



# The Orbit

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## From the Assistant...

The celebration of the Easter Triduum – ***Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil*** – constitute the high-point of the Christian year. During those days we remember and celebrate the saving acts of God in Jesus Christ. With each service we walk with Jesus and the disciples – from the Upper Room and the Last Supper, to the Garden of Gethsemane – and then on to the courts of the Sanhedrin and Pilate. And then there is that hill outside of Jerusalem, the cross and crucifixion and the tomb. To participate in the services of the Easter Triduum is to walk with Jesus and the first disciples – to experience their fears, their horror and their sorrows. At the Easter Vigil we recount the saving acts of God throughout history – the process of restoration and re-creation which we call salvation. We hear about the garden and our creation, about the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt, and of the long-awaited restoration of the people of Israel. And then, in dramatic fashion, we hear of the empty tomb.

The Biblical accounts of Easter are varied, and so too are the responses of the first disciples to the news of Jesus' resurrection. The Gospel of John tells of the shock of the first disciples upon learning that the tomb was empty. And then we have the encounter of Jesus with Mary Magdalene. And in both cases, there seems to be a sense of unbelief – none of them seem to get it that Jesus has been resurrected from the dead! One of my favorite scenes in the Bible is the encounter of Jesus and Mary. Mary had received love

and forgiveness from Jesus, had been one of his followers, and it was she who had come to care for his remains. And yet, when she encountered Jesus in the garden and had seen him with her own eyes, she did not seem to recognize him. That is, until he called her by name – “Mary”. And then she recognized him. This same pattern is repeated in Luke's account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24). In this case two disciples walking along a road from Jerusalem encounter a lone traveler. As this

group continues on their way they share the story of Jesus' ministry and suffering with the stranger. As the group's conversation continues it is none other than the risen Christ who opens up for them the meaning of salvation history – that the work of God in Jesus was the completion of a process of redemption that had been started ages before. As with Jesus' encounter with Mary Magdalene, these disciples could not recognize that Jesus was the stranger in their midst. As evening fell they gathered around a table for a meal, and as Jesus broke the bread for them – “...their eyes were opened and they recognized him...”

On Easter morning one of our parishioners came up to me and said – “You were right. I am so glad that I came to all of the services this week – it was an amazing experience. All I want to do is shout “yeah, God!” This expression of faith is what Easter is all about – the recognition that the bodily resurrection of Jesus the Christ is the most decisive event in salvation history – not only for all creation generally, but for you and for me, personally! For this one parishioner Jesus had been experienced during the services of Holy Week – what a blessing. My friends, Jesus is still among us waiting to be recognized. He is still present when two or three of us are gathered together in his name. Each time the bread is broken and the wine is poured and blessed Jesus becomes the gifts of God for us. And Jesus is still calling each and every one of us by name, waiting to fill our hearts with the joyful proclamation of the Christian hope – *Alleluia, The Lord is Risen!*

Phil+

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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**  
**(When Bible Study is in session,**  
**September thru May)**

Dear People of St. George's,

Last week after supper **Mary Ann** informed me that **Pepper the Cat** didn't look good and wasn't eating. "Oh, goody, a trip to the vet," I thought as I looked at the forlorn feline. I had meetings at work the next day that I couldn't get out of so our son, **Joe** helped Mary Ann get Pepper to the animal doctor. That same day while browsing through my email I noted a message from **Mike Brittenback** to Junior Warden, **Rob Johnson**, and me. Mike said that although the Fisk Organ wasn't sick, it needed a physical.

As the day progressed I found out that Pepper had a bad tooth and possible thyroid problems. I got in touch with Mike and he said the local organ tuner said the instrument required a twenty year tune-up to be done by the manufacturer. The specialists have to schedule nine months to a year out and that it would cost about \$8000.00. Meanwhile the vet told Mary Ann that she wanted an x-ray of the cat and that it was too sick to pull the tooth. I remembered **Rosanna Rosannadana** on Saturday Night Live. "It just goes to show. It's always something!" he said, and I agreed.

After Palm Sunday Service, I saw Mike in the hallway and assured him that we would get authorization for the maintenance and would find the money to cover the cost. Around Wednesday, I got roped into a veterinarian visit where the cat had a picture taken of its insides. The doctor showed us that an unusually large chunk of material was making its way through the droopy feline. I got kind of squeamish looking at it. She also showed us how to get Pepper to swallow a thyroid pill. Even in her weakened state, I had a lot of respect for her trap door jaws and saber toothed incisors. "Piece of cake," I drolly said to Mary Ann. With a look of consternation she replied, "Uh, Huh!"

