

# The Messenger



## JUNE 2011

### GIFTS OF LEGACY AND LOVE



Dear friends in Christ,

As many of you know, I have been helping to settle the estate of a parishioner who died last fall. This has turned out to be a very complicated process and one which has had some unexpected twists and turns. While I will not go into details about the complications, I will say that in working with the attorney on this estate, and in cleaning out the house, I have learned much.

I already knew that no one can predict the hour of our deaths or the way we will go Home. What I had not realized was the critical need to be as prepared as one can be on a **practical** level. What I mean by this is that if one should die unexpectedly, our loved ones should be taken care of.

Obviously some of us need to make sure that we have enough life insurance to take care of our children's practical or educational needs if they are young. But taking care of our families can involve other practical matters—things that before this year, I had not even considered.

First and foremost, do you have a will drawn up **AND** is it current? For example, if you had a will drawn up years ago, your primary beneficiary (or beneficiaries) may have died. If this is true, then whatever you left them—be it money, real estate or other property—will go into your estate. Perhaps this is okay with you—just be aware that it's true. And you should make sure that family members know who your attorney is—i.e. where a copy of your current will actually IS.

Second, do you have a **LIVING WILL** in addition to your last will and testament? I have been in too many hospital rooms, in too many situations where people are severely injured, leaving families in anguish about how much life support (if any) to provide their loved one. You give your family a great gift if you let them know, ahead of time, your desires (this includes organ donation, because at the time of an accident, no family member is thinking clearly—yet giving the gift of organs will give another person the gift of life.)

Third, do you have an **updated** list of things like life insurance policies, bank accounts, investment accounts, **WITH THE PASSWORDS** necessary for those accounts if you access or use them online? (I talked with someone last week whose father-in-law recently passed away; he was careful to update all account information with

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### Dates to Calendar

**Absalom Jones Sunday**  
**June 5**

**Annual Picnic**  
**June 12**

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updated passwords about every five years, providing his family with great comfort after his death.) And make sure the family knows WHERE the list is!

Further, if you have a Facebook account, other social networking account or e-mail address(es), is there a list somewhere SAFE that has your passwords to these accounts? (Note to the wise: AOL is not cooperative about releasing passwords, even with a copy of the death certificate!) And is it clear whether you have a benefit on your mortgage that would pay off your mortgage at your death?

Fourth, if your funeral service is important to you in terms of liturgy or music, it would be helpful to your family if you have already written down your preferences—

favorite hymns, whether you want Rite I or Rite II, whether you would want a Eucharist celebrated, etc. We have a Funeral Planning Guide available in the parish office, if you'd like to do that at home, on your own. Or if you prefer to sit down with me and do that, I'm happy to do this. I know this sounds odd to some folks, but one of the greatest acts of love you can do



for your family is to take that kind of planning out of their hands. At the time of a loved one's death, much is happening, and if the death is sudden and unexpected, people are in a state of shock.

While I do not mind guiding families through planning for funerals, it is always such a gift when this is one thing they don't have to do. I already have several parishioners' information here in my office in the event of their deaths. All of them (to date) were done with previous rectors, who passed the documents on to me for safe-keeping.

Fifth, have you considered to whom you will leave your estate? Most of us have children or grandchildren or other relatives whom we love, to whom we want to leave jewelry, money, real estate, vehicles, etc. However, many people also want to leave assets to a charitable organization. You need to be clear about this in your updated will.



In the past, St. Philip's has been blessed with generous gifts of legacy (large and small), given by parishioners who have died. I hope that when you update your will, you will make St. Philip's Parish one of your benefactors. This historic place has enjoyed many benefits because of such bequests or memorial gifts—i.e. the McKee Room and Wyatt Ministry Center, and more recently, our Nave & Roof Fund and Columbarium Fund.

You will hear more about our Columbarium project this fall, on which many people have been faithfully working. As part of the education to the parish about that, we hope to offer some Seminars this fall not only about the Columbarium (and what that means for you and your loved ones), but information on practical information such as Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Last Will & Testaments, Financial Planning, and Charitable Bequests, etc.

In the meantime, I hope you will give serious reflection about these matters. If you would like to meet with me at some point in time about pastoral or liturgical needs to which I have referred, I will be happy to do so.

