

# The Stone's Throw

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# August

## From the Deacon's Bench

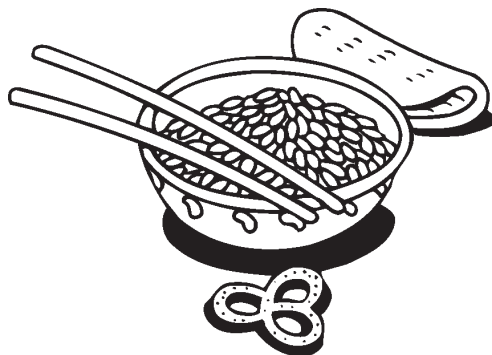
A big thank you to all that shared my ordination weekend with me and my family. It was beyond my expectations to see so many of you at the cathedral ordination service, join with me at the reception afterwards, and share the evening with us later at the Miller Open House. I was overwhelmed with all the friendship and love that was bestowed on me. My family commented more than once about the warm hospitality and friendly people they met at St. Stephen's. I was so thankful to hear them say that because one of my biggest wishes was for my immediate family to meet my St. Stephen's family and Cincinnati friends. The Diocese will eventually be sending the newly ordained deacons a CD with the pictures that were taken in the cathedral. I will share them with everyone as soon as I receive them.

Occasionally I find an interesting article in some of the "whole living" magazines I subscribe to or articles that are of value that are sent to me by my fellow deacons. I will be sharing the articles that I feel apply to the fellowship community at St. Stephen's

## Ten Thoughts on Whole Living: from "body and soul" July and Aug.

By Terri Trespicio

1. Don't rush. Savor this ripest, sweetest season
2. Discover peace by observing the world around you. Take time to drink it all in.
3. Learn from your setbacks and they will open the door to new opportunities.
4. Be earth-friendly by treading lightly when you travel.
5. Surprise yourself. Engage in a spontaneous act.
6. If you listen to your body, you'll feed it well and take the guilt out of eating.
7. When you push the boundaries of your strength you tap into the body's true power.
8. The most memorable moments in life are often unplanned.
9. Eat close to the source. The healthiest food doesn't come in a wrapper.
10. To-do lists have their uses but don't let them eclipse the serendipity in your life.



## Rice for Words

John Breen had two lofty goals: help end world hunger and prepare his son for the SAT'S. For this computer programmer the solution was simple. He created Freerice.com, a nonprofit online vocabulary quiz that gives 20 grains of rice to someone in need for each word defined correctly. (The rice is paid for by the site's advertisers and distributed by the United Nations World Food Program.) The more you get right, the more you help one of the 25,000 people who could potentially die from hunger each day. Don't expect it to be easy though. Breen wrote the program to get more difficult with each correct answer, making the donations you do achieve that much more rewarding.

From "body and soul" Green Etiquette

OK guys——I have tried this program several times and find it to be fun. I would be interested in knowing how far some of you can get before you make a mistake! Yes, it is a challenge.

Go on the internet and google Freerice.com

Deacon Jean

## **Duvall School Supplies**

YES! , The sales on school supplies have started. Let's support our Duvall school kids again this year.  
THANK YOU!

Steve

P. S. Sales run thru August.

## **Taize**

By now most of you have heard Fr. Bailey mention that there is a committee working on a Taize Service. No doubt you've wondered what it's all about, so, to give you some history of Taize, I've gone to the Taize Web site to get some facts.

Taize is a village in central France. In 1940 Brother Roger, then 25 years old, left Switzerland and settled in Taize, France to shelter WWII refugees fleeing the war. When the war ended he set up a community of a few Brothers, and his sister Genevieve, to care for war orphans, and also welcomed German prisoners of war that had been interned in a camp near Taize. As of 1949 seven young men had committed themselves to a life of celibacy & simplicity.

By the 1970's over 100 Brothers from Catholic and various Protestant backgrounds and from some thirty nations are in community with the hope of being a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians, and between separated peoples. They accept neither donations or personal inheritances for themselves, but gives those received to the poor. They live solely by their work.

