



# The Orbit

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## From the Interim Rector...

*My dear friends at St. George's,*

It has been almost two months that I have been with you, and I must confess that I have enjoyed every minute with you. You are a most loving parish family, and it has been my joy to share this time with you.

During our time together, you will find that I will initiate many ideas, but keep in mind that this is an attempt to share the wider Church with you, and help St. George's to become ready for the new Rector. I was intrigued with the name I found one of our vestry members using, "Reverend Right." How true this is! The time and effort made in the search over the next months is the effort to find "Reverend Right" for St. George's. It is my job to 1) keep St. George's running, and continue to build on the good work that was begun under the previous Rector, Carol Hull, and 2) to prepare you for the new ministry of the next Rector. During my time, I wish to see St. George's a welcoming parish widely known in the Dayton area. Holding special services to attract the community will help in both areas, while honoring different groups of people who give much to us.

I would like to see a group of parishioners designated as greeters, to help in the assimilation of visitors into St. George's parish family. Along with this, there will be a designated member of the Vestry assigned to the 10:30 a.m. service for the expressed purpose of answering any questions about St. George's. Many times the clergy do not have the time to answer

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questions on Sunday morning, as their attention is drawn in many directions. So the vestry will be there to handle those concerns.

I was delighted with Vacation Bible School; Patti King and her 'crew' did an outstanding job! A big thanks goes to each of them. I am delighted to have the Reverend Kiah Webster continuing on a half time basis at St. George's. We lost a wonderful worker in the Reverend Phil Webster, but he has not moved far away.

It is mid summer, but that does not mean that St. George's is on vacation. The Vestry is working hard in not only running the parish, but also beginning the search process for the new Rector. The costs still continue, and it is imperative that we all continue to keep our pledges current during these months of vacation. I hope that you will take part in the many and varied offerings that St. George's offers, including golf!

Again, it is such a joy to share this time with you. *May Almighty God bless this ministry that is ours, and may we bring others to Christ.*

*Father Jim +*

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**Monthly Orbit information**  
**deadline is the 15th of each month**  
**for the upcoming month.**

**Sunday Orbit information**  
**must be submitted by noon**  
**each Tuesday**  
**for the following Sunday.**

**Schedule of Services**

**Saturday**  
**5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist**  
**6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday**  
**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**  
**10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday**  
**11:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist**

*Dear People of St. George's,*

I received the call tonight that no person wants to hear about his mother. My sister, **Susie**, informed me that **Mom**, disoriented and loosing blood had been taken to the emergency room at Wayne Hospital in Greenville. Susie said that they stabilized Mom and put her in an intensive care room to deal with a bleeding ulcer. Mom's seventies haven't been easy, physically, and her eighties are proving not kind. Mary Ann and I will make the trip north to see her and check on **Dad** and the rest of the **MacKenzie clan**.

These events always spur a wellhead of memories. After World War II, Dad met Mom, got a job with Dayton, Power and Light, married Mom, had me and got transferred up to Greenville. Soon, I had a sister and a brother and we moved into our first owned-home in South Greenville. It was a good place to grow up with big yards and an elementary school nearby. However, when I was four or five, our neighborhood was victimized by a six or seven year old **bully** that lived about six blocks away.

That kid would pinch you, smack you, pull your hair or anything else to make life miserable. I will never forget the day we were playing with the kids across the street when the bully appeared out of nowhere. He was focused on total harassment when my Mom also appeared out of nowhere. She grabbed that creep by the ear, shook him and spun him around. She towered over him and I watched her eyes pierce his being. "Leave these kids alone or I'm talking to your parents!" She said with a scolding voice. The kid had met his match. He slinked away and never bothered any of us again. As a youngster, I saw my Mom as a beauty and a great person. On that day I found out she was a tough guy and a hero.

It's great to have someone appear out of nowhere to help you when you need it the most. As St. George's moves through the process of calling a new rector, I see it happening a lot. We have champions that are serious about making our church a good community. The folks that you have voted for to represent you on the vestry are a shining example. They are taking on the daunting tasks of operating the church within its means, addressing membership needs, stepping up to social issues and making good decisions about operations. In turn, the vestry has been aided by the appearance and forty years of experience of our interim rector, **Father Jim Larsen**.

