



The Orbit

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From the Interim Rector...

Much has happened in our lives, both together and apart. After having been retired, I now have an alarm clock waking me once again. You, the family at St. George's, have seen a Rector retire, and the naming of an Interim Rector. This is the beginning of an exciting period in all of our lives. For me, I have a great privilege of getting to know you, making new friends, and being a part of a very special parish family.

For you the time is filled with change, new priest, looking critically at the ministry of St. George's, and beginning the process of working on the Parish Profile. During our time together, we will be looking at the mission goals of St. George's. We can so easily focus on the wrong within ourselves, in others, or in our communities, but such judgment rarely produces health. We must begin with loving others more than ever. During the survey process, differences will occur, but it is our job to look beyond self, and ask what God would have us do. I so often think that we do not understand the ramifications of the words in the prayer, "thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." As we begin our time together, we must ask God to guide and direct us, as we begin to prepare for the next Rector for St. George's Episcopal Church.

Finally, do not hesitate to contact me at any time. You can reach me on the Rector's phone, 937.545.5508. If I cannot answer,

please leave a message, with your name and phone number, and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us all in the months to come.

Father Jim Larsen +

From The Rev. Phillip Webster...

Wherever I may roam...

Each year in the late spring and early summer hundreds and thousands of persons embark on a new phase of life. Classes come to an end, graduations occur, and in short order most of these men and women head off to new jobs, new schools and new neighborhoods. And wherever they may roam, these pilgrims take with them not only their own hopes and dreams, but quite often, the love and good wishes and life lessons learned from family and friends.

This image of pilgrimage seems most fitting for me. As my time at St.



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Insert:
Parish Picnic!!! July 4

George's comes to an official end, I take with me many great memories, the support of family and friends, and the wisdom of lessons learned. St. George's has been a special place for me. I remember going to church here for the first time in 2003 with my girlfriend Kiah – and then there was our wedding in the summer of 2004 which many of you attended. Then there was our incredibly warm welcome in November, 2007 where we arrived here to assume our duties as assistants to the rector. There was great food, smiling faces, and probably the warmest reception I have ever received by a congregation. But of all of these memories, I have most appreciated the experience of baptizing my son this past Epiphany. Many of you were present as our youngest son, Phillip, was brought into the people of God by water and the Spirit. Yes, there have been so many great memories.

As I depart for my new assignment be assured that my thoughts and prayers remain with you. I expect great things of St. George's – there are such incredible people here with tremendous gifts for sharing. My prayer is that you will take good care of each other, that you will commit yourselves to the disciplines of prayer and of a holy life, and that you will always seek to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those you meet. And be assured that wherever I may roam, St. George's will always be an important part of my life and the life of the Webster family.

Father Phil Webster+

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

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

Schedule of Services**Saturday**

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

Sunday

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

Wednesday

11:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

Dear People of St. George's,

Due to gas prices and busy schedules our daughter, **Katie**, asked to delay Father's Day to the following weekend. She also suggested nine holes of golf as a present. How could I resist? I secured an early Saturday morning tee time on the Vintage at Yankee Trace and called my son **Joe** to see if he **and Mey** could make it a foursome. They would be house-hunting. **Mary Ann** would be spending the morning with her hairdresser, **Craig**, so I tried **Steve and Elizabeth Gustafson**. Steve had tennis but Elizabeth made it a threesome. By Friday night I had **Charlie Roup** squaring us off as a group.

Not one to be shy about maximizing my sports experience, I packed my ultra-light fishing rod into my golf bag. There are a lot of ponds next to the tee boxes on this particular course and you never know when you are going to be backed up while other foursomes make their shots. I only carry twelve clubs so obviously my bag was still within regulation.

We all arrived plenty early and managed to be the first bunch off. We had no pressure from behind either as we enjoyed the cool sunny morning. Katie is really new at the game and Charlie and I coached and encouraged her. Elizabeth gets better, every time I see her on the course. She will probably be the hands-down winner at St. George's Open this year. I was having fun playing below-bogey golf and waiting for my chance to surprise everyone.

