

The Monthly Newsletter of Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church, McLean, Virginia

Times They Are a-Changin'

ne of my favorite Bob Dylan songs is, "The Times They Are a-Changin." His lyrics referred to the tumultuous times of 60's. He hoped it would be an anthem for a generation seeking change in our culture and how we see each other. Change can be stressful but like death and taxes it is guaranteed. Nothing stays the same. The community we live in is changing and our culture is rapidly changing (not always for the better). How is the Gospel message received in 2013 and how may St. Dunstan's need to change to be God's light in our community?

We are in the season of Easter and during this season our Sunday readings focus on Acts and the birth of the Church as the first apostles spread the Gospel. Spiritually it was a time when everything 'was a changin'. If you were a Jewish convert to the Christian movement, one would have to relearn all new spiritual practices like dietary laws, circumcision, rethinking the Sabbath, and expanding your understanding of neighbor. These would have been dramatic changes for a Jewish person as their world understanding was shaken and rebuilt. For Gentile converts, they were relinquishing pagan practices and learning to live the love they discovered through Christ. I'm always amazed by the stories of Roman centurions becoming Christian because they were essentially turning from the Emperor (who saw himself as God) and turning to the true God. An act like that takes much courage and faith. The Gospel was finding a way into people hearts by seeping through the various cultural norms.

We are living in a time when our culture is in the midst of significant change. The way millennials (age group 18-34) view faith and the church is very different then the generations that preceded them. There is a lack of trust in anything institutional including church. The demands and pressures of our own lives lure us away from our faith and church community. Demands on our young people push church and faith development further and further down the priority list. The outreach needs in the community are very different then they were 10 or 20 years ago. The times are changin' and we can not stand still.

There are many opportunities for St.Dunstan's to rethink how we do

"church". We have already upgraded our website but we can use technology to change how we worship. Imagine following the service from your smart phone or IPad. With the near completion of the metro to Tyson's Corner, there will be new people moving into the area who don't own cars. Can we find a way to bring church to where they are? What are some of the unmet outreach needs in our community? Could it be support for people going through divorce, building a community for au pairs, or providing support for those aging in place? These ideas just scratch the surface of possibilities. It takes courage and faith to step into the places of change.

One of my favorite lines from Bob Dylan's song is "so you better start swimmin' of you'll sink like a stone for the times they are a-changin" St Dunstan's cannot stand still in a perceived place of comfort. If the church is standing still, it is dying. The mission Christ has given us is ever driving us forward in new places, new cultures, and new lives. We are beckoned ever forward towards God's love and the hope of eternal relationship.

JON DEPHOUSE

Dephouse Fundraiser Nets \$7K; Jon Writes Back

The Rev. Jon Dephouse, our former seminarian and now assisting rector at St. James' Church in South Pasadena, Calif., was diagnosed in October of last year with a rare and aggressive cancer. On April 28, St. Dunstan's hosted a silent auction for *Jon and his family, raising \$7,000. We* received the letter reprinted here from Jon. For auction winners, see below.



Jon Dephouse

May 1, 2013

Dear St. Dunstan's Community,

Greetings from Southern California! I was stunned and delighted to receive a phone call the other day from Rev Stephen informing me of the fundraiser that had taken place on our family's behalf. I do not have enough words to express my gratitude for your generosity and care at this time. The financial gift and the word of encouragement in hearing of what you had done was a blessing on a number of fronts that I cannot even explain completely.

It never ceases to amaze me how we could be together for a season of life a few years ago when I served as a field education intern at St. Dunstan's, yet in the community of Christ our relationships hold together for the long haul. Whatever we may go through, we do not struggle alone,

but we are truly together. Thank you for being part of our team and family in this past six months. It has been quite a ride going through cancer treatment, but I am grateful now to be in remission and that I can set my sights towards recovery.

Though I am feeling very well right now, and functioning like my normal self, I am very aware of the need for attention and care given to the coming months of healing and renewal. The months after cancer treatment can be described like a natural disaster that is no longer in the news. The ripple effects continue in all aspects of life even if not as visible as the months in treatment. Yet, through all of this, I am certain that God has and will continue to work out beautiful things even through this trial. I know many of you know exactly what I'm saying here. Please continue to remember us in prayer from time to time, and know our that our family's thoughts and prayers are fondly with you all at St. Dunstan's.