Blessings, Sheila+

**June Calendar**

†SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

June 1  
 12:00 pm PCT Meeting—McKee  
 7:00 pm Yoga—WH  
 June 3  
 7:00 pm NH—WH  
 June 4  
 10:00 am Smart Recovery—WH  
 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry—WH  
 5:30 pm Brennan Party—WH  
 June 5  
 10:15 am Absalom Jones Sunday  
 12:00 pm Youth Group  
 12:00 pm Absalom Jones Sunday Reception—WH  
 3:00 pm Mills' Bridal Shower—  
 June 6  
 7:30 pm Bell Choir—WH  
 June 7  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery—PHBCR  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery for Sig. Others—McKee  
 7:00 pm Vestry Executive Committee Meeting  
 June 8  
 7:00 pm Yoga—WH  
 June 10  
 7:00 pm NA—WH

June 11  
 10:00 am Smart Recovery—WH  
 June 12 DAY OF PENTECOST—End of Program Year  
 12:00 pm Annual Parish Picnic—Cemetery & WH  
 June 13  
 7:30 pm Bell Choir (Last for the summer)  
 June 14  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery—PHBCR  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery for Sig. Others—McKee  
 June 15  
 7:00 pm Yoga  
 June 17  
 7:00 pm NA—WH  
 June 18  
 10:00 am Smart Recovery—WH  
 June 19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
 June 21  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery—PHBCR  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery for Sig. Others—McKee  
 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting—WHCR  
 June 22  
 7:00 pm Yoga—WH  
 June 24  
 7:00 pm NA—WH  
 June 25  
 10:00 am Smart Recovery—WH  
 June 28  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery—PHBCR  
 6:00 pm Smart Recovery for Sig. Others—McKee  
 June 29  
 7:00 pm Yoga—WH  
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting—PHCR



**Camp St. Philip's  
 Son-Surf Beach Bash  
 July 11 - 15, 2011**



**Congratulations  
to all of our  
Graduating Seniors**

St. Philip's is proud to recognize and salute the following members who will be graduating this month.

*Gabrielle Boyce  
Alexandra Lamancusa  
Lorraine "Rainey" Smith*



**Prince George's County Now Accepting Applications for Christmas in April 2012**

April 28, 2012, will mark the 24<sup>th</sup> year for the Christmas in April program sponsored by the government of Prince George's County. The Christmas in April program is for the elderly and physically challenged residents of Prince George's County. It is specifically designed to help these homeowners to remain in their homes in a more comfortable and secure environment. Applications are due by November 1, 1011.

On the last Saturday in April, hundreds of volunteers show up at the homes of the winning applicants, providing repair services as needed to the elderly and physically challenged homeowners. The scope of work ranges from yard work to interior painting, to replacement of old appliances and the installation of smoke detectors. Please note that Christmas in April cannot make structural repairs (new roofs, repair or replacement of concrete, windows, etc.)

If you are interested or know of someone who might be eligible and in need of a visit from the Christmas in April "angels," please contact the parish office for a copy of the application.

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Window Committee salutes them on their outstanding achievements to date, and looks forward to their continued success in the future.

Thank you to the following members of the Absalom Jones Scholarship Selection Committee: Trei Massey, Lead; Stacy Harper-Avilla, Betsy Welsh, Susan Hayes and Maureen Steinicke, who participated in the selection of our 2011 recipients. In addition to the Selection Committee members, a hearty thanks to the rest of the Absalom Jones Scholarship & Memorial Window Committee members: O'Henry Bryan, Sally Bucklee, Carolyn Campbell-Flowe, Jackie Cooper, Laurie Hayes, Arleen Leis, Tracy McCracken, Eleanor Redmond, Charles Richardson, Becky Thomas, George Wong, and Chairperson, Denise Redmond.

Denise Redmond

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Thanks to everyone who helped with the party and made food - Amy, Debbie, Donna, Gale, Georgia, Ginger, Helen, Joan, Julie, Leslie, Linda, Sandy & Vi.

We all spent an amazing \$4928.79 (WOW!) in products which means that \$985.76 will go to our Roof Fund! We also held a 50:50 cash raffle which raised \$137 - the winner kindly donated the money back to us (thanks Donna!) and I was also given a \$20 cash donation. That all totals \$1142.76!

This fundraiser has been a HUGE success THANKS to everyone!

Deb Fitzer



**Ministry Opportunity Sunday**

Ministry Opportunity Sunday (MOS) will be held on September 14, 2011. Over the summer, we will be working to update the MOS brochure which lists all of the ministries here at St. Philip's, including the current contact and contact numbers. If you are currently heading up a ministry, please send your name and contact telephone number and/or email address to Tracy at admin@stphilipslaurel.org by July 15, 2011.

