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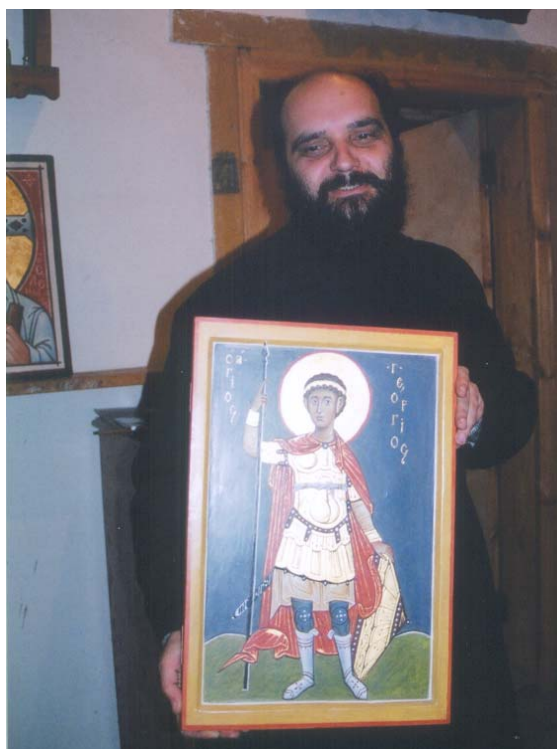
*Dear Friends, Following is an article which was intended to be last month's cover page...*

I invite you to stop in the chapel and see the new icon of St. George which we brought back from the recent MVERN pilgrimage to Russia. One of the highlights of the trip was a visit with Fr. Andrei Davydov, who painted this icon.

Fr. Andrei is an artist who became an iconographer and then later became a priest. Now he is the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Pskov, a city near the Estonian border. St. John's is the oldest church in the city. The KGB used the historic 12<sup>th</sup> century building as a garage during the Soviet era. For several years, Fr. Andrei has been restoring the original splendor of the interior by painting new icon frescoes on the blank white walls. The result is breathtaking. He grinds his own pigments from minerals, and the vivid colors glow in the candlelight during worship.

In the Orthodox tradition, icons invite people to pray and also provide visual instruction in bible stories and basic Christian teaching. When we visited another church which still had remnants of its frescoes, one of our tour guides said to me, "I don't know the bible." For 70 years, the Soviet government

attempted to eradicate Christianity. Along with restoring the building, Fr. Andrei is building a congregation, using the beauty of the liturgy to attract unchurched people back to the Orthodox tradition



Our group had the great pleasure and privilege of meeting with Fr. Andrei to hear him talk about his art and the spiritual meaning of icons. He said that in our noisy modern times of mass communication, we are sometimes just so overwhelmed by words that they lose their meaning. Icons invite us to stillness. The images can have a power to inspire and move us in a different way than words.

Thank you to Kay Hansell and Sara Rich for the gift of this St. George icon. Fr. Andrei painted it with hot wax pigments, a technique lost for centuries which he has rediscovered. Take a few minutes to simply gaze at St. George. He is depicted according to early tradition as a Roman soldier – no dragon of later legend. Look into the expressive eyes of the icon and imagine this person as one who found courage to resist evil and to stand firm for his faith in Christ. Perhaps he can inspire us to be brave and confident in our faith. Perhaps, in being still before his image, we discover that God is with us in those moments when we are quiet to notice. George's spear breaks out of the picture onto the frame, a symbol of God's continual in-breaking presence in our lives.

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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,

I'm not a very good planner. Last spring, I promised **Mary Ann** that I would put together a vacation this year to somewhere we haven't before. One thing led to another, work was a little more demanding, the house required maintenance and admittedly there were times for immediate play (read golf). I just couldn't get a vacation trip together. With just three weeks left in Kettering School's summer vacation schedule, Mary Ann lets me know that there is an opening available with her friends from work for a beach house on Emerald Isle in North Carolina. Saved!

With planning out of the way, I took the opportunity to play nine holes with **Steve Gustafson**. While walking to our next shots he asked, "What's up for your next Orbit Article?" "I'm kind of in-between things," I replied. "I just did the 50th Anniversary Pig Roast and things look quiet for the immediate future. I'm kind of at a loss" I told him. Steve looked at me. Matter-of-factly he said, "You'll figure something out."

