



# The Orbit

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## From the Associate

By now everyone has heard that in September I will begin a new ministry as rector of St. Mark's in Upper Arlington.

As I began thinking about my last article for the Orbit, I re-read several random articles from years past.

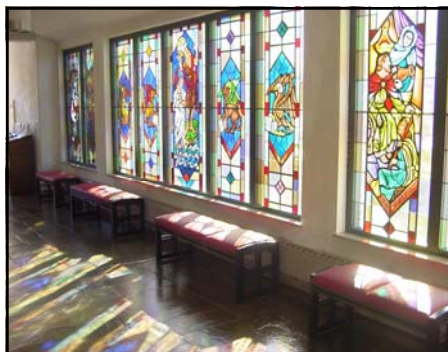
In 1994 I wrote asking: "Who was St. George, and why is he important in our post-modern, increasingly secular world?"

In 1998 the topic was the potential loss of the American dream amidst the violence and uncertainty of our times.

An article in 2001 introduced the Cornerstone service as an attempt to reach "distracted people in a distracting and turbulent culture."



I began to ponder: is there a recurring theme going on here? Has my ministry been marked by a trend or pattern? Have I proven my seminary professor right who once remarked: "every priest has only one sermon, and ten thousand ways of preaching it"?



Guilty as charged... Fourteen years in a rut! The rut of struggling to define discipleship and encourage lives of hope.

Whether it be helping design stained glass windows depicting the human race's relationship with God, counseling a teenager wrestling with issues of faith, or cooking a dinner to celebrate a successful trip to Russia or Guatemala, my message has been one of how to be a disciple of Jesus in a world that hardly knows Christ's command to love God and one another.



Over the years I've tried many ways to get this message across—from golden phones ringing in the sanctuary to getting Jesus on the cell. And it has all been because of another trend or theme going on—and that's the challenge we all face to be Christians in our world as it exists today.

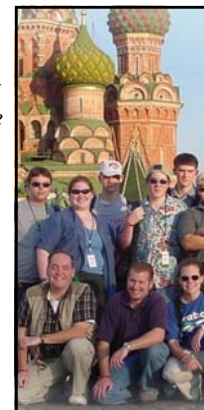
So it would be fair to say that I'm stuck on the issues of discipleship—figuring out just what it means and then finding the strength and courage to do it.

Along this way of discipleship you and I are called to look for what C.S. Lewis called the "signposts" of faith's journey, those markers along the road that encourage us and motivate us and help nurture us forward in the right direction. Every so often I've posted phrases which

seem to embody the spirit of these signposts on my office door.

Among them are: "*On Pilgrimage: Not all who wander are lost*" (hopefully true of me—as when you read this I will be in the UK "on pilgrimage") and "*One of the purposes of pilgrimage is to enable people to become pilgrims in their own lives. Too many people are merely tourists.*"

Two of my favorites are: "*We are not earthly beings having a spiritual experience but spiritual beings having an earthly experience*" and what used to follow my name plate on the door: "*Cleverly disguised as a responsible adult*".



The newest saying from a bumper sticker I saw in Vermont is down near the floor at dog height: "*Wag more. Bark less.*" True for our canine friends—and I fear us as well.

As I struggle with how to close my final message to St. George's, I look back and see that it too is all about modern day discipleship. All these years in the same rut! Why would I have expected things to be any different now?

And on second thought, if life is prone to ruts (which indeed it is), perhaps this has not been such a bad sort of rut after all...

God's Blessing and God's Peace,

Paul +



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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,*

It's been a dry whirlwind summer from graduations to weddings. Recently **Steve and Kay Hansell's son, Tom**, got married and had dual receptions. We made the one in Kentucky at Tom's mountain home along with **Jim and Bev Montgomery. Mary Ann** and I made it a mini-vacation and stayed a couple nights at the Breaks Interstate Park in western Virginia. It's similar to Pipe

Stem, West Virginia and Pine Mountain, Kentucky. We hiked over the canyon ridges, relaxed on our balcony and enjoyed the vista from the lodge restaurant. Alas, unlike the other two Parks, there was no golf course.

After the respite at the Breaks we wound our way further west through Virginia. We had a great time driving the Firebird along and over the ridge of Pine Mountain to Whitesburg, Kentucky. Steve and Kay greeted us at the hotel and soon afterwards we all drove to the reception. Tom's home resides in a bowl surrounded by mountains. After eating chicken, ribs and other goodies we found that his place made a perfect concert hall as a Karaoke machine was set up. We were treated to the sounds of the 80's by Tom and his new bride and all of his friends. It was most entertaining and just great fun.

