



The Orbit

St. George's Episcopal Church
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From the Rector

As I look at the summer, I see church events unfolding at two levels. First, the Episcopal Church General Convention opens in Columbus June 13. It is an event of national significance happening on our doorstep, and the news reports will give our church increased visibility here in Dayton. Yet, important as national events are, most of us find our primary identification and experience of church in the life of our local congregation. As you hear about Convention and talk about it with people you know, I hope you will issue the same invitation which Jesus gave about himself in the gospel of John: "Come and see." Encourage people to come and see for themselves what is happening in the Episcopal Church in St. George's congregation.

I first attended General Convention in New Orleans in 1982 as a representative of my seminary, and I came away with lasting impressions which changed the way I look at church. Convention is a legislative body in session – the largest legislative body in the world, by the way, when it is sitting. It is also a huge family reunion, liturgical celebration, prayer meeting, trade show, and lobbying effort. I was wowed by the Exhibit Hall in New Orleans with displays by hundreds of church-related organizations, special interest groups, and vendors. I gathered a shopping bag full of brochures to read later about the Presiding Bishop's Fund, Integrity, the Prayer Book Society, missionary societies, seminaries,

religious foundations, and countless other groups.

I still wear the first alb I bought from a church supply company's booth. I keep as a historic object the Episcopal Women's Caucus purple t-shirt printed with what then seemed a daring motto: "A woman's place is in the House – of Bishops!" At Convention special events, I got to hear speeches by Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Vice-President George Bush, and Coretta Scott King. At the main worship service, 13,000 people sang "Lift High the Cross" from the newly adopted 1982 Hymnal.



In 1982, I had only been part of two Episcopal congregations in my life. So for me, the most important part of the whole Convention experience was to discover that the Episcopal is so much bigger and more diverse than I had ever realized. Then and now, the church includes a broad spectrum of all kinds of people, a diversity which stems from the 16th C. Elizabethan Settlement of the English Reformation. An April *New Yorker* article summed up that settlement as "Believe what you want; worship with this prayer book." That broad inclusivity has served the church well for over 400 years.

Whatever happens or doesn't happen in the legislative sessions of General Convention, St. George's will go on welcoming people with Christ's own table fellowship as the model for our hospitality. Everyone is invited: Anglo-catholic, evangelical, young, old, male, female, gay, straight, people from many countries and many different backgrounds, life-long Episcopalians and people who have just recently heard about us and want to come and see for themselves.

While Convention meets in Columbus, parish life goes on. We have a **great Vacation Bible School** planned for late June. **Pool parties** in June and July and the annual **Golf Outing** in August offer times for relaxing fellowship. (Our annual parish picnic will be on start-up Sunday this year.) Every week we worship together, pray and care for one another, nurture our children, welcome newcomers, and provide for those in need. This summer, come and see. And invite a friend!

Carol+

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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)



Dear People of St. George's:

Steve Hansell and I have been fishing together for more than a decade. The Little Miami River and Caesar's Creek have been our mainstay for all of these years. However, we often tried to take junkets to really exotic places like the Great Miami River or Lake Erie. One place that especially intrigued us was American Electric Power Recreation Lands after we both happened to read an article about the place in the Dayton

Daily News. With a little planning we made our first trip about six years ago to this land of 350 lakes created out of a strip mining operation, south of Zanesville and east of the Muskingum River. After three days of entertaining fishing and abundant wildlife we swore we would go back every year.

We did manage to make it back one more time in '94 and with the Hansells moving, it was important to get back there again. So Steve and I made the trip in early May. We enjoyed sunny days and suffered through bitterly cold nights. On Saturday morning we found a large pond not too far from camp and embarked in Steve's canoe. The pond was L-shaped with a relatively flat entry from the gravel road. On the opposite side, a cliff of dolomite towered above us and the rest of the banks were pretty steeply banked. We pretty much had the pond to ourselves and we enjoyed an entertaining day of pulling in fat bluegills.