In addition, **the vestry** is aided by commissions that do the work of sorting through issues, making recommendations and managing projects. So there are more champions that tackle the budget (the Finance Commission), champions that facilitate envisioned building and ground improvements (the Implementation Commission) and others. Recently, more champions formed a Survey Commission to create a profile of our church for calling a new rector. These are just some of the people I see and I'm sure you see other champions lending a helping and protective hand, standing with **Jesus**.

Uh, Oh! My sister, Diane just called and said that our hero can accept visitors...  
Gotta Go!

*Peace be with you!*

**Patrick MacKenzie**  
Senior Warden

**farewell**

...to **Jon and Jacquie Wallace**. Jon has accepted a new job with the UW Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, for a year, and then on to other places, and Jacquie has moved to Delaware, OH close to family. Thank you, Jon, for serving on the Vestry, and Jacquie, for your ministry as co-chair of the Prayer Chain. Diane Gentner will be temporarily co-chairing the Prayer Chain with Kathy Jessee.

...to **Bob Loper**, who has been deployed to Iraq. Thanks for Bob's time as Lector and Verger.

**congratulations**

...to **James and Melissa Hard** on the July 10 birth of daughter, **Sophia Theresia**. Grandparents are **Bob and Beth Hard**.

...to **Harry Ebeling**, who will be among four people recognized during the Distinguished Alumni Awards reception at the Oakwood Centennial Celebration on August 16<sup>th</sup>.

**condolences**

...to **Terese Laughrey** on the death of her husband, **Al Laughrey** on July 18. Al's memorial service was held at St. George's on Tuesday, July 29.

...to **James Hoffman** on the June 11 death of his mother, **Verona Hoffman**.

...to **Jon and Jacquie Wallace** on the July 1st death of Jon's sister, **Elaine Casto**.

**labor day****...weekend**

**blessings**...We will be celebrating our professions, vocations, and our workdays at St. George's at the services on Saturday, August 30 and Sunday August 31. It is traditional to bless the workers of the parish this weekend. You are asked to bring an object from our work place that symbolizes your vacation and you and they will be blessed, asking Almighty God to sanctify our daily lives. This will take place at all services on Labor Day weekend.

**coast**

**guard**...On **Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the 10:30 a.m. service, we will be giving thanks for the United States Coast Guard. These brave men and women protect our shores and waterway. They contribute so much to the freedom of our country. Plan now to attend and give thanks for their presence in our country and in our lives. We also pray for the members of the Coast Guard, that they will be protected from all harm.

**financial considerations**...As was announced at the services on July 19-20, we do intend to balance the budget with the help of Almighty God and the cooperation of the parish family. We may find that many cost-cutting measures will pinch, but it is necessary to bring this fiscal problem under control. I will attempt to keep you informed about changes as they happen over the next month to six weeks. Hopefully, as the financial condition improves, we will be able to reverse some of the decisions that are missed. All of us can help in one area, and that is with lights. I find that the groups who are using the Church facilities, are leaving on lights. This is costly, especially when they are on over night. The vestry is going to work on the HVAC, so that we will no longer air condition or heat areas of the Church facility that are not in use. Treat the Church as you would your own home. This is especially important with rising utility costs. Working together, we can bring the finances under control. Thank you – *Father Jim Larsen*

**the 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. services**...Those who attend the services on Saturday at 5 p.m. and on Sunday at 8 a.m. will find a change. We begin to use the Prayer Book rather than having a printed service leaflet. This will cut down on paper costs, printing costs, and labor costs. Our Church has a Prayer Book and we will begin to reuse it.

**wednesday morning eucharist**...The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated each Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel. All are cordially invited to attend. We will be following the liturgical calendar, and using *Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006*. This will also be a time to learn more about the Anglican Communion.

