

# NEWS FROM

# Celebration!

## A People Serving the Church

Fall 2012

Too dry this summer and now its pouring with warm rain fresh from the southern states. Puddling around in the mud or the dry earth has a wholesome, focused and consuming



*James and Maggie planting a Service Berry tree, a flowering tree with edible berries, native to Pennsylvania.*

quality. The garden is always astonishing, to all our senses; and then there's the joy of eating the fruits of our labor. Since we are of the earth it's perhaps not surprising that the garden represents a microcosm of our human existence and the miracle of God's creativity; how does a tiny, seemingly indistinguishable seed turn into a carrot or beet or tomato of such glorious taste except by the gift of God in its DNA,



nurtured by us and the sun and rain. Maybe it's not surprising that doctors in the UK are prescribing gardening as a route to greater health and wholeness! *Maggie Durran*



*Garden at All Saints' House*

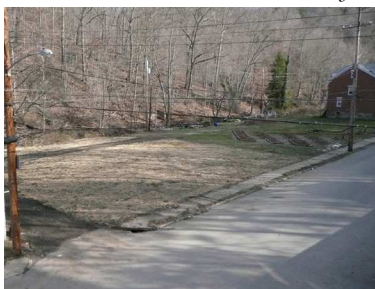
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*Before*

Over 20 years after being abandoned, the derelict Rowhouses on Spring Street just opposite our property were finally torn down, clearing the way for the growing community enterprise, Spring Street Farm, organized by Companion and Rowhouse tenant Dean Baldwin, working through the Uncommon Grounds Café. In addition to the beginnings of fruits and veggies, there is a fledgling bee colony on the farm. The farm will continue under new leadership as Dean moves on to a full-time position at Edgewood Children's Ranch in Orlando, Florida.

*After*



*Dean at the farm, All Saints' House, Celebration office in the background*



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## FAMILY GATHERINGS

Bill and Mimi, May and Steven, and James all had family members come to Aliquippa this year, while Joe visited family in Iowa.



*Andy, Butch, Joe*



*McKeownns with family from Ottawa:  
(back) Stephanie, May, Steven,  
(front) Glyneth, William, Fiona*



*The Aliquippa/St. Louis Farra Clan:  
Graham, Bill, Owen, Michelle, Carmen, Jen, Margaret, Mimi*



*After spending last winter in Texas as a "snow bird"  
Mary von Minden came back to Aliquippa in the spring  
and is pictured with her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret  
and Mike Lee (with James) celebrating her birthday in September.  
89 years young!*



*UK Alumni Weekend – October 2011  
Jeanne, David, Howard, Bill, Jane, Phil, Margaret, Jodi  
Bill's bandanas are multiplying!*



*Steven and Ben Stanley enjoying  
Christmas Dinner festivities  
prior to Ben's departure for  
Australia and further study.*



*Bill and John Stanley sporting  
their infamous celebratory ties.*



*Pastor Hyungwon Kim and his wife, Sunkyu Kang spent time with us in  
September. They are embarking on an expression of intentional community  
in conjunction with their urban church, Hanaui Church, in Seoul, Korea.*



*27th Annual Conference with Bishop Christopher Epting and Deacon Susanne Epting*

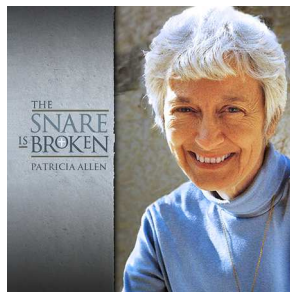
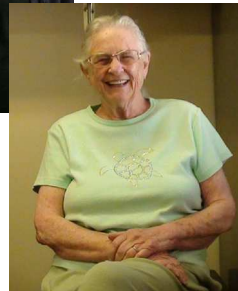
*Steven and Elaine Lollback from the Celebration Community in Australia visited in January.*



*James' New Year got off to an unusual start with a fall that resulted in a broken ankle, surgery, and 3 months of rehabilitation. He has made a good recovery and is now back in the garden.*



*Daphne Grimes, longtime friend and Companion from Cody, WY, dropped by to spend a week after Easter.*



*In May, Mimi and Bill were in Millport, Scotland, to share worship leadership at a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Patricia Allen, former Community member who died last year. Many friends from as far away as Sweden, Germany, and even Dubai gathered at the Cathedral of the Isles to celebrate. A commemorative CD of Patricia's music "The Snare Is Broken" was produced to mark the occasion. It is available from Celebration's website. Video of the service: <http://www.kevnoneill.com/patallen>*



*Icon: The Annunciation  
A second icon by Pittsburgh iconographer Randi Sider-Rose is added to our collection, with special focus on Advent.*

## Annual Conference      June 21 - 23, 2013 The Practice of Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark

St. Mark's gospel is the first written gospel and, as such, the most bare bones, even "raw" telling of the Jesus story. After introducing the gospel, we will explore the Evangelist's view of discipleship as it relates to Jesus' radical teaching about the individual's life in community. What does it mean for our wallets, bodies and family life to be called a disciple?

Bonnie has written or edited 17 theological books and many articles, has contributed to reference works in New Testament and taught at the university level for 30 years. In 2002 she resigned from a NT chair and professorship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and lives as a solitary near Wheeling, WV.

Begins with Evening Prayer, 5:30 pm on Friday. 1<sup>st</sup> session: 7:30 pm.  
Ends with lunch on Sunday.



*The Reverend Bonnie Thurston, Ph.D.*

## Community Profile:

### Steven McKeown



he soon became a Sunday School teacher, youth club leader, and Local (Lay) preacher, eventually conducting worship services in Glasgow and the West of Scotland.

Steven began his Christian journey at a very young age by attending Sunday School at one of the many Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) churches in Glasgow, Scotland.

After a few years gap, he was recruited to the local Methodist Church by a school friend and became involved in The Order of Saint Andrew. Working his way through the various Sunday School Departments,

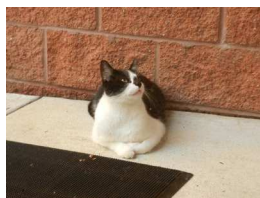


His calling with May and their children, Stephanie and Christopher, to the Community of Celebration was some years later in 1981 when they all moved to Millport, Isle of Cumbrae. There May worked in the bakery and Steven served as office manager, covering the phones, mail, and showing visitors around the Cathedral.

In 1986 the call to ordained ministry was confirmed by the Community's Chapter and he was ordained Deacon in the Scottish Episcopal Church at St. John's Cathedral in Oban, followed by ordination to the Priesthood in 1992 at All Saints' Church in Aliquippa. He maintains his canonical residence in the Scottish Episcopal Church and presently serves as part-time clergy at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Steubenville, OH.



*January: must be Robbie Burns time - och aye, th' noo!*



*Zac-the-cat regularly awaits Steven's exit from Morning and Evening Prayer*



*Aliquippa Town Council Meeting*

Chaplaincy programs seem to be the door the Lord has been opening from the time of his immigration to Aliquippa, serving with organizations such as the Aliquippa Police, Fire Department and City staff; the FBI Office and Federal Air Marshals in Pittsburgh; the Civil Air Patrol of Beaver County. Steven is grateful to share God's love in service to these agencies.



*A celebratory jig at the dedication of the Chapel of the Holy Spirit*