



From the Associate

Someone asked me recently what being a part of St. George's really meant. Lots of quick answers popped into my head. Most of them had to do with what I thought it should mean, as opposed to perhaps what it does mean (in varying degrees) for each one of us. Pondering a little more, I wandered over to the *Sanctuary* (one of the perks of my vocation is quick access to such places) and ask the question of myself again.

It is a hot Tuesday afternoon, and the church is filled with sunlight. The faces of the figures in our stained glass windows seem to glow with heat.

I was reminded that being a part of St. George's means being an "inheritor" - and inheritor of one people's quest for truth. Truth about God, truth about Jesus, truth about life itself. It means having faith in an ultimate inheritance that even goes beyond this world itself.

St. George's is blessed to have a sanctuary that offers rich reminders of the events and individuals that are a part of this quest. From the *Altar* in its elegant green appointments to the red *Sanctuary Light* burning before the *Tabernacle*, we are shown that you and I are not supposed to be alone in our search. We are called into the support and strength of community in Christ.

This community is diverse in every way. And though we have our disagreements —what draws us together outweighs what would pull us apart. This is the "Via Media"—or "Middle Way" that is at the heart of Anglicanism. It is a dynamic so

well articulated by the *Via Media* program that has been happening on Wednesday nights.

Yet as "inheritors" it doesn't stop with blessings. Like it or not we are also given responsibilities and serious ones at that. Just what might these be?

They begin with taking care of ourselves as children of God. Tending to matters of heart, body and soul in responsible ways. This is one place where many people (including myself) start running into the first of many "challenges".

These responsibilities continue with taking care of one another as the family of God. Respecting. Loving. Supporting. Caring. No

matter what...

Here's where the broadness and depth of the Middle Way can itself cause the pitfalls. How we deal with them says a great deal about who hope to be (for as C.S. Lewis would remind us you and I are always in a state of "becoming" something—heavenly or not, take your pick...).

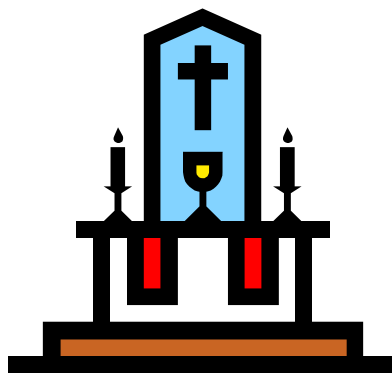
This caring also extends to those whom Jesus personally has shown us it must—the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the troubled, the sinner and even those for whom the only thing we have in common is the same Creator. Not an easy task. Not an easy task at all.

Finally, being an "inheritor" means taking care of a *consecrated* place—set apart for special purposes. As Anglicans we believe that there is a "holiness", a "sacred mystery" that surrounds and fills such places and things. What to some are just "signs" of belief, are to us "symbols" that participate in ways we don't understand with the very thing they are representing. There are *sacraments* and rituals and traditions and all that make them up—each pointing to the divine. Each do more than tell a story—they participate in what we believe and how we answer questions of meaning and belief.

Wow, I don't know about you but that a lot to think about from a stroll through the Sanctuary. You might try it yourself sometime—just remember:

Being a part of St. George's also means not shying away from the big questions on hot summer days...

Paul +



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Middle School/High School Youth Page

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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



Dear People of St. George's,

After graduations and weddings in May and June, one would think that it's cruising time from July through August. Hah! Vacations give us more opportunities for expending energy. This year would be a rare occasion in that the kids would be with us for the summer. So, a trip to

South Florida to see **Mary Ann's** brother and mom was quite the right thing to do. Mary Ann found us a flight and a rental car and began planning mini-excursions.

I offered as much input and support as I could until the days when packing became inevitable. For instance, two nights before we were off, I received a fishing invite. I assured Mary Ann that it wouldn't take more than two hours for me to pack the following evening. "Ok," she said, somewhat frustrated, and I was off. **My St. George's fishing buddy** and I hit it pretty good that night and we were pretty pleased with ourselves. We stayed out too long as it started to get dark. As we came around a bend we faced what looked like a Class V rapid.