**contacting father larsen**...I am in the office on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays, except when I have parish business off campus. These are also the days I do my calling on the West side of town. Thursday is my day off, although I can always be reached in case of emergency. Friday is my sermon day, with calls made on the east side of town. I do make office appointments on Saturday for those who cannot find a time during the week. I can be contacted on the Rector's cell 24/7 at **937.545.5508**. You can also leave a message on the Rector's office phone. My extension is 102. My email address is [rector@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgeohio.org). This is the best email to use, as it is checked the first thing each day. I hope this information helps – *Father Larsen*

**first sunday  
of the month  
fellowship  
brunch:**

...If you came to the coffee hour after the 10:30 service Sunday July 6th you participated in our First, First Sunday of the month "Fellowship Brunch." There were dogs and beans, salad, slaw, chips and dip, cookies, coffee, tea, lemon aid and the yummiest of all "Ice Cream Cones" in many flavors. We all had fun as we celebrated our Nation's Birthday enjoying conversation, fellowship and food. With your support we will continue this new tradition with a Fellowship Brunch the First Sunday of every month. On the remaining Sundays we will continue with our regular Coffee Hour with coffee, tea, lemonade, cookies, crackers etc.

**Everyone is invited!**

*Everyone is invited* to the First Sunday of the Month Fellowship Brunch. On Sunday **August 3rd** after the 10:30 service: We will be honoring the men and women who serve our county in the United States Coast Guard. If you would like help with this fun event, call Shirley Fuchs (312-1892), you can host, make donations, bring food, help decorate, setup and or clean up, whatever you feel you would like to do. We would love to hear from you and have your input and help in making the first Sunday Fellowship Brunch a fun tradition at St George's. What a great way to showcase St. George's wonderful hospitality and to welcome new members, visitors, and guests of honor.

**our guests of  
honor:  
sunday,  
august  
3rd.**



...The **United States Coast Guard** is a military, multimission, maritime service within the Department of Homeland Security and one of the nation's five armed services. Its core roles are to protect the public, the environment, and U.S. economic and security interests in any maritime region in which those interests may be at risk, including international waters and America's coasts, ports, and inland waterways. The Coast Guard provides unique benefits to the nation because of its distinctive blend of military, humanitarian, and civilian law-enforcement capabilities. To serve the public, the Coast Guard has five fundamental roles:

**Maritime Safety:** Eliminate deaths, injuries, and property damage associated with maritime transportation, fishing, and recreational boating. The Coast Guard's motto is *Semper Paratus*—(Always Ready), and the service is always ready to respond to calls for help at sea.

**Maritime Security:** Protect America's maritime borders from all intrusions by: (a) halting the flow of illegal drugs, aliens, and contraband into the United States through maritime routes; (b) preventing illegal fishing; and (c) suppressing violations of federal law in the maritime arena.

**Maritime Mobility:** Facilitate maritime commerce and eliminate interruptions and impediments to the efficient and economical movement of goods and people, while maximizing recreational access to and enjoyment of the water.

**National Defense:** Defend the nation as one of the five U.S. armed services. Enhance regional stability in support of the National Security Strategy, utilizing the Coast Guard's unique and relevant maritime capabilities.

**Protection of Natural Resources:** Eliminate environmental damage and the degradation of natural resources associated with maritime transportation, fishing, and recreational boating.

The next special day for the armed services will be the celebration of the **United States Air Force** on **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**.

Turning lights off and securing the building when leaving after rental/use of St. George's facilities is extremely important. Please double-check yourself & others after a meeting or event. Thanks

**financial  
update**

ST. GEORGE'S  
EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH  
Summary  
Income/  
(Expense)

	Current Period June	Year to Date Totals	2008 Budget
Income			
Contributions	\$ 36,143	\$ 265,260	\$ 515,500
Other Income	\$ 1,411	\$ 19,129	\$ 65,823
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 37,554</b>	<b>\$ 284,389</b>	<b>\$ 581,323</b>
Expenses			
Parish Program	\$ 14,195	\$ 90,653	\$ 192,759
Personnel	\$ 15,094	\$ 163,495	\$ 304,365
Bldg/Ground	\$ 11,328	\$ 72,604	\$ 121,584
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 40,617</b>	<b>\$ 326,752</b>	<b>\$ 618,808</b>
<b>Net Inc/(Exp)</b>	<b>\$ (3,063)</b>	<b>\$ (42,363)</b>	<b>\$ (37,485)</b>

**st. nicholas  
orthodox church**

St. George's will be displaying the accompanying photo of *St. Nicholas Orthodox Church*, Sablino, Russia for the next two months. Fr. Nikolai brought this painting with him in November 2007 when he visited our MVERN parishes. St. George's prays for Fr. Nikolai and his St. Nicholas Parish every week and we are part of the consortium of the Miami Valley Episcopal churches helping to support Fr. Nikolai's ministry. We are pleased to be able to put this painting on display for St. George's.