It looks like I may be visiting this summer on Sunday, June 23. We will very much look forward to our time together, but in the meantime, please hear our deepest and heartfelt gratitude for all your thoughts, prayers, and generous giving.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Jon Dephouse

Silent Auction Winners from April 28

Round of Golf with the Rector: Perry Williams Round of Golf with the Rector: Norma Graves Choosing Hymns for a Sunday:

George & Nancy Burghardt

Cake by Rev. Anna Scherer: Liz Kaiser Four 30-minute guitar/bass lessons w/Gray Snead:

Jamie Adams

Four lawn seats to Bill Cosby at Wolf Trap: Liz Kaiser \$100 Amazon.com gift card: Nancy Searby \$50 Birchmere gift card/mug: Dan Moore \$50 Maggianos gift card: Jim Buttz \$50 PF Changs gift card: Lee Keshishian \$50 Metro Diner gift card: Eileen Place 12 Free Spirit Roses/Flowers & Plants etc.: **Karen Jester**

Coral: Taishoff family Spa baskets: Helen Vogel

Mocha Fudge Cake by Ellen Keck: Martin Keck \$25 Starbucks gift card: Mary Margaret Chalk The Search by Nora Roberts: Katie Lauer Thomas Jefferson The Art of Power by Jon Meacham: **Dan Moore** Newseum tickets and private tour: **Joan Loizeaux** Newseum tickets and private tour: Eileen Place Blue Ceramic Basket: Helen Vogel Silver pitcher with holder: Martha Taishoff 3 framed photos: Martha Taishoff Costume Necklace & Earrings: Julia Williams St. George Picture: Anne Lauer Continued on next page

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL

R eport from Executive Committee: A volunteer directory will be created with the Parish directory. We discussed the web site analytics. Overall we are getting healthy traffic with 300 new people visiting it in March. People from all over the country went to the site.

Jr. Wardens Report: The Spring Cleanup is Saturday, April 20 and they are busy coordinating the Boy Scouts, food, etc. In the Memorial Garden, we need to get help with drainage issues and advice on various plantings.

Treasurer's Report: We had a good first quarter. Actual plate receipts are up from last year, pledge is on budget. Operating income is higher than expected, with total revenue of \$130,295. Expenditures are in line with expectations with most items being at or just under budgeted levels. The gas is higher than last year, but this is seasonal. Overall we have a \$4,324 surplus for the quarter. The Endowment Fund has increased to \$91,767.

Group A (Finance Stewardship, Communication): Planned Giving brochure needs to be updated. They will work with the treasurer and accountant on the audits over the summer. We are exploring installing pew racks. The cost will be about \$850.

Group B (Outreach, Christian Education, Adult Faith Formation): Carpenter's Kids update - Suzanne Johnson has been contacted. Congregational education on this will be the focus with articles in the Peal and Bell Ringer and a "button" on the website linking to more information. There will be an intergenerational fundraiser lunch in the fall. Various ideas were discussed for getting the children more involved and Nancy Searby will write an article about Tanzania for both the Bell Ringer and the Peal.

Group C (Fellowship, Worship, Newcomers): They are adding people to the worship committee and would like a youth member on it. They will meet as a whole sometime in May. Research continues on refurbishing the Steinway currently in the Undercroft and having it moved up to the Sanctuary. Fellowship - The Dephouse Family fundraiser luncheon and silent auction will be April 28. The sendoff luncheon for Connor Newlan and his family will be the following Sunday, May 5.

Rector's Report: Stephen submitted the Brooksfield School proposal for a flagpole in the Peace Garden area. Brooksfield needs to provide some clarification before a vote is taken. The office is researching upgrading to a color copier.

Full copies of the Vestry Meeting minutes are posted on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

The next Vestry Meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 in the Undercroft. ■

Apologies for the late Bellringer

Production distractions made this issue so late but be sure and check out the new elements, including "New Faces" and "20 Questions."