We would have made it through if it hadn't been for that log sticking up in the middle of that rapid. We struck the log and it rolled the canoe right over. Fishing gear, food and paraphernalia flew everywhere. Fortunately, we don't often keep our fish so all we had to gather was equipment. We even found some of our flotsam about a quarter-mile downstream. "Where do you think we ought to fish after I get back from vacation?" I asked him. "I'll be coming up with some ideas. We'll discuss them when you get back." He smiled and replied.

I came home sopping wet. "What happened to you?" Mary Ann asked with a slight smile. I explained the events as they unfolded to little sympathy. "You should have stayed at home," she said. The next night, I made sure I was packed in two hours.

Good planning and timing help smooth out the pace of life. As part of the Implementation Committee, I am lucky to have good partners who care about St. George's. I think our campus is getting better looking and more useful every day. Recently new outdoor lighting has been installed and some old fixtures have been upgraded. In the nighttime, the church looks safer (no one should be banging into trees!) and more inviting.

We have looked at ideas for lighting for the sacristy to make life easier for the Altar Guild. After much discussion, consensus was reached and a cost effective and useful lighting system will be installed. We are keeping a watchful eye out for road improvements along Far Hills Avenue to be done by Washington Township so that they compliment the look of the church. Many grounds improvements have been made at 41 Manor Lane and there are many more to come.

If you have concerns or come up with ideas, please talk to **Garth Williams, Jean Davis, Frank Gentner, Kay Hansell, Carol Herrick, Carol or Paul, or even me!** Remember, there are many ministries available in this church and one or more that might be right for you. Be generous to St. George's and it will return the favor in abundance.

Uh, Oh!! Mary Ann's planned a trip to the coral reef off Key Largo. It's off to John Pennekamp State Park. Gotta Go!

Peace be with you!

Patrick MacKenzie

PERSONAL NOTES

Hello from **Jack and Vicki Sturdivant**, who stopped by St. George's July 11 while on a trip celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. Jack's family were among the founding members of St. George's. His father, Jack Sr., served as Senior Warden and Head Usher. His mother, Catherine, was for many years the Directress of the Altar Guild. Jack remembers with humor the day of the ground-breaking here on Manor Lane. He said it was a very hot day, and the bees were out in full force. The farm property had an old orchard where the Parish Hall now stands, and people kept slipping on the rotting apples in the grass. Jack has fond memories of boyhood service as an acolyte, and the couple's children were baptized here. He and Vicki are now members of Christ Church in Greenville, SC.

thanks

...to **Samuel Adebonojo** for his generous gift to St. George's on his 70th birthday in thanksgiving to God for many blessings. Samuel's gift will provide for the crafting of two new chairs for the altar area of the sanctuary.

congratulations

...to **Amanda and Robert Thompson** on the birth of a son, **Robert Howard**. Great-grandparents are **Richard and Jane Stone**.

...to **Godson and Patricia Okocha** and big sisters **Amaka & Kechi** on the birth of a daughter, **Ifeanyi**.

...to **Ugo and Stella Nwokoro** on the birth of a son, **Ikechi Derek**.

...to **Paul and Staci Auer** and brother, **Jacob**, on the birth of a son, **Dawson Christopher**.

...to 2005 High School graduate, **Laura Thomas**. Laura will attend Miami University this fall.

...to **Joyce Young** on receiving the David H. Ponitz Honorary Alumni Award from the Sinclair Community College Alumni Association. This award is presented to an outstanding individual (non-Sinclair graduate) who has made a significant contribution of time and talent to the college and the community.

holy baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is scheduled for Labor Day weekend at the 10:30 service September 4 and again on the weekend of All Saints Sunday, November 6. Please call one of the clergy if you desire baptism for yourself or a member of your family.

what's new at www.stgeorgeohio.org

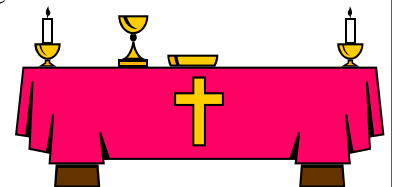
- The photograph of our beautiful chapel window "The Descent of the Holy Spirit" has been copied and placed on the front page of the worldwide Anglican Communion's official website as a symbol of Pentecost. Wow!!! Check it out by clicking on "Anglican Links" from our website.
- The latest ORBIT, Weekly Orbit, and Youth Connection are always new and updated on the site. The online versions are in full color, with photographs in excellent resolution.
- Welcome to **Sara Rich** and **Linda Giffen**, the newest members of the web team. Sara help with updates and Linda is inputting the Story of our Stained Glass Windows. Interested in lending a hand too? Call Paul at 434-1781.