**carousel  
house  
school**



(located in the Education Wing of St. George's) is now accepting enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year. Carousel House offers part-time and full-time classes for students ages 2 ½ (and potty-trained) through Kindergarten. Class size is limited, but spaces are still available in many classes. **Contact the school office (Karen Downey) at 434-1934 for additional information.**

**ECSF**

**...grantseekers' workshop August 23:** Dr. Bonnie Anderson, President of General Convention's House of Deputies, will speak about the Episcopal Church's national mission priorities at ECSF's annual grantseekers' workshop August 23 at Procter Conference Center. Anderson will also lead one of the afternoon workshops, on how local churches can work with the Episcopal Church in responding to local human needs. **The Episcopal Community Services Foundation provides grants and free planning help for community ministries of congregations in this diocese.** The Aug. 23 conference will include a funders' panel and four nuts-and-bolts sessions including grantwriting and creative strategies to leverage impact on poverty at a time when most of our churches are financially stressed themselves. Lunchtime topic tables facilitated by ECSF trustees will offer a chance to talk with others sharing issue concerns, such as hunger, housing, and the environment. Bonnie Anderson's weekend in the Diocese of Southern Ohio starts with a Friday night gathering in Columbus with junior and senior high Episcopal students on youth involvement in the National Church. She will preach at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, August 24.

People are welcome to attend for any part of the Aug. 23 workshop – you don't have to be a grantseeker to come! To sign up, visit ECSF's website [www.ECSFsouthernohio.org](http://www.ECSFsouthernohio.org) and click on the link at the top of the home page, or call ECSF's executive director **Ariel Miller at 513-221-0547**

**FROM THE MAILBOX**



*Dear friends:* Thank you for your powerful and heartfelt prayers during my recent surgery and continuing recovery. The flowers delivered by Lynn Olive certainly brightened my room at KMC. A special thanks to Deacon Connie for her visits and bringing the sacraments to me. Also, a special thanks to Fay Layden for providing home communion. *Peace & blessings to all, Joanne Stearns+*

*Dear Ms. McCarroll:* Thank you for the donation to Daybreak from St. George's Episcopal Church. Your generous support enables us to help hundreds of homeless, runaway, and troubled Miami Valley youth each year. I can't think of a better way to express gratitude to you than by sharing an excerpt from a letter Coco wrote: "Throughout the program I have learned to become more responsible. My mom and I have a wonderful relationship now and I'm on top of my life. I'm looking towards the future. Thanks to the staff. Thanks to all the sponsors. Without you, it would be impossible for those who don't have anyone by their side." Changing Lives is what we're all about, but we couldn't do it without your financial assistance. On behalf of Coco and all the youth we serve, thank you for investing in their futures. *Sincerely, Linda L. Kramer, Executive Director, Daybreak*  
[www.daybreakdayton.org](http://www.daybreakdayton.org)

**VBS  
was  
great!**

**no argument with that!** ...No ship sails very far without a good crew, and our "Good Ship" was no exception. We were blessed with an awesome crew -- from **Andy** and his team of ship transporters to **Julie, Barb and Shelby** who put on a phenomenal program for shipmates and passengers each morning. **Thank you to each and everyone** of you who made this mission of our church such a delightful experience for all who attended. Captains, First Mates and Shipmates—we of St. George's salute you!!!

*(a special thank you to our newly arrived admiral-Father Jim!)*

**chick  
flicks  
OPA!**

...Dust off your pearls, Ladies, and grab a glass of ouzo. Our next Chick Flick is on August 1<sup>st</sup> at Sheri Bennett's house where we will gather at 6pm and celebrate "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." Look for the sign up sheet in the church lounge.

**sunday  
school**

Update...At the end of this month, the children will conclude the Summer Story hour and "Lessons from Narnia." We are getting ready for another dynamic Sunday School year, so make sure you put Start-Up Sunday on your calendar on September 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign up sheet in the church lounge for teachers and shepherds for the 2008-2009 Sunday School year. We work on a rotation basis, so helpers can attend church services, alternating Sundays within their teams. Please consider this very important ministry of our church.