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Isakson photo/3 lotus blossoms: **Pat Moore** Isakson photo/Geese in flight: **Helen Vogel** Isakson photo—Universe of Dewdrops:

Taishoff family

Adams Pottery (Lg. Bowl): **Margaret Mackinnon** Adams Pottery (Cream Stamped Plate): **Martin Keck** Adams Pottery (Brown Wine Cooler):

Martin Keck

Adams Pottery (Tri–color plate): **CJ Taishoff** Sharon Henderson's Beaded Rosary:

Helen Vogel

S. Heile's freshwater pearl necklace: **Katie Lauer**

S. Heile's Labradorite Necklace: J. Adams Pewter—Christ Rejoicing: Helen Vogel Pewter Crosses: Anne Lauer Barnes & Noble Nook: David Scherer Lee Keshishian Painting—John's Garden: Martha Taishoff Lee Keshishian Painting—Sunrise over the Mountains, Shrinemont: Alison & Ben Keck Three bottles of wine : **Tommy Lee Whitlock**, Ann Collier, Fred Vogel Lighthouse: Helen Deardorff Windmill: Tommy Williams Crystal Bunny: Lena Vogel Crystal Duck: Joyce Ward Expresso Machine: Teresa Ambrosius Magnolia Plate: Tammy Shepherd Crystal bow pin and crystal swan pin: Ellen Keck Six hours of babysitting by Mary Margaret Chalk: John Ambrosius

PARISH NEWS

Silent Auction Thanks

To everyone who played a part in the Luncheon/Silent Auction in support of the Dephouse Family, I wanted to thank each of you for your tremendous help and generosity. We are very blessed and I am so grateful for our Saint Dunstan's Family. —Alison Keck

Bookworms to Meet Saturday, June 1 at 10 AM at the Hopkins'

D ecause of holiday travels our Breeting will be two weeks later than usual. Our book will be Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter. From the moment it opens-on a rocky patch of Italian coastline, circa 1962, when a daydreaming young innkeeper looks out over the water and spies a mysterious woman approaching him on a boat-Beautiful Ruins is a dazzling, yet deeply human, roller coaster of a novel. Barbara Hopkins' address is 1504 Wasp Place, McLean, VA 22101

-Helen Vogel (703) 534-4877

Centering Prayer Every Tuesday Evening

ost of us spend much of our Mtime in prayer asking God to bless those we love and guide us as we go about our lives. We also thank God for blessings that we have received.

Centering Prayer is an opportunity to gather with others to listen for God in the silence.

During Centering Prayer, we listen with the 'ears of our heart'. " Be still and know that I am God," says the Psalmist.

We gather in the Chapel at St. Dunstan's at 7:00 p.m. There is no cost and no need to sign up; just

NEW FACES

Meet Albert Adomako

resident of Northern Vir-A ginia, Albert Adomako grew up in Accra, Ghana, where he attended Saint Augustine's Anglican Church. Albert received U.S. citizenship in a lottery and came to the U.S. seven years ago. He works as an engineer/technician at Micron Technology and regularly visits family in England.



come as you are able.

Spiritual Direction

C ometimes we like to have some-**O**one share our spiritual journey with us, someone to walk with us as we seek and are found by the Living God. The Spiritual Director is someone trained to do this. Together, we listen for God in the story of your life.

Times of discernment and transition are particularly good times to have a spiritual companion. Speak with The Rev. Stephen Shepherd if you think you might benefit from having a spiritual director.

Off to College

Saint Dunstan's will bid temporary farewells to longtime parishioners Mary Lauer and Alex Place next fall, as they head off to college. Mary will matriculate at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, Penn., where she plans to study Asian languages. Alex is headed to CalTech, where he will enjoy Frosh Camp, raining pumpkins, Mudeo games, and Ditch Day during the few moments when he is not in the library.



20 QUESTIONS: PERRY WILLIAMS

"Twenty Questions" is an interview-by-email in which a person at St. Dunstan's is asked to answer at least 20 questions from a list. Our first victim, Perry Williams, is the parish's senior warden (the elected head of the 12-person vestry). Perry lives in McLean with his wife Tina, son Tommy, and daughter Julia. He works in institutional investment management with Sands Capital and helps serve a client list that includes some of America's largest corporations, charities, foundations, and governments.