A couple of days later, we had Joe and his bride, **Mey**, over for supper. Mey had a lot of experience with cats and Mary Ann asked her to take a look. Mey gave her diagnosis, "You know, in Turkey, cats have seven lives." Mary Ann puzzled, "Well here in the United States, they have nine lives."... "You see!" Mey exclaimed in her Turkish English, "Cat got better chance already!" That same day I received an email from **Carol Hull**. A couple who were founding parishioners had recently passed away but left a bequest to St. George's. They designated that the money be used for musical endeavors. Well, my first thought was the Fisk Organ. "Things are looking better, already!" I said to myself.

So then came Easter Sunday. The weather cooperated, the service was grand, the place was packed and the choir did an awesome job. I saw faces from the past, possible new recruits and lots of regulars. It was a redemptive, glorious morning and I had a lot of positive feelings about the future of this church. After the service, I saw Mike again in the hallway. "The fellows from Fisk will be here mid-January next year to work on the Organ." He told me. When we got home, Pepper was sitting in front of our closed bedroom door. Lying next to her was the previously described object. It appears that one way or another, all three of us were relieved.

Pepper has since bounced back. The work of the church is bouncing along, too. We advance toward our Rector's retirement, the interim period and the search for a new parish leader. With your stewardship now and into the future we can continue to do good works. Be generous in giving and volunteer for ministries where you can.

Uh, Oh!...The cat is staring at me... "Didn't I just feed her?" ...Gotta Go!!!

*Peace be with You!*

**Patrick MacKenzie**  
Senior Warden

**congratulations**

... to **Michael and Tracey Bratton Kubik** on the birth of a son, **Landon Michael**, on February 21. Grandparents are **Mary Anne and Greg Bratton**. Great-grandmother is **Mary Louise Pflug**.

...to **Lisa Browning**, who will receive her Juris Doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law on May 18<sup>th</sup>. After the bar exam in July, Lisa will join the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Parents are **Wade and Sheila Browning**.

**condolences**

...to **Mary Snyder** and her family on the death of her husband, long-time parishioner, **Art Snyder** on March 14. A former choir member and Senior Warden, Art served St. George's as a layreader & Stephen Minister and for many years led an Explorer Post.

...to **Betsy Wahl** on the March 14 death of her sister, **Anne Campbell Buettner**

...to **Benjamin & Rita Udoh, Chiagozie, Olisaemeka, Ona, & Ezamdi** on the March 11 death of Rita's father, **Oranaekwulu Osakwe**.

...to **Barbara & John Howe, Thomas and Elizabeth** on the March 11 death of John's mother.

**baptisms** at St. George's

...March 22, 2008: **Shannon Colette DeYoung**  
**James Ryan McCarroll**

**confirmation** **May 4: The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Suffragan Bishop of Southern Ohio**, will visit St. George's for all services May 3 & 4 and will administer the rite of Confirmation. In the Episcopal Church, Confirmation is the opportunity for young people baptized as children to make a mature affirmation of faith. For people who have joined St. George's from other denominations, Confirmation is the opportunity to reaffirm their baptismal commitment in the setting of the Episcopal Church and to receive the prayers of the bishop. **If you are interested in being confirmed, please contact one of the clergy.**

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## MUSIC EVENTS IN APRIL @ ST. GEORGE'S

**Sunday April 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.**

...**Michael Brittenback** will be joined by **Dan Duncan** in a recital of oboe and organ and solo organ. Dr. Duncan was professor of oboe at Eastern Kentucky University, retiring to Dayton in 2006. He is a master of the oboe as well as many other double-reed instruments. Mr. Brittenback, Director of Music at St. George's, has concertized throughout the United States, is a teacher of organ, and consults for churches in the restoration and installation of pipe organs. The program will include works by Bach, Franck, and Mägi. A freewill offering will be taken at this event.

**Sunday April 27**

...is **Choir Recognition Sunday** at the 10:30 a.m. Service. There will be a lot of special music for this. A new twist to this year's Choir Sunday will be a service of Morning Prayer Rite II as the liturgy of the word, followed by the Eucharist. It is a little known fact that the prayer book allows for this adjustment to the service. It is rare, these days, that we are exposed to the great canticles that are a part of Morning Prayer. The choir will be singing anthem versions of the canticles for Morning Prayer and a very special anthem by Vaughan Williams. As you know, the choir continues to grow in size and quality. **Invite your friends to this special service.**

All concerts are held at St. George's Episcopal Church, 5520 Far Hills Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

There is ample parking and easy wheel chair access.