*Wishing you a serendipitous summer's end! In Christ's love and mine.....Patti King*

**youth-2-  
mission  
bike ride**

...**On Sunday, October 5**, the National & World Mission Commission of the Diocese of Southern Ohio is sponsoring simultaneous bicycle rides at eight different locations throughout the diocese to raise funds to support the youth of our diocese on mission trips. Since rides of different lengths are planned, people of all ages can participate. Each ride will culminate with a picnic at a nearby park. Fund-raising by the N&WM Commission in 2008 enabled us to award over \$16,000 to 74 youth from all over the Diocese who were participating in 15 mission trips throughout the US and abroad. Starting at 1:00 p.m., the Dayton area ride will be on the Little Miami Bike Trail, starting at Corwin, Ohio, south of Waynesville, near the junction of routes 42 and 73, and will culminate with a picnic in Corwin's city park. The entrance fee of \$20 per rider will be waived if the rider secures sponsorship contributions totaling \$100 or more. Now, we need volunteers for three roles in each parish. A Congregational Coordinator will publicize the event, recruit and brief riders, and collect contributions within their church. A Picnic Coordinator is needed who will be responsible for all aspects of the picnic, and a Watering Hole Coordinator will recruit volunteers to staff watering holes along the route. And, above all we need bikers of all ages to participate in this ride. **Please contact Paul Rank, N&WM Chair, at [paulrank@cinci.rr.com](mailto:paulrank@cinci.rr.com) or 513-528-0931 with names of people from your parish who would like to participate.**

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*"...proclaim His praises on the far coasts!" Isaiah 42:12*

Manuelito was the topic of one of these missives several months ago – a 9-month-old with HIV infection who had been unofficially "adopted" by a woman who tends to take-in needy children. Manuelito arrived at the Clinic in poor shape, but is now doing well. In fact, I was at his house (a dilapidated wooden clapboard and tin roof thing) on the day that he started walking. The delighted older children were enticing him to take wobbly steps on the uneven floor to retrieve toys and shiny objects. However, the reason behind the visit was that the family may be losing that house (not uncommon in the USA these days, either). The community outreach worker from the HIV/AIDS treatment unit was checking on the status of the problem. This family is already living in cramped quarters - eight people sharing two beds. We can keep Manuelito healthy, but there is not much we can do about the housing problem. There are always limits to how much we can do. The temptation to try to "fix everything" is certainly there for us. But that would be a losing battle. People commonly ask us how we can do this – confront the poverty on a daily basis, see the problems, constantly run into the limits of what can be done, and resign ourselves to the harsh realities. Mother Theresa's answer to that question was basically that she did all that she could for the person in front of her, and then moved onto the next. We have to be content with knowing our limits, and offering what we can up to those limits. Another answer lies in our call to mission. After a long discernment period (involving people from our parish, the diocese and far beyond), it was determined that this was the life to which we were called – this is the life that the Lord has intended for us to live. And from that standpoint, the question becomes: How can we not do this?

So, we do what we can and pray for the wisdom to know where the limits lay. Keep praying, **Michael**

*Newcomers and first-time participants  
are always **welcome***

*Most groups meet at the church  
and all are open to everyone*



**first  
monday  
evening**

**daughters of the king** ...meet on the first Monday of every month for prayer and study. at 7:00 p.m. in the welcome area. All women are welcome. For more information contact **Diane Gentner** 438-1257 or [dgentner@aol.com](mailto:dgentner@aol.com).

**fourth  
monday  
evening**

**reading group**...will not meet during the summer months. Mark your calendars for ( the SECOND Monday evening) **September 8** at 7:00 p.m., when this popular reading group resumes. Contact **Laurie Benner** for more information [lbenner1210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbenner1210@sbcglobal.net) or call 439-4918.

**second  
tuesday  
morning**

**knights of the round table** ..Men are invited to gather for lunch and conversation on the second Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. at Bob Evans, 5525 Wilmington Pike.. Questions...**Roger Rollins**, 293-7940.

**tuesday  
evening**

**c.s. lewis reading group** ... the C.S. Lewis reading group lives on. Join us at 7:30 every Tuesday evening in the Youth Center as we read aloud and discuss the works of C.S. Lewis. NO HOMEWORK REQUIRED. Currently reading *The Abolition of Man*. Call **Jack Crane**, 434-7959 for more information.