Late the next morning, we regrouped with Steve and Kay and their friends from Philadelphia and did breakfast before heading home. We were informed of Steve's coming itinerary for cancer surgery at the Ohio State University. We told them that **Ted Knox**, who had the same procedure, looked great and we expected nothing less from Steve. I think we all hated to leave each other but our homes beckoned. Sadness melted away into excitement for me as Steve suggested we take Route 15 straight up to Lexington. With mountains, twisty curves and lots of passing lanes I have never had so much fun driving a sports car.

Families living in concert (or maybe not) and dealing with life. How many times have we heard that whenever and wherever we travel down a road that Jesus is there making the journey along with us? After having such a pleasant time for miles Mary Ann and I encountered stopped traffic just north of Georgetown. We inched our way up I-75 until an Exit came into view. I looked at Mary Ann and told her we were taking the Dixie Highway to Cincinnati. "You're the driver," she replied. Within a minute Old Route 25 beat up on us with its tight turns, washboard hills and aging pavement. While it's easy being family and friends during good times, we know we need those folks during the patches of rough road as well.

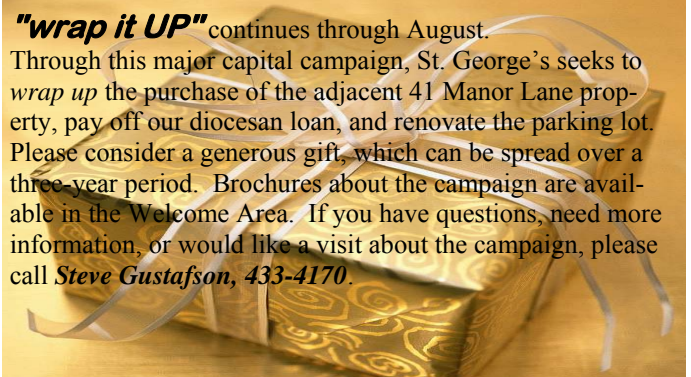
St. George's Church has provided family and friends to a lot of people over the years. Flowers, prayers, making an effort to get together and just being there, help us make it over those rough patches of road. At St. George's we know that God is with us on our journey.

The journey we are taking with 41 Manor Lane continues. **Judy Davis** and **Barry Greene** have researched adjacent properties and prepared mailing labels and maps. **Garth Williams** has taken this information to our surveyor along with ideas from the Implementation Committee to be incorporated into the "Vision Map for the Future". We are maneuvering through the twists and turns necessary to attain a Conditional Use Permit from Washington Township. If you haven't made a pledge to the Wrap It Up Drive, please start your pledge engine and get St. George's and our new property through the next turn.

Uh, Oh! The sun is going down. Mary Ann wants to cruise the hills around Caesar's Creek... Gotta Go!

*Peace be with You!*

**Patrick MacKenzie**



**"wrap it UP"** continues through August.

Through this major capital campaign, St. George's seeks to *wrap up* the purchase of the adjacent 41 Manor Lane property, pay off our diocesan loan, and renovate the parking lot. Please consider a generous gift, which can be spread over a three-year period. Brochures about the campaign are available in the Welcome Area. If you have questions, need more information, or would like a visit about the campaign, please call **Steve Gustafson, 433-4170**.

**associate rector accepts new call**

Congratulations to St. George's Associate Rector, Paul St. Germain, who has accepted a call to become Rector of St. Mark's in Upper Arlington in the Columbus area. **We will celebrate his ministry with us at a farewell reception August 26 after the 10:30 service.** That day, our children and young people will also celebrate our summer Sunday School program with the making of a giant banana split! Don't miss the party!

Paul came to St. George's in 1993, having served as Curate and then as Interim Rector of St. John's in Huntington, West Virginia. Neither he nor I had any idea then that we would work together for so long. What we thought would be a typical 3-5 year rotation became a long and fruitful team ministry and friendship.