It was also turkey hunting season. Late Friday in Reinersville, where we picked up ice, we observed the locals with hunting gear and one fellow was getting a butterball Tom weighed. So that Saturday, Steve and I were a little bit startled to see guy in full camouflage making his way along the steep banks of "our" fishing pond. He didn't have a gun, he didn't have a rifle. He had a fishing pole. We looked at each other and laughed quietly, probably fearing under all that gear, he was carrying a weapon. We moved further down the pond, caught more bluegill and then paddled back to break for lunch.

As we reached the bank we realized there were two guys in camo and the second one was pulling a large bass out of an area that couldn't possibly hold fish. Number Two came towards us as his Jeep was parked in front of our Explorer. Shortly thereafter Number One came out of the woods. We asked them how they did. "Just average," they said. Then they proceeded to produce huge bags filled with huge bass. "Well, we have to try our favorite pond before it gets too late." They said and they jumped in the Jeep. "Those guys are like Kung-Fu BassMasters, I said to Steve in amazement. "Do you mean Ninja BassMasters?" He replied. We both looked at each other and laughed.

This story really has a lot to do with St. George's Church. This church is simply a place where lasting friendships take place. **Steve and Kay Hansell** have been great friends to **Mary Ann and I** and to the Church. Although they hail from the East they seem like they have always been part of the activities here at the church and the Miami Valley. Cordial, charitable, knowledgeable, fun, good and decent people. It's almost like the beginning line of a resume' for all of the friends we've made at this wonderful place of worship. We will miss them and wish them luck and good health and pray that they find a church as good as the one they are leaving.

Summer is upon us. At St. George's, expect to have a day that's way more than "just average". Take the opportunity to make new friendships or freshen up some old ones under the watchful love we enjoy in **Jesus Christ** and St. George's Church. Remember too, that a church needs money to operate so keep up with your pledges during these warm months...Uh, Oh!!! My son, **Joe** and I are heading down to the Little Miami for a little fishing. I can't wait to show off my new camouflage T-shirt and hat...*Gotta Go!!!*

Peace be with you
Patrick MacKenzie

congratulations

...to **William Sangrey** who has been granted postulancy for the priesthood in the Episcopal Church.

...to the **Rev. Kiah Dennis Webster** on her graduation from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. Kiah will be ordained a priest June 24 at St. Matthew's Church in Westerville, Ohio, and will serve at St. Paul's Church in Chillicothe.

...to **Al Howey** on his May 24 graduation trumpet recital at Sinclair Community College.

...to **James and Thomas Rodgers** on receiving their degrees from Wright State.

...to **Ellen Erisman and Douglas Dill** who were married from St. George's on May 6. Ellen is the daughter of **Don Erisman**.

...to **Crystal Bishop and Thomas Whittington** who were married from St. George's on May 13

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baptized

at St. George's on May 6:

Bradly Richard Carey, son of **Steven and Kimberly Carey**.

holy baptism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at the 10:30 service on Sunday, July 2. Please contact the Rector if you desire baptism for yourself or a member of your family.

condolences

...to **Esther Wright and her family** on the death of husband **Jim**, a long-time member of St. George's. Jim's life was celebrated at a memorial service May 20.

...to **Jim and Bev Montgomery** on the April 28 death of Bev's father, **Frank Armitage**.

...to **Jean and Terry Tarr** on the recent death of Jean's mother **Mary Evans**.

goodbye

...to **Steve and Kay Hansell**, long-time members of St. George's, who are moving to the Richmond, VA. Kay has served as Co-chair of the Visions Implementation Committee and Chair of the Aesthetics Committee, and Steve as a member of the Vestry. Both have been active in St. George's Youth and Christian Formation programs over the years.

...to the **Coomber Family – Steve, Patricia, Elizabeth, Vandi, and Ken** – who have moved to the Tampa, Florida, area. Elizabeth served as co-president of the Youth Group.

thank you

...to **Marilyn Tolnitch** for two memorial gifts: one in memory of her husband Harold for the western sidewalk improvements; and one in memory of Roz Young for the choir program.

...to **Louise Evans** for her gift of the wrought iron railing recently installed on the steps of the St. Francis Garden.

*St. George's is supported
by the voluntary giving of its members.
Pledge cards are available on the Welcome Table,
and contributions envelopes by calling the office.
434-1781*

Make room in your life for the Savior!

