

Mother's Day
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May 8th

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STEVE-ADORE

2011



"Vision-directed, People-oriented, Gospel-disciplined"



Are you in the middle of Spring house cleaning and don't know where to dispose of your unwanted "stuff"? Consider participating in **THE 2ND ANNUAL ST. STEPHEN'S YARD SALE** by reserving a table to display your merchandise, (\$15/1 table or \$25/2 tables). Just show up, display, and sell your items. You do not have to be a member of the church to reserve a table. If you should only like to come and browse, mark your calendar now for the event that will be held in the parking lot (or Parish Hall in case of inclement weather), **SATURDAY, MAY 21st** from 8 a.m.—2 p.m. There will be food (breakfast and lunch) and drinks available along with 50/50 raffle tickets to purchase. Contact Sherrie Heffernan at 610-262-1742 for more details. There will be a St. Stephen's table for anyone who wants to get rid of anything but will not be able to attend the event. These items can be placed in the Parish Hall beginning Monday, May 16th.



OFFICE CLOSED:

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

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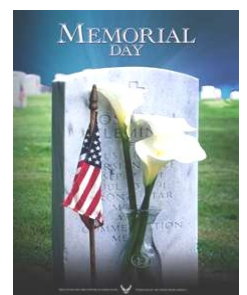
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“Good morning, Mr. Phelps”

We may remember that from the TV series "Mission: Impossible." The line continued with the words, "Your mission, Jim, if you choose to accept it, is..." and then described some complex geo-political situation which the IMF team was asked to resolve. Well, have you ever wondered what the disciples thought when they heard Jesus say to them, "Your mission is to cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons" (Matthew 10.8).

I can only imagine they must have been a bit surprised, even afraid. I mean it's not like Jesus gave specific directions as to how they were to do any of this. But, he tells them that they can do this because they are no longer—and these are the words he uses—“disciples”, they are “apostles”.

Yes, so? "Disciples", "apostles", what's the difference? They're the same twelve guys, aren't they? Well, no. The difference in the titles means they've undergone a transition.

All over the country, at this time of year, young people are making the same kind of transition. One minute they are students, learning lessons. But then, diplomas in hand, shifting tassels from one side to the other, grinning for pictures with proud moms and dads, they are suddenly something else. They're graduates, ready to go out into the world to practice what they've been learning. And that is the difference between a disciple and an apostle. A disciple is in class—under discipline. An apostle is one “sent out.”

In the Old Testament, we read that the Israelites were to be "a priestly kingdom and a holy nation". This was not a pat on the back but a job description that they were to be a nation which demonstrated true holiness and union with God to all the other nations around them. Like priests, they were to remove barriers and reconcile God and people.



And we, as the Church, the New Israel, have this same task, to break down barriers and reconcile people and God—to demonstrate to others the blessings that union with God brings us.

Well, sure. Why not? Sounds good to me. But what does this have to do with healing sickness?

Did you see the news item about a doctor who specializes in curing back pain? The doctor said that he found this pain was often the result of stress and overwork—the race for acceptance. Nothing physical was responsible. Mental therapy was his cure, not surgery.

On the other hand, he said, the opposite of overwork, unemployment, also causes people to feel the same pain because of the lack of self esteem which that creates. Again, nothing physical is responsible.

How much illness could be cured if people who feel unaccepted and undervalued could, in the words of the bumper sticker, “Know Christ and Know Peace”? Sharing that is our apostolic job and we can do it because we are accepted and valued by the selfsame God we extend to others.

But all too often we're tempted to treat our Christian life as if it were something just for us. We're content to be disciples, perpetual students. Always taking courses, never quite earning a living.

The twelve weren't any different. They weren't eager to go out. But Jesus sent them out anyway to heal the sick because he knew that's what people need. And he sends us still, to do the same.

Is it a "mission impossible" we are being asked to accept—to bring healing, reconciliation, and love to the world in the power of the grace of God? Each of us has our own places to which we are called, families, homes, workplaces, clubs and groups—wherever there are people hurting, searching, in pain. Our world is as full as Jesus' was of people who are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

It's time to graduate. Time to get a job.

Fr. Frank +



OUR GRADUATES

It's time again for the graduates of our high schools and colleges. If your son or daughter or yourself are graduating this May/June from a high school or college or trade school, please call the church office and let us know. We want to honor all our graduates!