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**high seas  
adventure  
argh!**

Argh, mateys! 'Tis time to be dustin' off yer spyglass and polishin' yer peg legs. This summer we're sailin' with *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything* for a High-Seas adventure as we discover what it takes to be a true hero in God's world.

"X" out **June 30 through July 4<sup>th</sup>** (Aye—I said July 4<sup>th</sup> as we'll be havin' the most bodacious picnic the likes of St. George's has never seen!). If ye think ye might want to join the crew—and who wouldn't?-give Poop-deck Patti a call at 434-1781 and look for a sign up board this month

**calling all  
babysitters**

Many families with young children are looking for babysitters. At times we need extra help in our church nursery as well. Currently, we are trying to compile a list of sitters. If you would like to babysit, please give your name to Patti, along with your experience and if you've had any Red Cross or other training.

**sunday  
school**

With spring break affecting many families at the beginning of this month, we are going to rearrange our Sunday School schedule slightly. Our new unit, Meals of Blessings, will have TWO weeks of introductions to the lesson (March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>) and the Rotations for the unit will be April 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This means that our last "Game Show and Tell" Sunday is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**fun for  
females**

It's not too late to be part of our Women's overnight retreat this Friday and Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>—give Patti a call at 294-7932.

Next week—April 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be gathering at 6:00 pm at Barb Howe's house for Fondue and Flicks. Our next Chick Flick is the Princess Bride—so feel free to wear your tiara! Sign up and directions are in the church lobby.

*In Christ's love,  
Patti King*

**episcopal  
chocolate  
savoring  
festival!**

If you gave up CHOCOLATE for Lent, we have the perfect Eastertide celebration for you! Join our two bishops for the **Episcopal Chocolate Savoring Festival (sponsored by the Episcopal Community Services Foundation)** at the Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati on **Saturday, April 19, from 2 to 5 p.m.** The proceeds will aid ministries addressing poverty and other human needs throughout the diocese. You can:

- Just come (\$10/adult, \$5/child, \$20 max/household)
- Enter the chocolate contest (see guidelines below), or
- Contribute a silent auction item.

Chocolate recipes will be judged by celebrities including both Bishops and well-known local chocolatiers. They will give awards for Most Beautiful, Most Unique, and Best Overall Chocolate Creation. People's Choice awards will be made in the categories of cookies, brownies, other baked goods, candy, and soft chocolate (sauces, mousses, etc.). Children are also invited to compete in **two age categories: under 12 and 12 to 18**. To enter the competition or offer an auction item, please register at the ECSF web site [www.ecsfsouthernohio.org](http://www.ecsfsouthernohio.org) or call ECSF at 513-221-0547. The deadline for both donations and competition entries is April 11 - please register early so we can plan space and make signs for your entry. Redeemer is located at 2944 Erie Avenue in Hyde Park.

**brewing questions**

Our Easter series for **Brewing Questions** is called *A Long Obedience*. This season we will be reading the book "A Long Obedience" by Eugene Peterson (*The Message*). This book carefully explores the Psalms of Ascent and proposes important conclusions for the life of Christian Discipleship in an instant society. Each session we will explore a few short chapters of this book in order to facilitate our own discussion of what it means to follow Jesus today. This series starts April 9<sup>th</sup>. The book may be purchased at local retailers or online. See website for dates & times.

**email Orbit!**

**St. George's Email Orbit has arrived!** Parishioners and friends of St. George's can now receive weekly information, as well as special notices on events and happenings at St. George's, via email. To receive your weekly email orbit, please visit our website and go to the "Current Events" page. Click on the link "Join Our Email List" and then follow the directions. This is a subscription only service and you may unsubscribe at any time. This is a great way to stay connected and informed!

**spring clean-up day**

**Parish Spring Clean-Up Day** – Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. There are a number of small, but important projects around our campus that need to be done. Among these projects is some much needed repair to the concrete steps and sidewalks on the north side of the building. We are not asking for your money – we need your time and your talent. If you can help with manual labor, food preparation, or child-care, please contact Phil to sign-up.

**free! free! free!**

**Free Money!!!!** Through the diocesan youth-to-mission fundraiser, grants are available to provide financial support for any youth participating in mission or service. Grant applications may be found at [www.episcopal-dso.org](http://www.episcopal-dso.org) or you may contact Phil at the church for more details.

