Dear Parish Family and Friends,

Education is one of the “four pillars” of St. Stephen’s and while our thoughts may run first to programs like Sunday School and Adult Education, there is another way in which St. Stephen’s makes a profound contribution to the wider church. Duke Divinity School considers us a partner in the work of educating people for the ministry. Both The Rev. Susan Jones (UMC), Director of Field Education, and The Rev. Jo Bailey Wells, Director of Anglican Studies and Associate Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry and Bible, have a particular interest in St. Stephen’s. Since 2006, we have been a Field Education site for eight Divinity School students, all members of the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies (AEHS).

We hope to continue this relationship in the coming academic year with support from the Kirby Foundation, which has previously made it possible for us to bring two students a year to St. Stephen’s. In keeping with its Methodist traditions, Duke “sends” its students and it is not the local parish’s “call”. The local parish may request certain types of people, but the Field Education Office and AEHS match the students with their placements. It is fair to say that in our experience, Susan and Jo have really done a remarkable job.

Several of our former students are now or will soon be ordained: Claire Wimbush will be a Transitional Deacon in the Diocese of Southern Virginia, and Julie Cate Kelly is a Deacon with the Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA, a part of the Diocese of Nigeria). Sam Keyes, a Postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Fort Worth has graduated from Duke and is headed to Nashotah House, the Episcopal seminary in Wisconsin, for his Anglican Year (a kind of “finishing school” often required by dioceses, including ours).

St. Stephen’s has a continuing interest in two other recent graduates, Wren Blessing and Reggie Simmons, each of whom is being sponsored through the parish in the ordination process of the Diocese of North Carolina. Following a series of meetings with a Parish Discernment Committee chaired by Carol Jablonski and including members of both St. Stephen’s and Iglesia El Buen Pastor (IEBP) in Durham, Wren has been accepted by Bishop Curry as an Aspirant for Holy Orders (the step prior to becoming a Postulant) and is now serving her required parish internship at St. Luke’s in Durham. She is also maintaining some responsibility at IEBP, where she serves an important part of her field education assignment while at St. Stephen’s. She has been licensed by the diocese as a Lay Preacher, meaning that she can preach regularly (in Spanish) at IEBP while that congregation is searching for a new Vicar, and she stays in touch with me as her Sponsoring Presbyter (don’t you just love this arcane church language?).

Reggie Simmons, who has been at St. Stephen’s for this past year and who during that time decided to seek ordination in the Episcopal Church, will be heading to Virginia Theological Seminary for his Anglican Year. He is not yet an Aspirant for Holy Orders (that decision is about a year away because of the schedule on which these things progress in our diocese), but he is currently meeting with his Parish Discernment Committee, chaired by The Rev. Louane V. Frey.

I bid you to keep both Wren and Reggie in your prayers as they follow the next steps in what can be a daunting process. I also ask you to pray for continued funding and the discernment at Duke which we hope will bring us two more students beginning next month. God bless, and see you in church.

Faithfully,
THE FAMILIAR BECOMES NEW

Music: A Pathway to Worship

“If we have the ears to hear, music is a spiritual language of sounds that speak a range of human emotions and put us in touch with what makes us both human and divine.”

- Marian Tyson

CASS, the familiar concert series offered at St. Stephen’s, has a new name.

ST. STEPHEN’S CONCERT SERIES

Dorothy Kitchen and Marian Tyson are the new Interim Artistic Directors of St. Stephen’s Concert Series. In the spirit of moving forward into the next Fifty Years at St. Stephen’s, Dorothy and Marian have had discussions with Bob Kaynor, our rector, to create a new vision for this series. Musicians who are performing in the 2009-2010 series are familiar to you, especially if you have been coming to CASS concerts:

Andrew Tyson, pianist: October 18, 2009
The Borromeo Quartet and Dr. Joe Kitchen: November 22, 2009
Dr. Dan Huff’s UNC-CH Men’s Chorale: January 17, 2010
Dr. Tim Olsen, organist: February 21, 2010
Nicholas Kitchen’s Borromeo Quartet: April 18, 2010

How can you participate in the Concert Series?
Save the Dates. Concerts will begin at 4 p.m.