**vacation
bible
School
to Bethlehem**

Bethlehem Village VBS challenges us all to make room for a Savior in our lives.

We will step back in time to the village of Bethlehem 2000 years ago. It is census time and the little town is crowded. There is rumor of a very special baby that is to be born.

Come join the excitement and experience the miracle of the Christ child's birth. This is an event to which the whole church is welcome! A registration form is included in this Orbit.

June 26, 27, 29 and 30 from 9-11am

June 28 Family night and dinner 5:45-8pm

(if you are busy during the day—join us on **Family Night**)

There are many different ways you can be a part of VBS.

We need:

***Tribe leaders** and assistant tribe leaders.: lead opening and closing rituals you do with your tribe (about 5-10 min. each), and take your tribe to the various areas (marketplace, village playground, gathering)

* **Shop owners:** decorate shop, teach the “apprentices” their craft while talking to the children about what is happening in town as their character would.

***Drama team:** team members are the ones that perform the skit by the well each day. Most roles are only for one day.

We are also in need of dining canopies for tents, empty gallon milk jugs with lids, bags of beans and seeds (for making mosaics), patio stones and as always, your prayers!

*Please consider making this a part of your summer. The church needs **YOUR** gifts!*

**pre-VBS
planning
party**

June 21st from 5-9 pm we will have a “Pizza and Prep” night in the Undercroft as we make decorations, check supplies and make sure all is ready for our Bethlehem Village VBS. If you are helping with VBS, add this night to your calendar. There will be activities for the whole family (and child care offered for the wee ones!).

Join us and get to know the other “Village People” of Bethlehem Village!

**bethlehem
village
building**

You have heard, “It takes a village to raise a child”—Well, we are adding a preface: “it takes a church to build a village.” Please join us after church On Sunday June 25th and help us set up the tents and dining canopies for our Bethlehem Village VBS. Subs and beverages will be provided to keep your strength up!

**“thank you”
picnic**

For all who helped with Sunday school, VBS, Wonder-Full Wednesdays and other Christian Formation events.

St. George's would like to thank you for your time and commitment to our Christian Formation programs this past year, so we are going to have a Swim party/Cook-out for you and your family !!!

Date: Sunday, July 2, 2006, 2:00-5:00pm

Location: Carol and Tom Hull's Home 5570 Viewpoint Dr., Centerville, OH 45459

RSVP: Patti King 294-7932 (by June 30)

**Fiesta!
summer story**

We are kicking up our **Summer Story hour**

this year with Group Publishing's “

Fiesta” Curriculum.



In the summer months, children go to church with their families during the 10 :30 service. When the Gradual Hymn is sung, before the gospel, children go to the Undercroft and “get fired up about Jesus!” We will be focusing on lessons from the gospels and the book of Acts in the context of a Fiesta theme.

Children will then return to the sanctuary for the Eucharist.

Volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Contact Patti if you want to be part of the party!



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

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



**sunday
morning
bible study**

...every week, **9:30 –10:15 a.m.** in the Parish Hall. Pick up your service bulletin (with its lectionary insert) and join a conversation on one of the readings for the day. Find out what the preacher couldn't include in the sermon and what God might have to say to you today through the gospel!

**monday
evening
reading
group**

... On June 26, at 7:00 p.m., the group will discuss *The Glass Palace*, by Amitav Ghosh, a historical novel set in Burma and India. This book is available through local booksellers and libraries. The discussion group is led by parishioner **Laurie Benner**.

**c.s. lewis
reading
group
tuesday
evening**

..."In this house are many doors...But only one leads to another world."
Theatrical trailer for "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe"

...Walk into another world with the C.S. Lewis Reading Group as we enjoy the beloved *Chronicles of Narnia*., and meets at 7:30 on Tuesdays in the Youth Center. See **Paul St. Germain** for more information. **The group will not meet June 13, 20, nor July 4.**

**men's
group at
st. george's
saturday**

...The men meet the **second Saturday** of every month at **8:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall to enjoy fellowship, continental breakfast and a variety of programs. **Tom Hull**, thull@woh.rr.com.

