

St Stephen's News

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Schedule, Dec. 24th, 2018, to Jan. 6th, 2019

CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, 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

Tuesday, December 25th

10.00 AM: Sung Holy Communion

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Commemoration of the Feast of St. Stephen

Sunday, December 30th

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Morning Prayer

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Feast of St. Sylvester

Monday, December 31st, 2018

11.15 PM: Holy Communion

NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Feast of The Holy Name

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019

10.00 AM: Holy Communion

THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, December January 6th, 2019

At 6.00 PM The Choir of Men & Boys sing:

A FESTIVAL OF

LESSONS & CAROLS FOR

THE EPIPHANY

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, ring the parish office at (410) 560 6776.

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FOR RECOVERY: Leona, Charlotte, Bryan, Dorothy, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Judy, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Robert, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John, Adrian, Tom, Michell, Al, Kathy, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, Judy, Elizabeth, Wade, Sifa, Theresa, Lisa, Larry, Dan & Scott

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FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Bethany, Caroline, Mavis, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Cindy, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Erin, Aubrey & Kath

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IN MEMORIAM: Mrs. Isabel (Ditty) King, a founding member

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FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: The King family

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

FROM THE RECTOR

We wish you a very merry Christmas & a happy 2019

Every parish has its own character – an ethos or atmosphere which reflects the nature of its members. People who visit various parishes undergo a winnowing process. Either they are attracted by the character of the parish or repelled by it.

St. Stephen's is no exception, of course. Undoubtedly, we are just a tad more formal than many others in the way we worship. But there's nothing pompous, stodgy or stuffy about St. Stephen's. Quite the reverse.

The great thing about this parish is that you know how to enjoy yourselves, whether it be at worship, at work or in fellowship. While this might seem a tad mundane, it is a talent that reflects the true spirit of Christianity. God doesn't mean us to be glum. He means us to enjoy ourselves.

At St. Stephen's the watchword seems to be: "If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well."

This is apparent in everything that takes place in the parish whether it falls into the realm of daily business – the Vestry, the Sunday School, the Parish Life Committee, the Altar Guild and Bible studies – or the special tasks such as decorating the church for Christmas and Easter, teaching a class, organizing a picnic, making church furniture, or the complicated job of putting together the Cookie Walk.

Everything is not just enthusiastically done. It is exceedingly well done.

Actually, it sometimes seems that there is nothing you cannot turn your hand to if you put your mind to it. This was demonstrated at our British Garden Party and the Cookie Walk '04. Both were the result of good old-fashioned teamwork.

There are those who sniff at people who enjoy good fun and fellowship. But, then, folks like this have been around since the beginning of time. Jesus pointed out that there's no pleasing this kind of person.

John the Baptist, he said, came neither eating nor drinking, and they called him crazy; The Son of God, by contrast, came eating and drinking and they called him a glutton and a drunk.

Fellowship, in many respects, goes to the very core of the faith. Remember how Jesus summarized the meaning of the Law of Moses. He commanded us to love God with all our being and to demonstrate our love of God by loving our fellow men, our neighbors, as much as we love ourselves.

Proper fellowship enables us to get to know our neighbors. This, in turn, prevents us from practicing our faith in the abstract – something human beings often prefer to do. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, of course. But the experience of this parish demonstrates the effectiveness of Jesus' program.

Thanks to the open-handedness and hard work of its people, this small parish has achieved a great deal in its short existence. Not least, the people of St. Stephen's have built themselves a church and taken the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a part of the Baltimore area that sadly lacked churches.

Far from looking inwards, you have generously supported missions in the community. Our causes are by no means always fashionable – the dying, the elderly, the psychologically disordered -- but nevertheless they have made an impact in areas of great need.

And this is what the Christian faith is all about. The overflowing baskets on ingathering Sundays for At Jacob's Well are truly inspiring!

Thanks to your efforts the spirit of Christmas is at work throughout the year at St. Stephen's. Your enthusiasm made for a wonderful 2018 and it holds promise that 2019 will be even better. A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year to each and every one of you. GPH

Christmas Memorial Flowers

To make a contribution towards the Church Christmas decorations in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete this form and return it to the church office by Friday December 22nd.
Make checks payable to St Stephen's Church and note for Christmas flowers.

Name of Donor: _____

Poinsettias (will be either red or white):

6 inch pot, single (3-5 blooms @ \$10.00 (# of plants _____)

6 inch pot, single (6-8 blooms) @ \$16.00 (# of plants _____)

7 inch pot, double (9-12 blooms) @ \$20.00 (# of plants _____)

Total # of plants _____ Total amount enclosed _____

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

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The Ven. Michael Kerouac, *Vicar* ·

Associate Rectors:

The Rev. Michael Belt, The Rev. John Novicki,
The Rev. M Wiley Hawks, The Rev. Robert Ludwig, &
The Rev. Dr. Norman Flowers

Mrs Happy Riley, *Director of Pastoral Care & Wedding Coordinator*

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am: Said Eucharist

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

11 am: Sung Mattins (**1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist**)

Choral Services (**as announced**) – evensong.ststeve.com

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, **6 pm:** Evening Prayer

Friday, **12 noon:** Healing Eucharist

Saturday, **5 pm:** Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30 pm: Bridge Club

Thursday, 10 am: Knitting Circle

Noon: Bible Study

Friday, 10.30 am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

The Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, January 16th at 7.00 PM.

The Ladies Who Lunch

The Bluestone Restaurant, Timonium

Wednesday, Noon, December 19th

Reservations: Joyce Perlberg (410) 252-2680

Cookie Walk 2018

It was a great success. We raised a thumping \$8,000. Thank you for all your enthusiasm and hard work. There will be a full report on the event in the first newsletter of 2019

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