

# St Stephen's News

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AN APPRECIATION

## Goff Clark Cockran, Jr 1920 ✠ 2017

It should not come as a shock that so many of today's young people are "snowflakes," cowering in "safe spaces," unable to cope with the realities of daily life. Just look at their heroes and heroines – narcissistic pop stars and self-absorbed movie actors and television personalities.

There is very little laudable about such role models unless one is impressed by half-baked ideas and displays of gross self-indulgence.

By contrast, children of the post-Second World War generation had heroes and heroines who were genuinely worth emulating.

They were folks who had courageously and selflessly served their country and communities – not for accolades and renown but because it was simply the right thing to do.

In the main, they weren't famous "personalities" – though movie stars and entertainers like James Stewart, Lee Marvin, Captain Kangaroo and Mr. Rogers were among their number.

Mostly they were mothers and fathers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and people who lived down the street and around the corner.

They were just ordinary folks. But their sacrifices on the battlefield and the home front preserved us a nation and their modesty about their achievements served as the model for our own behavior.

They were people whose response to adversity was action. They weren't given to whining and self-pity. They simply rolled up their sleeves and got to work.

The founders of St Stephen's were drawn largely from this generation and many of them had distinguished wartime careers.

A number had stormed the beaches at Normandy as members of the U.S. Army's 29th division. Others had fought in the Battle of the Bulge or had served in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Over the years we have paid a fond, albeit sad, farewell to so many of them that the loss of long time parishioner Goff Clark Cockran, Jr. leaves their ranks sadly depleted.

Born in Baltimore in 1920, Clark was a graduate of Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and Johns University.

He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943, serving first as a pilot instructor and then as skipper of a B-24-Bomber. After the war he flew a C-47 transport carrying cargo from Anchorage Alaska to the Aleutian Islands.

Retiring from the service in 1949, he joined the Rehrig Radio and Television School as an instructor, leaving in 1952 for the Bendix Radio Field Engineering Division to work as a radar field engineer, ultimately rising to Chief Field Engineer.

He left the company in 1968 when Bendix relocated the

division to Florida and opened his own electronics parts business in Baltimore County. Ten years later he was appointed regional manager of American Bankers Insurance Company. He retired in 1985.

Clark had a vast spectrum of interests that spanned golf, photography and video production. He was an avid Baltimore Colts fan and a member of the American Legion Towson Post.

At the age of 77, he took up flying again: After qualifying for an FAA Private Pilot's License, he became a Captain in the Civil Air Patrol. Not content with this, he taught himself to play the organ.

To the last, he was utterly irrepressible. He adored good old-fashioned hymns and he sang them lustily, albeit slightly off key. As he customarily occupied the front pew on the Gospel side, his vocal offering occasionally presented something of a challenge to both choirmaster and choir.

He was similarly devoted to Bridge although his laid back style of play sometimes drove his partners to distraction – much to the amusement of the onlookers.

### 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. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, ring the parish office on 410 560 6776.

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**FOR RECOVERY:** Peter, Charlotte, Dorothy, Rodney, June, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Judy, Neal, Aida, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Eunice, Robert✠, David, Jan, Susie, Sophia, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Cour Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John, David, Adrian, Tom, Michell, Aida, Mai, Al, Kathy, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, Isobel, Judy & Elizabeth

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**FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Stephen, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Cindy, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Erin, Aubery & Kathy

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**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** Lt Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; MSGT Michael Holter, USAF; Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army.

In short Clark was one of the parish's great characters. He will be sadly missed not just by his daughter Patricia C. Kaiser and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren but by his fellow parishioners – in particular the ladies whom he treated fondly and with great courtliness. GPH✠

### THE LENTEN SERIES

## Christianity's role in forging our Constitution and culture

Love him or loathe him, President Ronald Reagan is remembered for his pithy observations about the state of the nation – and none, it turns out, more chillingly prescient than: "If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Judged by the cultural shambles in which we currently live, America’s 40th President was speaking no less than the truth. That, at least seems to be the conclusion to be drawn from a survey by [LifeWay Research](#), the research arm of the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to LifeWay, the culture war may be lost and religious liberty might not be that far behind.

Some 70 percent of senior pastors at Protestant churches say religious liberty is on the decline in the United States, while 59 percent of Christians believe they are losing the culture war and 11 percent considers it already lost.

The survey’s findings raise “grave concerns about the moral direction of the nation from both the pulpit and the pew,” says Ed Stetzer, Lifeway's president.

“Ten years ago we were talking about who would win the culture war, and now we’re talking about how will Christian rights be protected after the culture war. We’ve lost our home field advantage.” This “home field advantage” is the subject of this year’s **Lenten Series**.

America’s unique national culture was, from the very beginning, forged by the Christian faith. This year’s Lenten Series will explore the way in which Christianity

founded, shaped and molded our republic – socially, artistically, legally and politically.

The five part series begins at about 6.45 pm, after Evening Prayer, on Wednesday, February 21st and will conclude on Wednesday, March 21st. Each hour-long presentation, will be self-contained. s

As usual we will be offering just food for thought, but food for the body as well – hearty soup, the best bread in Baltimore and beverages.

Over the past few years, hundreds of instances of religious persecution have been documented in the U.S. And the targets have been exclusively Christians.

Evangelical Christians and Catholics have been labeled religious extremists by the military. Similarly the military has listed Christian organizations including the Family Research Council and American Family Association as domestic hate groups. Students have been ordered to stop praying in front of the Supreme Court and military and civilian chaplains have been told they can no longer pray in Jesus' name.

Please join us to study issues that affects Christians of every persuasion. GPH✂

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The Rev. M Wiley Hawks, *Pastoral Care Chaplain*  
Mrs Happy Riley, *Director of Pastoral Care & Wedding Coordinator*

SUNDAY SERVICES

8am: Said Eucharist  
9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)  
11am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)  
6pm: Choral Evensong (as announced) –  
[evensong.ststeve.com](http://evensong.ststeve.com)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer  
Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist  
Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30pm: Bridge Club  
Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle  
Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

Lenten Series continues

Wednesday, March 7th 6.45 pm

The Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 21st, 7.00 pm

The Ladies Who Lunch

Barrett's Grill - Hunt Valley Towne Centre  
Wednesday, March 21st 12.00 pm  
Details: Call Sara Douglas 410-560-9026

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