**In Our Prayers This Month**



*The Pastoral Care Team and St. Philip's Parish are currently praying for those in our community who need prayers for healing, comfort and strength, especially for: Lorna Adair, Reese Armstrong, Ilan Betzger, Gail Bernhard, Carol Bracht, Betsy Burke, Jane Burke, Susan Burke, Charles Chesgreen, Bonnie Connors, Judy Cramer, Spencer Crowe, Harriett Crowther, Michael Dangerfield, Amy Elmquist, Gus Eustis, David Fales, Pat Bentley-Fisher, Albert Fons, Paul and Caryne Forster, Patty French, David Graham, Tom Greenhorn, Laurie Herbert, Kathleen Inman, Ann Jess-Johnson, Susan Miranda, Tom Penn, Barry Richardson, Audrey Shumway, Phyllis Skelton, Barbara Smith, Karl Staufenbeil, Becky Thomas, Charmane Truesdell, Frank Unger, Bradley Waters, Julie Waters, Stephen Wheeler, Peter and Margaret Willet, Dylan Williams, Ken and Mary Wilson. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact the Leslie Cain and the Pastoral Care Committee at cainsoflaurel@verizon.net*



- 06/01 Ingham Mack
- 06/03 Keith Redmond
- 06/08 Joanne Jess
- 06/08 Barbara Shearin
- 06/08 Marcos Miranda
- 06/08 Casey Ohringer
- 06/09 James Hall
- 06/09 Emmanuel Njoku
- 06/10 William Kaifer, Jr.
- 06/10 Amy Brennan
- 06/13 Phillip Chase
- 06/13 Trish Bernhard
- 06/14 Lindsey VanDerMeid
- 06/16 Derek Ohringer
- 06/17 Pat Higgins
- 06/18 Dylan Singleton
- 06/19 Julie Waters
- 06/20 Gregory Olaniran
- 06/20 Richard Malcolm
- 06/21 Eric Forssell
- 06/23 Winsome Hylton
- 06/23 Susan Hayes
- 06/23 William Kaifer III
- 06/24 Vicki Abshire
- 06/24 Julia Balay
- 06/25 Betsy Brothers
- 06/28 Kendall Loiseau
- 06/29 Ugonna Omeronye
- 06/30 Nicole Redmond



*If you do not see your name in the birthdays for this, or any month, it means that we don't have your vital information in our data base. We need, name, and date of birth, including the year. We aim to please and celebrate everyone's natal day, so contact the Parish Office so that we can make sure not to miss your special day again.*



Christmas in April Photographs

# NUTS AND BOLTS



**LARS:** When you go to the grocery store this week, buy a few extra canned goods or non-perishables for LARS. As you come to church this Sunday, remember to bring them and put them in the LARS basket in front of the organ.

Foods needed include: **peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned pasta with meat, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned chicken, "just-add-water" pancake mix, and canned soup with lots of "stuff" in it.** Pull-top cans are particularly welcome for our homeless brothers and sisters!

**SPEAKING OF THE Messenger:** If you would like to submit an article for the monthly newsletter, please email it to [admin@stphilipslaurel.org](mailto:admin@stphilipslaurel.org), or drop it in the Parish Administrator's folder in the Crate, or mail it to the church office by the **15th of the month**. We invite updates on the activities of your ministry, as well as any other information important to the St. Philip's family.



**GROCERY CARDS** are available for Giant, Weis and Shoppers in denominations of \$10-\$100. (A \$300 grocery card is also available for Giant Foods). St. Philip's receives a rebate on every card purchased. See Vi Turley or Julie Waters after the 8 a.m. service to purchase your cards; after the 10:15 a.m. service, see Joan Rattigan, Kama Hamilton or Terry Betzer. **Safeway shoppers:** To sign up today, go to [eScrip.com](http://eScrip.com) and click on "1-Sign-Up." Enter your Safeway Club Card Number. It's as easy as that! **St. Philip's number is 1036806.**



**THE GYPSY QUILTERS** are currently selling raffle tickets for their colorful "Key West Batik" quilt. Tickets are \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. See Vi Turley or Pat Higgins to purchase your tickets today! The drawing will take place when a sufficient draw has been reached.

**YOUTH GROUP:** St. Philip's Youth Group provides Christian fellowship for youth in grades 7 – 12. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month, from September – June. Contact Betsy Burke at 301.953.1805, or Pam Brown at .301.490.2829, for more information.