We each have our own memories and stories of Paul. I remember things like running out to Meiers to get more tulips for the Easter display, celebrating an MVERN eucharist together in a hotel lobby in St. Petersburg, and going over designs for the stained glass windows. Paul was pastor to my family when my mother was ill, and I've always valued his wisdom and perspective on whatever subject we had to discuss. Plus, he kept a jar of chocolates in his office! Maybe what I think of most are conversations at the end of the day, when we would reflect on what God is doing at St. George's and dream for the future.

Although we will all miss Paul's presence at St. George's, we wish him much joy in his future ministry. Contexts change, but friendships endure. Thank you, Paul, for everything!

Carol Hull+

**lector** There will be training for anyone interested in being a lector or chalice bearer Sunday, September 23 after the  
**chalice bearer** 10:30 service. Please call the office or contact **Deacon Connie @ 252-0830 or conniejodo@cs.com.**

**congratulations**

...to **Charles J. Hitch**, son of **Dr. & Mrs. D. Hitch** who was awarded the *Pinnacle Award for Innovative Excellence* by Enterprise Information Systems (Lockheed Martin) for development of an innovative distribution tool for aeronautics. Charles currently lives in Marietta, GA.

...to **Amaka Okocha** on attending National Youth Leadership Forum's medical program in Atlanta in July. The program is for students with exceptional grades & achievement and an interest in medicine.

...on the July 21 baptism of **Kayla Marie Victoria Andrews**, daughter of **Marissa Link and Jason Andrews** and granddaughter of **Karl and Victoria Link**.

...to **Gee Brun** and **Karl Whisman**, who were married at St. George's June 30.

...I was "**Episcomingoed**" July 8 and remain honored! And my neighbors remain agog!...*Louise Evans*

**condolences**

...to **Eric and Sue Schryver** on the death of Eric's brother **Craig**.

...to **Karen Fallings** and sons **Michael and Matthew** on the death of mother and grandmother **Mary Brown**.

Long-time St. George's parishioner **June Dohse** died at Bethany June 10. A memorial service will be held at St. George's Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m. June was retired from a career as U.S. Consul.

...to **Greg & Christine Estes** on the recent death of **Greg's father**.

**thank you**

...to **Todd Rich, Mark Seeley, and Jonathan Wallace** for conducting St. George's annual audit review.

...to **Ralph Stahl** for organizing the golf outing and to **Ron & Carolyn Shubert** for hosting the 19<sup>th</sup> hole party afterwards.  
memorial service will



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

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

***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!

***monday  
evening  
reading  
group***

On *August 27th at 7:00 p.m.* we will discuss *Plain Truth* by Jodi Piccoult: The discovery of a dead infant in an Amish barn shakes Lancaster County to its core. But the police investigation leads to a more shocking disclosure: circumstantial evidence suggests that eighteen-year-old Katie Fisher, an unmarried Amish woman believed to be the newborn's mother, took the child's life. When Ellie Hathaway, a disillusioned big-city attorney, comes to Paradise, Pennsylvania, to defend Katie, two cultures collide -- and for the first time in her high-profile career, Ellie faces a system of justice very different from her own. Delving deep inside the world of those who live "plain," Ellie must find a way to reach Katie on her terms. And as she unravels a tangled murder case, Ellie also looks deep within -- to confront her own fears and desires when a man from her past reenters her life. *Contact Laurie Benner for more information [lbenner1210@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbenner1210@sbcglobal.net) or call 439-4918.*

***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***

...Walk into another world with the C.S. Lewis Reading Group as we read and discuss *C.S. Lewis*, meeting at 7:30 every Tuesday in the Youth Center. Please note the group will NOT meet again until August 14. Contact *Paul St. Germain* for more information.

***wednesday  
morning  
bible study***

Members of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group have found the summer is just too long to pass without conversation. **We'll meet again for lunch at Schlotzky's Deli in Crosspoint Wednesday, August 8, at 11:30 a.m.** Please let Carol know if you plan to come so we can stake out enough table space. Note the date change from what was originally suggested. Newcomers welcome!

Due to "popular demand", we'll have the **first fall session to introduce the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesday, September 5, 9:30 – 11:00 in the Parish Hall.** Then we'll reconvene to really get going on **October 3**, after Carol gets back from her Celtic Pilgrimage. **New participants are always welcome.** Come and bring your friends. *Contact Patti King if you need child care.*

***saturday  
morning  
men's  
group***

...The *second Saturday* men's group meets August 11 at **8:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall to enjoy fellowship, continental breakfast, and discussion on current topics. Contact *Tom Hull, ...*

***I scream  
for Jesus!***

...We've been having a blast this summer as we discovered how many ways ice cream is like Jesus! The fun continues until August 26<sup>th</sup> when we will end the summer with a giant banana split for the entire church! (and to say good-bye to Paul as he "splits" as well!). Make sure you and your family join us after church for this sweet event.