The next day after doing that house maintenance thing, Mary Ann and I went to the Saturday five o'clock service. The Gospel from St. Luke spoke to focus. In her sermon, **Carol Hull** told us that **Jesus** spoke to focus. I figured I had better focus. St. George's Church, for fifty years has offered community for a lot of wonderful people. From 1954, we've gone from nothing to a parish hall to a large campus that provides interpersonal relationship for a lot of people. For five decades, Jesus Christ has been with us collectively and has created common good. Look to yourself and remember all the wonderful interaction you have experienced and I think you will agree. We are a family in Christ.

As families go, we have responsibilities. We look forward to the next fifty years. I hope that we can sustain strong leadership from our clergy and lay people. We need to do what is necessary to nourish and sustain young families so that they become a strong part of our church. They need to be encouraged to bond together into "Parents Groups" or "Mothers and Others" and they need to be actively involved in the church's direction.

Veteran parishioners need to continue to provide the atmosphere for Christian interaction. To me, that means making sure our "campus" provides a satisfactory environment for our community. You may focus in another direction which is fine because there are so many ministries that require leadership and work. As long as we work toward the common good we are in-tune with Jesus Christ.

Uh, Oh!! I hate to lose my focus but you see, I'm on vacation. Our group has reserved kayaks for 10:00 am on Bogue Inlet. Gotta Go!!

*Peace be with you and more in 2004!*

**Patrick MacKenzie**

## Personal Notes

### Congratulations ...

...to **Mark Mawditt** and **Nikki Ober** married at St. George's July 3.

...to **Andrew John Rich** baptized July 18. Andrew's parents are **Todd and Theodora Rich** and his grandparents are **Sara and John Rich**.

...to **Sarah Swierenga**, who has accepted a position at Michigan State in Lansing. The Swierenga-Dennis Family will move to Michigan in August. Thank you to Sarah for having served St. George's as Social Issues Chair and Vestry member, to **Toni Dennis** for her service on Stewardship Committee and as the resident chef for many wonderful St. George's events, and to **Sydney** for serving as an acolyte.

### Goodbye...

...to **Leslie and Ken Kann**, **Natalie and Ellysa**, who have moved to Tunisia.

### Condolences...

...to **Mark & Mary Greene**, **Katherine**, **John and Brian** on the recent death of Mary's parents, **Helen & Lloyd Luke**..

...to **Alma Bray and Leo Bray** on the death of her sister and his aunt, **Hilda Sova**.

"Remember, Rejoice, Renew"



## Fifty Years of Ministry—1954-2004

### November 5-7     **The Celebration Weekend:**

Gala Dinner **Friday** night at Yankee Trace  
Commemorative Service 10:30 a.m. **Sunday**, ....with St. George's "Birthday Party" following!

### **BUY GEORGE!**

50 years growing in Christ's love and service! Wow! To help celebrate this special year, we have several commemorative items for sale—

- **Like Stars Appearing**—Ann Rowland's wonderful book about our stained glass windows
- **50<sup>th</sup> 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**—What better to carry in the parade? Or wave at our pig roast?

Come by our table in the Welcome Area following the 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. We'll be there every other weekend.

### **The Episcopal Church Service Cross Medal**

The Episcopal Church Service Cross is a five-fold cross symbolic of the five wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ at His crucifixion. The words embossed upon it, "Christ died for you," are adapted from 2 Corinthians 5:15. The five-fold cross was originally known as the Jerusalem Cross, incorporated in the coat-of-arms of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem in the 12th century as the coat-of-arms of Godfrey de Bouillion, first ruler of that kingdom. The cross is sometimes used as the emblem of missionary work, the large center cross representing the original church in Jerusalem, and the smaller crosses indicating the "four corners of the earth" to which Christianity was spread through missionary endeavor.

The Service Cross was originally designed under the direction of Edith Weir Perry, wife of Bishop James De Wolf Perry. The cross was first issued to Episcopal service personnel during World War I. The cross is a distinct mark of an Episcopalian currently serving or having served in the Armed Services, and it is suggested that it be worn or carried on your person at all times. The cross can be worn on dog tags (it is made of pewter and is 1" in diameter.)