**can you
help**

hospitality hour

We have an urgent need for volunteers. Hospitality 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 **Carol Herrick 433-0143.**

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.

**vestry
digest**

At their May 15 meeting, St. George's Vestry conducted these items of business:

- Heard a presentation by Bob Gustafson, committee member for the diocesan Commission on Congregational Life, about a demographic study of St. George's area.
- Received information from the Associate Rector about the upcoming General Convention in Columbus.
- Received a Cash Assets Summary from Treasurer Josh Feldmeth.
- Heard updates from Implementation Committee members Jim Montgomery and Pat MacKenzie regarding the Township sidewalk project and a proposed flooring project for the main sanctuary.
- Thanked Steve Hansell for his service on his Vestry. Following his retirement from Wright State, Steve and Kay are moving to Virginia.

update

ON THE SEARCH FOR AN ORGANIST – CHOIR DIRECTOR The Rector and Search Committee are in the process of interviewing several candidates for the part-time position of Organist and Choir Director, with finalists being asked to audition on the organ and with the choir. Dr. Benedum's retirement is effective Sunday, July 30th and substitute musicians are scheduled for part of June and July and all of August. We hope to have concluded the search process by early July and to have the new person on staff by September 1.

The Search Committee includes Steve Gustafson, Yvonne Jennings, Lynn Olive, Jason Plosch, and Julie Powers.

**kenyon
summer
conference**

July 23 – July 28

...is sponsored by the Bishops of the Diocese of Ohio and Southern Ohio. On the campus of Kenyon College in Gambier Ohio. This year's theme is "I Will with God's Help" with keynote speaker Dr. Horace Clarence Boyer, who has published over 40 articles, contributed to many anthologies on music and authored the popular book, *How Sweet the Sound: the Golden Age of Gospel*. Interested persons may register and get more information about the conference by going to the website at www.kenyonconference.org.

**episcopal
relief &
develop-
ment**

...Your Gifts Aid Families Most Ravaged By Hurricanes Last year's hurricane season caused unimaginable suffering for residents living in the Gulf Coast states. The storms killed more than 1,300 people, displaced about 1.5 million families, and destroyed almost 275,000 homes. Yet today, because of your generous gifts, physically and emotionally devastated communities have hope for the future. While other agencies are leaving, ERD and its diocesan partners still continue to restore and strengthen Gulf Coast communities, pledging almost 7.7 million for 2006. Your continued generous support will help us serve the most vulnerable through many important recovery phases: Case Management, Psychosocial Care, Livelihood and Housing Renewal. Please visit www.er-d.org/katrina for more information about the multi-year recovery program. On behalf of the people we serve, thank you again for reaching out to so many. **Robert W. Radtke**, *President, Episcopal Relief and Development*.

**proctor
summer
camp**

...Please join us for faith formation, swimming, boating, games, crafts, and campfires with glorious sunsets. Bring your friends and enjoy making new friends, while becoming spiritually recharged. From my personal experience, Procter Camp is a wonderful way to enjoy summer activities while focusing on my spiritual growth, in a relaxed setting. Camps are organized for children, as well as adults.

Please see Procter Summer Camp poster, in the Parish Hall or see the "Interfaith" newsletter or go online to www.dsoyouth.org. for descriptions of camps.

For questions, you can contact **Rev. Ruth Paulus**, *summer camp director at 937-878-5614 or rb1paulus@yahoo.com*.

Or, you can contact me, for a camper's experience; my family and I have enjoyed the Family Camp for three years and my teenage son has enjoyed the Intermediate Camp the last two years. Call **Cindy White 291-1403** or write **CSPD1@woh.rr.com**. Hope to see you there! **THANKS!!! Cindy White**

**general
Convention**
...meets
**June 13-21 at the
Columbus
Convention
Center.**

...What is General Convention?

It is the legislative body of the Episcopal Church, which meets every three years. Like the American Congress, Convention is a bicameral legislature with two houses. The House of Bishops includes all active and retired bishops. The House of Deputies has over 800 members, with four lay and four clergy deputies elected from every diocese. One of Southern Ohio's alternate deputies is St. George's own assistant Youth Leader, Thomas Rodgers.