***start-up  
sunday***

...Although we have a few more weeks of summer, it's time to start thinking about our Sunday School year. Start-Up Sunday will be on September 9<sup>th</sup> and we have a wonderful year planned for our children and youth. It will be even more wonderful with the input of enthusiastic volunteers. Please consider being part of one of our Sunday School teams. We will have a Dessert and Discussion night for all volunteers on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Parish Hall. Child care will be provided.

***chick flicks***

...Weds. August 15th, **Lori DeWine** has graciously offered to host the first of our Chick Flick Nights. Basically, we will gather, bringing ingredients to prepare a meal together in the theme of the night's movie. Then we enjoy a terrific meal, watch a classic chick flick and discuss some of the spiritual themes in the movie. Get ready for some Southern fare as our first movie will be "**Fried Green Tomatoes**". We will begin preparing the food at 6:00pm and the movie will start about 8. Please email ([formation@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:formation@stgeorgeohio.org)) or call me (434-1781) if you will be joining us so we can plan who's bringing what. And Ladies, since we are all going to be Southern Belles for the evening, don't forget to wear a hat—the bigger the better!

As the "Dog days" of summer approach, I leave you with a thought gleaned from Father Paul's office door—  
"*Bark less, Wag more.*"

In Christ's love, **Patti King**

***the recipe*****Peach Mango Quesadilla Bake** (from the Women's Chocolate retreat)

**10 oz. cream cheese (at room temperature)**  
**15 small (10-12 lg) flour tortillas cut in half**  
**2 16oz jars Meijer Gold Mango Peach salsa (or whichever brand you prefer)**  
**1 16oz jar of regular salsa (you decide on the heat level!)**  
**1lb cooked chicken, diced**  
**1T taco seasoning**  
**1 cup shredded cheddar cheese**

*Preheat oven to 350. Grease 12x9 baking pan.*

*Mix together the 3 jars of salsa. Cover bottom of pan with a thin layer of salsa mixture.*

*I. Layer 1/3 of the tortillas over salsa, overlapping heavily.*

*II. Thinly spread 1/2 of cream cheese over tortillas.*

*III. Spread 1/3 of remaining salsa over cream cheese.*

*IV. Layer one half of diced chicken*

*Repeat steps I-IV.*

*Top with remaining tortillas. Sprinkle with Taco Seasoning. cover tightly with foil.*

*Bake for 30 minutes.*

*Remove foil. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake for 2 more minutes. Serve with extra salsa.*

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

**dayton  
ohio  
habitat for  
humanity**



**Episcopal  
Methodist  
Build**

...IT'S TIME TO PICK UP YOUR HAMMER!

**Our Habitat build is rapidly approaching! Thank you to the St. George's community; because of your generosity we met our fundraising goal of \$5000.**

The home we are building will be located at 444 Lorenz Ave. We are building this home with Alexis Allen and her four children. The build will begin at 8am on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a 30 day build- we are planning on putting this home up in half the time a typical Habitat home is completed.

All of the churches participating in this build have taken one day during the Blitz week for food. St. Georges will be supplementing Breakfast and providing Lunch on the first day of the build! If you are interested in helping with food—either providing or serving please contact **Shannon Walker** at [shannonfalcon92@yahoo.com](mailto:shannonfalcon92@yahoo.com) or 937-312-0187.

Volunteers are DESPERATELY needed. For us to build this home in 30 days we need at least 35 volunteers every day for the first two weeks and 20 every day for the second two weeks. Please go to the Habitat website [daytonhabitat.org](http://daytonhabitat.org) and click on the link for the Episcopal/Methodist build. If you would like to fill out the forms long hand they are able to be downloaded from the website, or you are able to pick up the forms from Jacquie Wallace the St. George's volunteer coordinator.

Thank you for all of your support, it's going to be a great build! **Shannon Walker**.

**the  
other place  
homeless  
shelter**

..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**. Thank you for your *continued donations* of hygiene items. We are told that the things they run out of quickest are: SUNSCREEN, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, & DEODORANT. Collection bin is in the Welcome Area. *Thank you. Mary Rollins*

**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)**.

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

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

**fall outreach sale!**

...will be held the **Saturday, October 6!** Please set aside all clean, usable clothing and items for this important event!