The crosses are available through **Buy George** and are priced at \$5 each.

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS:**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

**VBS Kudos:**

The Son Games have left for 2004 and it was dynamic success! We were blessed with over 50 children and over 40 youth and adults as volunteers! Plus we have a whole cart-load of school supplies to send to the children of Iraq through Operation Crayon.

**Gold medals go to:**

Missy Hourigan and Thelma Best in the Bible Story Center  
Pat Davis, Cindy Emmel and Jill Bartolotta in **Crafts**

Karla Strong, Brad Miter and Amy Bange in **Music**

Jean Tarr, Becky Grushon and David Ireland in **Recreation**

Amanda Harmon, Connie McCarroll, Betty Orner, Mary Rollins, Sheila Browning, Cathy DeWine, Rita Kohler, and Emily Beeman in **Preschool**

Megan Hatley, Robbie Bennett, Hillary Weymouth, George Best, Henry Best, Amy Beinhart, Teresa Lynn, Marissa Churchill, Lauren Harrison, Amaka Udoh, Jane Gallienne and Brittany as **“Youth Leaders”**

Claire McNulty for **Morning Snack** and **Transportation**

Ginny Crane for **Transportation**

Karla Strong, Michelle Johnson, Bev Montgomery, Deb Beinhart, Cindy White, Dorothy Pepper, the Renos and Carousel House preschool for **Snacks**

Jayne McDougall, Marla and Robert Weis-Walko and Gregory Tom, Caitlin Harrison, Laura Von Holle, St. Lukes’s and others for **Decorations**

Dorothy Pepper, Laura Seeley, Sheila Hughes and Priya Cherian for **Registration**

Carol Hull for **moral support** and preschool **bible storytelling**

Rick and Kenny for their extra **help**  
Jan for all her **support**

And Gretchen Mayer for being the ultimate **“putty person”**-cheerfully filling all the “cracks” and helping the week run so well!

If I have left your name out, forgive me. Please know that all of your are greatly appreciated. May you be blessed, as you have been a blessing to us!

**Other Christian Formation News:**

We continue with “Helping Children Live Like Jesus” in our summer curriculum. Thank you to those who are helping with our Summer Story Hour.

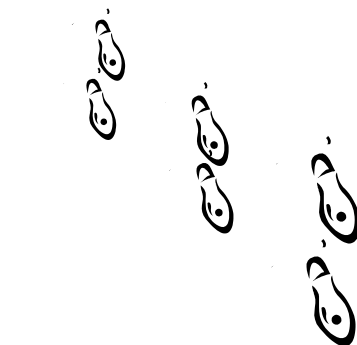
It is not too soon to think about our 2004-2004 Sunday School year. Please consider being part of this important ministry. Sign up sheets are in the lobby.

Check out the article on **Wonder-Full Wednesdays** on the back of this month’s Orbit...Our midweek program this year promises to be more exciting than ever!!!

May your find smiles each day this summer!

In Christ’s Love,

*Patti King*



**The Mystery of St Cakes**

**MYSTERY DINNER THEATER :**

Talks are being talked, plans are being planned and secrets are still being kept secret as preparations commence for the gala

Mystery Dinner at St. George’s at 5:00 pm on

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Mark the date, you’ll not want to miss it.

Tickets are now on sale after the 10:30 services.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### *Did you know?*

...about Explorer Post 610?

Art & Mary Snyder, advisors, led Explorer Post 610 sponsored by St. George's from 1972 through the summer of 1986. Originally the post interest was spelunking which drew John Beeman, recent high school graduate and experienced caver, to become a co-advisor. Over time the interest became backpacking and adult participation increased to include Bob Crosley and Jack Jordan.

Beginning spelunking, backpacking, and wilderness exploration trips were within Ohio: Hocking Hills, John Bryan State Park, Taylorsville Reserve, Hueston Woods, Woodland Trails Boy Scout Camp and Shawnee Backpack Trail. As skills advanced, more ambitious trips included: The Adirondacks in New York, Red River Gorge in Kentucky, and explorations in Maine, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Ontario, Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. Post plans included an overnight or 2 night trip each month during the school year plus either a two week trip in the summer or 2 one week trips in the summer. Post meetings were held on Tuesday evenings usually at St. George's.