Each year tens of thousands of mostly young people come from all over the world to live together in simplicity. They sleep in tents, eat simple meals, join discussion groups, and attend the Taize services. The different languages spoken, & different cultures are soon overcome by the common desire to seek God in prayer, song and silence.

They learn that there are many ways to pray. Even if they do not know how to pray, by simply being in the Presence of God, longing for prayer is prayer.

The "Taize Service" has spread around the world. It is Christian & ecumenical. It is simple, reverent, and contains short readings from the bible and appropriate books, prayers, short simple songs and silence. Our three person committee has each experienced at least one such service & were each moved by the experience.

Our hope is that you will also find a Taize Service rewarding.

The first service will be offered to St. Stephen's congregation on a Sunday evening in September. More on the date & time later.

Meanwhile Bette Kattmann, Jeanne Miller and I encourage you to check out the Taize Web site at [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr)

Cathy Skiba

## **Parish Leadership Retreat Planned for Sept 13**

St. Stephen's is planning to hold a Leadership meeting on Sat, Sept 13 from 9 am to 3 pm. We have been asked to fill out a "self-assessment" form by the Commission on Congregational Life. All congregations in the diocese have been asked to do this, so that COCL can learn more about the mission and ministry happening in our churches, and can then discern ways to assist us in these areas.

The self-assessment will cover our vision and mission statements, the types and number of ministries we're involved in, how many people are involved, our enthusiasm for and engagement with these ministries, how our leadership is structured, what our financial health looks like, etc.

Your vestry, wardens and clergy will certainly be there, and anyone else who is interested in participating in the discussion and the assessment is enthusiastically welcomed. Please mark it on your calendars. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

Lisa Elmendorf, Sr. Warden

## **A Note from the Grant Family**

Both Paul and Ben Grant returned from Iraq a few months ago. Army Major Paul was an advisor to an Iraqi General. Marine Capt. Ben flew the KC130J mostly on refueling missions out of Al Asad. Paul has returned to Tomah, Wisconsin, where he and his wife, Cynthia, have lived for about five years. Paul is stationed at nearby Fort McCoy, where he has been involved in various facets of military training. Fort McCoy is a primary training and staging area for soldiers on their way to Iraq. Paul may be moving to Fort Knox, KY, in a year or so where he will be much closer to home. He also figures to make Lt. Colonel at about that same time.

Ben, wife Brandy, and 18 mos. old son, Logan, moved two weeks ago from New Bern, NC, to Quantico, VA, where Ben will attend the year long Expeditionary Warfare School. Ben had lived in New Bern for five years where he had been Chief KC130J Flight Instructor at the Marines' Cherry Point Naval Air Station. He was one of two pilots in the C130 community to have been selected for the War College. Ben will return to New Bern after Quantico but only briefly. He will be assigned probably to either California, Okinawa, or Japan.

Both men came up through the enlisted ranks before getting their degrees and commissions. Both are approaching twenty years in the military. Paul has a Master's Degree in Business from the University of Wisconsin.

Paul and Ben were raised at St. Stephens. There are probably few people left who remember them from that time. There is in the back of the church a twenty-five year old picture of them on the altar.

Gordon Grant

## **Bishop's Visitation**

Bishop Suffragan Kenneth L. Price, Jr. will be with us on Sunday, December 7 to preach, teach, baptize, confirm, celebrate and do all such things Episcopal. Please mark your calendars!

## **Correspondence from the Spohn Family**

We received two emails this month from Sharon Spohn. Here is what she had to write:

The Lord be With You,

I am writing on behalf of my parents, Ed and Peggy Spohn. We attended St. Stephens from 1966 to 1973. I printed out "The Stones Throw", for my mom to read and she was so pleased to see parishioners that she remembered, the Dillons, Mrs. Silver (Say "hello" to Marty from Sharon.), and others.

My mother wanted me to ask if the Stations of the Cross and the Banner they had commissioned in memory of my brother, Richard David Spohn, are still in use?

My parents and I have so many wonderful memories our of days at St. Stephen's, first under the guidance of Fr. Mills, then Fr. Weiss. I was confirmed there in 1969.