Subscribe to St. Stephen’s Concert Series.
Adults: $50 for the 2009-2010 Season Subscription to all five concerts.
Individual Concert Tickets: $15 per concert.
Free Admission for students/children 18 and younger.

Volunteer to assist the Concert Series Board.
Mary Clyde Bugg, Claire Doerschuk, and Martina Gardner Woods, vestry liaison, will be serving with Bob, Dorothy, and me on the Series Board. We invite you to volunteer and learn more about how you can help with the concert series.

Become a Friend of St. Stephen’s Concert Series.
Make a donation of $100 or more and become a Friend of St. Stephen’s Concert Series. Your contribution will help to underwrite the guest musicians and the costs of running the series. Currently, four of the five concerts will be funded by anonymous donors.

Email marianmtyson@gmail.com to volunteer, submit questions, and leave comments.
CHURCH SCHOOL PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

A committee was formed in June to plan for Church School for ages 4 through 4th grade. The committee has met twice so far and will continue to meet during the rest of the summer. The first two meetings have been extremely successful with a great deal of energy, insightful discussion and problem solving. The committee also began a discussion of Christian Education for 5th graders through high school and will continue to address their needs in the coming meetings.

With some review of our various past church school program formats but primarily looking toward the future, the committee made the decision to offer church school for ages 4 though 4th grade during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. service. Children will be dropped off in their classrooms in the Children’s Education Building between 10:20 and 10:30 a.m. while parents proceed to the church for the service. From 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. the children will participate in a circle time with an opening prayer with a story and discussion, then an arts and crafts project followed by a closing circle time with music and prayer. Living The Good News curriculum will be used as the foundation for the program. After the closing circle time, the children will be brought to parents in the church during the Peace and Announcement portion of the service. Children and parents will then have the opportunity to participate in the rest of the church service together.

Because it is the responsibility of each and every church member to help educate its children in the word of God as well as to fulfill his/her commitment to the Baptismal Covenant, the committee makes a heartfelt plea for church school teachers. The goal is that a teacher serves for a short block of time, e.g. three or four Sundays in a row, on a rotating basis. Teacher training will be offered on an ongoing basis throughout the year for guidance and support. If you are interested in teaching church school for this age group, please contact Sally Markham at 489-8204 or Robin McGrath at rmcgrath_26@hotmail.com. The committee is also searching for someone that would be interested in helping with the music portion of the church school program. Contact Sally Markham or Robin McGrath as well if you are interested in this opportunity.

The committee is holding an open forum on Thursday, August 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall to discuss the church school plans and to answer any questions. The committee is very excited about this new format and feels this schedule will facilitate the church’s commitment to educate children in the word of God while understanding the busy and complex lives of families.

Church School Planning Committee Members:

The Rev. Robert K. Kaynor  Cathy Bressler
Deacon Louane Frey  Amy Yancy Mangum
Brock Winslow  Leigh Ballou
Martina Gardner Woods  Katie Almasy
Sally Markham
Robin McGrath
CHILDREN’S EDUCATION BUILDING: PEANUT AND TREE NUT FREE

After a review of current research and a very thoughtful discussion, The Rector, Business Manager and Preschool Director of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church have declared the Children's Education Building a peanut free and tree nut free building. No peanut butter, peanut butter cookies or crackers, etc., as well as foods containing tree nuts will be allowed in the building beginning September 1, 2009.

This decision was made in order to protect our church and preschool children as well as their families from a life threatening allergic response. This decision also supports the church’s accommodation of offering gluten/nut free hosts at communion (see the Sunday bulletin in the Holy Communion Section for more information).

Thank you for your understanding and support regarding this decision.

CHURCH SCHOOL OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 13 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and plan to attend an open discussion regarding the plans for Church School beginning this September. Members from the Church School Planning Committee will be there to answer any questions as well as take suggestions. We hope to see you in the Parish Hall as we continue to develop this exciting new format.

CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM FOR AGES 4 THROUGH 4TH GRADE

Parents of children ages 4 through 4th grade, please note the registration form enclosed in the August Window and take a few minutes to complete the form and return it to the church office by August 31. As the Church School Planning Committee continues to develop the church school program, knowing how many children are registered in each age/grade will facilitate classroom assignments and recruitment of teachers.

The church school program for ages 4 through 4th grade will occur during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. service. A more detailed class schedule will be published in the September Window. If you have any questions before that about the registration form or church school program plans, please feel free to contact Robin McGrath at rmcgrath_26@hotmail.com or plan to attend the Open Forum on Thursday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

WHAT IT COSTS TO BE A CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER!

Time commitment: 10:20-11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings plus some additional planning time.
Dates: Three or four Sundays in a row on a rotating basis.
Experience: None needed. Training provided.
Fun working with children and other teachers as well as fulfillment of Baptismal Covenant vows: Priceless! Contact Sally Markham 489-8204 or Robin McGrath rmcgrath_26@hotmail.com to be a part of this exciting team!
**Movie Night**

Saturday, August 8, 7pm

Star Wars IV

The Original 1977 classic about a futuristic Universe.

Saturday, August 22, 7pm

Movie - To Be Announced!

Prior to the Movie there will be a Pot-Luck Picnic starting at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish that feeds 8 people. Drinks will be provided. If interested in bringing a dessert, contact Megan Carlson by phone: 919-815-1177 or email: carlson.megan@unc.edu

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**PRE-TEENS!**

Pre-Teens: Addressing all Parents of a Pre-teen (child in 4th, 5th, or 6th Grade). On Sunday August 23rd after church we will be meeting to discuss the upcoming year and the expectations as to the accomplishments and goals for the group. If you could please come with a list of conflicts (like known vacations), we will be making a calendar. Contact Megan Carlson 919-815-1177 or carlson.megan@unc.edu if you have any questions or would like to be involved. And to all the Pre-Teens- get EXCITED!
St. Stephen’s Men’s Club - Wednesday, August 12 - 6:00 p.m.

On **August 12th** the regularly scheduled Men’s Club meeting will be hosted by Jack Pless and will start at 6:00 p.m. The presentation is about his house, which is a conversion of a cow barn into a home. The program will be on alternative building materials for the home. Jack did considerable research on system design and was his own general contractor. Working with a crew of only three, Jack adapted an unused former agricultural building to residential use. This is one very green building, from reused timbers to locally sourced lumber and a heat system that uses leftover heat from domestic hot water.

This meeting could potentially be a benefit to anyone interested in being a good steward of the environment. Jack can share his thoughts and experience on how to do it on a practical level. Please mark your calendars and look for the regular e-mail and bulletin announcements.

**Directions** will be provided via e-mail and bulletins. Jack has agreed to host the meeting at his home, which according to MapQuest is a 30 Minute drive from the Church. Because it is a long way to travel for a meeting, it is suggested that we “car-pool” from Church. If you want to **RSVP** to Jack early, contact him at jgpless@mebtel.net, or he may also be reached by telephone (919) 306-1220.

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**Thanks to all volunteers who helped set up the Parish Hall** for the July 5, 2009 Anniversary Service.

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**Project Update** - The Men’s Club agreed to fund a project to install **glass panels in the office doors**. The work was completed in early July. Many thanks to Orlando Lomanto, who spearheaded this effort.

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The Men’s Club will look for and fund a **Video Projector** for the Family Movie Nights. We have already provided computer speakers and a sound system for the Davis Room.
St. Stephen’s Web-Site will be undergoing some format changes, this September.

In an effort to make the Site more readable and easier to use there will be white space. We hope you will find the changes make the site easier to understand and/or use. We also encourage and appreciate feedback.

Many thanks to parishioner Cece Peterson for the time, effort and suggestions that went into this.

Norm Woods, Parish Electronic Communication and Systems

Sunday Services

8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I [Chapel]
9:15AM - Christian Education (Adults & Children)
10:30AM* - Holy Eucharist Rite II [Nave]
  * Full childcare available

Weekday Services & Events

2:30PM Wednesday - Bible Study [Davis Room]
11:30AM Thursday - Mid-Week Eucharist [Chapel] followed by lunch

All Are Welcome

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is a welcoming faith community dedicated to bearing true witness to the love of God revealed in Christ. It is our mission to spread His love by discipleship through worship, study of scripture, and service.