At the fifth hole, par three, we let a couple of fast players through only to have to wait on them on the sixth. Realizing I had my chance I whipped out the fishing rod assembled it and made a couple casts to the laughter and amusement of my group. I might as well have made two whiffs...no bites. With the twosome out of the way we attacked the green and moved on to "Monster Seven", the meanest par 5 in Montgomery County.

Charlie and I made our tee shots and Elizabeth and Katie ambled up to the ladies tees. "One last chance!" I thought as I grabbed the fishing rod and looked over the adjacent pond. I could see fish and stayed on the hill above them. I had two bumps on my first cast and then nothing. I made one more cast...the lure was struck immediately and the duel was on. I ran down the hill and reeled in furiously while the bass fought furiously. I landed the bass and turned around. Katie took pictures of my triumph and I released the fish to fight again. That's as lucky as we got on Monster Seven. Triple bogeys were had by all.

We finished the next two links in fine fashion and Katie's lessons were kicking in as she out-drove us all on the last hole. That was just the morning, we had a wedding to attend, that afternoon and a dinner party that evening. It turned out to be a weekend as hectic and fast-paced as our efforts lately to find a new interim-rector for St. George's. Since May, Junior Warden **Rob Johnson** and I have been in meetings, talked on the phone and have exchanged emails with the diocese. We talked about the current spiritual and budgetary situation and discussed various scenarios that would strengthen St. George's Church as we make our casts to call a new rector. The Vestry has been immersed in this process as well and has worked tirelessly to vet the diocese's candidate as a person who might be a proper interim. I don't know if we made a hole-in-one on our way to landing the big fish but with about 40 years of priestly experience, **Reverend Jim Larsen** seemed to be an ace for interim-rector.

Even as we have worked to chose Father Jim as our interim pastor, the Vestry has moved ahead with steps necessary to call a rector. Rob Johnson and **Shannon Walker** have been working on developing a committee and creating a survey that will help profile our parish. This will show us who we are and what we want to be in the future. It will help us maximize our spiritual experience. They are well on their way to completing this task and the Vestry will meet with **Canon Vicki Zust** in July for guidance with this process.

Father Jim has sermonized about mutual ministry; this is a must-do for all of us as we make our way through the interim process. Everyone is going to have to pull their tools out their bags to make St. George's a successful church. There is no better time to be a part of social services ministry than now. We will need lay people to provide outreach to others outside and inside our parish. More building projects are on the horizon and I hope we have as good a turn out as we did for our sidewalk repair operation. **Eric Schryver** tells me the membership committee is always looking for new ideas increase our family. Keeping up with your stewardship will never be more important than it is now. Please be aware of the possibilities and take action where you can.

Uh, Oh!!! St. George's business manager, **Mitzi**, just called. She wants to know if I can meet **Garth Williams, Jim Montgomery** and the surveyor about the new playground we want to install at 41 Manor Lane...Gotta go!!!

Peace be with you!

Patrick MacKenzie, Senior Warden

...The Vestry has received notification from **The Rev. Phillip Webster, II** that he is being transferred by the Bishop to St. Francis Church, Springboro effective July 15th. Phil and Kiah will be on vacation beginning July 1. Phil has been a real part of the running of St. George's, especially during the retirement of Carol Hull. The membership of St. George's had a chance to personally wish Phil the best on Sunday, June 29, after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service when a dual reception for Phil, celebrating his priesthood ordination and his leave taking was held.. Kiah will remain at St. George's half time

welcome

...to The Very Rev. R. James Larsen, as St. George's Interim Rector. Most of you have already met Fr. Jim as he has been preaching at St. George's during the past few weeks. He and his wife, **Donna**, have retired in the Beavercreek Township area from Pennsylvania.

congratulations

...to **The Rev. Dcn. Dr. Connie Jo McCarroll**, who received the M. Bridget Wager, DO, Humanitarian Award from the Ohio Osteopathic Association. This award recognizes individuals who have unselfishly devoted their time and talents to assist those less fortunate. She was presented with the award on June 20 during the 110th Annual Ohio Osteopathic Scientific Seminar in Columbus. She has been organizing mission trips to Guatemala since 1997 and is a powerful witness of the healing and loving nature of God.