Mary says, "During those years we enrolled over 130 young people between the ages of 15 and 21. Everyone was responsible for their own equipment and the food they needed on the trail. To that end we were able to purchase freeze-dried stuff at wholesale prices.

Sometimes the Boy Scouts refused to give us a required tour permit and we traveled without it because we were very confident in our plans and the way our fellows and girls would conduct themselves. Only once in two thousand miles of backpacking was anyone injured enough to mention. We had only two or three incidents of unacceptable behavior which had no lasting problems.

At least once a year we went to the Mischa Mokwa Backpack Trail where Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee come together (editors note: Cumberland Gap National Park). This is a hard trail and if you can do that in two days, you can do almost anything - 21 miles in 2 days! Our trips were without regard to the weather so we sometimes had Ohio's awful humidity and heat, or pouring rain and mud, or once or twice, snow and sub-freezing temperatures.

After the summer trip 1986 we decided to let the Post go. High school people seemed to be less interested in backpacking than they were in the early 70's and the adults who had been so helpful were either finding themselves very busy with their job and families or were getting a little aged like ourselves. We had a good run!"

*Sallie Snyder, daughter of Mary & Art Snyder, recently married Andrew Curtice, former member of Explorer Post 610.  
...Marjo van Patten*

### STEWARDSHIP...

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Canoe Trip/River Clean-up, Saturday August 14:

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 14 at noon. 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. Call Elizabeth Gustafson if you have questions, 433-4170.



### *Vestry Digest*

At their July 19 meeting, the Vestry interviewed and endorsed William Sangrey for postulancy in the ordination process after receiving the Discernment Committee Report. Other items on the agenda included updates on the Cornerstone service, Christian formation plans, and the Visions Implementation Committee.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

The June financial report shows pledge income and expenses as projected. A year-to-date deficit about \$19,000 includes several thousand dollars in late rent payments, which St. George's expects to recover, and some building expenses to be covered by Memorial Gifts and Visions funds. The Vestry adopted an austere but balanced budget for 2004, which includes a contingency fund; and we are keeping a close watch on expenses. The Finance Committee projects monthly deficits into early fall, when income again increases. **Please help the budget by keeping pledge payments up to date over the summer.**

**ADVERTISING DAYTON EPISCOPAL CHURCHES...**The Dayton Deanery is looking for Episcopalians to help advertise our church in the 2004-05 season programs of area arts organizations. Last year a donor from a Dayton area Episcopal church generously paid for a full-page ad which ran for the entire season in all programs of the Dayton Bach Society. The ad listed all the churches of our Deanery, including contact information. The Rev. Mike Kreutzer of St. Mark's hopes there are other Episcopalians who might be willing to pay for ads would be seen by thousands of people. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please contact **Ryan Ley at (937) 424--0529 or fax 877-798-2779**. The deadlines for ads are August 2 for Dayton Philharmonic, Victoria Theater Broadway Series, and Dayton Opera; and August 16 for Dayton Ballet. Thanks for considering this evangelism effort.

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**ST. GEORGE'S CHOIR:** Here are some quotes from church bulletins-but not St. George's—about choirs and music...

- Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again, "giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- This evening at 7 p.m. there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

First rehearsal in the Fall: **September 9, 7:00 p.m.**

**All are welcome!**

...**Dr. Richard P. Benedum**, Choir Director

**Mozart, Vienna, and Me**

"What's a fugue?"

"How is *The Magic Flute* a reflection of Enlightenment thinking?"

"Why were the Viennese so afraid of a Turkish invasion throughout the eighteenth century?"

"Once again, what's the difference between the Habsburg and the Holy Roman empires?"

I wrestled with questions like these each day for a month this past summer, with 15 of the nation's most gifted and dedicated teachers, during the four-week "Mozart: The Man, His Music, and His Vienna," an interdisciplinary seminar sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The participating K-12 teachers, chosen from throughout the country, gathered in Vienna on June 14 to begin their study—and that's why I wasn't sitting on the organ bench for a month this past summer.