This new series is designed to keep everyone up to date about what is happening on our wonderful home-grown website. Of course, you could just surf over and see it for yourself!

altar guild...is looking

for some new members who are interested in doing the *quiet ministry* for the clergy. As you contemplate your volunteer schedule for the fall, consider joining our group of men and women. *Please contact Sara Rich for further details...*

293-6669, or sararich1@mac.com.



COMING ATTRACTIONS



Fall **wednesday morning bible study** begins September 14 in the Parish Hall. The Rector will lead reading and discussion of the apostle Paul's New Testament letters to the church at Corinth (I & II Corinthians).

want to get to know more people at st. george's – a few at a time? *Four-Month Foyer Groups* give you an opportunity to make new friendships that will enrich your life at St. George's. If you sign up to be in a Four-Month Foyer Group, you will be assigned to a group of about 8 people who will meet over dinner or some other event 4 times during the 4 months of that group. Then, if you want to do it again, you'll sign up again and be assigned to a different group. If you do this all year, you'll have about about 20 new friends! What could be better!

For each group, one person will be asked to convene the group for the first time. After that, the group decides on the other three meetings. Meetings might be dinner at the home of one of the members, but could also be a meal at a restaurant, attending a show or a ball game, going for a hike, having a picnic – anything the group picks. The monthly host should rotate and dinners where everyone brings something are a good way to share the preparation work.

Sign up in the welcome area beginning in August and groups will be assigned right after start-up Sunday, September 11. This four month period will take us through mid-January and then new groups will be formed. If you have questions, feel free to contact Elizabeth Gustafson, 433-4170 or gustafso@udayton.edu.



Fall Family Potluck Dinner is underway!

See page 12 for details.



fourth annual canoe trip/river clean-up, saturday august 13:

We had so much fun and found so much trash last year that we're doing it again! Join the Stewardship Committee for a fun canoe trip while practicing stewardship of the environment. We'll take their "2-hour trip" stopping to fill our bags with trash wherever we find it. This is a great activity for families and people of all ages. Meet at Bellbrook Canoe Rental Saturday August 13 at 12:15. The trip will take us about 4 hours. \$25 per canoe with two adults and a child and \$12.50 for a third adult in the canoe. Sign up in the welcome center so we can reserve a canoe for you. For questions, contact **Elizabeth Gustafson, 433-4170**, or gustafso@udayton.edu

Education for ministry

More commonly known as EFM... Are you looking for a deeper understanding of the Bible? A deeper understanding of Church History? Of current Theological Issues? Are you looking for deep Christian

fellowship? A clearer sense of your own theological perspective and call to ministry in the world?

If so, consider EFM.

EFM is a group of 6 to 12 laypersons, who meet weekly (from September to May) to study, reflect, and worship together. Led by a trained lay mentor, the group studies materials developed by the Sewanee Theological School at the University of the South and engages in a process called "theological reflection".

Two EFM groups are currently active in our area with members from seven different parishes. *And we would like to start a group at St. George's.*

For more information or to enroll, contact **Suzanne LeVesconte (293-8201)**, a St. George member and one of the local EFM mentors.

