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# Elections by Acclamation Highlight 2008 Annual Meeting

**O**n Sunday, April 20, 71 voting members of the parish came together for the Annual Meeting. The meeting was held following a pot-luck lunch after the 10:30 service.

The parish re-elected Jane Bishop as Senior Warden, Cam Crockett as Junior Warden, and Jessica Baggenstos as Clerk. Each will serve a second one-year term in her respective position.

Mitchell Bond, Paul Bugala, Jairo Ceballos and Pete Dyro were elected to the Vestry to fill the four vacant spots. After cast-

ing lots, it was determined that Mitchell will complete the two years left in the term vacated by Beth Howe (and then be eligible for re-election); Paul, Jairo and Pete will serve three-year terms.

Treasurer Harry Leich, who resigned as of the Annual Meeting, introduced Priscilla Phelps as the new Treasurer. Harry gave a brief overview of the annual budget. The major event of the past year was the complete renovation of the 3d floor, which required taking out a \$185,000 loan, adding \$27,000 in debt service expense to the church budget for the next 10 years. The largest source of the church's income is pledges and plate offerings, which are \$275,000 this year—a 15% increase over last year!

Jane recognized a number of individuals for their extraordinary contributions to St. Stephen's over the past year/years: Harry Leich, Priscilla Phelps, Tom Bell, Brian Best, Louise Dyer, Doris Collie, Beth Howe, Gay Gellhorn, Mitchell Bond, Matt Brower, Cam Crockett, and

of course, Frank Dunn. Cam expressed thanks on behalf of the parish to Jane for her service and leadership.

In her Senior Warden's Report, Jane Bishop presented the beginnings of a banner that will represent the many minis-

tries and activities at St. Stephen's. Representatives of different parish groups added a swatch of material to represent their role at St. Stephen's.

In their reports, Frank Dunn and Sarah Goodwin acknowledged the many groups who contribute to our liturgy and to the growth and integration of Misa Alegria, and additional swatches were added to the banner. St. Brigid's Threaders will complete the sewing on the banner, and it will be a piece that celebrates our many and diverse forms of ministry.

The meeting concluded with the drawing of lucky numbers for winners of the geranium centerpieces, donated by Cam Crockett.

*-Jessica Baggenstos*

## Election Results

Sr. Warden: **Jane Bishop**  
Jr. Warden: **Cam Crockett**  
Clerk: **Jessica Baggenstos**  
Vestry: **Mitchell Bond, Paul Bugala, Jairo Ceballos, Peter Dyro**

(The vestry also includes continuing members Diane Aten, Susan Kyle, Jean Langorne, Bill MacKaye, and Geroge Frederick Thomas)

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April 27, 2008

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The Sixth  
Sunday of  
Easter

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ASCENSION DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 1

HOLY EUCHARIST  
8AM

## KNITTING COMMUNITY

Learn English!  
Learn Spanish!  
Learn Knitting!  
Saturday  
mornings,  
10am, in  
Sarabeth  
Goodwin's office  
at St.  
Stephen's.

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## Matt Brouwer to Move to Seattle

**S**t. Stephen's is losing a great leader as Matt Brouwer leaves our midst for his native Washington State in May. Since arriving at St. Stephen's a few years back, Matt has been a dedicated presence in the life of our parish, especially as we struggle to be agents of God's justice in our neighborhood through the Washington Interfaith Network.

I've been privileged to work alongside Matt over the last two years, and have been amazed by his passion for the cause, and by the grace and good humor that he brings to this work. Thanks largely to his leadership, St. Stephen's has emerged as major player in WIN — we've consistently turned out larger delegations at public actions than congregations much larger than ours, and we've been at the negotiating table with

city officials developing a strategy for preserving affordable housing in Columbia Heights.

This all comes on top of Matt's day job at the Capital Area Food Bank, where he's risen through the ranks to a position overseeing the Food Bank's relationship with its member agencies across the metropolitan area. As a fellow native of the other Washington, however, I can relate to Matt's desire to return to the Pacific Northwest, where he'll no doubt find himself involved in equally important causes, both personally and professionally.