SUNDAY, JUNE 5th

**COMBINED OUTDOOR EUCHARIST
followed by Parish Picnic!**



10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.



Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship,
food, fun and games!

Please bring a side dish/salad if you last name begins with A—M

Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with N—Z

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



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| - Robert C. Gehres II, USA | - Matthew Scheib, USMC |
| - Robert C. Gehres III, PAARNG | - Jeffrey Slough, USMC |
| - Marissa Miller | - Stephen Vanko, USMC |
| - Seth Sassaman, USMC | |

WEEKLY REPORT	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 17
8:00 am Attendance	50	41	37	39
10:30 am Attendance	59	60	53	90
Plate and Pledge	\$2,357.50	\$2,297.00	\$3,971.00	\$3,334.50



SPRING GARDEN

First, plant 5 rows of peas:
Preparedness,
Promptness
Politeness
Prayer

Next to them plant 3 rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash criticism
Squash indifference

No garden is complete without turnips:
Turnip for church
Turnip with a smile
Turnip with determination

Then plant 4 rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce love one another
Lettuce be loyal
Lettuce be unselfish

Plant your garden this spring and watch the buds
bloom on before the fruits are ready to reap.

Thought for the day

Every saint has a past -
Every sinner has a future!

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Sun

Mon

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1) **Easter 2**
8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:15 am S.S./Choir
10:30 am Sung Eucharist

2)
6:00 pm Food Pantry
(by appointment only)

3)
9:30 am Healing Eucharist
5:30 pm Weight Watchers
7:00 pm School Board Mtg.

4)
6:30 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Choir

5)
7:00 pm Church
Growth Meeting

7)

8) **Easter 3**
Mother's Day
8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:15 am S.S./Choir
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
Noon JYG

9)
6:00 pm Food Pantry
(by appointment only)

10)
9:30 am Healing Eucharist
followed by O.S.L. Mtg.
5:30 pm Weight Watchers
7:00 pm Property Meeting

11)
6:30 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Choir

13)

14)
11:30 am-5:00 pm
Food collection
from Postal
Workers in
Parish Hall

15) **Easter 4**
8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:15 am S.S./Choir
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
Noon D.O.K.

16)
6:00 pm Food Pantry
(by appointment only)

17)
9:30 am Healing Eucharist
5:30 pm Weight Watchers

18)
6:30 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Choir

20)

21) Yard Sale
8:00am-2:00 pm

22) **Easter 5**
8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:15 am S.S./Choir
10:30 am Sung Eucharist
Noon JYG

23)
6:00 pm Food Pantry
(by appointment only)

24)
9:30 am Healing Eucharist
5:30 pm Weight Watchers
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

25)
6:30 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Choir

27)

28)

29) **Easter 6**
8:00 am Said Eucharist
9:15 am S.S./Choir
10:30 am Sung Eucharist

30) **Memorial Day**
Church Office Closed
No Food Pantry
(5th Monday)

31)
9:30 am Healing Eucharist
5:30 pm Weight Watchers



IF THE WORLD WAS A VILLAGE OF 100 PEOPLE

Sixty-one of the villagers would be Asian (of that, 20 would be Chinese and 17 would be Indian), 14 would be African, 11 would be European, 9 would be Latin or South American, 5 would be North American, and none of the villagers would be from Australia, Oceania, or Antarctica.

18 villagers would be unable to read or write but 33 would have cellular phones and 16 would be on the Internet.

27 villagers would be under 15 years of age and 7 would be over 64 years old.

There would be an equal number of males and females.

There would be 18 cars in the village.

63 villagers would have inadequate sanitation.

33 villagers would be Christians, 20 would be Muslims, 13 would be Hindus, 6 would be Buddhists, 2 would be atheists, 12 would be non-religious, and the remaining 14 would be members of other religions.

30 villagers would be unemployed or underemployed while of those 70 who would work, 28 would work in agriculture, 14 would work in industry, and the remaining 28 would work in the service sector. 53 villagers would live on less than two U.S. dollars a day.

One villager would have AIDS, 26 villagers would smoke, and 14 villagers would be obese.

By the end of one year, one villager would die and two new villagers would be born so thus the population would climb to 101.