...to **Grace and Micah Farrell** on the June 19 birth of a son, **Wesley James**. **Kathy Jessee** is Wesley's grandmother.

...to **Matthew Schnee**, baptized on Saturday, June 14, at the Cornerstone Service. A friend of Laura Gentner, he was sponsored in baptism by Frank and Diane Gentner.

...to **Laurie Garcia** and **James Rodgers** who were married at Carillon Park on Saturday, June 21. James is the son of **Marion** and **Glenn Rodgers**.

condolences

...to **Steve and Jean Ireland, David & Patrick**, on the death of Steve's father, **Don Ireland** on June 9.

pastoral care – If you are in need of pastoral care, or if you know of someone else in need of pastoral care, please do not hesitate to contact me immediately. I may be reached on my mobile phone at 545-5508. *Thanks, Fr. Jim*

two very special observances will be held at st. george's

labor day weekend

...**August 30/31** is Labor Day Weekend. It is traditional to bless the workers of the parish during the services. You are asked to bring a object from work that symbolizes your work, and they will be blessed along with the individuals, asking for Almighty God's blessing. This will take place at all services. Watch for further information in the August ORBIT.

united states air force anniversary



...On Sunday, **September 20th**, we will be observing the anniversary of the founding of the United States Air Force. There many here at St. George's have and have had association with the Air Force, along with those who work in supporting roles at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. We will be using the prayer for the Air Force in the 10:30 a.m. service as well as blessing those who have or are members of the United States Air Force.

**financial
update**

	Current Period May	Year to Date Totals	2008 Budget
Income			
ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Summary Income/ (Expense)			
Contributions	\$ 34,538	\$ 223,069	\$ 515,500
Other Income	\$ 2,117	\$ 23,766	\$ 65,823
Total Income	\$ 36,655	\$ 246,835	\$ 581,323
Expenses			
Parish Program	\$ 14,997	\$ 76,458	\$ 192,759
Personnel	\$ 38,587	\$ 148,400	\$ 304,365
Bldg/Ground	\$ 8,651	\$ 61,276	\$ 121,584
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Total Expenses	\$ 62,235	\$ 286,134	\$ 618,808
Net Inc/(Exp)	\$ (25,580)	\$ (39,300)	\$ (37,485)

**rummage
sale --
help needed!**

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

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

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

**a note
from
carol**

Dear Friends at St. George's,

Almost a month has passed since our farewell Sunday. Tom and I both want to thank you so much for the warmth and affection we experienced and for the many cards and gifts and a very generous purse. Truly, I just felt overwhelmed by the emotions of the day. As each person came up to me, I remembered all the times we have shared: baptisms, weddings, funerals, pastoral visits, bible classes, shared ministry of many kinds. That evening, I opened and savored all the notes. I've also appreciated those which have come since from people who unable to be there Trinity Sunday. I feel so blessed by having served as your Rector; and I carry many, many wonderful memories with me.

The "Joan of Arc" window design is hanging in our new family room where I see it every day. We love the design and location of our house in Lake Oswego. You can imagine the last month has been a frenzy of unpacking, hanging pictures, shopping for items like new lampshades and towel bars. We have used some of the purse for work on the house. The next big project is setting my quilt room set up. I already joined the Northwest Quilters' Association at their annual spring show!

We've been having a wonderful time with our family, arriving in time for Libby's 3rd birthday party and special get-togethers for Father's Day. My mom is doing well in her new residence, and we all see a lot of one another. So far we have been attending church at St. Bede's in Forest Grove, but we will be visiting around now that we are getting settled.