**stewardship**

...is how we praise God with the blessings we have been given – our time, our relationships, our health, our talents, our treasure – in short, our life.

**care of Pastors**

...Kiah and I want you to know that we can be reached most anytime by email or phone (Phil – 430-5332; Kiah 430-5780). We do ask, however, that you avoid contacting us on Fridays, except in case of emergency, so that we can have one day per week for our family. Please note that we will be on vacation April 14-23 to get some much needed rest.

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

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



**sunday  
morning**

**bible study** ...”What does the Gospel say to us today?” 9:30—10:15 a.m., every Sunday an enthusiastic group meets in the parish Hall to discuss the lectionary readings for the day and to see how they intersect with our daily lives. We talk about all the interesting “stuff” that wouldn’t fit in the sermon and maybe even ask, “What sermon would we preach if we were in the pulpit?” New participants are ALWAYS welcome!

**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.*

**fourth  
monday  
evening**

**reading group**...will meet April 28 at 7:00 p.m. Participants are invited to read a book of their choice about Marie Curie and her family of scientists. Suggested titles: *Madame Curie: A Biography*; *Marie Curie: A Life*; *Obsessive Genius: The Inner World of Marie Curie*; *Grand Obsession: Madame Curie and her World*. 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 *Reflections on the Psalms*.. Call *Jack Crane, 434-7959* for more information.

**wednesday  
morning**

**bible study**... The Gospel of Matthew 9:30 – 11:00 in the Parish Hall for an introduction to the Gospel of Matthew, led by the Rector. Sometimes referred to as the most Jewish of the gospels, Matthew presents Jesus as Emmanuel, God-with-us.

**second  
saturday  
morning**

**men’s group** ...The *second Saturday* men's group meets at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall to enjoy fellowship, continental breakfast, and discussion on current topics. Contact **Tom Hull**, [thull@woh.rr.com](mailto:thull@woh.rr.com).

**vestry digest**

...In place of their usual monthly meeting, the Vestry met March 15 for the annual Vestry Retreat after having been snowed out the weekend before. The Rev. Canon Walt Mycroft of the diocesan staff led the retreat, which focused on the basic outline of what happens after the Rector retires. Canon Mycroft discussed the rationale for calling an Interim Rector, possibly on a part-time basis, to guide the parish through the transition of having said goodbye to one rector and preparing to welcome another. Having an additional clergy person would allow the Websters time to continue with the new growth ministries they have started. The Wardens and Vestry will discuss how responsibilities will be divided after Carol's departure. Part of the retreat was a telling of the parish history from the experience and perceptions of the people present at the meeting.

**financial update**

St. George's faces a critical shortfall of anticipated income in 2008, with the possibility of a deficit as high as \$80,000. In February, income was \$39,250 compared with expenses of \$45,280. Year to date, income exceeds expenses by \$4,159. It is never too late to sign a pledge card for the remainder of 2008 or to increase an existing pledge. The Finance Committee and Vestry appreciate people keeping their pledges up to date through the year.

**easter series****Brewing****Questions:****A Long Obedience**

... 7:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall...

What does it mean to be a follower of God? What does it mean to follow Jesus today? Using Eugene Peterson's book "A Long Obedience" as a text for reflection, we will be discussing the value of the Psalms as they relate to our being disciples of Jesus the Christ.

— **Wednesday, April 9.** This week we will be discussing the Preface and the chapters on Discipleship and Repentance. See [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org) for more info.

— **Wednesday, April 16.** This week we will be discussing the chapters on Providence and Worship. See [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org) for more info.

— **Wednesday, April 23** This week we will be discussing the chapters on Service and Help. See [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org) for more info.

— **Wednesday, April 30** This week we will be discussing the chapters on Security and Joy. See [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org) for more info.

**st. george's  
"photo  
safari"  
sunday,  
april 6<sup>th</sup>,**

**12:00-2:00 pm**

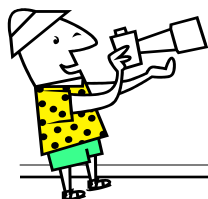
Please join us for a light luncheon and presentation on how to get the most out of your digital camera. Eric Schryver, a professional photographer and member of the parish, will be leading our discussion. Please remember to bring:

- Your camera w/ extra batteries
- Your owner's manual.
- Your enthusiasm and imagination.