**wednesday  
morning  
and  
evening**

Biblical Bibliophiles

A Bible Study group meeting at St. George's...ON WEDNESDAYS, TWICE!

- 9:30 a.m. Reading TOBIT—a story of romance, involving an angel and a demon.
- 7:00 p.m. The GOSPEL OF MARK—a passion narrative with an introduction
- Join us as we discuss and learn. **Becky Clark, 859-8316**

Join us either time or both!

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## **education for ministry**

*Back to School with Education for Ministry (EfM):*

Education for Ministry (EfM) at St. George's will begin the 2008-2009 program year on Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m. A commitment from interested participants is needed by Sunday, August 17 so that study materials may be obtained in a timely manner. The EfM program includes worship, fellowship, theological study, and reflection, but no tests and no grades! This summer's Sunday Lectionary readings from Genesis make a great springboard for the EfM Year One study of the Old Testament. If you are interested in diving in to EfM, please **contact Lisa Sweeney (937-395-0854)**.

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...The Social Issues Committee meets the First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. George's. New participants are always welcome. Thank you...**Deacon Connie McCarroll**, Chairman, Social Issues.



**salvation  
army  
(booth house)  
a call for help**

...**a call for** help salvation army *Please help us to help others* on the second Wednesday of the month, cooking for and feeding the homeless for the Salvation Army Center Downtown Dinner are prepared from 2—3:30 p.m. in our undercroft kitchen; then more volunteers carpool to the shelter at 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to join us cooking or serving, *please bring cookies & 9X13 cakes* to the Undercroft on the second Wednesday before 4:30 p.m. Desserts are always appreciated. Thank you, **Mary Jameson (439-1165)**.

**caring  
connection**

...Do you have an hour once a week? Or once a month? Or once in a while? How would you like to use that hour to help someone in our parish who just needs a visit, or a trip to the doctor or the grocery store? The Social Concerns Committee is establishing a network of people to help each other in times of need. There is a sign up sheet in the welcome area. (Or you can call or email **Diane Gentner – 937-671-0013** or [dtgentner@gmail.com](mailto:dtgentner@gmail.com)) We will keep a list of caring individuals who would like to help others. Then as needs are identified, we will let you know who needs your time and attention.

**single  
sentries**

...It has been suggested that a telephone chain of St. George's single people who live alone could check up on each other and alert members of the parish when pastoral care is needed. If you live alone and would like to be part of this network, contact **Deacon Connie, 252-0830**.

**the other  
place**

...St. George's provides and serves breakfast on the 4th Saturday morning of each month. If you wish to help, or have questions, please phone: **Mary Rollins 293-7940; Karen Staub 435-5990; Jean Tarr 885-1791; or Marcie Weiler 748-9958**. The generosity of St. George's folks has once again been shown in the response to the crisis appeal from the Other Place, for toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. The Other Place folks are very grateful. Also, these items will continue to be collected in the bin in the welcome area. *Thank you. Mary Rollins*

**st.  
margaret's  
food pantry**

...continues to feed hundred's of hungry people from through out Western Montgomery County and Dayton. There are more and more jobless in the area using the foodbanks. Here are a few suggestions. **When you see a buy one get one, think of the foodbank. Here is what I do. I tithe my food bill . I buy 10% of my groceries for the food bank on staples such as flour, pancake mix, oatmeal etc. Be creative.** Help your fellow neighbors. **Deacon Connie**

...**special calendar dates for social issues...**

In gathering of Rummage sale items and set up	September 28-October 3, 2008
<b>Rummage Sale</b>	October 4, 08
<b>Days of change</b>	November 2, 08 & March 9, 09
<b>Blanket Sunday</b>	November 16, 08
<b>Backpack &amp; Giving Tree begins</b>	November 23, 08
<b>Spaghetti Supper</b>	January 25, 09
<b>Souper Bowl</b>	February 1, 09

**read this if you shop for groceries** The **social issues committee** will be giving away Kroger gift cards beginning Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. These cards will come to you ready to load.

Turning lights off and securing the building when leaving after rental/use of St. George's facilities is extremely important. Please double-check yourself & others after a meeting or event. Thanks

**altar  
flowers  
for  
2008**

...2008 dates still available for altar flower memorials are shown on the bulletin board across from the Parish Office.