The process began about 15 months ago, when I submitted a proposal to the Endowment to direct this seminar—my ninth. Then in the Fall, once approved, I began to receive inquiries and applications—altogether well over 100 for the 15 positions in the seminar. Then during the spring there was an endless amount of planning with those who were chosen; the participants came from Spokane to Honolulu to Orlando to New York, and everywhere in between. Among other tasks, I packed about 75 books and shipped that ahead, to serve as the library for our seminar.

But really the entire city of Vienna was our "library." We began our time in Vienna with walks—initially to get acquainted with the city, our home for four weeks, but more importantly, to experience what remains of Mozart's Vienna. And there's a lot that has been preserved—Schönbrunn Palace, where he first played before Empress Maria Theresa, St. Stephen's Cathedral, where he was married,

against his father's wishes, the apartment tucked behind the Cathedral, where he wrote *The Marriage of Figaro*, and other places where he lived, palaces where he mingled with nobility, and churches he knew.

We held seminar sessions in the mornings, generally four days each week. At least one and often two afternoons were dedicated to visiting museums to give additional background to our seminar—collections of instruments, historical museums, and a Mozart apartment now turned into a small museum. Other afternoons were free for participants to study; in the evenings we often went to concerts or the opera.

We shared experiences and had an unbelievable amount of fun in Vienna too. We alternately sat and stood in line, waiting to get standing room tickets for the State Opera's production of *Don Giovanni* with Seiji Ozawa conducting. We saw Ozawa and French composer/conductor Pierre Boulez walking along the streets of Vienna, but didn't have the nerve to talk with them. We ate together and drank wine together. But the thing that bonded us together was the music—and Mozart. Kate Ritchie, from Hickory, North Carolina, sent an e-mail: "I get teary-eyed now when hearing *Soave sia il vento* [the exquisite Trio from Act I of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*] the other day and got all choked up. Of course, the Moonlight Sonata is out of the question." Kate remembers our tour of the Musical Instrument Collection in the Hofburg, when my friend Richard Fuller, a forte-pianist in Vienna, demonstrated pianos owned by Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert. When he played the first movement of the "Moonlight" Sonata by Beethoven, with the hushed but sustaining tones of Beethoven's own instrument, there wasn't a dry eye. We all knew that we were in touch with Beethoven, and that his music—like Mozart's too, was timeless.

"Teaching these seminars has been an extraordinary experience for me," I tell everyone who asks. "Not only have they provided the most gratifying teaching opportunities and experiences that I've had, but I've been able to impact American education directly, by teaching 150 teachers thus far, and through them, reaching thousands—perhaps tens of thousands—students....And that's what I do in summers."

—**Richard Benedum**

**John Shelby Spong**, retired Episcopal Bishop of Newark, New Jersey, and author of many books, will be speaking at **Christ Church, Dayton, on Saturday, September 18, 2004** from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more about the program, consult the bulletin board.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### AND OPPORTUNITIES:

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday mornings, 9:15 – 10:15 in the Parish Hall. **Bill Lamb and Rector Carol Hull** jointly lead a study group on the gospel reading for each Sunday. New participants are always welcome. *Bring a bible.* (NOTE: The group will not meet August 1 because of vacation schedules)

**C.S. LEWIS READING GROUP** meets Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Led by the Associate Rector, the group is reading *The Great Divorce*...a funny and brilliant allegory of the possible fates of the human soul.

**KOINONIA? What is a Koinonia?** Koinonia, a Greek word, has two meanings. The first is *FELLOWSHIP*, and the second is *COMMUNITY*.

**How does Koinonia at St. George's work?** Koinonia groups of 6-8 people include a mix of ages and include couples, singles and folks from all services. They meet in members' homes for a simple meal and conversation. Koinonia groups are not study groups or task groups, but instead are guided by the spirit of hospitality. Koinonia groups will meet monthly September to May and **new groups will be formed in September**. Any one interested in participating in Koinonia please contact **Judy Davis at 436-0967** or [judy@JBDavis.com](mailto:judy@JBDavis.com).