ADULT EDUCATION and Opportunities

sunday morning bible study: Sunday mornings, 9:30 – 10:15 in the Parish Hall. **Rector Carol Hull** leads a study and discussion group focusing on the gospel selection to be read aloud in worship that Sunday. New participants are always welcome. *Bring a bible.*

laurie benner's reading group: . The book for the August discussion will be *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Our discussion will be on **August 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

...Set in Enugu, Nigeria, on the eve of a military coup, *Purple Hibiscus* tells the story of fifteen-year-old Kambili and her painful awakening from an abusive home life to the beginnings of personal freedom. When Kambili and her brother go to visit their high-spirited Auntie Ifeoma, a university professor in Nsukka, their world becomes suddenly larger, louder, richer, and freer. Here Kambili is plunged into a world where children and adults alike say what they think without fear and everyone can laugh, argue, question, and challenge each other openly. Auntie Ifeoma's loving approach to life is a warm and welcome change from the rigid atmosphere of Kambili's home. Immersed in this new world, Kambili begins to discover her own voice, her ability to laugh and to make others laugh and to see her own worth, clearly, for the first time. But the violence of Kambili's home life is echoed in Nigeria, as a repressive regime takes power in a military coup. It is a time of great turmoil, both personal and political, and the lives of all the main characters are brought to crisis points. In this beautifully written and poignant first novel, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie offers a moving and nuanced exploration of the ongoing tension between the forces of oppression and the irrepressible human desire to be free. **Laurie Benner 434-5795** readerschoice@sbcglobal

daughters of the king This group of laywomen works together to serve the parish and to support each other in the spiritual journey. The August meeting will be held Saturday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel. Guests are always welcome. For more information, please contact **Doris Boulton (885-9640)** or **Jean Tarr (434-2491.)**

men's breakfast & fellowship happens on the **second Saturday of the month** at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Interested men of St. George's are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Tom Hull at: **thull@woh.rr.com.**

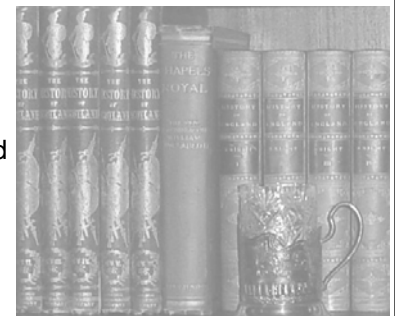
c.s. lewis reading group meets **Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.**, led by the **Associate Rector**.

The group is currently reading *The Great Divorce*

Shadowland Reflections

In The Four Loves, C.S. Lewis discusses the four classic forms of love: Affection, Friendship, Eros and Agape. How do we find the deepest and most meaningful love in our lives?

In many ways this is the "chicken and the egg" question. Agape, or divine love, is meant to be through and through the first three. When we find any of the loves at its "truest", divine love is operating. So in "finding love", do we A) skip to look directly for divine love or B) try to move toward it through seeking God in the other three?



Perhaps it begins with realizing that God's love is so great for us that it cannot be grasped. No matter how we may reflect that love, (reflection taking the form of goodness in the other loves), there is SO much left over we can't comprehend it. Case in point: So great is at the Creation of the Universe with its the gift of free will that from the onset it contained the need for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. In other words, God created knowing what was to come, God did it anyway, God showed us the love that then breaks the bonds of this life and goes on forever. Quite a love. Quite a concept.

In answer to the question raised in the first paragraph (A or B) the answer is a very Anglican: "Yes, and..."

TID BIT: One of Lewis' favorite manifestations of love was a long walk with his dog and a return to a book with a friend before dinner and a cozy fire. Such times open one for the experience of true joy, which is a glimmer from the heavenly realms. After all, he wrote "Joy is the serious business of heaven."

A Lewis Quote:

"Because we love something else more than this world we love even this world better than those who know no other." *God in the Dock* "Some Thoughts" 1948, para. 7, p. 150

ANNOUNCEMENTS and updates

rummage sale: When you are getting things ready for school starting and sprucing up the house remember the rummage sale. Put things aside for us and remember we would like them clean and if you have even thought just throwing them out, do it so we won't have to. Remember we sell just about everything. Clothes, house wares, appliances, yard tools, tools, toys, books, puzzles, furniture, electronics and sporting goods. You name it and we will sell it. Any questions, call **Jane Gallienne 299-6012 Michele Johnson 848-9186 Jean or Pat Davis 439-0442**

vestry and financial update

The Vestry took a mid-summer break from meeting in July and will meet again August 15.