What is your full name?

Thomas Perry Williams

How long have you been an Episcopalian?

I was baptized at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Auburndale, Florida in December 1972. I was confirmed at Manakin Episcopal Church in Powhatan, Va in June 1988.

How long have you been a member at Saint Dunstan's? We joined St. Dunstan's in 2006. Where were you born?

Florida, in a small town outside of Orlando. *Where have you gone to school?*

I have a BS in Commerce from the University of Virginia and an MBA from Northwestern University.

Where have you lived? Virginia, Georgia, and Illinois Of the places you've lived, which did you like best? Really hard to say. Atlanta was a great place to live post college and pre-kids. It was tough for us to leave, but McLean is home now and my kids were born here. Plus we are closer to family, which is great.

How many U.S. states have you visited?

44, I think, excluding Alaska and Maine which are on my Bucket List!

How many countries have you visited?



Perry with Tommy, Julia, and wife Tina

I'm not sure, but since I started tracking my travel using the "Triplt" app a few years ago it says I've been to 20 countries and more than 205,000 miles most of it work related.

What would be your ideal trip (and with whom)? Jackson, Wyoming with family and friends. We went last summer and had a wonderful time and can't wait to go back. Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park were simply breathtaking—paradise on Earth!

If you could re-visit any restaurant that you've ever been to, which one would it be?

La Grotta in Atlanta—an "old school" Italian restaurant with great food and excellent service. It's hard to beat IMO.

- 5 Steve Learned Ian McKenney Nancy Rider
- 7 Robin Adams Anna Marie Close
- 9 Cecilia Curran
- 10 Linda Young
- 11 Jonathan Spring
- 12 Helen Freudenthal
- 15 Suzanne Cole Elizabeth McCall

- **May Birthdays**
- 17 Alexander Horenstein
- 18 Matthew Gregory
- 20 Linda Scanlon
- 21 Nathan Derby Christopher Derby Elaine Ho Jann Shoemaker
- 23 Karen Jester

- 25 Kristen Verderame David Savage Tami Shepherd Leola Wenley
- 27 Liz Johnson Baylee Postelle Davis Rose
- 29 Benjamen Barden David Garman Peter Keck Peggy Schilling

Who has the best burgers in No. Virginia or DC?

I'd say Michel Richard's Central on Pennsylvania Avenue, but I'm also a big fan of Joe's Burgers in McLean.

What are your guilty pleasures?

Baskin Robbins' peanut butter and chocolate ice cream. Yum!

If you won a month, all expenses paid, to do whatever you wanted, what would you do?

I'd take a "staycation" and pocket the winnings :) There are so many things within driving distance of home that I never have the time to enjoy.

If you could eat any single meal, what would it be? My mother-in-law's Kibbeh Nayyah. It's a Lebanese dish made with beef, cracked bulgar wheat and spices

served with raw onions and mint. It's delicious, especially with a glass of arak! **What is the grossest thing you've ever**

eaten (and why did you have to eat it)?

I'm sure people will think it's gross, but it was actually pretty good. On a recent trip to Tokyo I ate raw horse meat. Don't judge! :)

If you could choose one outfit to wear through eternity, what would it be?

A white flowing robe. Isn't that standard issue in the afterlife?

If you could choose one playlist to listen to, what would be on it?

Classic rock. I like songs made with real instruments! My favorite bands are Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

If you could wave a magic wand and immediately be masterful a sport, which one would it be?

Golf. It's been a lifelong pursuit and passion. My goal this summer is to break 80. I've come close before but never seem to be able to string together two good 9s. I won "Golf with the Rector" at the Jon Dephouse fundraiser. I'm hoping that Father Stephen will have some good tips for me!

If you could wave a magic wand and immediately be masterful at an instrument, which would it be?

Guitar. I'm not very good. I have such tremendous respect for musicians. My kids are learning piano now. I wish I'd started when I was their age.