**LAURIE BENNER'S READING GROUP** will meet *August 23, 7:00 p.m.* to discuss *The Virgin Blue* by Tracy Chevalier. Meet Ella Turner and Isabelle du Moulin-two women born centuries apart, yet bound by a fateful family legacy. When Ella and her husband move to a small town in France, Ella hopes to brush up on her French, qualify to practice as a midwife, and start a family of her own. Village life turns out to be less idyllic than she expected, however, and a peculiar dream of the color blue propels her on a quest to uncover her family's French ancestry. As the novel unfolds-alternating between Ella's story and that of Isabelle du Moulin four hundred years earlier-a common thread emerges that unexpectedly links the two women. Part detective story, part historical fiction, *The Virgin Blue* is a novel of passion and intrigue that compels readers to the very last page. Contact **Laurie at 886-9472**, or [lbenner@woh.rr.com](mailto:lbenner@woh.rr.com).

**THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING** will meet on *Saturday, August 14* in the chapel from 10:00 a.m. until noon. This group of laywomen work together to deepen their personal faith and to support the congregation through service. Visitors are always welcome. For additional information, please contact **Diane Gentner at 438-1257**.

### EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

...More commonly known as EFM

Would you like to –

- discover interesting facts found in biblical texts, like talking donkeys and phrases such as “Like mother, like daughter”?
- relate Old Testament stories and New Testament parables to your daily life?
- know how the creed we recite every Sunday was developed?
- find out how the Episcopal Church in America was formed?
- explore questions of faith and belief?
- develop a theological foundation for ministry in the world?
- have fun and fellowship with other Christians on a weekly basis?

..... Then undoubtedly Education for Ministry or EFM is for you!

EFM is an extension course for lay people taught out of the Sewanee Theological School at the University of the South. Using bible study as a foundation, it teaches members, through a process called “theological reflection,” to apply scripture, tradition and reason to their own lives and the world around us. The ultimate objective is to enable its students to discern and be educated for their own personal ministry, whatever that may be.

EFM is a four-year program taught all over the world. *Commitment is only one year at a time with the class year running from September thru May.* The first year readings cover the Old Testament. Subsequent years cover the New Testament, church history and theological issues.

Two EFM groups are currently active in our area with members from six different parishes. For more information or to enroll, contact **Suzanne LeVesconte (293-8201)**, a St. George member and one of the local EFM mentors. **Patti King (434-1781)**, the St. George Education Director, and **Marian Rodgers (426-0855)**, have just completed their first year of EFM and would also be happy to talk with you about the program.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP** meet next on *September 11, at 8:00 a.m.* Interested men of St. George's are welcome to attend. Contact **Jim Reppert, 433-5339** or email [reppie@aol.com](mailto:reppie@aol.com).

**KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE**, a St. George's lunch group for men, meets at noon every second Tuesday of the month at Perkins Restaurant (on Wilmington). Interested? Join us. **Roger Rollins, 293-7940**.



## SOCIAL ISSUES:

**GUATEMALA GALA...** Circle this date! *August 1, 5:30 p.m.* We'll be celebrating the Guatemala ministry with a presentation by this year's mission travelers, and a meal.

**SALVATION ARMY** (Booth House): Next opportunity to assist will be **Wednesday, August 11**. Dinner will be prepared in the undercroft kitchen 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Servers car-pool 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. **Eleanor Sensel...434-4490**

### RUMMAGE SALE OUTREACH

I want to tell you a little bit about what happens after the rummage sale. We select some of the best items left for Clothes That Work ( people who have completed training in the Job Corp and are applying for employment.) Marilyn Baumgartner picks out some sizes to take to the Northwest Boarding Home Ministry. The leftover toys are sent to wherever there are children who need them. The suitcases go to Children's Services for children being sent to Foster Care so they can carry their belongings in something besides a paper bag. All the book bags in good condition go to The Other Place for those attending school. Coats go to Coats for Carl and the remainder goes to St. Vincent DePaul. This is a rummage sale that just keeps on giving. Please start collecting your STUFF and have it ready when we call for **your help and your items**

Any questions call **Jane Gallienne 299-6012, Pat or Jean Davis 439-0442 Eleanor Sensel 434-4490.**

## DAYTON OHIO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



*Ed, Michele & Amber  
2004 Habitat Family*



**Along with several other area Episcopal Churches, St. George's helped to build a new house for a Habitat partner family this summer.**