The June financial report showed a deficit for the month and year-to-date. However, the situation is better by about \$6,000 than the same time last year. The month's deficit is due to receiving a smaller than usual amount of pledge payments (many people are away in the summer) and to having three staff pay periods. The summer months tend to be "trough" season when expenses exceed income. You can help by keeping pledge payments up to date and remembering St. George's for special gifts.

The loose offering from the first Sunday of every month goes to the Parish Discretionary Fund for benevolent purposes, e.g., emergency assistance to families and scholarships.

financial update for june

	<i>Current month</i>	<i>Year to date</i>	<i>2005 Budget</i>
<i>Income</i>			
Pledges	\$26,845.00	\$22,439.00	\$ 466,673.00
Total Income	29,790.00	305,916.00	595,143.00
<i>Expenses</i>	55,132.00	319,073.00	595,015.00
Excess Income/(Expense)	(\$25,342.00)	(\$13,157.00)	\$ 128.00

through the hedge: 41 manor lane challenge response

Over 80 children enjoyed a wonderful Vacation Bible School held on our beautiful new property at 41 Manor Lane. Patti King and many volunteers set up a "Jerusalem Market Street"



on the grassy, tree-lined expanse of new back yard. We stepped through an opening in the honeysuckle hedge into another world, and at the end of the week, Jesus came to join us there.



I hope many of you will also have enjoyed our new back yard at the annual parish picnic in July. We are blessed that a special pledge by Ruth Mead and Frank and Nancy Zorniger enabled us to buy the property, with the additional help of a diocesan loan. They have challenged us to match their pledges of \$250,000 over a five-year period. If you have not yet responded to this challenge by making a gift or a pledge, I hope you will prayerfully consider making a generous commitment. You can spread your giving over a period of up to five years. Commitment cards are available on the Welcome Table.

As of mid-July, we have received pledges totaling \$64,410 and additional gifts of \$3,210. Remember that we need to match the challenge by raising \$250,000. We appreciate your support.

Carol Hull+

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RULES**FOR SINGING CHURCH MUSIC**

(1842)

Let the principal female performer keep about half a note ahead of the choir. It will show that she is up to the chalk, and means to get through as soon as any of them.

A man who sings in church should always, in so doing, make a noise as loud as common thunder, and not bury his talent in a napkin, the more of a good thing the better:

If he sings tenor, he should always sing through his nose as well as his mouth; he takes the wind in at both passages, and why not send it out at both?

The nasal twang is so much the better, because it resembles the oboe stop of the organ. Besides, it is doing equal and exact justice to make the mouth and nose both officiate at the same time.

If he sings bass, let him sing it with a vengeance. Let him 'sound down' till the audience thinks he is capable of singing 'bass thunder'. It will give them an exalted opinion of the compass of his voice. If he cannot sing right, let him sing wrong. It will show that he means to perform all that he agreed to at all events, that he puts his shoulder to the work.

An observance of these simple rules will vastly improve our church music.

But if you just want to sing great music,
join St. George's Choir.

**The first rehearsal is
Thursday, September 8
at 7:00 p.m.**

picture directories

The new *picture directories* are still available for those parishioners whose pictures appear in this directory. Please pick one up in the Welcome Area. (*Copies were not provided to us for those who did not have a picture taken.*)

buy george

**... A collection of items
celebrating St. George's
— good for year-long gift-giving**

St. George's Cookbook

Like Stars Appearing—Ann Rowland's wonderful book about our stained glass windows (and the story of Christianity through the pictures of its saints) with award-winning design by Jayne MacDougall.

50th Anniversary bookmarks—for that book you're reading right now

St. George window note cards—for any occasion

St. George T-shirts, sweatshirts, golf shirts—for children and adults

St. George flags—for waving!

**Come by our table in the Welcome Area following the
5:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. services**

P.S. BUY GEORGE needs additional helpers to staff the sales table. If you can help, please call Doris Boulton (885-9640), Patricia Zeller (885-4146) or the Rector (434-1781)

giant rummage sale!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

1060 Salem Avenue

Dayton, OH 45406

Friday, August 5

9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 6

8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For best access to the sale,
please park in the South Parking Lot.
For further information, call 278-7345.