**Everyone is invited to participate.** Please contact Phil or Eric to RSVP.

*Parishioners are invited to bring cameras to all St. George's events April 6- May 3. **Flash photography during worship services is strictly prohibited.** Please be courteous and avoid disturbing events. All parishioners and friends of St. George's are invited to a special art show on Sunday, May 4, following the 10:30 service as participants exhibit their favorite photos.*

*Images submitted in connection with "St. George's Photo Safari" become the property of St. George's Episcopal Church and may be used for publicity purposes.*



This event is sponsored by St. George's Membership Committee.  
For more details please contact  
**The Rev. Phil Webster (434-1781) or Eric Schryver (433-1252).**

...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.

**summer  
lunch  
program**

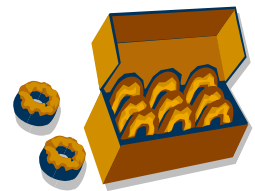
...This summer St. George's is once again partnering with **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church** to provide lunches (supplied by the DPS) for school children at St Andrew's Church. It takes about an hour and a half a day. You can do one day a week or five days week. The program will begin once the Dayton public schools are out for the summer. More news later. Your children are welcome to come. Bring a lunch to eat with the children and participate in the program.

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

...It is important at this time that we augment the volunteers who have faithfully prepared and served food on the **second Wednesday** of each month for the homeless at the Salvation Army Downtown. ☩ Dinner is prepared at 2--3:30 in the undercroft kitchen. (Nursery care will be provided for those volunteers who need this service.) ☩ Also needed are volunteers willing to take the prepared food from the church kitchen and serve it to the homeless at the Salvation Army. (Time involved approximately 4:30--6:30. No nursery care provided for this time frame.) ☩ Cookies & 9X13 cakes are always needed to be served for dessert. **Mary Jameson (439-1165)**.

**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**



**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. Beginning the first Sunday in March there will be 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**

...Recently one of our parishioners fell and was hospitalized. Because she lived alone, no one in the parish or her family knew. 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**.

**The St. Margaret's Food Pantry**  
always needs our regular donations  
of non-perishable foods.  
Thank you!

Dear God,

To those who are hungry, give bread,  
to those who *have* bread, give compassionate hearts, and generous hands. *Amen*

**Anita & Michael Dohn** are physicians serving as missionaries ...with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana through the South American Missionary Society. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. E-mail: < DohnFamily@sams-usa.org >

St. George's supports their work.

"If you aren't keeping score, it's just practice." Dr. Tadataka Yamada (President of the Global Health Program for the Gates Foundation) made this point to international health professionals at the 2007 meeting of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. By "keeping score" he meant whether people are getting healthier or not.

*One of our mission precepts* is that "the ultimate performance of any health program is only measurable in terms of improved health among the people." The community health ministries here need to be in the game, not just practicing. However, "keeping score" can be difficult. It is one thing to say we are helping people and something rather different to demonstrate that we are actually improving health.

"Keeping score" costs money for baseline and follow-up community surveys and other records. Funders do not always want to "keep score;" sometimes they just want to track activity rather than results. Sometimes funders want to assess results, but refuse to cover those costs.

*We do community surveys* and other outcome measures because we want to know the score. Knowing the score helps to keep us on track, to show us new directions, to justify the expenses (and, I suppose, our existence as a community health team), and to maintain accountability. More importantly, it is part of being good stewards of the resources of the church.

*We do not keep score in some areas.* The community health program brings people to Christ, but we have no numbers of "people saved." Sometimes organizations want to know how many Haitians we serve. We don't know; we just enter people without distinction.

*However, we know that we are improving health* because we have kept score in many areas (for instance, people with HIV/AIDS have longer survival after entering our full care program – our abstract at that American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene meeting).

Another quote we like is: "The best ideas are the ones that help people." We hope and pray that we are always working with the best ideas.

Keep praying, **Anita & Michael**



## FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you for your contributions and all that you do for the community! ...*the other place, until there's no homelessness.*

Dear Ms. Rollins, Thank you for your inkind contribution of diapers to Artemis Center. We are truly grateful for your support of our mission *Leading the Community in its Commitment to End Domestic Violence* and for selecting us to receive the gifts that were given to baby Jesus during the Christmas season. Your contributions will be given to individuals receiving services at Artemis Center. Again, thank you for your generous support and for joining with us in our effort to end domestic violence in our community. Sincerely, **Beth Redden**, Development Director

**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 Ministers are trained to serve as caring lay persons to extend the pastoral care efforts of the clergy. A Stephen Minister visits regularly with a person who might be experiencing a difficult period or transition in their life, and who would like to have someone listen objectively, emphatically and confidentially. To request a Stephen Minister, speak with either of the clergy.

