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Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THOUGHTS ON LIBERTY

John Stuart Mill wrote an entire treatise on it; a Jeep sport-utility vehicle, a college football bowl game, and a statue have been named for it; nations have been conceived in it; and people would choose to die rather than be without it. As for [John] Wycliffe's Paul, where the spirit of God is, "there is **liberty [liberté]**" (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Although this carryover coinage from the Vulgate's *libertas* (from *liber*, "to be free from") had been current in French since the early fourteenth century, Wycliffe's use of it in this New Testament passage is the first time **liberty** appears in written English. (Four years later in *The Canterbury Tales*, Chaucer uses it for the first time in a secular context.)

Surely another *On Liberty* would be needed to praise the utility of this free-spirited noun. Its liberal use is evident throughout the Bible, Shakespeare, and every other testament to the human spirit that can be translated into language. The nineteenth century English essayist William Hazlitt seemed to capture the restlessness of the human/divine balance when he avowed that "The soul of a journey is **liberty**, perfect **liberty** to think, feel, do just as one pleases." (*Table Talk*, 1821-22). Were Hazlitt alive today, however, **Liberty** Mutual Insurance Company would undoubtedly appraise that philosophy of "life, **liberty**, and the pursuit of happiness" as too much risk for one of their insurance policies.

- from *Coined by God: Words and Phrases That First Appear in English Translations of the Bible*, Stanley Malless and Jeffrey McQuain, 2003.

HOUSE TOUR PATRON'S DEADLINE EXTENDED

First, thank you to all who have been so generous in your donations to the St. Francis Outreach programs by becoming a 2010 House Tour Patron or Friend.

If you missed this opportunity, the deadline to become a Patron or Friend and be listed in the House Tour Booklet has been extended to **July 6** for your convenience.

Gold Patrons are those who support with a donation of \$500 or more. They receive 4 ticket booklets and will be listed in the booklet as Gold Patrons.

Silver Patrons support the House Tour with a donation of \$250 to \$499. They will receive 2 ticket booklets and will be listed in the booklet as Silver Patrons.

Friends of House Tour are those who make a donation of \$100 - \$249. Friends receive 2 ticket booklets and will be listed in the booklet as Friends.

In addition, **Gold** and **Silver Patrons** will be invited to the always's popular Homeowner's Reception.

If you would like a donation card, please call the church office at 301-365-2055 or pick up an envelope from the box marked **Patrons & Friends** in the Workroom.

REVISED SOUNDS SCHEDULE - SUMMER 2010

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
July 18	July 08
August 1	July 22
August 15	August 5
August 29	August 19

LOAVES & FISHES

On Saturday, May 29th, the beautiful Memorial Day weekend found a tiny crew of motivated volunteers in the St. Francis kitchen preparing the food for the Loaves & Fishes mission. **Barbara Moore, Rosemary MacDonald,** and **Missy Beall** assembled and cooked our fabulous casseroles.

On Sunday, May 30th, another small crew, **George Stosur** and **Carol Thedford**, transported our delicious meal to St. Stephens and the Incarnation Church. We were met by a group from DC Cares and served the meal to a delighted group of diners.

Please consider joining us on this project. It is both a satisfying and enjoyable way to serve others. St. Francis is committed to the months that have a fifth Sunday. The remaining 2010 dates for food preparation and service are: **August 28th & 29th** and **October 30th & 31st**.

Loaves and Fishes is also looking for volunteers who can commit to doing on-site food preparation and service for the federal holidays which fall on Mondays. These dates are: **Independence Day**, Monday July 5th; **Labor Day**, September 6th; and **Columbus Day**, October 11th. Please contact Laurel Bahar at 301-299-5067 or laurelbahar@gmail.com for more information about volunteering.

Loaves & Fishes started in 1968 at St. Stephen's & the Incarnation Church as a hot meal program to serve the needs of the Mt. Pleasant community. Most Washington area food programs only serve meals on weekdays so Loaves and Fishes fills the gap on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays. The program is supported by area churches and volunteer groups from around the metropolitan DC area.

JOY AND CONCERN

Congratulations to Elizabeth Ryn, daughter of Claes & Marianne Ryn, and Evan Hicks who were joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, 6/26/10,

and to

Carter Lee Jillings, son of Matt & Lee Anne Jillings, on his baptism last Sunday, 6/27/10.

INTERFAITH WORKS -

SOCIAL WORKER/CASEWORKER POSITION AVAILABLE

Interfaith Works is seeking a full-time social worker/caseworker. The hours are flexible, and include some evenings and occasional weekends.

The responsibilities include recruiting, training, and managing volunteer mentor teams; reviewing and updating referral forms; doing family assessments; monitoring and supporting the progress of volunteer/family partnerships; networking with other service providers; and planning presentations, workshops, and other events as needed.

This position requires 2-3 years experience and knowledge of Montgomery County resources. The ideal candidate will be organized and detail-oriented with the ability to self-manage, multi task, and will demonstrate openness and tolerance towards people from different backgrounds. Bilingual Spanish a plus. Having their own transportation is necessary.

Please send resumes to Monica Barberis-Young at Interfaith Works, 114 West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850, fax to 240-403-3238, or e-mail them to mbarberis-young@iworksmc.org.

COMING UP AT SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

For more information, please visit our website at www.stfrancispotomac.org



SUNDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, JULY 5

Office closed to observe Independence Day

TUESDAY, JULY 6

6:30 pm Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Undercroft

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Rector's Bible Study

FRIDAY, JULY 9

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, JULY 11

HUNGER SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, JULY 12

Youth Leave for Beach Trip

TUESDAY, JULY 13

10:30 am Grounds Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Undercroft
7:30 pm Communications Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Rector's Bible Study

THURSDAY, JULY 15

5:00 pm *Sounds* Deadline for 7/25/10

FRIDAY, JULY 16

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Youth return from Beach Trip

The Scripture appointed for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:
Deuteronomy 10:17-21, Hebrews 11:8-16, Matthew 5:43-48, Psalm 145 or 145:1-9

The Scripture appointed for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:
Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82 or Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-9, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

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