Please join us this Sunday in worship!
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS…

Over the last few months the church has been working on the Web-Site - [http://www.ssecdurham.org/](http://www.ssecdurham.org/) to keep information current and to make some enhancement. In an effort to allow us all to be better stewards of our resources (reduce paper, mailing Cost, labor, etc.), we have added the following new pages:

- **Monthly "Newsletter" is now available on our website**
- There is also a **new sidebar link** to a Contributions page
  
  Left side of the Home page, **fifth link down** or use the following link - [http://www.ssecdurham.org/contributions](http://www.ssecdurham.org/contributions)

All feedback is welcomed, please send e-mails to Parish Electronic Communications and Systems at pecs@ssecdurham.org

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**Electronic Information Data Update * **

NAME _____________________________________

ADDRESS __________________________________  HOME PHONE _______________

CITY _____________________  Zip ______________  WORK PHONE _______________

E-Mail Address ______________________________________

(Please indicate below your preferred method of receiving the newsletter or call the Church Office (919.493.5451).

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☐ Please send the **NEWSLETTER NOTICE** by E-Mail

* You may also send an E-Mail with this information to [office@ssecdurham.org](mailto:office@ssecdurham.org)

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**The deadline for St. Stephen’s Window is the 15th of each month; please submit your articles to office@ssecdurham.org.**

**The deadline for weekly bulletins is by Noon on Wednesdays for the following Sunday service.**

Thank you for submitting your information early!
HONDURAS HEALTH MISSION

The first meeting for the next Honduras Health Mission (January 8-17, 2010) was scheduled for Sunday, August 2, at 2pm in the Davis Room - so it's probably past that date by the time you read this in the August newsletter. If you planned to attend but missed it, however, never fear. Meetings usually happen monthly, and as departure date approaches, we meet more frequently. Contact our in-country coordinator, Priscilla Shows of St. Stephen's, with any questions at priscillashows@nc.rr.com. The Diocese of North Carolina has had a relationship with the people of southwestern Honduras for over two decades involving training, medical clinics and supplies, and fellowship. There are several ways to contribute. You can participate in the Mission itself. The positions are generally medical personnel, interpreters, "go-fers," and pharmacy assistance. If you are interested in this part of the Mission, a non-refundable deposit of $100 (equal to the airline cancelation fee) is due by September 1. You can also participate by helping with supplies. Nativity has always provided a list of over-the-counter items you can donate, and we have "pill-packings" in the fall in order to make these supplies easy to transport and distribute. Finally, you can make a donation to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 82 Kimberly Drive, Durham, NC, 27707, with "Honduras Health Mission" on the memo line, addressed to the attention of Burke Raper. St. Stephen's telephone number is (919) 493-5451 (if you want your donation to go to a specific purpose, be sure to include an explanatory note.) At present, we don't know what the travel situation will be next January, but we will be in contact with the State Department for their guidance as the departure date approaches. Thanks for supporting this effort for so many years!

THE BOOK NOOK

BOOKS AS COMMUNICATORS

When checking the shelves in our Great Hall Library I was impressed once again by the different versions of the Bible, and in foreign languages too, which we have accumulated over the years. Latin and English texts are of course predominant but now we have added one in German in deference to Luther's translation which was the first recognition of the need for all people to read the Holy Book in their own tongues. One never opens and reads the Bible without being taken back in time to meet the "People of the Book" themselves. One never gets tired of the story.

Now I am going to suggest to you there is another kind of book you may (or will) have in your home and if you do I hope you will sit down and share it with your children. For many years it was a custom to present a Church Songbook to one's children when they "came of age" according to the rites of the Church. Often these were graceful little books, sometimes bound in velvet, sometimes with their names engraved on the covers. And always there was a friendly dedication to the recipient signed by the parents or other givers. I am sure many of you have such historic books in your homes and enjoy looking at the loving dedications written by your family members long ago. I came across two from the early last century in my own bookcases not long ago and felt I was touching the hands of those long-ago sweet ancestors who had turned the pages. And I thought I heard their voices singing. I hope you will sit down and show such family gems to your children. And maybe sing.