**MONTPELIER MANSION** will hold three Family Fun Days this summer. The first takes place on June 26; the second on July 24; and the third on August 7. Hours are 4—6 pm. This is a FREE event, so plan to come out to explore the grounds of Montpelier, play games, do crafts, dress up in old-fashioned attire. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy, and bring canned good foods to donate for the local food banks.

In addition to the Family Fun Day schedule, **Montpelier Mansion** is pleased to announce its participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Blue Star Museums program. Blue Star Museums is made possible through a partnership among Blue Star Families <<http://www.arts.gov/about/disclaimer.php?outlink=http://www.BlueStarFam.org>>, the National Endowment for the Arts, and more than 600 museums.

This program offers free admission to all active military and their families, to show their appreciation for those who are serving this nation. If you are active duty military personnel and/or an immediate family member (spouse or child), to gain free access, please show either a Geneva Conventions CAC ID or a DD Form 1173 ID card at the museum admissions desk. Guided tours of Montpelier are available on Sundays at noon, 1, 2 and 3pm, and self-guided tours are available Mondays-Thursdays, any time between 11am and 3pm.

To learn more about Montpelier Mansion and our other summer programs, log onto [http://www.pgparcs.com/Things\\_To\\_Do/History/Montpelier\\_Mansion.htm](http://www.pgparcs.com/Things_To_Do/History/Montpelier_Mansion.htm), or call (301)377-7817. For more information on the Blue Star Museum project, visit <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php>

The next issue of the Messenger will combine July & August.



## CAMP ST. PHILIP'S 2011

### Helper Dudes and Dudettes Wanted

#### Discovering Big Answers to Big Questions About Jesus

**Hurry! Don't miss out on the fun!! ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT to register for Camp St. Philip's 2011 SonSurf Beach Bash!!!**

Gather with us at our very own beach paradise of St. Philip's for an incredible week filled with fun and games, awesome music, Bible stories, cool crafts, beach scenes, outreach projects, an extra dose of surfin' silliness, and most importantly, friendship and community! Oh yeah, and a field trip too!! It's guaranteed to be a BASH!

**When:** July 11 - July 15, 2011, 9am - 4 pm daily + Friday closing program/dinner  
**Who:** Campers: entering grades K-6  
 Campers/Counselors-in-Training (CIT's): entering grades 7-8  
 Counselors: entering grades 9-12  
**Cost:** Camper and CIT fees: \$100 first child; \$65 additional siblings  
 Before & after care optional add-on (8am-9am & 4pm-5pm): \$40 per child  
 Full or partial scholarships are available (contact Libby Lamancusa for details)  
**How to register:**  
 Register at the registration table at church or mail registration form & payment to the church office (forms in Wyatt Hall, *Messenger*, & [www.stphilipslaurel.org](http://www.stphilipslaurel.org))  
**Registration closes June 12**

#### Donations and Loans Wanted...

Camp St. Philip's is looking for a variety of items for craft projects and for transforming Wyatt Hall into a totally AWESOME SURFIN' BEACH BASH. Please see our sign-up board in Wyatt Hall. THANKS!!

#### Extra Helpers Wanted – Do you have a few hours to give to Camp St. Philip's to ...

Help decorate and set-up on Sunday before camp  
 Help with Before-Care from 8-9am  
 Help with prep work for craft class supplies  
 Help during service projects

Help with Olympic games  
 Chaperone for field trip  
 Run miscellaneous errands  
 Roaming Photographer  
 Friday dinner helpers  
 Help take down decorations on Sunday after Camp  
**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**  
**Contact Libby Lamancusa to help. THANKS!**



#### EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN BOARD ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP HONORING BISHOP CHANE

The Episcopal Church Women's Board for the Diocese of Washington (ECWDOW) has established a scholarship to honor The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, who is retiring as Bishop for the Diocese Washington, DC. This award, officially named **THE RT. REV. JOHN BRYSON CHANE SCHOLARSHIP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**, has been established in appreciation and recognition of Bishop Chane's ministry, support and leadership as our Bishop.

Scholarships will be awarded to one high school senior in each of the following jurisdictions: the District of Columbia; and in the Maryland counties of Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's, and St. Mary's. Eligible applicants must be graduating from high school, be a resident of one of the aforementioned jurisdictions, be an active member of an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Washington, be accepted for full enrollment to attend an accredited junior or community college, or an accredited four-year college or university, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applications will be accepted through Thurs., June 30, 2011.