SOCIAL OUTREACH



October 8th is the date for the annual **crop walk**. Last year we didn't participate due to lack of a team leader. We are looking for one this year. Area Crop Walk leaders will meet August 20. Please see **Deacon Connie** if you would be interested

the other place

...Volunteers from St. George's prepare and serve breakfast on the 4th Saturday of each month at The Other Place, a daytime homeless shelter in Dayton. If you would like to help serve or donate breakfast items, please contact **Marty DeMarey 299-5895, Mary Rollins 293-7940, Sheila Browning 436-3287, Carol & Tim Davis 299-8870.**

salvation army (booth house)

...Next opportunity to assist will be **Wednesday August 10**. Dinner will be prepared in the undercroft kitchen 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Servers carpool to the shelter at 4:30 p.m. Cookies and 9X13 cakes are greatly needed for dessert. Please bring your donation to the undercroft by 3:30 p.m. **Contact Mary Maclean, - 427-2315**

...Many thanks to **Sue Schryver, Joyce Young, Jean Tarr,** and **Bev Montgomery** for volunteering to bake and cut up turkeys for us. It has been a great help. Any other offers. **Call Jane Gallienne 299-6012 for instructions.**

attention all gardeners: If you have excess produce or flowers from your garden this summer and would like to share them with your gardenless friends at St. George's, please bring them to the church and place them on the table in the Welcome Area. **Takers:** please leave a monetary donation in the container on the table, which will be sent to St. Margaret's Food for the Poor Program. Thanks for participating.
Roger Rollins

St. George's contributes to this ministry:

dohn family newsletter

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana through the South American Missionary Society. They live with their four daughters in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic.

E-mail: DohnFamily@sams-usa.org

The view from **This Little Row**
in the Lord's Vineyard

June 2005

What do you get when you combine "Ask, and it will be given you" (Matt 7:7 & Luke 11:9) with "I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10)? One answer is: when the congregation in the city of El Seibo asked for a Vacation Bible School, more than 350 children came when the plan was for only 150!

The teachers (young people from our church in San Pedro), three classrooms in an El Seibo school, the student booklets, snacks for the students, and craft materials (brought by one of our mission partner churches, St. John's, Plymouth, MI) had all been arranged for the week-long VBS. However, with more than 350 children, we used all the classrooms in the school and one group met under a tree in the school yard (and yes, it rained at some point every day but one). One young person who had come along as an apprentice to see how to teach a VBS found herself in charge of a class with about 50 children. We scrambled to buy more booklets, snacks, scissors, water, and extra craft materials.

There was a great deal of hubbub and confusion the first day. Padre Sandino, our parish priest in San Pedro, said that he would not have been surprised if the Michigan team had gone directly from the first day of the VBS to the airport to try to get a plane flight home! But, they didn't do that. That team, the teachers, and the local El Seibo team all persevered.

El Seibo is located about 75 minutes from San Pedro where we live and is a city without much church presence. La Ascension is a new (and the only) Episcopal mission there, having only started about 5 months ago. By the end of the week, well over 400 children had attended the VBS. Padre Sandino interpreted the overwhelming response as indicating an eagerness for any educational opportunity. Cándida de los Santos, the director for the VBS, interpreted the response to mean that the children and their parents were hungry for more knowledge about Jesus and Christianity.

While things were not exactly as planned (some Bible lessons were more superficial, some handicrafts were rationed to particular age groups, a few kids missed juice or crackers ...), the VBS was a success and everyone - the children, the teachers, the Michigan visitors, the local El Seibo team - had the opportunity to grow in faith and experience. Perhaps when we combine the verses at the beginning we should remember: "I can do everything in Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13)...the Dohn family

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Christian Formation News

Did you ever notice how clothing stores are always a season ahead of your needs? In the summer when your needs are for shorts and cool clothes, the store is filled with outfits for the fall and winter. Lately I've been feeling as if I'm living in two seasons as well. Here it is summertime and I am deep into the plans for this fall and winter. Soon our regular Sunday School will be starting up, then Wonder-full Wednesday, then the Christmas pageant.