**saturday,  
october 6**

**the millennium goals in action**

Sand needed!!! To build school in Central America.

..Holy Cross Anglican School, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye, Belilze, Central America

1) *Hunger*: Children receive breakfast & lunch. 2) *Primary Education*: K-8 available free. 3) *Gender Equality*; *Empower Women*: All children welcome; Mothers can attend free night classes. 4) *Reduce Child Mortality*: All students have access to free health clinic 5) *Global Partnership*: Diocese of Southern Ohio, Anglican Diocese of Belize and other Episcopal churches throughout the world.

**If all the churches in the Diocese donate at least 1 truck load of sand, then Holy Cross will have close to 50% of their end goal!**

Together, the Dump Truck Ministry will build this school. *Make checks payable to All Saints w/Dump Truck Ministry on memo line.*

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

Anita and 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](mailto:DohnFamily@sams-usa.org) >

I was sitting on the edge of a mattress at a friend's house. Crouching under the edge of a mosquito net that I was supporting with my left arm, I was examining an injured child. It was evening and there was no electricity that night in that barrio. I was clutching a candle with my right hand in order to see anything.

I was examining an 8-year-old girl who had been treated earlier that day for extensive burns of the left arm. A brief glance told me that she had second and third degree burns from shoulder to fingers, covered with ointment. She had been burned in a house fire the previous night.

A candle had caught a mattress on fire.

That's when I thought, "What in the world am I doing?" and said, "Somebody take this candle!" I spent a few more minutes talking to her in the darkness.

Her family's two room house had burned completely to the ground the night before. That barrio has not had any electricity at night for the last several months, so there are plenty of open flames in that neighborhood every night. And those little wood and tin shacks (essentially containing just people, their clothes, and bedding) go fast if they catch fire. One brother had died in the fire and another was badly burned and had been taken to a hospital in Santo Domingo

This girl's 11-year-old sister had escaped unhurt and both of them were now staying with our friend – a single mom with six sons of her own who normally shared three beds among themselves. Theirs was a somewhat better, three room, and mostly concrete home that was two houses down from the one that burned. But they needed some extra bed capacity and Michael had been setting-up a roll-away bed that they had asked us to bring over (one we keep for guests to use).

At times we find ourselves in situations that our training and experience never anticipated – like bedside exams by candlelight under drooping mosquito nets. Well ... at least Michael knew how to set-up the roll-away bed.

*Keep praying, Anita*

**dohn family newsletter**

Letters to the Dohn's can be sent to: Anita & Michael Dohn c/o SAMS PO Box 399 Ambridge, PA 15003 Their e-mail address is: [DohnFamily@sams-usa.org](mailto:DohnFamily@sams-usa.org)

**st. george's  
prayer chain**

Thank you to *Kathryn Jessee* and *Jacque Wallace* who have graciously agreed to become the contact people for St. George's Prayer Chain. And thank you to *Yvonne Jennings* and *Carolyn Thomas* who are retiring after several years of faithful service in leading this ministry.

If you would like to request special prayer for yourself or someone you know, *please contact Jacque at 429-4826 or revjswallace@aol.com; or Kathryn at 937-572-2233*. Prayer requests are relayed by email and telephone tree to a dedicated group of St. George's members and friends who participate in this ministry. You can specify the nature of the request (for example, for a successful surgery or for help in a job search), or you can make a more general request for prayer. If for privacy reasons, you wish to use only a first name, that is fine.

The Prayer Chain is a resource for all of us who may want the spiritual support of knowing that others are praying for us in a time of need or when we may feel too overwhelmed to pray ourselves. To offer the Prayer Chain to a friend or colleague is a way to show concern and is even a form of outreach to someone who may not have a church community.

**Please contact either Jacque or Kathryn if you would like to join this ministry as one who prays for others.**

**EFM**

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the church are the lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

Q. What is the *ministry of the laity*?

A. The ministry of the lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

This is what the Outline of the Faith in *The Book of Common Prayer* tells us about the ministry of the laity. Need some education and grounding in the faith to help you carry out your ministry as a lay person? Then consider *EFM – Education for Ministry*. Study the Scriptures and church history, engage in theological reflection and spiritual formation, gather weekly with fellow Christians and deepen your Christian faith and strengthen your foundation for ministry.