If you would like to give altar flowers (\$50 each bouquet) as a gift in memory of a loved one, or thanksgiving for a special person or occasion, *please sign one of these two charts and give full information for the service bulletin no later than the Sunday preceding your desired date.* Thank you!

*Also, please note on your check's memo line "Altar Flowers" and the date you requested.*

**flower  
ministry**

...after the 10:30 service, altar flowers are sent to parishioners and friends who are experiencing illness, bereavement, or other pastoral issues.

**lay  
eucharistic  
ministers**

...We have several lay people who are trained and licensed by the diocese to take communion to the homebound, those in hospitals, or residents of nursing homes who cannot get to the services. If you would like to have communion brought to you, please call the church office. This can be done on a temporary or long-term basis.

**stephen  
ministers**

...Stephen Ministry is a ministry of caring presence. Stephen Ministers are lay people trained by lay people with an emphasis on active listening; we are not counselors or therapists. Some of the situations where caring relationships develop are: loss of a loved one; serious illness of a family member; loss of job or change in employment; relocation to a new area; caring for aging parents; aging and/or entering a nursing home, and many other situations where one is experiencing a difficulty or a life transition.

Stephen Ministry supports the pastoral care efforts of the clergy. We are recruiting new Stephen Ministers for the interim process. Training sessions will be offered in the fall. Dates and times for this training will be announced later. Every effort will be made to accommodate the schedules of those interested. Please contact Fay Layden at 433-3867 or Jean Case at 434-4260. If you or anyone you know would benefit from a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister, please contact the clergy.

Supervision meetings for current members are held on the first Tuesday of the month. . Please be sure to let a Stephen Leader know if you are unable to attend.

**hospitality  
hour**

...this hour, following the 10:30 service, is an important welcoming time for those new to or visiting St. George's, as well as a special time for camaraderie between parishioners. *The church provides the "fixings" for coffee and tea.* Volunteers make the coffee and provide simple refreshment snacks & a beverage for children. *Please consider becoming one of these special volunteers. The Sign-up Sheet is in the Parish Hall.* Questions? Call **Barbara Howe, 426-2583.**

**home-  
bound?**

...You can listen to the 10:30 Worship Service: Call the church office to be put on the list to receive audio CD's for the homebound.

**altar  
guild**

...The members of *St. George's Altar Guild* work quietly behind scenes to prepare the church for worship and to care for the vestments and liturgical objects. Please call **Sara Rich at 293-6669** if you would like to be part of this important ministry.

**ushers**

...serving approximately once a month. Men, women and couples are welcome! To volunteer as a **10:30** usher please call **Jan Chromick at 439-1869**; or the church office. To usher for **5:00 p.m.** services, contact **Bob van Patten, 848-4049, revanpatten@sbcglobal.net.**

**gardening!  
can you help?**

...If you love to garden, *St. George's needs you!* While we have professional service for the lawn and mulching, volunteers are needed to weed and tend the perennial beds and help with other aspects of landscaping. If you would like to help, perhaps by "adopting" a flower bed to be your weeding project, please contact one of the clergy or **Nodie Smith, 434-1914.**

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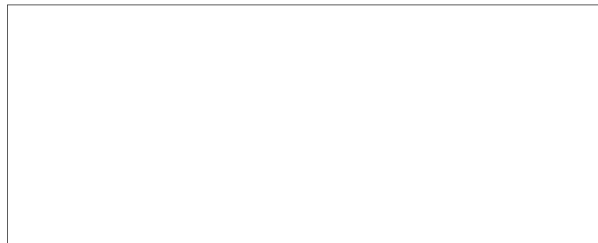
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***rummage  
sale--  
help needed!***

...It's that time of the year again! ***The Annual Rummage Sale*** at St. George's is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 4. The Rummage Sale is important outreach ministry within the community and allows those in need to purchase items they are in need of without having to undergo financial hardship to do so.



So, that being said, its time to start setting aside your donations of clean, usable items for the sale and to start thinking about whether you can donate your time as well. Leadership is needed for tasks such as planning, set-up, tear-down, and handling donations.

Please contact ***Heather Pidcock*** at 789-1096 or at [hlpidcock@gmail.com](mailto:hlpidcock@gmail.com) or ***Deacon Connie McCarroll*** (252-0830) to join this important community ministry. Thanks! ***Heather Pidcock***