Again, thank you for 17 wonderful years and a memorable send-off. You know you will be in my thoughts and prayers as you move through the interim time and search for your next rector. *Much love always,*
Carol

**VBS
pirates
will
party at
PICNIC!**

...This Orbit will be going out during the week of VBS here at St. George's. To all of you who joined our "pirate crew"—Thank you! I know it is going to be an awesome week and I can't wait to hear everyone greet each other with a hearty "Arrrrr." J

Don't forget our **All Church Picnic** on July 4th at 4:00 at the Shakertown farmhouse (2932 Shakertown Rd, Beavercreek). We'll party like pirates until we leave for the fireworks. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair and we'll provide beverages and burgers and hot dogs. **Please see the enclosed flyer for more info and directions! EVERYONE is invited.**

**summer
story
time**

...Children 3rd grade and younger are invited to join us in the forest of Narnia each Sunday during the 10:30 Service. We leave the sanctuary during the Gospel hymn and return in time for Eucharist.

**chick
flicks**

...We are continuing our armchair travels. Thank you to Shannon and Sophie for hosting our trip to Casablanca. Our next trip has a Hellenistic theme as we celebrate "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" at Sheri Bennett's house at 6:00pm on August 1st. **Look for the sign up sheet in the church lounge.**

**cake
decorating
classes**

...Lately, some people have mentioned to me that they would be interested in learning how to decorate cakes. If you are one of those folks, mark your calendars for four Sundays --July 20, 27, August 3 and 10th from 4-6p.m. I will be teaching a 4 week beginner class in the undercroft. There is no charge for the class, but you will need certain supplies—at minimum:

Wilton's 25 piece decorating kit

Bent spatula

Turntable

For the first class, bring an 8" single layer cake (you can freeze the second layer for class two) and a can of frosting or a batch of your favorite frosting).

...A sign up sheet will be in the lounge.



*Have a super summer!
In Christ's Love,
Patti King*

coming soon!!!

summer arts camp... St Margaret's Episcopal Church is hosting a Summer Arts Camp for fourth through eighth grade children, **July 14-18, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.** The purpose of St. Margaret's Summer Arts Camp is to bring together young artists, college artists and professional artists of diverse cultural backgrounds to have fun making art, to increase their experience and awareness of multiculturalism and to share their art with the larger community.

The St. Margaret's **Summer Arts Camp is free and lunch is provided**, but campers must provide their own transportation. If you have any questions, please call **Kountez Moore at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church at 837-7741**

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

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



**first
monday
evening**

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

**fourth
monday
evening**

reading group...will not meet during the summer months, June, July, August. Mark your calendars for (the third Monday evening) **September 15** at 7:00 p.m., when this popular reading group resumes. Contact **Laurie Benner** for more information lbenner1210@sbcglobal.net or call 439-4918.

**second
tuesday
morning**

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

**tuesday
evening**

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

**wednesday
morning**

the biblical bibliophiles ... (self-styled Antiquarians) have arrived. **TWO TIMES**..

1. Time/Place: Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall
Topic: The Apocrypha

2. Time/Place: Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall.
Topic: Gospel of Mark.

. **IT'S GREEK TO US!** Join us either time or both! **Becky Clark**, 859-8316.

education for ministry

EFM participants meet weekly at St. George's from September through May/early June for theological study, reflection, worship, and fellowship. For the 2008-2009 program year, we plan to meet on Wednesday evenings. We use materials developed by Sewanee (the University of the South) to equip the laity for their ministries (see www.sewanee.edu/efm/index.htm for more information). If you might be interested in participating in a local seminar group, please contact Lisa Sweeney (LMSweeney@aol.com).