If you could please send my parent's greetings to the parishioners and let me know about the Stations and banner, I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Sharon Spohn

[Fr. David replied with an attached picture that showed the Stations arranged behind the Altar during Lent. We received the following response:]

Dear Fr. Bailey,

Thank you so much for your reply and the picture of the altar with the Stations! My parents were thrilled! It brings back so many memories for us, looking at the altar, felt like coming home, again. Those years at St. Stephens were good years for my family. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sharon Spohn

## **Hospitality Ministries**

After many years of dedicated service, Dorothy Boyd is stepping down as coordinator of ushers, greeters and fellowship hour hosts. Dorothy is also stepping down as the chief coffee maker on Sundays.

Anyone who is interested in taking on the ministry of scheduling ushers, greeters, and fellowship hour hosts should contact Lisa Elmendorf. The new coordinator will begin scheduling for the month of September.

Also, those who are interested in sharing the “coffee preparation” duties with Dorothy should contact Lisa or Fr. David as soon as possible.

Thanks much, and a huge THANK YOU to Dorothy Boyd for her faithful service over the years!

## **Stewardship Time and Talent**

So far, 33 people have turned in their Time and Talent pledges. We are doing very well - out of the 63 items on the sheet, there is at least one volunteer for all but the 5 following options:

Nursery

Shooting Star email

Sunday Bulletin

Library

Dohn Family Support

There are some options that lots of people have signed up for! The top 5 are:

19 for Potluck Groups

14 for Duvall School Buck Store

9 for Blessing of the Animals

9 for Thursday Morning Bible study

8 for Greeter

It is not too late to turn in your sheet to Nancy M, Vivian or Rick. The results are posted on the bulletin board, and you can even add to what you have pledged to do!

## **Selden Family News**

John David Millett, son of Michael and Nancy (Selden) Millett, was valedictorian of Lakeside High School's graduating class in Atlanta, GA. He is the grandson of Louise and the late George Selden, Sr. John will enroll in the Honors program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

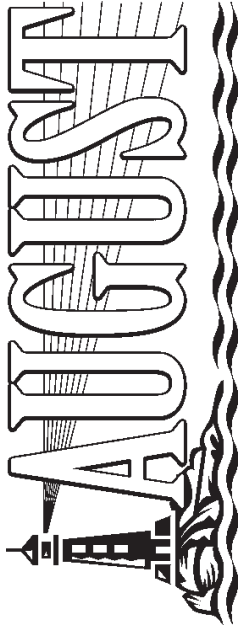
## **Pet Garden Help Needed**

Needed—a caring person to take care of St. Stephen's pet garden. General clean-up and maintenance—weeding and flower disposal. Contact the building and grounds committee.

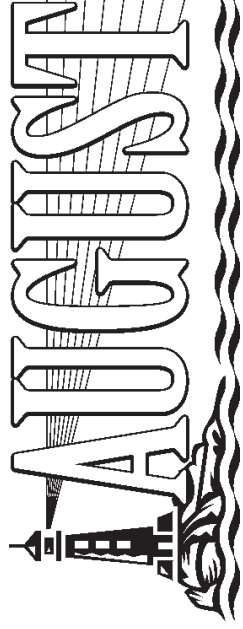
## **A Note from Molly**

I want to send my many thanks to the St. Stephen's family for all your expressions of condolence over the last weeks since my mother's death. Your cards, words of comfort, and your many prayers have blessed me, David and the girls. I am so thankful to be a member of a strong Christian community, where the constant support of one another is truly a witness to the meaning of the body of Christ.