- Marion the Librarian
NEW ADDITIONS TO ST. STEPHEN’S!

Thanks to the generosity of Orlando and Carol Lomanto, a large screen television and cabinet have been given to St. Stephen’s. They have been placed in the Parish Hall and will make it possible to have presentations, music, television and movies readily available for learning and enjoyment. Russ Tiller and Matt Breuer gave their time to move the equipment and set up surround sound.

Susan Deno has gifted SSEC with a “movie library” of DVDs and VHS tapes for all to enjoy. We now have movies available that you may check out, take home and enjoy. There is a sign-out sheet on the bookcase in the library; please complete when you check out movies and return them in a timely manner for others to enjoy.

Our deepest appreciation to Orlando, Carol, Russ, Matt and Susan for making this possible!

ECW National Honored Woman Award - Scott Hughes!

The National Honored Woman award is the highest recognition given by Episcopal Church Women. Every three years, diocesan ECW executive boards around the country are invited to submit the name of a woman from their diocese they believe has, by word and deed, best exemplified the ministry of ECW. She is then honored in a ceremony during the Triennial Meeting at General Convention.

On Friday, 73 Episcopal Church Women from dioceses across all nine provinces of the Church were recognized. Scott Hughes of Durham is the Diocese of North Carolina's Honored Woman for this triennium.

The list of things Scott has done not only for Episcopal Church Women but the Episcopal Church in general at the diocesan, provincial and national levels is way too long to publish here. Suffice to say for now she was an innovator and remains a friend to many, respected counselor and servant-leader. You’ll be hearing more about her accomplishments and this award.

Congratulations, Scott! We are proud of you.

Source: www.ecw-nc.org
North Carolina blog
GENERAL NEWS...

HEALTH CARE NEWS: STROKE IDENTIFICATION

Do you know the signs of a stroke? Neurologists say that if a stroke victim is treated within 3 hours of the first sign of stroke, the effects are totally reversible.

Remember these 3 steps “STR”:
S* Ask the person to Smile.
T* Ask the person to Talk and speak a simple sentence.
   (Coherently; i.e., It is sunny out today).
R* Ask the person to Raise both arms.

If the person has difficulty with ANY of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe symptoms to the dispatcher.

NEW SIGN of stroke:
Another “sign” of a stroke is: Ask the person to stick out their tongue. If the tongue is crooked, if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of stroke.

The Young at Heart Group!

Our next event will be a trip to Replacements, LTD outside Greensboro on Tuesday, August 11. Please plan for a 9:30 a.m. departure from the church parking lot. Our group will be given a tour when we arrive; take this opportunity to match or replace missing pieces of your china - be sure to bring along a sample pattern piece! We will also stop for lunch before returning to Durham. Call Sue Kaynor, 408-6337 for more details.
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. STEPHEN’S

Sunday, August 2, 2009
Honduras Health Mission Meeting - 2:00 pm in the Davis Room

Saturday, August 8, 2009
Family Movie Night - 7:00 pm in the Davis Room

Young at Heart Trip, Tuesday, August 11, 2009
Trip to Replacements, LTD - depart 9:30 am

Monthly Vestry Meeting, August 11, 2009
7:00 pm in the Davis Room

Men’s Club Meeting, Wednesday, August 12, 2009
Home of Jack Pless - 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 22, 2009
Family Movie Night - 7:00 pm in the Davis Room

*The Sunday morning scripture and sermon reflection meetings continue in the Davis Room at 9:15 am each week throughout the summer, as does Children’s Chapel during the 10:30 am service, and Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30 pm in the Davis Room.

The 50th Vestry and Officers of St. Stephen’s

Brock Winslow, Senior Warden
John Bugg, Robin McGrath
Sally Markham
Bob Stanley
Russ Tiller
Tom Vaughan
Sam Yancy
Martina Gardner Woods, Junior Warden
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