EFM groups meet weekly from September through May. They are led by trained mentors and use materials developed for lay Christian education and formation by the Sewanee Theological School of the South. Commitment to the program is for a year at a time, although the full program is four years and encompasses the study of the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, church history, and current theological issues.

The cost for the program year is \$340, which averages out to about \$10 a session. This cost covers the expense of training mentors and developing and providing the curriculum. The cost is well worth the value received in a deeper personal understanding of Christian faith and ministry.

Contact **Suzanne LeVesconte** at **293-8201** or **sjlevesconte@woh.rr.com** for more information or to register for the EFM group which meets at St. George's on Thursday evenings from September thru May. A second group on another day will be formed if interest permits. Several other groups meet in the area on different days of the week and at various times of the day; these meetings are also open to folks from St. George's. **Registration deadline: August 10, 2007.**

**fall  
Foyer  
groups!****...Foyer Groups for Fall with that same Twist!  
...make more new friends!**

We liked the new foyer group format, so we'll try it again. Our fall foyer groups will be for 6 regulars plus 2 extras invited each month by the host. You can invite a newcomer, someone you've always wanted to know better, someone you want the others in your group to meet, or someone who is hesitant to commit to joining a foyer group. The group will meet 3 times (or sometimes groups choose to make it 4 times) trying to finish before Christmas.

If you participate, you will be assigned to a group of about 6 people who will meet over dinner or some other event 3 times over a 3 month period. For each group, one person will be asked to host the group for the first time. At the first meeting, the group decides on the other two meetings. Each time the group meets, the host will invite an additional 1 or 2 people to attend that meeting. If you don't know who to ask, the clergy can give you names of newcomers. 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 hosting chore should rotate and dinners where everyone brings something are a good way to share the preparation work.

**Sign up in the welcome area through September 9, or contact Elizabeth Gustafson at 433-4170, Elizabeth.Gustafson@notes.udayton.edu.** If you haven't participated in foyer groups before, now is the time to try it.

**Good Food – Good Conversation - New Relationships**

**st. george's  
canoes  
again !****... for episcopal environmentalism!**

On Saturday *August 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00* many fearless, environmentally friendly, and fun loving St. Georgians--- little kids, senior folks, and (if past years are a guide) puppy dogs---will gather at Bellbrook canoe rental with \$27 in hand. After about four hours of beautiful and inspiring paddling down the Little Miami River, they will return with large bags of trash in their canoes (this is the Episcopal Environmentalism part!). **Look for the sign up in the Welcome area!**

**gardening at  
st. george's:  
can you help?**

...If you love to garden, St. George's needs you! While we have professional service for the lawn and mulching, volunteers are needed to weed and tend the perennial beds and to help with other aspects of our landscaping. If you would like to help, perhaps by choosing one flower bed to be your weeding project, please contact one of the clergy. *Former Gardening Committee Chair Nancy Zorniger* says it's a great way to multi-task: *since you're already on your knees!*

**keys, keys,  
keys**

...We are looking for keys. If you have a key to St. George's and are not in need of it, would you please return it to the office marked with your name? Thank you – *Mitzi Stoner, Business Manager*

**ferneding  
insurance  
building to  
be  
demolished**

...In preparation for building a new office building, Ferneding Insurance will soon demolish the former Moore's Chiropractic office next door to the church on Far Hills. St. George's parishioners are invited to continue using the parking lot on Sundays, but please be careful to avoid the hole in the ground left by demolition! In case you have wondered about all the holes in the roof, the fire department has been using the old building as a training site. We look forward to seeing our new neighbor's construction and appreciate their willingness to have us use their parking area.

**vestry digest**

At their July 16 meeting, the Vestry conducted these items of business:

Discussed the chapter on “Discernment” from the book *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, by Diana Butler Bass.

Discussed the Associate Rector’s call to St. Mark’s, Upper Arlington and began consideration of what staff needs St. George’s will have with his departure.

Accepted the recommendations of the Implementations Committee and authorized appropriation of Visions building funds for two projects which have gone through a lengthy planning process:

Installation of a separate HVAC system for the Business Office where the new computer server will be housed (\$5,875)

Installation of a completely new telephone system, which will include voice mail and other current communications features (\$10,073)

Heard updates on other Implementations projects.