Thank you, Molly



Serving Our Lord at Saint Stephen's  
August 2008



**ALTAR GUILD** (Altar-Linens-Flowers):  
**August 3** Pat Welti Pat Welti Pat Welti  
**August 10** Sharon Franklin Nancy Kuhrt Sharon Franklin  
**August 17** Lisa Elmendorf Bebe Hales Duane Lewis  
**August 24** Joan DeLisse Joan DeLisse Bette Kattmann  
**August 31** Pat Welti Pat Welti Pat Welti



**FELLOWSHIP HOUR:**  
**August 3** The Murphy's  
**August 10** Vestry Meeting  
**August 17** The Hales  
**August 24** Vivian Templin & Duane Lewis  
**August 31** The Elmendorfs

**Lay Ministers**

Lectors (L), Intercessors (I), Chalice Bearers (C)  
**August 3:** Lisa Elmendorf (C), Lou Hales (C),  
 Rex Van Alstine (L), Sharon Franklin (I),  
 Guest Celebrant and Preacher  
 (or Deacon Jean)  
**August 10:** Pieter Elmendorf (C), Sharon Franklin (C),  
 Vivian Templin (L), Dorothy Boyd (I),  
 Barbara Wulsin (Preacher and Celebrant)  
**August 17:** Vivian Templin (C), Don Welti (C),  
 Pat Welti (L), Sharon Franklin (I),  
 Guest Celebrant and Preacher  
 (or Deacon Jean)  
**August 24:** Molly Bailey (C), Lou Hales (C),  
 Rex Van Alstine (L), Pat Welti (I)  
**August 31:** Lisa Elmendorf (C), Pieter Elmendorf (C),  
 Molly Bailey (L), Dorothy Boyd (I)



LAY  
MINISTERS



**HEAD USHER:** Chuck Healy

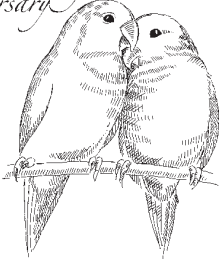
**GREETER**  
**August 3** Bebe Hales  
**August 10** Joan DeLisse  
**August 17** Stephen Skiba  
**August 24** Nancy Kuhrt  
**August 31** Ginger Parish

**Reaching Fr. David**

The best (and most effective) way to reach Fr. David is by calling his cell phone (310-0127). When Fr. David is out of town or otherwise unavailable, please call the Sr. Warden who will contact the priest on call. Please do not call Fr. David's home telephone number for pastoral care issues.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2008</h1>						
<b>3</b> <b>13 Pentecost</b> 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Fellowship Hour	Fr David is on vacation August 1-17 4:00 PM Prayer Ministry Meeting 8:00 PM Al Anon	5	<a href="http://www.ststephens-cinci.org">http://www.ststephens-cinci.org</a> <a href="mailto:office@ststephens-cinci.org">office@ststephens-cinci.org</a> Father David B. Bailey 310-0127 revd <b>bb@aol.com</b> Monica E. Neiderman, publications secretary 937-439-5703 sewn <b>sew313@yahoo.com</b>	7	1	2
<b>10</b> <b>14 Pentecost</b> 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Fellowship Hour Vestry Meeting	Fr David is on vacation August 1-17 8:00 PM Al Anon	12	13	14	15	16
<b>17</b> <b>15 Pentecost</b> 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Fellowship Hour	Fr David is back from vacation 8:00 PM Al Anon	19	6:30 Springfield Twp Trustees Serendipity 12:30PM 6:30 PM Evening Prayer	21	22	23
<b>24</b> <b>16 Pentecost</b> 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Fellowship Hour	8:00 PM Al Anon	26	27	28	29	30
<b>31</b> <b>17 Pentecost</b> 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Fellowship Hour	8:00 PM Al Anon	3:30 Building & Grounds	6:30 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM Joyful Noise			

*Celebrating an  
Anniversary*



David and Molly Bailey	August 16
Mike and Nancy McCarthy	August 21
Duane and Shirley Dillon	August 22
Tim and Elizabeth Scholz	August 25
Jim and Virgie Pepper	August 28
Jack and Marie Muncaster	August 30



Louise Selden	August 7
Sally Umbach	August 9
Jack Muncaster	August 9
George Lemich	August 12
Lisa Rothweiler	August 12
Nancy Healy	August 12
Rick Meyers	August 16
Ginny Bailey	August 16
Michael Scholz	August 18
Timothy Duncan	August 20

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