**The house is finished and dedicated.**

**The family has moved in and taken up the mortgage.**

**Now we need to pay off the construction costs.**

St. George's Social Issues Committee pledged \$5000 to the project, of which we have already paid \$2500. Please help us pay the remainder by making a generous donation to St. George's, with the notation "Habitat" on the memo line of your check. *Check the Sunday Orbit August 1 and 8* for weekly information about this project. Proceeds from the **August 8 Mystery Dinner Theater** will also benefit Habitat.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization which works to eliminate poverty housing throughout the world. The Dayton organization has now built over 100 houses for families who invest their own sweat equity and qualify for a zero-interest loan.

## ***OTHER MINISTRIES:***

### **STEPHEN MINISTERS: THE *AFTER* PEOPLE...**

Frequently friends will ask, "I know you're involved in Stephen Ministry. Can you tell me exactly what a Stephen Minister is?" I like to explain that Stephen Ministers are "After People."

Stephen Ministers are there:

- *After* you've washed and returned the last casserole
- *After* the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- *After* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems incredibly empty.
- *After* you arrive home following the funeral service and emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- *After* the relationship has indeed but the wounds are still bleeding and painful
- *After* the doctors have said, "There's nothing more we can do."
- *After* the door has slammed shut—for the very last time.
- *After* the phone call you'd always hoped you'd never get.
- *After* you realize the hands on the gold watch you received at your retirement party move more slowly than you ever imagined.
- *After* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says "Welcome to your new home."
- *After* the gavel goes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- *After* the baby has arrived, putting more demands on you than you ever dreamed possible.
- *After* you find the pink slip inserted with what is now your final paycheck.
- *After* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the "After People." We are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long "after" as we are needed.

*Adapted from a presentation made during a worship service by Enie Bourland, a lay Stephen Leader at Houston's First Baptist in Houston, Texas. Used by permission.*

**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,*** Supervision Meetings – Parish Hall, Third Saturday of each month, **10:30 a.m. - noon August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18.**

**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.

*Prayer Chain requests call Yvonne Jennings at 435-0055 or*  
kjennings1@woh.rr.com  
*or Carolyn Thomas at 298-0064 or ckctenn@aol.com*

### *Altar Flowers ...*

#### ***A FEW DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE: FOR 2004***

If you would like to give altar flowers (\$50 each bouquet) as a memorial or thanksgiving gift, ***please sign one of the charts on the bulletin board opposite the office and give full information for the service bulletin, no later than the Sunday preceding your desired date. Thank you. ...***

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

*St. George's is supported by  
the voluntary giving of its members.  
Pledge cards and offering envelopes are available  
through the church business office.*

*From the Mailbox*

*Dear Parishioners of St. George's, Thank you for the flowers you so graciously sent me last Sunday. They lifted my spirits and brightened my week. Sincerely, **Mildred Krueger***

*Carol, Thank you and the members of St. George's for the concern, prayers and flowers given to me during the past several weeks. It is deeply appreciated. **Al Laughrey**. I am also very appreciative of Roger Rollins sitting with my Terese during my surgery.*

*Greetings fellow co-laborer's for Christ! That is what you are, you know. You have now played a vital role in the task of getting the Gospel into the heart languages of over 117,960,000 people!! Nigeria: The first studio where we were working seemed it would have acceptable noise levels. But the next day we found the sound of trucks going by and little kids yelling in the recording. Time was the main factor we struggled against. We could not tell if we were going to have to extend our trip so we could finish. But God is gracious and let us get out with a good recording, good relationships, and our health.*

*The Future: June 27 I was officially recognized as a member The Cathedral Church of St. Luke's, Orlando, the first of many steps in my pursuit of the ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church.*

*Please send prayer requests, photos, support checks and anything else to: **Mathew Fenlon**, 100 Lake Hart Dr., Dept. 3100, Orlando, FL, 32832; email: mathew\_fenlon@yahoo.com.*

*(Mathew's complete newsletter can be found on the church's bulletin board.)*

*To the Staff and Parishioners of St. George's: I wish to thank each and every one of you for your prayers during my convalescence from surgery for cancer. We always need all the help we can get but I feel it's time to remove my name from the prayer list. Although I'm taking chemo treatments weekly they are very small doses and I am having no side effects from them. So again, I thank you. Sincerely, **Leo Phillips***