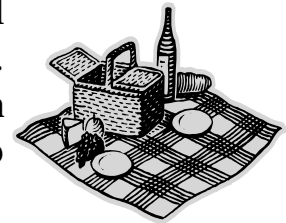
NURSERY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Registration is being accepted for the school's summer camp. Children who were three by December 1, 2010 and potty trained, including children entering first grade in September 2011 are eligible to participate. If you are interested and have not received a registration form, please stop by the office to secure one. The summer program will be open 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM beginning June 21 and will run daily ending August 20.



The 2010 - 2011 school year will soon conclude. Programs on May 25 and 26 will culminate this year's school activities. The children in all classes will observe a final celebration on the day of their last class.

During a program in the church the children will be given a certificate and the celebration will move to the parish hall where everyone will enjoy a picnic.



Registration continues for the 2011 -2012 school year that will begin in September 2011. Children registering for the 2011- 2012 school year must be at least 3 years of age by December 1, 2011. Classes for older children are also available. If you know anyone interested for next year you may have them call the school office for more information at: 610-435-4260.

We continue to collect Boxtops year round for education along with Redner's "save-a-tape" receipts and soda can tabs. If you would like to contribute Boxtops or Redner's "save-a-tape"s" there is an envelope on the bulletin board next to the church conference room, or you may turn them into the church or school office. There are containers in the school and church for the soda can tabs.



OUR LIMITED MOBILITY SAINTS

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PLEASE VISIT AND/OR SEND A CARD OF CHEER!

MEMORIAL DAY



For the Month of **MAY** the Food Pantry is asking that **St. Stephen's** focus only on collecting the following 3 items:

Canned Meats (Hams, Chicken, Turkey, Spam)

Boxed or Bagged Pasta noodles (Penne, Shells, Egg Noodles)

Canned Carrots, Beets, mixed Vegetables

As a special note:

The Easter Dinners were a great success again this year – but none of this could have been accomplished without your help – so from all the volunteers of the Whitehall Food Pantry – we **THANK YOU for your continued dedication and support of this Ministry.**

**Doreen Wagner
Coordinator**



We will also need volunteers to help weigh, sort and put away food collected and delivered by the local postal workers on Saturday, May 14, 2011. In years past, we have received several thousand pounds of food. Help is needed from 11:30 a.m. to about 5:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. The more help we have, the faster the work will go. Please contact Judy in the parish office and let her know what time you are available to help.



Have You Oiled Your Bible?

"..present yourself to God as one...who correctly handles the word of truth" -
2 Timothy 2:15



Fred W. Cropp, President of the American Bible Society, once received a letter asking: "What do you recommend for keeping the leather of Bibles from getting stiff, cracking, and peeling?" The reply was, "There is one oil that is especially good for treatment of leather on Bibles. It will insure your Bible stays in good condition. It is not sold, but may be found in the palm of the human hand." Have you been oiling your Bible much lately? Just four chapters a day will complete the entire Bible in a year; one chapter a day will complete the New Testament in two-hundred and sixty days; three chapters a day finishes the NT four times a year; nine chapters completes it once a month.



The Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen Annual Meeting at Kirby House Wednesday, May 18, 2011

The Rev. Canon Anne E. Kitch
"Minding our Spiritual Life: Turning our Brains Toward God"

\$12.50 per person
Make checks payable to
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The June Steve-Adore deadline will be Sunday, May 15th!



Happy Birthday

5/1 Michael Figueroa	5/10 Verna Canova	5/20 Stella Gonda
5/2 Dale McClaskey	5/13 Elliana Rama	5/22 Tanya Kurtz
5/4 Darlene Dimmick	Wayne Searfoss	5/24 Bruce Eitzen
5/5 Colby Edwards	5/16 Gabriel Lamm	5/26 William Erie, III
Jean Laudenslager	BenjaminUnangst	5/27 Anna Gaugler
5/7 Nicholas Heefner	5/17 Nancy Redcay	5/30 Amanda Sodl
5/9 Donald Boehrer, Sr.	5/20 Marion Campbell	



Happy Anniversary!

5/6 Curtis & Jennifer Fisher	5/28 Wayne & Joanne Searfoss
5/21 Bryan & Christina Rama	Keith & Brenda Speak
5/22 Joseph & Julie Schneck	5/31 Charles & Muriel Harmany
5/25 Ernest & Jean Laudenslager	