

# St Stephen's News

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FROM THE RECTOR

## Jack Kohler: The man who named the Cookie Walk

This year we will be breaking with a tradition of almost 30 years and holding our Annual Cookie Walk on the second Saturday in December rather than the first. We are shifting the sale to Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to make it easier for our customers to save some their cookies to eat on the day itself. It will also that our wreaths, table decorations and greens will stay fresher for Christmas decorating.

Last week I wrote that the Cookie Walk was conceived by my wife Charlotte. Actually she shares the honor with John I. Kohler II who, until shortly before his death in 1998, was the immensely talented "Peck's Bad Boy" of the parish.

Jack and Charlotte made a great duo, constantly thinking of ways to have fun and raise money for projects. It was Jack who actually coined the name Cookie Walk. Charlotte had suggested we should have some sort of Christmas sale, but observed that the word "bazaar" was tired and overworked.

"We should hold a Cookie Walk," said Jack.

"What on earth is a Cookie Walk?" asked Charlotte.

"It would be a sort of cake walk but with cookies," replied Jack, "We'll ask every family in the parish to back five or ten pounds of cookies, lay 'em out on tables and people can walk round and take their pick. We'll charge 'em by the pound on the way out."

By no means everybody on the Parish Life Committee immediately took to the notion. "Nobody has ever heard of a Cook Walk. Nobody will know what it is," was the main complaint. But Jack and Charlotte would not be gainsayed.

"All the better if they've never heard of such a thing," explained Jack. "They'll be so intrigued by the name, they'll come just to find s Cookie walk is."

How right he was! Today – irritatingly perhaps -- several churches in the area hold Cookie Walks. (Imitation, they say, is the sincerest form of flattery.) Not only that, the concept has spread far and wide. Cookie Walks have sprung up all over the place including Delaware and the Mid-West.

Jack has left St Stephen's with a number of enduring legacies, not least the Parish Life Committee which chaired for a number of years.

Under his leadership the "Every Member Canvass" was not simply a matter of increasing pledges. He maintained it was a parishioner's obligation to support the church in more ways than financial. The slogan for his campaign was: "Time, talents and treasure."

Surprisingly, perhaps, for such a tall, strapping individual, he had a remarkably deft hand when it came to flower arrangement. St. Stephen's most dramatic Christmas decorations – the huge wreaths that grace the East Wall and the box wood backdrop to the altar cross – stand as eloquent testimony to his artistry.

Jack maintained that it is never too early to start baking because a successful Cookie Walk depends entirely scrumptious, home-made cookies. So to provide you with inspiration, here is one of our favorite recipes to try.

Hermits are a traditional American cookie/ They are also particularly flavorsome in the winter, though they can be appreciated at any time of the year. They freeze well and taste better if they are aged a bit before This makes them ideal for early baking.

## HERMIT COOKIES

### INGREDIENTS:

*1/2 cup butter; 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar; 1 egg; 1/2 cup sour cream; 1 & 1/2 cups of unsifted all purpose flour; 1/2 teaspoon baking soda; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon each of cloves and allspice; 1 cup chopped walnuts, pecans, hickory nuts, filberts or almonds. 1/2 to 1 cup raisins.*

## 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:

#### THOSE WHO MOURN:

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

Always a favorite, most old recipes used sour cream in these cookies, although in the Deep South molasses is often the liquid ingredient. All recipes, however, use some spice and always dried fruit – raisins or figs or dates, sometimes dried prunes cut into small pieces – and always nutmeats. Undoubtedly the choice of fruit in the old cookbooks depended upon availability.

Cream the butter, cream in the sugar well, beat in the egg, and stir in the sour cream. Add the sifted dry ingredients, then the nuts and raisins. Stir to lightly mix. Grease a teaspoon, dip up about a slightly rounded spoon of batter, and push with the back of another greased teaspoon onto a well-oiled cookie sheet or pan.

Bake in a pre-heated 350-degree oven for 8-12 minutes or until a delicate brown. Loosen from the pan while still hot. Cool on a rack to room temperature and store in airtight containers. These cookies freeze well and are better in flavor if aged several days before eating. GPH✘

# Manners maketh for a more comfortable life

*From "How We Must Speak To Each Other, distributed to students this fall at Michigan's Hillsdale College.*

Like all human things, speech can be abused. Indeed, it is one of those things we abuse most often. Many colleges and universities today seek to correct such abuse through the implementation of speech codes.

Not all speech codes are created equal, however. We have one here at Hillsdale College, one that we have followed for as long as memory serves, and one that we think serves the end of education. It is simple and can be stated in a single sentence: you may assert and defend any argument you can conceive, as long as you do so in a way that is civil, academic and conducive to thought and deliberation . . . .

Understanding what it means to be civil require only common sense. Courtesy is an element: it includes manifesting good will and not offense; being willing to apologize when offense is given; and avoiding harsh criticism. It also involves not making a public spectacle of the faults or perceived faults of others. Rather courtesy

requires that we share our concerns and settle our disputes in person . . . . .

We have a lot of fun here, a fair amount at one another's expense. It is not intended to be malicious but jovial. It is fun that is characteristic of people who are or wish to be friends. Friendship, however, has natural limits. It cannot include every person, or even many persons. Because of this, our partnership here is intentionally small. Although the college is known to many millions of people, its central purposes can only be achieved here on campus and among us few. That is how it must be. And that is why we have the advantage of knowing each other and arbitrating our differences with civility and courtesy.

FROM THE TREASURER

## Please help repair the roof

*The time has come to replace the flat roof over the Cadwalader Room. The cost of replacing it will besome \$29,0000. 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.*

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### 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](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

Noon: Bible Study

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### MONTHLY & SPECIAL

## The Cookie Walk

*Cookie Walk meeting in the Parish Hall at  
12 Noon, Tuesday, September 24th*

## The Vestry Meeting

*Wednesday, 7.00 PM, October 16th*

## Ladies Who Lunch

*Noon, Wednesday, October 16th*

*Venue: To be announced*

*Information, call Sara Douglas at 410-560-9026*

## Choral Events

*As announced*

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