Interested high school seniors, who meet the eligibility requirements, should contact the parish office to obtain an application.



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 How: Register at the registration table at church, or mail registration form and payment to St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Attention: Camp St. Philip's /Libby Lamancusa, 522 Main Street, Laurel, 20707. **Registration closes June 12**

◇Registration Form◇

Camper/Counselor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname/preferred name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday (mm/dd/yy): \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Gender: M F  
 Grade camper is entering in Aug. 2010 (circle) K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Grade counselor is entering in Aug. 2010 (circle): 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>  
 T-shirt size: Youth sizes: Small (6-8) Medium (10-12) Large (14-16)  
 Adult sizes: Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

Parent/Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home email address (for confirmation of registration): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home faith community (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible for picking up this child:  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact (if the parents/guardians cannot be reached):  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/medical needs/special circumstances the Camp St. Philip's staff should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Will this be the child's first large-group experience other than Sunday school: yes no  
 Anything special you'd like us to know about your child (use back side if you'd like) \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ Camper fee: \$100 first child; \$65 additional siblings  
 + \_\_\_\_\_ Before & after care add-on (8am-9am & 4pm-5pm):\$40  
 - \_\_\_\_\_ Full or partial scholarships received  
 = \_\_\_\_\_ Amount included with this form (payable to St. Philip's Episcopal Church)

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2011

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HIGHLIGHTS

May 17, 2011

Sheila+ opened the meeting with the presentation of a welcome booklet given to Ingham Mack when he attended services at a parish near Ocean City. The Vestry discussed the possibility of creating a folder that could be given to new attendees of St. Philip's by the ushers that would provide information about the church and parish.

Aimee Littman stated in the Treasurer's Report that the church is moving in a very positive direction as expenses are controlled and the building fund is right on budget. Moreover, she reported that Winterfest raised \$10,800 for the Roof and Nave Fund. Discussion regarding the ailing air conditioning unit ensued with the agreement that its replacement should be considered as soon as possible, likely once the Roof and Nave project is completed.

Brian Stinchcomb discussed the logistics of repainting the Little Chapel, as the paint on it at present is lead-based. There are specific rules that guide how the paint should be removed and what precautions should be taken during this process. This will be researched fully and the project will commence as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted by:  
 Angie Galt  
 Clerk of the Vestry

SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

Just **ONE** more date remains for Safeguarding God's Training classes. This training is required for all full-time paid staff and any volunteers or staff working with children/youth in the Diocese. To register, please go to [www.edow.org/prevention](http://www.edow.org/prevention) or go to edow.org under "For Clergy and Parish Leaders" and then "Safe Church." **(A copy of your certificate, issued at the completion of this training, must be placed on file in the church office.)**

◆ June 11 at St. George's, D.C. (Region 1); 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.



LARS' Annual Silent Auction and Bull Roast takes place at the American Legion Hall on June 4th. Casey's Crab Company will cater the event; tickets are \$40 in advance; \$45 at the door. Wouldn't it be great to fill a table from St. Philip's? Please contact Kerrie Allen ([kerrie.s.allen@gmail.com](mailto:kerrie.s.allen@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.

On June 11, all are invited to attend the Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to mark the reopening of LARS' newly renovated headquarters. Located at 311 Laurel Avenue, events get underway at 11 a.m. Free hot dogs and drinks and a moon bounce for the kids will be provided! Please bring something to help restock the food pantry.

Kerrie Allen

"Undoing Racism" Workshop

Are you concerned with how racism and economic oppression impact Greater Washington D.C., our country, and the world? Are you challenged by how to deal with race issues in your work, community, and families? Then, you will want to attend a special workshop on "Undoing Racism/ Community Organizing Workshop" to be held June 10-12, 2011, at Virginia Tech, 1021 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314. The workshop is being conducted by The People's Institute - a national, multiracial, anti-racist network dedicated to ending racism and other forms of institutional oppression.

The cost of the workshop is \$350. There is a special rate of \$175 for Students and Seniors. Scholarship assistance is available through the [Committee of Seventy](http://Committee of Seventy) for members or those who are interested in joining the group which is affiliated with the Episcopal Church. For more information about scholarship assistance, contact Ford Rowan at: [fordrowan@comcast.net](mailto:fordrowan@comcast.net). To obtain more information about the workshop, go to The People's Institute website: [www.pisab.org](http://www.pisab.org).

Arlene Leis