...What are the issues?

The theme for the Convention is "Come and Grow." The House of Bishops will elect a new Presiding Bishop June 18 to serve a 9-year term. A major issue for discussion will be the relationship of the Episcopal Church with other provinces in the world-wide Anglican Communion. Convention will hold hearings and consider hundreds of resolutions about a wide range of topics. General Convention sets policy and priorities for the Episcopal Church and approves the three-year budget.

...Visitors are welcome! Registration fee is \$15 per day.

Visitors can participate in the daily eucharists at 9:30 A.M. and attend the huge Convention worship Saturday, June 17, at 10:00 A.M. The Exhibit Hall has things to buy and displays from all kinds of Episcopal and other groups, and a great Southern Ohio booth. Visitors can observe the House Bishops and House of Deputies in session. A visit to General Convention gives a never-to-be-forgotten view of the breadth and vitality of the Episcopal Church!

For more information, check the websites for the Diocese of Southern Ohio and the Episcopal Church, both of which are available by links from St. George's website.

An octave of prayer for General Convention begins June 4 on Pentecost. Please pray for our church.

**prayers for
the 75th
general
convention**

*...Commissioned by
the General Conven-
tion Office and written
by the Rev'd Jennifer
Phillips, vicar of St.
Augustine's Church,
Kingston, R.I.*

For the 75th General Convention

God our Wisdom,
who eternally makes all things new: encourage by your Holy Spirit those who prepare for General Convention to labor together for the building up of your world and your Church; counsel them when to act and when to wait; turn their hearts always toward those in greatest need, and away from their own preoccupations and fears; help them never forget that love and mercy are your greatest gifts given us all to offer one another as we see in them Jesus Christ who alone is our joy, our way, our truth, and our life.

For Participants

God of light and life:
As General Convention draws near, Help me to continue to grow up in all ways into Christ. Fill me with energy for the work before me; show me your surprising face in the people around me; delight me afresh with the variety of your creation; inspire me with a vision of your justice becoming concrete in the world; and above all, teach me to love you and my neighbor more fully, less grudgingly, and with more forbearance day by day, and give me the grace of good humor, the leaven of laughter, and the tonic of hope through it all, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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growing
in

00-2700 230 0<0- 0-10-750

...Looking for a volunteer instructor qualified to train church staff and parishioners on how to use St. George's defibrillator. Contact **Deacon Dr. Connie McCarroll**, 252-0830 or 239-8692. Thank you!

...Those interested in tutoring an **English As a Second Language** course beginning in July, please contact **Deacon Connie** at 252-0830.

...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...**Connie McCarroll**,
Chairman, Social Issues.

salvation army (booth house) ...Next opportunity to assist will be Wednesday, **June 14**, and **July's date is July 12**. Dinner will be prepared in the undercroft kitchen 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Servers carpool to the shelter at 4:30 p.m. The dinner crew needs cookies and 9X13 cakes to serve for dessert. Please bring your donation to the undercroft by 3:30 p.m. Contact **Mary Maclean**, 427-2315 if you would like to join the crew of cooks or servers.

Salvation Army Bakers: Thank you so much for making sure we have dessert for the residents of the Salvation Army. A special thanks and goodbye to Kay Hansell, who for more months than I can remember has had a cake in the kitchen for us, and when she is out of town or incapacitated has always let us know that we need a cake from someone else. Our thanks to **Peggy Miller, Jane Robbins, Shelia Browning, Pat Davis**, and anyone else who has helped us by baking. We can always use a cake by second Wednesday of the month, and they should be in the kitchen downstairs by 4:00. Thanks again for all your help.

the other place ...The homeless community of Dayton is growing. Please donate food, if you can, for the fourth Saturday morning of each month, when St. George's serves breakfast at The Other Place. Call Marty DeMarey (671-2512), or Mary Rollins (293-7940) to make arrangements if you are able to donate food. Thank you very much

FROM THE MAILBOX



Dear Friends, Thank you all for your loving caring thoughts. I am so blessed to be a part of St. George's and friends like you. Love, **Peg Miller**

Dear Ones, Thank you so much for the lovely altar flowers, prayers and cards—especially those from Keith & Yvonne Jennings during my recent injury and surgery. I miss you all. Love, **Jane Stone**

Dear Friends: Thank you so much for your generous giving for over twenty years. Many of you have helped cook or serve the food to the men at the Salvation Army Booth House once a month. We would like you to know that your donation makes a difference to our residents. God Bless you! Sincerely, **Jane Benner**, Program Director, The Salvation Army.

