

55th Annual

Old Friends' Day

*I. U. Families Association and
Christ Church, I. U. Parish
Worton, Maryland
with friends and family*

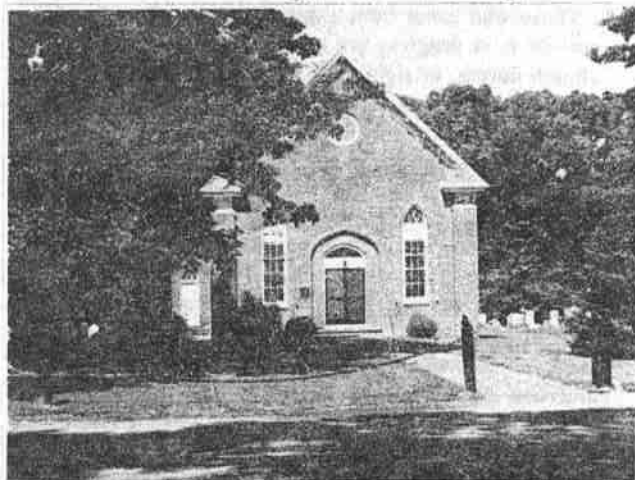
Sunday, September 7, 2003

Church 11:00 A.M.

Brief Families Association Meeting

12:15 p.m.

Picnic and Visiting, 12:30 - 4:00 p.m.



*Christ Church, Worton
in I. U. Parish*

Original Parish established 1765

First Church constructed 1766-68

Present Church consecrated 1860

Rev. Peter Lai, Priest in Charge

Located on Md. Route 298

between Lynch and Worton, Maryland

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion every Sunday

OLD FRIENDS' DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2003

Plan to join us at historic Christ Church for a happy day of reunion with family and friends at this place where many of us have family members interred in the cemetery. Whether you have not attended in the past, not for many years, or attended each year, you will be happily welcomed.

James (Bud) Shand, who was elected in 2002 as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Easton, of which Christ Church is a full fledged member, is to preside at the 11:00 a.m. service with Christ Church's rector, Rev. Peter Lai. The service is open to all. Everyone should try to attend the church service.

Those who come from a distance and arrive after the service is in progress are encouraged to come into the church during, or right after, the service and participate in a brief meeting of I. U. Families's Association. Minutes will be read by the Secretary, the Treasurer will review the finances and Advisory Board members will be elected. Future dates for Old Friends Day must be discussed. Officers were elected to two-year terms last year. The meeting will be open for participation by all, with suggestions and discussion. Copies of I. U. Families' Association's bylaws, articles of incorporation and related documents establishing our association as a state and federal tax-free organization will be available and can be received in advance by contacting this association's chairman by telephone at 301-384-6853 or at the post office address to be given here later. A June 2003 letter from IRS indicates that gift contributions to I. U. Families' Association are deductible from your state and federal income taxes as charitable gifts by provisions in section 170 of the IRS Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts are deductible for estate and gift taxes as provided in Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

The meeting will be followed by visiting and picnicking in the shaded area of the front church yard. Arrangements have been made to have picnic tables and individual chairs. Please bring a covered dish or dishes of food sufficient for at least eight to ten people to be placed on a central table for a buffet-style picnic. You can also bring extra food for yourself, and lawn chairs. Cold drinks will be provided. Entertainment will be provided for children and tours of the church and cemetery will be provided for those interested. You are

invited to bring old or new pictures of family and previous Old Friends' Days. No speaker is scheduled this year so we can have more time for visiting during the afternoon.

If you have not been to Christ Church, I.U. for several years, you should know that air conditioning and a modern rest room have been added to the church.

In the event of inclement weather, the Worton Methodist Church Hall, a short distance away, on the southwest side of Md. Route 297, has been reserved for the picnic.

I. U. FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

I. U. Families Association was established in 1948 by local and distant persons having concern for the maintenance of this place. Among the organizers were P. Medford Brooks, who became Chair, Lloyd P. Hepburn, who suggested the name, Margaret S. Payne, who became the secretary, and others. The first Old Friends' Day was on the second Sunday of September in 1949 and has occurred at this time each year. By 1958 Medford Brooks was still chair, Margaret Payne was still Secretary, and members of the advisory committee were Emory Bonwill, Philip M. Brooks, Jr., William J. Hepbrun, Jr., Lloyd, May P., and Edith Hepburn, Emily P. Hudson, Harry Kennedy, Anne Matthews, Dr. R.S. Owens, Arthur G. and Joseph G. Stavely and Dr. Blackiston Wroth.

The objectives of I. U. Families Association are maintenance and preservation of the Christ Church cemetery, buildings and grounds. Association bylaws were adopted at the 1999 Old Friends' Day annual meeting. This association was incorporated with the state of Maryland as a nonprofit organization in 2001. Contributions to this tax-free association are deductible from your state and federal income taxes.

Since 1948, contributions and memorials from members of I. U. Families Assn. have been saved and invested. The principal amount of these endowment funds is now over \$120,000.00, plus about \$16,000 in an account through the Diocese. These principal amounts cannot be spent and the income from the invested money is used for maintenance. A more detailed report by the treasurer will be given at the annual business meeting. During the past year, due to low interest rates, the amount received from this invested principal has declined.