Training for new Stephen Ministers is scheduled for Thursday afternoons from 12:30 to 3 p.m. on *May 1, 15, 29 and June 12.* To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister Call *Fay Layden at 433-3867 or Jean Case at 434-4270.*

*Stephen Ministers:*. Be sure to let a Stephen Leader know if you cannot attend the next Supervisory Meeting.

**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.

**st. george's  
prayer  
chain**

...If you would like to request special prayer for yourself or someone you know, *please contact Jacquie at 429-4826 or revjswallace@aol.com; or Kathryn at 937-572-2233*

*FORWARD DAY BY DAY devotional booklets are on the Welcome Table.  
You may help yourself to these free publications.*

*St. George's is supported by the voluntary giving of its members.*

Pledge cards are available on the Welcome Table,  
and contributions envelopes by calling the office.

***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 *Susan Daly 898-9760*

***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?***

...I 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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***health  
ministries***

...Interested parishioners are invited to participate in an upcoming educational opportunity entitled "Developing Congregational Health Ministries" sponsored by The Henrich Center for Wellness Ministry at United Theological Seminary.. The workshop will enable laypersons nurses and clergy to enhance an already established health ministries program. Faculty for this two-day workshop include persons from the Health ministries programs at Good Sam, Kettering MC, Green Memorial, and Episcopal Retirement Homes as well as myself. Should you have any additional questions about health ministries or this workshop opportunity, do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 278-6251, ex 2163, or by email at [crschneidshp-dayton.org](mailto:crschneidshp-dayton.org). **Rev. Craig R. Schneider, Spiritual Care Coordinator, Good Samaritan Hospital. More information and registration forms can be found on St. George's bulletin board.**

***the book of  
revelation***

...The Rev. Dr. Barbara Rossing, Professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago is coming to Cross Creek Community Church, United Church of Christ for a Saturday spring lectureship on April 5, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The lecture fee is \$55, which includes lunch. Her lectures will focus on her studies and expertise in the Book of Revelation and from her book, **THE RAPTURE EXPOSED: THE MESSIAH OF HOPE IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION.** Her lecture titles include: 1) "Exposing the Rapture: Prophecy, not Prediction," 2) "A Violent Jesus?", and 3) "Hope for the Middle East, Hope for Our Future." There are copies of registration forms on St. George's bulletin board. 937-434-4580 [www.crosscreekchurch.org](http://www.crosscreekchurch.org)

...The Rector will be moving her mother to Portland April 2-8

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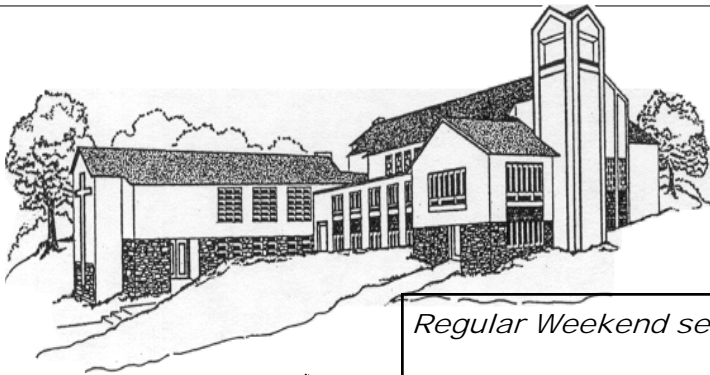
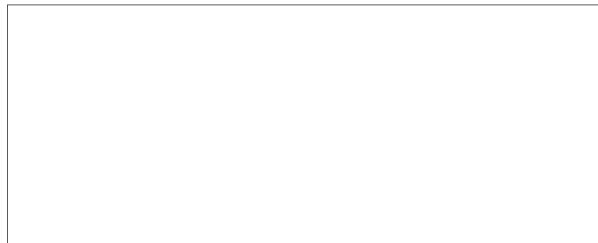
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**Return Service Requested**



**Everyone is invited!**

*Regular Weekend services at St. George's...*

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II In the Sanctuary

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., A contemporary service In the Parish Hall

Sunday, 8:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite I In the Sanctuary

Sunday, 10:30 p.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II In the Sanctuary with Choir