the Parish House of Christ the King Church on Friday, January 13th, 2012, from 7.15 PM to 9.15 PM and on Saturday, January, 14th from 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM.

The early centuries of the Church shed much light on the historical and spiritual origins of the present conflict between east and west. The seminar will explore the roots of the differences and how they affect our present times. For A.T.S. students the cost is \$160. To audit the seminar is \$110.

Holy Trinity is also offering courses on "How To Read Your Bible" and "Spirituality and Modernity." The ATS course on "**How to read your Bible**" will meet Mondays from 7-15 PM to 9.15 PM at St. Stephen's Church beginning February 6th and ending March 26th. The course costs \$200 for students in the program and \$150 for auditors.

The course explores the fundamental principles on how to approach God's Word with the purpose of making all of its various kinds of literature intelligible and meaningful in our walk with the Lord. It will focus on methods of reading as well as offering plenty of opportunity to work through specific biblical texts.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE EPIPHANY**

Being Sunday, January 1st, 2012

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

The Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 46

The First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-9

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 2:1-12

The Ministry Master's course deals with the subject of "Spirituality and Modernity." Classes will meet at Christ the King Church parish house from 9.00 AM to 2.00 PM on the following five Saturdays: January 21st, February 18th, March 17th, April 14th, and May 12th. The audit fee is \$150.

Students will examine various personalities who have struggled to maintain their spirituality in the face of the challenges of Modernism and Post-Modernism. The course begins with a general discussion of the Enlightenment and its world view, focussing on attitudes and ideas that have shaped Western culture. The discussion will be centered on three Christian thinkers: the Dane Soren Kirkegaard, the Russian Vladimir Soloviev, and the Polish Pope John Paul II.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

January 9th Blood Drive

THE RED CROSS will be coming to St. Stephen's at 3.00 PM on Monday, January 9th, 2012, for our winter Community Blood Drive. You can make your appointment by putting your name and preferred appointment time on the sign up sheet at the rear of the church, or you can call me at the office. Please be sure to eat plenty of iron rich foods in preparation for giving blood. If you need some dietary recommendations, you will find a list of iron rich foods at the rear of the church. **ANNE E. HAWKINS**

✠ **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 prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Sallie, Robert, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Noah, Mavis, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Robert, Nancy, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Ray, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Lelilah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Gloria, Lee Emily, 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, Dorothy, Joanne, ✠Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Carol, Suzie and Jennifer.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Jennifer, Brendan, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Drake, Bobby, Kay & Emma, 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, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: LTC R.J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, USN; Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, USAF.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am: Said Eucharist

9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11.15am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist)

6.00pm: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday only)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00pm: Evening Prayer

Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

COLLECTS FOR ST STEPHEN THE
PROTOMARTYR & THE EPIPHANY

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven; and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standeth at the right hand of God to succour all those who suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *AMEN*

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; though the same thy Son Jesus Christ. *AMEN*

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 99 and 107

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