Authorized a leasing arrangement for a new folding machine for the church office.

Heard that the Wrap It UP campaign had so far generated \$58,110 in additional gifts and pledges.

Authorized the repair and painting of the 41 Manor Lane house and garage and removal of two overgrown pine trees which are encroaching on the house. (Up to \$10,000 from 41 Manor Lane Fund). The house is currently rented to a family.

**financial update**

As anticipated, the June financial report again showed an excess of expenses over income. Operating budget income was \$36,517 and total expense was \$52,937, for a deficit of \$16,420. The staff health insurance payment was a major expense item in June. Year-to-date deficit is \$39,349. We anticipate income rising again in the fall to meet expenses as people complete their pledges. You can help St. George’s cash flow by keeping pledges up to date through the summer.

**our journey  
of hope**

...Episcopal Retirement Homes’ Parish Ministry, in partnership with local church health ministry teams and Cancer Treatment Centers of America, is proud to present a lay ministry training for those who wish to reach out to cancer patients and their families. Friday August 24, 9a.m.-5, here at St. George’s. Cost is \$20 per person, includes light breakfast, box lunch and resource binder. To register, or questions, call **1-800-835-5768, ext. 4218**, [www.EpiscopalRetirement.com](http://www.EpiscopalRetirement.com).

**canterbury court  
ice cream  
social**

From Canterbury Court ...an invitation to all Episcopalians in the Dayton to an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 19 from 3-6 pm. on the grounds of Canterbury Court Includes Graeter's ice cream and entertainment for both children and adults. *Thanks! Henrietta Grosseohme*

**mvern  
News****Borscht  
Bash!**

...**Exciting News from MVERN: We’ve Got a Date!** MVERN, the Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network, is pleased and excited to announce that a date has been set for a very special event, the **MVERN Borscht Bash**. We encourage everyone in our MVERN member churches and all of your friends to set aside **Saturday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m.** as the day and time of this wonderful gathering at St. George’s Episcopal Church. It’s a meal; it’s entertainment; it’s informative. And it’s a fundraiser to help support the MVERN exchange programs that we all know and admire.

***Our special guests will be our own Bishop Briedenthal, Father Nikolai Aksenov of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in Sablino, Russia, and Igor Tolochin, Fr. Nikolai’s translator and our wonderful MVERN friend.*** So please put November 17, 6:30 p.m., on your calendars and plan to attend. More information will be coming during the summer. Come meet this pioneering cleric and learn more about an amazing partnership.

**altar  
flowers  
for  
2007**

...2007 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 you desired date.* Thank you!

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

**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.

**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*

**ushers  
needed**

...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.*

**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.

To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister Call *Fay Layden at 433-3867 or Jean Case at 434-4270.*

The next Supervisory Meeting will be on **Monday, August 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** Be sure to let a Stephen Leader know if you cannot attend.

**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.

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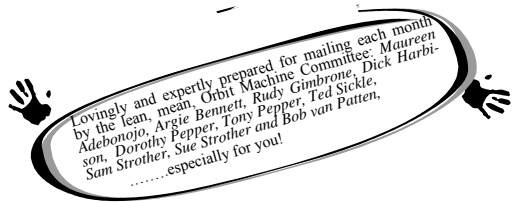
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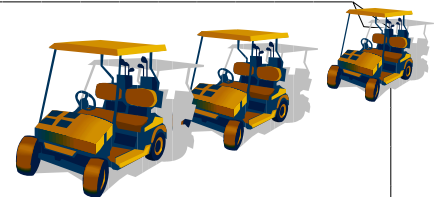
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**Return Service Requested**



**WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE!**  
**GOLFERS**

*August 4, 2007*



It's that time of year! Mark your calendar, invite friends and golf buddies to take part in the golf scramble at  
**The Golf Course at Yankee Trace.**

*The first tee time will be Noon*

*Cost \$60.00 per person (includes green fees, cart rental, food, and individual & team prizes)*

*The event will be four-person/team scramble (low gross and low net winners)*

*Men's and Women's longest and shortest drive prizes*

*Men's and Women's closest to the pin once again could win \$1,000,000!*

Guests are welcome and encouraged!

*Accomplishments will be honored at the Shubert's* immediately after the golf. **Chef Ron** will be preparing the feast.

Contact **Ralph Stahl 433-7749** with your questions and suggestions.