Do you have any favorite quotations or mottos? "Follow-through!". It applies to so many things in life—sports, relationships, commitments. Do you have any favorite books or movies? I'm a big fan of "Superman". Seeing those movies when I was kid always lifted my spirits and made me feel ten feet tall.

I'm really looking forward to the "Man of Steel" reboot this summer. Here's a great quote from the

preview. Jor-El (Superman's father) speaking to Kal-El (i.e. Superman) before he sends him to Earth. "Goodbye my son......you will give the people of Earth an ideal to strive for....they will stumble...they will fall...but in time they will join you in the Sun." Looking back, what would you do over if you could?

My wedding - not to do "over", but to do again! It was one of the greatest days of my life. Tina and I will be celebrating our 12th wedding anniversary June 9.

What are your hobbies?

Golf. Music. Food (preparing it and eating it). Skiing. *If we turned on the TV after you were watching, what channel would it be on?*

"Duck Dynasty" on A&E. It's a guilty pleasure and

incredibly addictive. I especially like that every episode ends with the Patriarch, Phil Robertson, saying prayer before dinner with his family. It's a goal of mine in 2013 to have more dinners with my family!

What do you like best about Saint Dunstan's?

The people and the friendships I've made. St. Dunstan's has also brought me closer to Christ and made me more appreciative of God's blessings.

If you could change something about Saint Dunstan's, what would it be?

There are areas of the Sanctuary that I think that we can and should renovate,

over time—similar to what we've done recently with the Common Room. We might consider the bathrooms in the Undercroft next. I'd also like us to think about how we might give the rest of the Sanctuary a "facelift" (inside and out) and make worship a more intimate experience.

What's your favorite joke?

I have two:

- A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork.
- As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked, "Julia, what are you drawing?" Julia replied, "I'm drawing God."
- The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like".
- Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Tommy, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?" "No Sir," little Tommy replies, I don't have to. My mom is a good cook." ■



Did you know?

Changing the lightbulbs in the sanctuary and Parish Hall requires the deployment of extensive scaffolding—not to mention brave souls to mount it. Here, parishionier Russ Keck hands a bucket of new bulbs to his brother Martin. The Kecks have been keeping our bulbs fresh almost singlehandedly for several years.

PHOTOS: PARISH WORKDAY, APRIL 2013



Brad and Jane Langmaid take a break from weeding.



Maureen Jenkins shows off her tools.



Lily and John Lindquist loosen rotten path liners.



Mary Margaret Chalk clears vines from the gulley.



C.J. Taishoff, steel-driving man



Helen Vogel weeds the center sidewalk.



Taking a pizza break, clockwise from top left: John Lindquist, Jonathan Lindsay, Fred Vogel, Linda Young, Will Vogel, Lena Vogel, and Fritz Vogel.



Perry Williams and Jim Buttz consider breaking a sweat.

HISTORY OF SAINT DUNSTAN'S

Improvements, St. Francis Memorial Garden and Outdoor Chapel, and the Rood Screen

By George Burghardt

n 1997, the parish built a bell tower onto the southeast corner of the sanctuary, adding an architectural feature from the building's original plan and including an elevator. Around 2005, St. Dunstan's completed a major renovation of its nearly 40-year-old sanctuary at a cost of \$625,000. These improvements included new lighting, the updating of the heating and air conditioning system, installation of a new pipe organ, and updating the chancel. As part of the many improvements to the chancel, the choir moved from behind a "rood screen" to seating behind the altar, and the altar was moved closer to the congregation. (A rood screen is a common feature of late medieval church architecture. It is typically an ornate partition between the chancel and the nave, according to Wikipedia).

The outdoor St. Francis Chapel was completed in 1971 and is used for special services such as in the fall the church holds an outdoor service to bless the congregation's pets.

Adjoining the chapel is the St. Francis Memorial Garden where the cremated remains of parishioners and members of their families may be interred. Inside the main sanctuary, as you enter on the right is the memorial plaque.

Top, the parish buildings in 1971, well before the addition of the bell tower in 1997. Center, the Senior Choir in 1987. Bottom, the sanctuary at Easter, 1971. (Note the rood screen behind the altar.)





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