Matt's last Sunday with us will be at the 10:30 service on April 27.

We'll miss you, Matt — but we thank God for the time and talents you've shared with us along the way.

*-Michael Sherrard*

## WIN Update: Join us on April 28

**T**hanks go to the nearly twenty parishioners who came out on April 7 for an accountability action with Adrian Fenty at Emory United Methodist.

Faced with a tough economic environment, in which the business community is clamoring for tax breaks, Mayor Fenty outlined his commitment to a budget which does right by the "least of these" in our community — including bold new commitments to supportive housing for the homeless, libraries and recreation centers in neglected neighborhoods, and extracurricular activities in DC public schools.

But his budget is only a proposal to the DC Council, so we now need to

urge them to pass a budget which maintains the mayor's proposals. The first step in that struggle is a public action with DC Council members on Monday April 28 at St. Martin's Roman Catholic Church (1908 N. Capitol St.), starting at 7:30 PM — please let Michael Sherrard know if you'll be able to join us.

And with Matt Brouwer's impending departure from our midst, the WIN team at St. Stephen's is in need of some new blood to continue this important work — please speak to Michael Sherrard or let the church office know if you're interested.

*-Michael Sherrard*

## Bishop Ronald Haines Dies

**T**he Rt. Rev. Ronald H. Haines, the seventh Episcopal Bishop of Washington, died on March 21 of cancer at his home in Lancaster, Pa. He was 73.

The time of his death — 2:55 p.m. on Good Friday, just shy of the “ninth hour” — seemed fitting, several friends and former colleagues remarked. But they agreed that Haines himself — an unassuming man with a dry sense of humor — would have laughed and said, “You mustn’t read too much into these things.”

Haines’ low key, pastoral leadership style served him well during his decade as Bishop of Washington (1990 to 2000; he had served as suffragan bishop since 1986), as he dealt gracefully with a series of groundbreaking and sometimes challenging events.

These included the 1990 ordination of Elizabeth Carl, a lesbian living in a committed relationship; his 1992 nomination of Nathan Baxter as dean of Washington National Cathedral — the second African American to serve in that capacity; and the 1992 election and consecration of Jane Holmes Dixon as suffragan bishop — the second woman in the Episcopal Church and the third in the Anglican Communion to achieve that status.

These events all shaped Haines’ episcopacy, furthering his vision for a diocese where, “empowered by the Spirit of God, and not by our own strength, we respond to Jesus’ call as we become a community of brothers and sisters in Christ where all are accepted and none are despised.”

Bishop Haines worked closely with our own parish in the mid 1990’s when a financial collapse of space-user income meant that we could no longer have a fulltime priest on staff, and our final rector departed; the wardens

(Laura Mol and Brian Best) were suddenly and unexpectedly directly accountable to the bishop. He encouraged the parish to invent some new model, believing that a full-time priest in every parish was not going to be possible for parishes of the future. He wanted St. Stephen’s to serve the wider church by developing other forms and at one point encouraged us, saying, “You are trying to ride this bicycle while you are building it.” Our eventual development of the role of senior priest was due to Bishop Haines’s vision and foresight.

A memorial service for Bishop Haines will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 2pm, at Washington National Cathedral.

### Simply Thanks

**I**would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to my extended St. Stephen’s Church family. During one of the most difficult and life-altering times in my life I was provided with loving prayers, support and encouragement to be strong and heal. Your giving spirit was very much appreciated and needed.

Thank you to Bill McKaye and Frank Dunn for trekking to my hospital to pray with me and help me to be more courageous. Thank you also to Ellen Baynard for her motherly words and to everyone who had me in their prayers.

A special thanks to the St. Brigid’s Threaders for the beautiful scarf and prayer guide. I am truly blessed.

Love,

*Hazel Cummings*

(Hazel is the coordinator of the Loaves and Fishes program.)

