# St Stephen's News

## ST STEPHEN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH · TIMONIUM, MARYLAND

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Service Time Announcement

# Thanksgiving Day Sung Eucharist

10.00 AM Thursday, November 28th

REMEMBER, REMEMBER DECEMBER 14TH, 2019

# Cookie Walk '19: Getting ready for the big event!

Well, the temperatures are getting to be more seasonal, and with them our moods should be turning toward preparations for the Annual Cookie Walk. Along with Thanksgiving decorations in our houses, the anticipation of fresh cookie dough aromas should be entering our collective consciences.

In the past three years we had a lofty goal of 1000 pounds of cookies - that's ten pounds from each parish family, so there is no reason why we cannot shoot for that target again.

We also had the best selection of cookies yet, so get on your thinking caps, rummage through your favorite recipes, (or try the easy recipe and its variations below) and start planning. The dough can be made ahead and frozen. Find similar make-ahead recipes at <a href="http://blog.kingarthurflour.com/2015/10/21/freeze-bake-tips/">http://blog.kingarthurflour.com/2015/10/21/freeze-bake-tips/</a>

### **Refrigerator or Icebox Cookies**

1 cup butter; 1 1/4 cups sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla;2 eggs 3 cups sifted all-purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt

Cream the butter with the sugar until fluffy. Beat in the vanilla and eggs. Add flour and salt sifted together and stir until well blended.

Divide the dough into three parts and form rolls. Roll each roll in waxed paper and store in the refrigerator or freezeruntil firm.

With a sharp knife, slice 1/8 to 3/8 inches thick. Place on greased or ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in a preheated 375° oven until a delicate beige – the time will depend upon the thickness of the cookies.

Remove from pan while warm and cool on a rack. Store in airtight containers. Yields 4 1/2 to 6 1/2 dozen cookies. The sliced cookies may be further decorated with colored sugar for additional effect

#### **Butterscotch Refrigerator Cookies**

Instead of white sugar, use 1 1/2 cups brown sugar.

### **Chocolate Refrigerator Cookies**

Add 2 to 3 ounces bitter chocolate melted, to the creamed butter and egg mixture. Use 1/4 cup less flour.

### **Orange or Lemon Refrigerator Cookies**

Omit the vanilla and substitute 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind, or 3 or 4 teaspoons finely grated orange rind.

## **Spice Refrigerator Cookies**

Sift 1 tablespoon cocoa, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, and 1/2 teaspoon cloves with the flour and salt.

### **Nut Refrigerator Cookies**

Mix 1/2 to 3/4 cup finely chopped walnuts, pecans, Brazil nuts, hazelnuts, or peanuts into the sifted flour and salt. The nuts must be quite fine or the dough will crumble while being sliced.

# Parish Prayer List

Our Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the prayer list, or visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office (410) 560 6776.

FOR RECOVERY: Catherine, Richard, Janis, Parisa, Daniel, Judy, Leona, Charlotte, Rachel, Elizabeth, Kim, Dorothy, Donna, Skip, Dan. Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Heidi, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John Tom, Michell, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, David, Wade, Sifa, Eileen, Ravi, Theresa, Lisa, Larry Ricard, George & Scott

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Caroline, Karen, Ardis, Mavis, Michael, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Chip, Elizabeth, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Kath, Rebecca, Colin, Christian, Catherine & Elizabeth

IN MEMORIAM: Robinson Okeke

**THOSE WHO MOURN**: The Okeke Family **ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** Lt. Col. Charles Bursi,
Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; USAF;
Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army.

## You can help in other areas

Of course, while cookies may be the central ingredient, we also need your help in many other areas in order to make the Cookie Walk the success it has been in years past.

We need items for our children's table and gift table, including ornaments and gewgaws suitable to the season. So please hunt around for that special treasure given to you that you have never used!

Our children's table offers modestly priced items suitable for the whole family, so the children can buy something for everyone on their list! These items can be dropped off now. A table has been set up in the Cadewalader Room with recipes hints, volunteer sheets and a schedule of Cookie Walk week.

Finally, let us all remember that the Cookie Walk is one of the two major revenue generating events that St. Stephens puts on annually, so let's get "Cookieing"!! JOHN DARLINGTON

# Judges and Samuel shed light on our civic woes

President Harry Truman used to say the only thing that is new in this world is the history you haven't read. And nowhere is this more evident than in the Bible.

When we read the Old Testament history of Israel – from Abraham's wanderings to the Exile in Babylon -- we see God's Chosen People making the same old mistakes, time and time and time again.

There is, however, little point in looking down on the Children of Israel. The sad truth is that we are still falling into exactly the same traps – albeit with even less of an excuse than they had. We, after all, had the opportunity to learn from their experience.

America's Founding Fathers were acutely aware of this. In devising the Constitution, they included checks and balances intended to prevent the federal government becoming the sort of tyranny described in I Samuel 8:10-18. (Why not get out your Bibles and see how successful they were?)

Folks worried about late 20th Century America's precipitous decline in civility, and law and order might do worse than to join our Friday Bible study and take a look at the Books of Judges, Samuel I and Samuel II.

These books remarkably mirror our own age. Judges, in particular, is a lurid supermarket tabloid of a book, crammed with accounts of sordid happenings that make TV's afternoon Soap Operas look like children's stories.

The reason is that it's the account of a society in the throes of the sort moral and social collapse we, ourselves, are experiencing.

What was the root cause of horrors experienced by the Children of Israel in the days of the judges? They thought, like many of us, it was a lack of a strong central government. Just how wrong they were is plain for all to see in the Books of Samuel, Kings and Chronicles.

The real cause of their troubles was they forgot who is boss. The answer isn't spelled JERUSALEM, WASHINGTON or ANNAPOLIS. It is a three letter word beginning with G and ending with D. No prizes for getting it right! GPH

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### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

8 am: Said Eucharist

9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)
11 am: Sung Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)
Choral Services (as announced) – evensong.ststeve.com

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

## Calendar of Events

#### WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30 pm: Bridge Club Thursday, 10 am: Knitting Circle Noon: Bible Study Friday, 10.30 am: Bible Study

#### MONTHLY & SPECIAL

### The Cookie Walk

Cookie Walk will take place in the Parish Hall at 9.00 AM, December 14th

## The Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 7.00 PM, December 18th

### Ladies Who Lunch

Noon, Wednesday, December 18h Venue: The Blue Stone, Timonium Information: Call Sara Douglas at 410-560-9026

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