Our Sunday School year begins on September 11th. We will be continuing in the Workshop Rotation style. This year we are hoping to implement a team teaching approach for the classes. Teachers will work in groups of 3 or 4 and plan their schedules regarding who will be teaching when. The advantages will be regularly connecting with other people in the church and allowing flexible scheduling for the very busy families of today's world. If there is someone you would like to work with or a class you especially want to teach, please let me know. There is also a sign up board in the lobby.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Workshop method of Sunday School and for a preview of our 2005-2006 curriculum, we will be having a short meeting in the Undercroft after the 10:30 service on August 28th. Nursery care will be available.

May you find unexpected blessings this month and may you also be an unexpected blessing to others.

In Christ's love,
Patti King
Christian Formation News

Did you ever notice how clothing stores are always a season ahead of your needs? In the summer when your needs are for shorts and cool clothes, the store is filled with outfits for the fall and winter. Lately I've been feeling as if I'm living in two seasons as well. Here it is summertime and I am deep into the plans for this fall and winter. Soon our regular Sunday School will be starting up, then Wonder-full Wednesday, then the Christmas pageant.

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For those of you unfamiliar with the Workshop method of Sunday School and for a preview of our 2005-2006 curriculum, we will be having a short meeting in the Undercroft after the 10:30 service on August 28th. Nursery care will be available.

May you find unexpected blessings this month and may you also be an unexpected blessing to others.

In Christ's love,
Patti King

VACATION BIBLE School
LIVES ON!..



FROM THE MAILBOX



A Bolshoi "THANK YOU!"

The 19 youth Russian travelers and their 7 chaperones have all returned safely after an awesome experience with our brothers & sisters in Sablino. Many thanks for the numerous prayers and incredible support of St. George's in helping make it all work!

Caitlin, Will, Elizabeth, George, Henry, Laura & Paul

*I am blessed to be a member of St. George's. Thank you for the cards, visits, and flowers from the altar being sent or brought to me by members of St. George's. And, I can't say enough about how wonderful Rev. Carol Hull was in helping me to "mend." Many times she came to visit me at home, in the hospital at the nursing home. It has been a "Divine Experience" for me. God bless her and all of you at St. George's. **Georganne Matthews***

*Dear Carol, Thank you for the beautiful bright flowers from the church. I was happily surprised and reminded that I like flowers. Thanks also for the church card. Please thank the members who take time to deliver those flowers and cards each Sunday. I appreciate their ministry. **Best wishes, Ken McCormick***

*To St. George's Church: The Board, Friends and members of The Castle gratefully acknowledge your generous contribution of \$350 which will be used to enhance the quality of life of our members through their participation at The Castle. **With sincere thanks, Gretchen Brenner, volunteer at The Castle.***

*Dear members of St. George's, Our Outreach Committee was delighted to receive St. George's gift of \$500 to assist with our support of the House of Bread. You are most welcome to come to the House of Bread when we are providing breakfast; starting up again on September 17. Please give a call to Mary Hessidence (279-67501) who coordinates St. Andrew's participation at the House of Bread. **Faithfully, Susan P. Mills, Rector, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.***

*Dear Sisters and Brothers in Ministry: On behalf of Bishop Thompson, Bishop Price, the Commission on Congregational Life, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, I want to thank you for your participation in our annual New Congregation Building Fund. Your contribution will enable us to respond to requests for financial support from those engaged in the challenging ministry of new church development across our diocese. Please continue to remember in your prayers those who work in new church development. May God continue to bless your congregation and fill you with radical hospitality, zeal for justice, and infectious joy. **Gratefully yours in Christ, The Rev. Canon Vicki D. Zust***

SPECIAL MINISTRIES at st. george's



additional ushers are urgently needed for the 10:30 services to serve approximately once a month. Men, women and couples are welcome! To volunteer, please call **Jan Chromick at 439-1869**; or the church office.

hospitality: Volunteers are needed in **August** to sign up to host the hospitality time following the 10:30 service. The church provides the fixings for coffee and tea. Volunteers make the coffee and provide refreshment snacks & a beverage for children. Please help with this important ministry of hospitality. **The Sign-up Sheet is in the Parish Hall.** Questions? Call **Carol Herrick 433-0143.**

stephen ministry: 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, empathetically and confidentially. To request a Stephen Minister, speak with either of the clergy. For more information about the program, contact either of the Stephen Leaders: **Jean Case (434-4260) or Fay Layden (433-3867).**

st. george's stephen ministry:

2005 Supervision Meetings – Parish Hall

Third Saturday of each month (10:30 a.m. – noon)

August. 20 at St. George's, regular time

Sunday, **September 18** (5 p.m. after continuing ed, church TBA)

October. 15 at St. George's, regular time

Sunday, **Nov. 13** (5 p.m. after continuing ed, church TBA)

December 17 at St. George's, regular time

lay eucharistic visitors: 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.

prayer chain requests call **Yvonne Jennings, 435-0055 /kjennings1@woh.rr.com** or **Carolyn Thomas, 298-0064 / cktenn@aol.com**

altar flowers: DONORS ARE NEEDED AND A FEW 2005 DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!... still with the option of one or two altar bouquets in the sanctuary. If you would like to give altar flowers (\$50 each bouquet) as a memorial or thanksgiving gift, ***please sign one of the two charts on the bulletin board opposite the office, giving full information for that service bulletin no later than the Sunday preceding your desired date.*** Thank you.

If you sign up to give altar flowers, please be sure to send your check to St. George's business office with "Altar Flowers" and the date on the memo line.

flower ministry: After the 10:30 service, altar flowers are sent to parishioners and friends who are experiencing illness, bereavement, or other pastoral situations

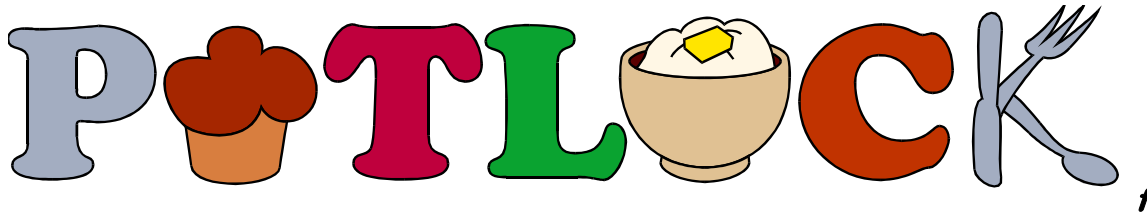
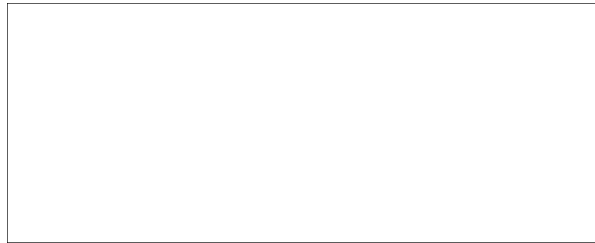
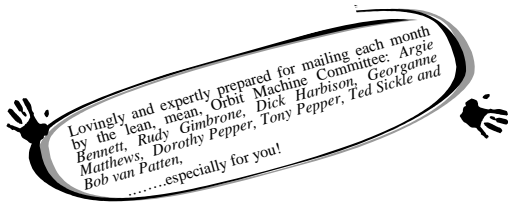
homebound? You can listen to the 10:30 Worship Service: Call the church office to be put on the list to receive audio CD's for the homebound.

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Return Service Requested



family potluck with steve Save the Date!

"Fellowship is the best part of Christian Formation!"
.....quote from an anonymous parishioner

On September 8th at 6 p.m., yes, that is a Thursday evening; we will be having a **Pot Luck at St. Georges** for all families, new and old, with children.

The menu is up to us. If you have time to prepare a fantastic casserole, a tossed green salad including pine nuts, avocado, mandarin oranges in a balsamic dressing, or Crème Brule please do so. If you do not, I know my kids love to eat PB&J or a pizza any time of day! And if everybody brings mac 'n cheese we will kick the Adkins diet for the evening. The idea is for all to gather and get aquatinted. Beverages will be provided.

Calling on adoptive parents and grandparents, if you don't have children and would like to participate by helping out with activities such as, reading stories, coloring, games, and all the general hoopla that goes with kids please let Deacon Steve or Patti know. After all St. George's is its own family and all gifts are appreciated! **...Steve Bilsbury**