## WORSHIP at St. Stephen’s

### Sundays

#### 8:00a—

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite I

#### 10:30a—

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite II with  
Children’s  
Spiritual  
Formation

#### 5:00pm—

Misa en Español

Celebrants and  
Preachers

**4/27:** The Rev.  
Ronald Conner  
(8:00); The  
Rev. Sarabeth  
Goodwin  
(10:30; 5:00)

**5/4:** The Rev.  
Frank Dunn  
(8:00; 10:30);  
The Rev.  
Sarabeth  
Goodwin (5:00)

**CONFIRMATION  
AND  
RECEPTION**

If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, join us Friday evening, May 9, and Saturday morning, May 10, as we prepare for the June 21 confirmation and reception event at the National Cathedral.

Our time together will focus on spiritual preparation.

Please contact Frank Dunn or the church office if you wish to participate.

## Eugene Sutton Elected Bishop of Maryland

**T**he Rev. Canon Eugene Taylor Sutton was elected March 29 as the 14th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.

Sutton, 54, canon pastor at Washington National Cathedral and director of the Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage Diocese of Washington, was elected the first ballot out of a field of five nominees.

A majority of bishops and diocesan standing committees must consent to Sutton's election and ordination as bishop within 120 days of receiving the consent request.

Sutton has served parishes in the dioceses of New Jersey and Washington. He has also taught homiletics and litur-

gics at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, and General Theological Seminary. He's also served as assistant to the bishop in the Diocese of New Jersey. Sutton is a frequent leader of retreats and conferences on prayer, preaching, spirituality and mission. Married to Sonya Subbayya Sutton, their family includes four children and stepchildren.

At St. Stephen's, we've been graced by Eugene's presence among us as preacher and celebrant a number of times in recent years.

For Eugene's election, we give thanks to God.

*-Episcopal News Service*

## René Holloway, Remembered from South Africa

**D**ear Bread:  
I want to be René Holloway when I grow up!

That is what I thought when I first met her in the late 1980s when I was a full-time Cathedral Service Community volunteer at the Samaritan Ministry, then housed at St. Stephen's. And it's what I aspire to now after reading the terrific tribute in the January 20 BREAD.

When I left DC for the Peace Corps in South Africa almost two years ago, I transferred by BREAD subscription to my mom in New Hampshire, as she has also been an avid fan of St. Stephen's after just a few visits during the early 1990s.

Now the shoe is on the other foot: she sends me occasional newsletters

here so I can keep up with what's what. The St. Stephen's fan club is alive and well in the Southern Hemisphere!

I am not certain where I will end up when I return Stateside in six months, but the glorious medley of spiritual communities in DC that carried me through the 20 subsequent years after my year at Samaritan Ministry beckons loud and clear, so I'll be keeping you posted as to the renewal of my subscription in due course.

Keep up the fabulous faith, and let us celebrate with René on her entry to her heavenly home.

*-Janet Aldrich  
Bakenberg  
South Africa*

**Remember Thurgood Marshall**

A special Eucharist to commemorate Thurgood Marshall on the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Brown vs. Board of Education takes place at 5:30pm May 18 at St. Alban’s, D.C., in concert with Washington National Cathedral. The Rev. Canon Eugene Sutton, Bishop-elect of Maryland, will preach, the Rev. Timothy A. Boggs will celebrate and music director Sonya Sutton will lead a special music offering.

**Storytelling Event**

The Center for Digital Storytelling and SpeakeasyDC present a major event at St. Stephen’s Church: The International Day for Sharing Life Stories Celebration-Stories about Change, Transformation, and New Beginnings. On May 16, storytelling events are taking place in many cities around the world. The Washington DC event takes place in our auditorium at 8pm that day. The suggested donation is \$10 (\$5 for students, seniors, and low income). Join in an evening of storytelling celebrating the power of sharing life stories. The evening will include live story performance, story screenings, and storytelling activities.