Because of continuing increases in costs, I. U. Families' Association needs and appreciates your donations to its perpetual fund for future maintenance of

our objectives. Contributions to I. U. Families' Assn. can be made in the enclosed envelope on Old Friends' Day or mailed to the treasurer. Make checks payable to "I. U. Families' Association" and include your name, address, etc. You may also wish to make a bequest to this Assn. in your will or trust. For further information about Old Friends' Day and the Association, contact:

J. Rennie Stavely, Chair, 2206 Apple Tree Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20905-4415. Phone 301-384-6853.

William J. Hepbron III, Treasurer, 4 Misty Court, Newark, DE 19702. Phone 302-834-1657.

THANKS

I. U. Families Association thanks all those who contributed to the perpetual fund and Old Friends' Day in 2002 and in the past. Thanks also to past and present officers and advisory board members.

The Association also wishes to thank the wardens, officers, vestry persons and members of I. U. Parish for their attention to the properties, cooperation with the association and work to make Old Friends' Day successful.

Special thanks to Mrs. Matilda Williams Wessel and Col. James W. Meikle for their continuing support and assistance in mailing this annual folder and the earlier postcard.

IN MEMORIAM

Since Old Friends' Day 2002, our association has lost five long time supporters, all at advanced ages: Margaret Stavely Manze, aged 92 of New Jersey; Edward Wroth Hepburn, aged 86 of Florida; Walter B. Harris, aged 84 of Kent County, Maryland; Florence Skirven Corey, aged 92 of Carlisle, PA; and Katharine Houghton Hepburn, aged 96 of Connecticut. Each of these persons had distinguished careers, were long time supporters of our association, and will be greatly missed by their many friends, family and our association. Our sympathies are extended to their families. Since the 2002 Old Friends' Day folder was mailed, generous gifts to our association's perpetual fund have been received from the estate of William Beck Matthews, who died in June 2002, and through the estate of Margaret Stavely Manze.

A BIT OF HISTORY

Only a few key items will be given here because the 2001 folder, of which extra copies will be printed for the 2003 Old Friends' Day, will be available at the 2003 Old Friends' Day.

St. Peter's, the first Episcopal church at this location

was built from 1766 to 1768 as the parish church for Chester Parish. This parish was established in 1765 as a third parish for Kent County out of portions of South Sassafras (Shrewsbury) and St. Paul's Parishes. By 1810, membership was declining and in 1830 the bricks of the deteriorating building were sold. Upon an increase in the number of Episcopalians in 1855, it was decided to build the present Gothic church. In 1863, I. U. Parish was created by the Episcopal Convention with Christ Church at I.U. as the parish church.

The present church remains essentially as it was in 1860. Additions have included the baptismal font in memory of Nathaniel T. Hynson; altar in memory of Rev. Christopher Denroche, Rector 1892-1906; plaque in memory of Rev. Sewell S. Hepburn, Rector 1874-81 and 1911-26; plaque in memory of Lay Readers R. Wroth Stavely and Donald Carter; pipe organ, air conditioning, modern heating and modern rest room. It was Rev. Hepburn's worldwide famous, multiple academy award-winning granddaughter, actress Katharine Hepburn, who died on June 29, 2003.

The cemetery has had over 200 years of interments. In 1925 a memorial cairn was built of fieldstone markers from 18th and early 19th century graves. Among the interesting older tombstones are those marking the graves of Philip Reed, Revolutionary War soldier, General in the War of 1812, Congressman and U.S. Senator; William Independence Rasin, Captain under J.E.B. Stuart, in the Confederate Cavalry; and Rev. S.S. Hepburn. Many persons who played major roles in the past as vestry members and church supporters also have their graves marked, including generations of the Brooks, Gemmill, Hepbron or Hepburn, Hudson, Hynson, Price, Stavely, Wroth and other old area families. There have been numerous burials and memorial stones for members of these and other important families in recent years.

Christ Church, I. U. Parish

Priest-in-Charge *Rev. Peter Lai*

Senior Warden *Mr. John E. Nunn*

Junior Warden *Mrs. Nancy Robson*

Treasurer *Mr. Thomas Noble*

Registrar *Mrs. Jane Hukill*

Vestry

Mr. John Bergen *Mrs. Pat Keen*

Mrs. Sybil Curtin *Mrs. Ann Barrett Livingston*

Mr. Harry Keen *Mr. Thomas Noble*

I. U. Families' Association

Chair *Mr. Joseph Rennie Stavely*

Treasurer *Mr. & Mrs. William J. Hepbron III*

Secretary *Mrs. Anita Sutton Williams*

Secretary-elect *Mr. & Mrs. James Reyner Stavely*

Advisory Board:

Mrs. Nancy Sharon Hepbron Ash

Mrs. Elaine Naper

Mr. Thomas Noble

Mr. John H. Sprinkle, Jr.

Mrs. Charmane Price Truesdell

Mrs. Matilda Williams Wessel

Previous chairs of I.U. Families' Association

Philip Medford Brooks *1948-1958*

Joseph G. Stavely *1958-1972*

Philip M. Brooks, Jr. *1972-1998*

John H. Sprinkle, Jr. *1998-2000*