

# St. Stephen's News

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## FROM THE RECTOR

### Fred Himes – the chap who got the church built

ST. STEPHEN'S handsome parish church owes its existence largely to a somewhat eccentric multimillionaire named Fred Himes. His plaque on our memorial board proclaims the parish's gratitude. "Without him," it reads, "this church would not have been built."

Fred, a parishioner of St. Michael & All Angels, was a radio and television pioneer who had been the CFO of a chain of radio and TV stations some of which operated in the Baltimore area.

In the late 1970s/early 1980s, he sold his slice of the corporation and set up a private investment operation in Towson. In 1982, as a member of the Baltimore Chapter of the Prayer Book Society, he helped found St. Stephen's, which in those days met in Roland Park.

Not long after, he decided to back with his communications expertise – and, ultimately, several million dollars – the movement struggling to uphold the faith in its traditional expression not just here in the United States, but throughout the Anglican Communion.

Fred set up an organization he named The Church Information Service, headquartered in an elegant suite of offices in a Towson office block in which he had invested. Moreover he spared no expense outfitting it with the most sophisticated communications equipment money could buy.

As executive director he appointed Bishop Albion Knight, who, for many years, had combined the somewhat incongruous roles of brigadier general in the U.S. Army and Episcopal priest.

Fred's vision was twofold. First, he set out to contact Anglicans all over America dismayed by the efforts by activists – clerical and lay – in the Episcopal Church working to replace the faith in its traditional understanding with a radically altered, highly politicized version.

This involved a hugely expensive nationwide advertising campaign aimed at identifying Episcopalians upset by the turmoil in the church and interested in continuing to worship in the traditional manner.

The result was a list of more than 300,000 names – more than 10 percent of the Episcopal Church's members. It was an extraordinary response to an advertising campaign that, by its demographics, could have reached less than half of the jurisdiction's membership. It indicated a deep, underlying dissatisfaction with the direction in which the church was heading.

The second element of Fred's strategy was to provide traditionalist bishops, not only here in America, but throughout the Anglican Communion, with the ability to confer with one another on a regular basis.

To this end, he supplied any bishop who needed one with a fax machine and free telephone service through the Church Information Center. What's more, he routinely supplied them with the airfares that allowed them to meet in person.

In addition to this, he threw open his free telephone service to traditionalist leaders – clergy and lay – throughout America and provided traditionalist parishes with free secretarial services to produce such things as order of service and parish newsletters.

Fred's faith in the episcopate, however, was sadly misplaced. There followed, in no way of his making, what might most kindly be described as a comedy of errors.

A 1989 conference of some 5,000 traditionalists in Fort Worth, Texas – substantially funded by the Church Information Center – was, wittingly or unwittingly, scuppered at the outset by the late Rt. Rev. Graham Leonard, Bishop of London.

In a keynote address on the very first day, Bp. Leonard declared: "Now is not the time to seek to establish a Second [traditionalist] Province [in America]." This, of course, had been a primary goal of a majority of the attendees.

Soon after the conference broke up, the list of 300,00 names and addresses, assembled with so much effort and such a high price, was mysteriously "lost."

Eventually, after the expenditure of a great deal of time and even more treasure, it became plain that the traditionalist bishops' half-hearted efforts to defend the faith had petered out.

## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Activities at St Stephen's

**Mondays, 6.30 PM:** Bridge Club meets in Quimby Hall

**Tuesdays, 7.00 AM:** Breakfast Fellowship at the Nautilus Diner

**Thursdays, 10.00 AM:** Knitting Circle meets in Quimby Hall

**Fridays, 10.30 AM:** Bible Study in the Cadwalader Room

### Special Events.

**Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 PM:** Parish Life Committee Meets in the Cadwalader Room

**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 12.00 Noon:** The Ladies Who Lunch at Pappas.

**Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7.00 PM:** Vestry Meets in the Cadwalader Room

**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 PM:** Afternoon Tea

**Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7.00 PM:** Alan Walden, "Whose Broad Stripes and Bright Stars. . ."

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Cookie Walk

But while Fred's grand plan might have failed (albeit for no fault of his own) his more modest project – the construction of St. Stephen's parish church – was continuing apace, thanks almost entirely to Fred's determination.

There was an easy way for Fred to have done the job. He could have pulled out his checkbook and written a check. And doubtless a number of parishioners expected him to do so. He was certainly wealthy enough and the price would have been a mere fraction of the amount he had lavished on the bishops.

Fred, however, understood something that the folks appealing to his largess failed to grasp: If Fred wrote the check St. Stephen's, no matter its corporate status, would have been *his* church. If St. Stephen's was to be a real parish church its parishioners needed to have "skin in the game."

And this was Fred's greatest gift to the parish. He insisted the parishioners step up to the plate and take fund raising seriously.

He was remarkably generous in less obvious ways. He footed the parish's not insubstantial advertising bill in the Sunpapers for many years. He put my family and I up in the Towson Sheraton every weekend for the year it took for us to sell our home in New York.