*The view from..*

## ***This Little Row in the Lord's Vineyard***

Dohn Family Prayer Letter – June 2004

**Getting Off to a Good Start...** Emilia bathed, changed into clean clothes and nice shoes, gathered her umbrella and her health promoter materials, and set out for the workshop on vaccines. Just as she was leaving the house, a friend arrived. They invited her in, squeezed some limes to make "lime-ade", and they sat in the shade for a while. After a reasonable visit and refreshment, Emilia said goodbye to her friend and again started her walk to the workshop in the small local chapel. When she arrived, Dr. Anita along with Dr. Josefina was already leading a discussion on the obstacles to getting kids immunized, while Dr. Michael was organizing the little kids for later participation in a role-play activity. Emilia entered, 45 minutes late, and greeted each promoter. The workshop momentum slowed, and Anita & Josefina knew that the workshop couldn't possibly conclude on time. Emilia had not been the first to arrive late and stop the meeting to greet all the others. Why don't people value starting on time and staying on schedule? Dominicans do value starting on time and staying on schedule, it is just less important than maintaining relationships. Interruptions at meetings are not only tolerated, but expected – greeting everyone is the polite thing to do when arriving. Emilia would never have considered sending her friend away in order to arrive "on time." The others at the workshop would not have understood if Emilia had simply slipped quietly into

the back of the chapel without greeting everyone.

Starting late and getting off-schedule no longer bothers us so much. Considering the problems in communication and coordination when most people do not have telephones, sometimes just getting started at all seems like a blessing!

We've spent this school year while we've been in the States reporting to our "sending brethren" all that the Lord has done (as did Paul and Barnabas to the church in Antioch, Acts 14:26-28). We have made over 25 Sunday visits to Mission Partner Churches, as well as having met with mission/outreach committees, ECW's, Vestries, etc. We return(ed) to the Dominican Republic the end of June knowing that we face challenges, but trusting in the Lord's power to sustain and support us. There is a sense of excitement as we remain faithful to our call to this mission in the Dominican Republic and discover those good works that the Lord "hast prepared for us to walk in."

*Prayer Requests:*

- *For continued good health & safety.*
- *For a smooth adjustment as we return to San Pedro, and as the girls prepare for their next school year.*
- *For the provision of a vehicle for use in our work around the Dominican Republic this term.*

New email address: DOHNFAMILY@SAMS-USA.ORG

***Drs. Anita & Michael Dohn***, and Rebecca, Tracy, Natalie & Elizabeth  
Health Ministries, La Republica Dominicana, South American  
Missionary Society, PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA 15003



### ***Why Computers Sometimes Crash!*** A la Dr. Seuss

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted at a very last resort, and the access of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house, says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packets want to tunnel to another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse; then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang, 'cuz sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang.

When the copy on your floppy's getting sloppy in the disk, and the macro code instructions is causing unnecessary risk, then you'll have to flash the memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM, and then quickly turn off the computer and be sure to tell your Mom!

*Well, that certainly clears things up for me. How about you?*

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XXX Mark your calendars for XXX  
***WONDER-FULL  
WEDNESDAYS***  
***Beginning September 22***



- ***Full of Fellowship***
- ***Full of Faith***
- ***Full of Food***
- ***Full of Fun***

Our Wednesday nights have a new look. We're cooking up a night flavored with old favorites and adding some new ingredients designed for our whole church family.

***Starting at 5:30 pm*** children and youth will have an Opening Event relating to the night's theme, while adults have a moment to unwind and socialize with each other over beverages.

***At 6:00*** we will gather in the Undercroft for a yummy dinner with a fun theme hosted by our incomparable "dinner deans."

***From 6:50 to 7:45*** the children will experience "Hands-On" Bible lessons, while older youth will have programs designed for them.

Adults have their choice of Alpha or 2 other topics (TBA). Alpha will continue with a second session from 7:45 to 8:30, with childcare provided for those with young children staying for the final session.

***We hope you and/or your family will be a part of these exciting evenings!***

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