...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.**

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

- In gathering of Rummage sale items and set up September 28-October 3, 2008
- Rummage Sale** October 4 , 2008
- Days of change** November 2,2008 and March 9, 2009
- Blanket Sunday** November 16.2008
- Beginning Backpack & Giving Tree** ... November 23, 2008
- Spaghetti Supper** January 25, 2009
- Souper Bowl** February 1, 2009

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

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



**the other
place**

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

**caring
connection**

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

**single
sentries**

...Recently one of our parishioners fell and was hospitalized. Because she lived alone, no one in the parish or her family knew. It has been suggested that a telephone chain of St. George’s single people who live alone could check up on each other and alert members of the parish when pastoral care is needed. **If you live alone and would like to be part of this network, contact Deacon Connie, 252-0830.**

**st.
margaret's
food pantry**

...continues to feed hundred's of hungry people from through out Western Montgomery County and Dayton. The Food pantry has now moved to St. Andrew's Church and is being run in conjunction with the people of St. Margaret's and St. Andrew's. St.Margaret's/St.Andrew's receive food from St. George's and also from Christ Church and St.Paul’s. Even with this they are unable to keep up with the demand. There are more and more jobless in the area using the foodbanks. Here are a few suggestions. **When you see a buy one get one, think of the foodbank. Here is what I do. I tithe my food bill . I buy 10% of my groceries for the food bank on staples such as flour, pancake mix, oatmeal etc. Be creative.** Help your fellow neighbors. **Deacon Connie**

**the
pastoral
counseling
center**

Did you know that St. George's (along with many local faith communities) is part of a covenantal agreement with The Pastoral Counseling Center? What could this mean for you? Well, because St. George's has entered into this covenant by contributing financially to the Center.....you could go for outpatient counseling at 50% of the usual fee; or if you have insurance, you would pay 50% of the balance that any insurance did not cover. Total confidentiality is maintained at all times. PCC has counselors that are certified by American Association of Pastoral Counselors, or American Assoc. for Marriage and Family Therapy, or licensed by the State of Ohio. Call 937-208-6606, 409 East Monument Avenue. Dayton Ohio 45402 for more information, or for an appointment. Remember this service is available to you.

**responds to
flooding in
iowa**

Episcopal Relief & Development is providing emergency assistance to communities devastated by ongoing flooding in Iowa. So far the flood waters are responsible for the deaths of five people, the displacement of 38,000 others and have inflicted up to \$1 billion in damage to Iowa's agricultural sector. The damage to infrastructure is severe. Across eastern Iowa, the flooding rivers have washed out railroad lines, halted barge traffic on the Mississippi River and closed major roadways. Twenty-four counties have been declared disaster areas to date. The crisis is far from over. More rain is expected in the region and officials fear that flood waters will breach 27 levees along the Mississippi River in Iowa and Missouri later this week. Working with its partner the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa, Episcopal Relief & Development is providing emergency assistance to people who have been displaced from their homes. Families will be given temporary shelter and provided with food, clothing, first aid and other basic necessities. *To help people affected by flooding in Iowa, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development's "Disaster Response Fund" online at www.er-d.org, or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief & Development "Disaster Response Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.*

"poor box"

Please remember to use the POOR BOX, that is attached to the wall near the South entrance into the nave. Your monetary donations go to purchase perishable foods, which supplement the non-perishable foods that we donate in the basket in the Narthex, for the Food Pantry housed at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. . During these days, the need for our help is even higher than usual.



FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Kiah and members of St. George's, Thank you so much for the Starbucks gift card and Anglican prayer beads. I'm looking forward to using both of them next year at Kalamazoo College! I can't thank you all enough for your kind words. *Best wishes, Rebecca Staudenmaier.*

Dear Friends, Thank you for the lovely reception after Tom's memorial service; as usual, well done. Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards and flowers. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and helped us through some sad days. *Sincerely, The family of Tom Negrelli*

Dear Church Members: Thank you for your contribution to Artemis Center. We are truly grateful for your support of our mission **Leading the Community in its Commitment to End Domestic Violence.** Again, thank you for your generous support and for joining with us in our effort to end domestic violence in our community. *Sincerely, Beth Redden, CFRE, Development Director, Artemis Center*

Dear Social Issues Committee, We have received your generous donation to support our Outreach activities for people with mental disabilities who reside in the 12 group homes located in the North-West side of Dayton. Because of the many contributions of people like you, we have been able, for the past 37 years, to provide spiritual, recreational and some clothing needs to the poorest of the poor, that is to those who have lost all that we hold dear: their minds, their families, their friends and any possessions at all. Since the closing of St. Agnes Parish we were able to relocate our weekly gathering to McAuley Hall on North Dixie. Our Martin's Meal (soup kitchen) is now at the Dayton Christian Center on Riverview. And my office is now at the Parish House of our Lady of Mercy Church on Siebenthaler Avenue. *Sincerely yours, Marie Brose, Chaplain, Outreach Minister, St. Agnes Outreach.*

Dear Connie and Social Issues, I would like to thank you for your gift to NBIR, a 501c3 non-profit organization providing transitional housing for homeless and nearly homeless men addicted to alcohol and/or drugs. Our positive theme is "Providing a Hand Up-Not a Hand Out" by teaching men how to recover from the debilitating effects of the disease of addiction and to live life clean and sober. *Thank you for your support of this program. Raymond M. Cox, CEO, New Beginnings Into Recovery, Inc.*

**altar
flowers
for
2008**

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

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

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

**flower
ministry**

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

**lay
eucharistic
ministers**

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

**stephen
ministers**

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

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

Supervision meetings for current members are held on the first Tuesday of the month. The next two scheduled meetings are July 1 and Aug. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Please be sure to let a Stephen Leader know if you are unable to attend.

**hospitality
hour**

...this hour, following the 10:30 service, is an important welcoming time for those new to or visiting St. George's, as well as a special time for camaraderie between parishioners. *The church provides the "fixings" for coffee and tea.* Volunteers make the coffee and provide simple refreshment snacks & a beverage for children.

Please consider becoming one of these special volunteers. The Sign-up Sheet is in the Parish Hall. Questions? Call Susan Daly 898-9760

**home-
bound?**

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

**altar
guild**

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

ushers

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

**gardening !
can you help?**

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

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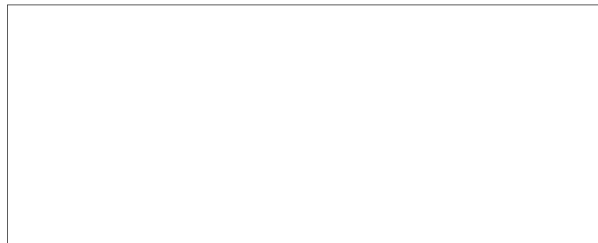
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**2008 ST. GEORGE'S ANNUAL
GOLF SCRAMBLE**

Saturday, August 2

Invite friends and golf buddies to take part in the golf scramble at **The Golf Course at Yankee Trace**.
The sign-up sheet is located near the welcome area.



- 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!
- Many other prizes

Guest are welcome and encouraged. **Tell a buddy and bring a friend!**

We are looking forward to the competition, stories and laughs provided by our teams as they drive to claim a prize.

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.



parish picnic!!!

For the entire St. George's family!

Friday, July 4

from 4:00 p.m. "until we leave for fireworks"

Picnic location: 2932 Shakertown Road
Beavercreek

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share
St. George's will provide burgers, hotdogs, buns and beverages.

Directions to the picnic from I-675...

I-675 N toward COLUMBUS.

Merge onto US-35 E via EXIT 13A toward XENIA.

Turn RIGHT onto SHAKERTOWN RD.

End at 2932 Shakertown Rd Beavercreek

8.3 mi

3.8 mi

0.7 mi

Extra parking across the street at Beavercreek Christian Church