He provided the parish with free office space, unlimited secretarial help, stationery and telephones services. But while he made pledges to the building fund, he resolutely refused to pick up the entire tab. Instead, he lent the parish his expertise to get the project off the ground.

Fred persuaded the vestry to issue construction bonds to parishioners who would normally have invested money in CDs or the bond market. As an inducement, the parish paid one or two percent above the market rate.

Fred especially loved what he dubbed "challenges." He would persuade a group of parishioners to join him in matching, dollar for dollar, donations up to, say, \$15,000 – an amazingly effective way of raising \$30,000.

(The late Mary Stuart Barnhart, the grand old lady of St. Stephen's, could always be relied on to join Fred in mounting a challenge.)

Fred was a shy, retiring sort of fellow, but this didn't prevent him from persuading others to organize social events in aid of the building fund. And at his instigation, we held pledge dinners, concerts, auctions and yard sales.

Indeed, our first Cookie Walk, while not his brainchild, was organized at his urging. Thus shy, retiring Fred – doubtless, much to his surprise – might well be considered one of the fathers of the Parish Life Committee.

And fund-raising was, by no means, Fred's only realm of expertise. Our initial problem was not so much money, but finding a place to build. The parish had first hoped to build in Roland Park, the home of many of our founding parishioners. The difficulty was finding a suitable site.

Fred hired a firm of realtors to undertake a search of the area, but while they came up with a number of potential sites, planning

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

The Epistle: I Corinthians 1:4-8  
The Gospel: St. Matthew 22:34-46

**11.00 AM CHORAL MATTINS**

The Psalter: Psalms 48, 112  
The First Lesson: Proverbs 2:1-9  
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 22:34-46

restrictions and community opposition made developing any of them impractical.

Eventually, Fred persuaded the vestry to cast its net wider, and we instructed the realtors to find us a site where we would have "as of right" to build.

The only suitable site they could find happened to be the home of Patrick and Julia Miller. Thankfully, they not only sold us their land, but also became parishioners.

But Fred's work didn't end with the acquisition of the land. He cajoled the vestry into commissioning an architect and then seeking bids from construction companies. He found managers to supervise construction, and then, when building started, he took on the onerous job of managing the finances and cash flow.

Sadly, however, when it came time for the church to be dedicated, Fred was nowhere to be seen. He was simply too shy to attend the service and to receive a well-earned vote of thanks. **GPH**

**FROM DIANE NOVICKI**

**Theatre excursion?**

The Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA, will be presenting "Moses" during the holiday period. If you would like to participate in a group excursion to see this show please contact Diane Novicki at 717-398-6591. Possible dates are December 29<sup>th</sup> or January 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets prices range from \$19 for children to \$52 for adults.

For further information about the Sight and Sound Theatre and this production go to [www.sight-sound.com](http://www.sight-sound.com)

**FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE**

**"WHOSE BROAD STRIPES  
AND BRIGHT STARS..."**

Less than three decades after winning its independence from Great Britain, the still nascent United States was, again, at war with its old adversary across the Atlantic. The conflict lasted only two years. But when it ended, not only had the existence of the new nation been firmly established, it had effectively proclaimed that there was a new player on the world stage.

As we celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner, you are invited to hear the story of what happened during those pivotal years of 1812 through 1814 as told by Alan Walden, one of the most prominent broadcast journalists in the mid-Atlantic, sole winner of the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, Chairman Emeritus of the Friends of Fort McHenry, and President-Life Member of the Baltimore Council of the Navy League of the United States.

An enlightening and entertaining evening is promised as we hear how the Battle of Baltimore and the Royal Navy's relentless but ultimately futile 25-hour bombardment of Fort McHenry, which led Francis Scott Key to write the poem that became our National Anthem, turned the tide.

Join us on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7.00 PM. A \$10 per person donation to the Baltimore Chapter of the Navy League of the United States is requested.

**✦ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✦**

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. 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:** Fr Mike, Fr Tim, Carolyn, Hilarie, Vivian, Jack, John, Rodney, Donald, Annie, Evelyn, Cal, Finton, Fran, Tracey, Linda Lou, Edie, Adele, Baby Charlie, Angie, Oona, Cary, Janna, Martina, Leela, Bobby Sally, Isabelle, Julie, Ray, Courtney, Mary, Phyllis, Liz, Joe, Indra, Ally, Marjorie, Steve, Judy, David, Wendy, John, Joy, Walt, Tina, Irma, Nina, James.

**LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Stephen, Ann, Lydia, Remi, Melba, Donna, Josh, Kim, Shane, Susan, Paula, Hannah, Joseph, Scott, Charles.

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes.

**COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTEENTH  
SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY and ST.  
LUKE**

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

ALMIGHTY God, who didst inspire thy servant Saint Luke the Physician, to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of thy Son; Manifest in thy Church the like power and love, to the healing of our bodies and our souls; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

*Book of Common Prayer Pages 213 and 253*

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8.00 am: Said Eucharist

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

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

6.00 pm: Choral Evening Song (1st Sunday only)

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Wednesday, 6.00 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

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