**Next Step Breakfast**

Join in Samaritan Ministry’s Annual Next Step Breakfast at The National Press Club, 529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20004 on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 9:00 am. Broadcast Journalist Judy Woodruff will be the Mistress of Ceremony. Hear remarkable true-life stories from *Next Step Program* participants, volunteers and others while enjoying a complimentary break-

fast. Lives are changing at Samaritan Ministry. Join us and find out how. Visit [www.samaritanministry.org](http://www.samaritanministry.org) for more info, or contact Diane Aten at [daten@samaritanministry.org](mailto:daten@samaritanministry.org) or 202-722-2280 or to make your reservation.

**Cathedral in Lights**

See Washington National Cathedral as you’ve never seen it before for three nights - May 9 to 11 - when Swiss lighting artist Gerry Hofstetter will create a spectacular exterior illumination of the south and west sides, in celebration of the Cathedral’s centennial. Images will be projected directly onto the Cathedral from sunset to midnight. A live musical performance is set for 6:30 p.m. May 10, and there will be a special worship service, Sent Forth by the Spirit, at 11 a.m. May 11. For more information, visit [www.nationalcathedral.org](http://www.nationalcathedral.org) .

**BENEFIT CONCERT**

The DC Labor Chorus and Triflava Progressive Hip Hop will perform a benefit concert for The Emergence Community Arts Collective; St. Stephen’s space user Luci Murphy is one of the performers. Friday, May 9, 8pm at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 501 - 4th Street NW; tickets are \$20.

FORUM

- April 27: “Walt Whitman’s poem,” with guest speaker Bernard Welt
- May 4: “Rembrandt’s Prodigal Son,” with Frank Dunn

Forum meets every Sunday at 9:15am (prompt!)

**Is Our Income Keeping Up?**

Amount Pledged for 2008: \$228,761

Given, as of April 1: \$56,141

*where we should be  
is where we are!*

# LECTIONS

6th Sunday of  
Easter  
(April 27)

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
I Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

7th Sunday of  
Easter  
(May 4)

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10,  
32-35  
I Peter 4:12-14;  
5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

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# THE SAINTS

**Monday, April 28**  
*Birthday: Jennifer Blackman*

**Tuesday, April 29**  
CATHERINE OF SIENA, 1380  
*Anniversary: Katy Kincade  
and Roy Kienitz*

**Thursday, May 1**  
SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES,  
APOSTLES

**Friday, May 2**  
ATHANASIUS, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA,  
373

**Saturday, May 3**  
*Birthday: Patricia Davis-  
Muffett*

**Sunday, May 4**  
*Birthday: Mitchell Bond,  
Charles Lawrence*

**Monday, May 5**  
*Heavenly Birthday: The Rev.  
Herbert Aldrich, 2002*

**Thursday, May 8**  
DAME JULIAN OF NORWICH, c.1417

**Friday, May 9**  
GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS, BISHOP OF  
CONSTANTINOPLE, 389  
*Heavenly Birthday: Anne  
Janney, 1999*

**Saturday, May 10**  
*Birthday: Barbara Wien  
Heavenly Birthday: Margaret  
McBride, 1990*

**Sunday, May 11**  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

# THE PRAYERS

Here's who we've been praying for recently:

- Jessica and Aaron Hansen, Catherine and Paul Bugala, and Lisa Luceno and Gabriel Pinski, who are expecting babies;
- Noah Anderson, Holden Crocheron, Truman Muffett, and Lily Rempel, preparing for baptism on Pentecost Sunday;
- Elizabeth; Ridgely Bennett, Terrey Danley, Elizabeth Lincoln (sister of Jane), Brother John Mathis, Eric van Naerrson (friend of Susan Kyle), and all who desire to be restored to health; those who are home-bound; and all who care for aging relatives, the sick and the homebound;
- Winifred Allen (mother of Pat Gray), Clark Anthony (stepfather of Diane Aten), Duane Bonds, Helen Bonds (mother of Duane), Bob Brown (former parishioner), the Diggs family; Clara, Jeremy & Kyra Grant (Jane Bishop's daughter and family), Michael Lippe (friend of Priscilla Phelps), Barbara Oldland, and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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