

St Stephen's News

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Come to our Fall Picnic, 1 pm, Sunday, Sep. 8th

Please join us in fellowship as we celebrate our church at the annual fall picnic on Sunday, September 8th at 1:00 pm. The event will be held on the outside grounds, weather permitting.

The Parish Life Committee will provide grilled burgers, sausages, and beverages. A sign-up sheet will be located on the coffee hour table for contributions of salads, sides and desserts.

At the picnic, we will also be honoring our new inductees for the Ladies' Recognition plaque.

Bring your friends and introduce them to our family-friendly congregation!

FROM JOHN DARLINGTON

Celebrate Defender's Day, Maryland's Finest Hour

Maryland has had many historical events occur within its borders, but none have been as important to the State and the Country, as a whole, than its participation in what is known as the War of 1812.

It is interesting and somewhat frustrating that many people within and outside of Maryland know so little about the details of this important series of events. Unfortunately, they have stopped teaching history in many of our schools and fewer and fewer know much of anything about our historical past.

Of course, most of us know something about the defense of Ft. McHenry, our eventual National Anthem the "Star Spangled Banner", and its author Francis Scott Key, but many know little about "the rest of the story"; those events that took place in Baltimore and surrounding counties during September 13, 14 and 15 1814.

The first battle of the war that took place in Maryland was the battle of Bladensburg. The British fleet and a strong contingent of soldiers and marines sailed up the Potomac River, disembarked and attacked a hastily gathered American force made up of Federal troops and militia. Poorly equipped and trained, they were quickly defeated.

The British then turned their attention to Washington, and on August 19th and 20th, promptly went about burning down the governmental buildings including the White House. Supposedly, this was in retaliation for attacks by U.S forces in Canada the year before.

Following a severe storm that struck the area, the British forces reembarked and proceeded to sail up the Chesapeake Bay with the intention of capturing Baltimore and its important harbor.

At that time Baltimore was one of the two major ports (the other was New York) on the East Coast, and its capture would have crippled maritime commerce along the Coast, and stopped commerce privateers from Baltimore raiding English ships in the Atlantic.

The British plan was to attack Baltimore from both land and sea. British troops were landed at North Point on September 12th. After disembarking this sizeable force led by General Robert Ross, the British fleet completed its movement to Ft McHenry on the Patapsco River.

The plan was to bombard the fort while the land contingent under Ross attacked Baltimore from the East. This two -pronged attack seemed well

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 visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office (410) 560 6776.

FOR RECOVERY: Catherine, Richard✘, Janis, Parisa, Daniel, Judy, Leona, Charlotte, Rachel, Elizabeth, Kim, Dorothy, Donna, Skip, Dan, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Heidi, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John, Adrian, Tom, Michell, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, David, Wade, Sifa, Theresa, Lisa, Larry Ricard & Scott

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Caroline, Karen, Ardis, Mavis, Michael, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Chip, Elizabeth, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Kath, Rebecca, Catherine & Elizabeth

IN MEMORIAM: Bryan Read

THOSE WHO MOURN: The Read Family

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

designed, until two events interceded to foil the British plans.

The first of these "events" occurred while the British troops marched from North Point towards Baltimore. The Maryland militia put up a strong defense while retreating to Baltimore and during that battle, General Ross was killed by a sharpshooter.

Ross was a most respected and beloved commander by his troops, and the psychological effect on them was such that they hesitated to proceed with the attack. Their new commander, while an adequate replacement, did not inspire the troops as General Ross had, and according to historians, a noticeable lack of fervor occurred further hampering the British attack.

Meanwhile, the State militia commander, General Samuel Smith with 15,000 soldiers, was busily

preparing formidable defense positions at Loudenschlager Hill (now Patterson Park). These defensive works were so formidable that the British commander, decided not to attack and withdrew his men back to North Point.

In the meantime, the British fleet, commanded by Admiral Cockburn, proceeded to attack Ft. McHenry, staying just out of range of the fort's guns. The bombardment lasted for over 24 hours with only minor damage inflicted.

Cockburn decided to attempt a movement of marines by boat up the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River. However, alert gunners at Ft. Covington repulsed the British force inflicting serious casualties.

Faced with the failure to reduce the forts guns and knowing of the additional failure of the land side attack, Admiral Cockburn decided to withdraw his fleet and sailed to North Point to embark his ground troops on September 15th. They then sailed back down the Chesapeake Bay to the Atlantic Ocean.

On Sunday, the 15th, we will commemorate these historical events with a Flag Ceremony during the 9:15 AM Service. I hope that you will all attend.

FROM THE RECTOR

New clergy appointments

Following departure of Archdeacon, The Venerable Michael Kerouac, for St. Patrick's Anglican Church, Port St John, Florida,

The Rev. John Novicki has been appointed vicar of the parish. Meanwhile, following his ordination to the priesthood, The Rev. C. Daniel Bursi has been appointed an associate rector of the parish. Father Bursi will continue his work with our pastoral care team.

The Rt. Rev. John Vaughan, Bishop Ordinary, has given his blessing to The Rev Mark Newsome joining St Stephen's as an associate rector. Father Newsome is to join the parish's team of preachers. Meanwhile, the bishop has also licensed him to serve at All Saints Anglican Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, a parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

FROM THE TREASURER

Please help us to keep the flat roof over our heads

The time has come to replace the flat roof over the Cadwalader Room. The cost of replacing it will besome \$29,000. The Vestry has appealed for donations to cover the cost. To date we have received checks and pledges totaling slightly more than \$9,000. So we still have a long way to go. Please prayerfully consider helping us keep the roof over our heads by sending your contribution to The Treasurer, St Stephen's Anglican Church, 11856 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21057. Mark your check "Flat Roof Fund." God bless you – Bob Reynolds

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The Rev. John Novicki, Vicar ·
Associate Rectors:

The Rev. Michael Belt, The Rev. C. Daniel Bursi,
The Rev. Dr. Norman Flowers,
The Rev. M. Wiley Hawks & The Rev. Mark Newsome,
Mrs Happy Riley, Director of Pastoral Care & Wedding
Coordinator

SUNDAY SERVICES

8am: Said Eucharist
9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)
11 am: Sung Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)
Choral Services (as announced) – 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
Noon: Bible Study
Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

The Fall Picnic

Sunday, 1.00 PM, September 8th

The Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 7.00 PM, September 18th

Ladies Who Lunch

Noon, Wednesday, September 18th

Venue to be announced.

Information, call Sara Douglas at 410-560-9026

Choral Events

As announced

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