Dear Friends, I would like to express our deep gratitude for your recent donation to the House of the People. Your gift, matched by the Friends of the Friends, has gone a long way to bring us out of the deep financial hole we faced at the beginning of the year. Sincerely, **David Leach**, President, Friends of the House of the People.

Dear Rev. Hull: Thank you for your gift to the Forward Movement Easter Fund, making possible the distribution of Forward Day by Day and other devotional literature to hospitals, prisons and juvenile detention centers at no charge to them. Thank you very much. Faithfully, **Richard H. Schmidt**, Editor and Director, FMP

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 with their four daughters in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. E-mail: DohnFamily@sams-usa.org

...Every Wednesday around 8:00 AM at the diocesan clinic, the staff and patients gather for an informal devotional time. Everything stops (even the cleaning personnel lay down their mops) and we congregate under a tin roof on an open-air patio at the clinic. The clinic personnel take turns giving the devotions by presenting a Bible reading and a short meditation.

Recently, it was my turn and I had completely forgotten about it. I had nothing prepared and had not even brought my Bible. I chose to use the 23rd Psalm mostly because I already had it memorized in Spanish. It worked beautifully. It is beloved and well-known to Christians, whether in English or Spanish or whatever language. "... I shall not want ... He makes me rest in green pastures ... In the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ..." Our patients, and their families waiting with them, shared their faith in the face of their poverty, their tranquility in the face of hardship, their fears of death in the face of illness, and their reliance on the Lord. Someone gave thanks for the clinic and its staff. I did not have to give a meditation at all. At the end, one of the patients sang an acappella version of the 23rd Psalm that was (if not melodically precise) heartfelt praise.

**lay
eucharistic
visitors**

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

**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)*.

Supervisory meetings for Stephen Ministers are held at St. George's on the Third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. 'til noon. *Upcoming meeting dates are June 17. and July 15.*

**prayer
chain**

Prayer Chain requests
contact

Yvonne Jennings, 435-0055 kjennings1@woh.rr.com

or

Carolyn Thomas, 298-0064
ckttenn@aol.com

homebound?

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

altar flowers

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

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

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

**miami
valley
episcopal
russian
network**

...*On June 18*, six teenagers from MVERN's partner parish in Sablino, Russia, will arrive in Dayton, along with their escort, Dr. Igor Tolochin. For the next two weeks they will stay in the homes of Episcopal teenagers, getting to know our families, our communities, churches, schools, and our love. This is the ninth youth exchange sponsored by MVERN (Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network).

Episcopal youth from throughout the region will be invited to meet the Russian teens at several events, including a worship service, a dance and a swimming party. Parish youth leaders will have the details as soon as they are finalized. Our young guests will include Ghenya Alexandrov, Ilya Korshun, Olga Korneeva, Julia Egorova, Kristina Marinkina, and Marina Kartashova, all of whom are active members of St. Nicholas Russian Church. Typical teenagers, our visitors enjoy sports, art, computers, and music and are excited about their first visit to the United States. Dr. Tolochin has been a frequent visitor to the Miami Valley and is a professor of English at St. Petersburg University. Our guests will return to Russia on July 3, tired but full of memories of their American friends. For further information about the exchange, please contact Mary Kay or Craig Allen at 937/339-7049 or via E-mail at marycraig2@verizon.net.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the toys and gifts for the children of the parish, During previous Christmas celebrations your gifts gave our children a lot of joy and you have brought more joy for the coming Christmas season. Thank you for your kind care. These gifts are also a significant contribution to the budget of our Youth Center, which organizes Christmas celebrations for the youth of Sablino. *May the Lord bless you all, Yours in Christ, Fr. Nikolai Aksenov*, Rector, St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, Sablino, Russia

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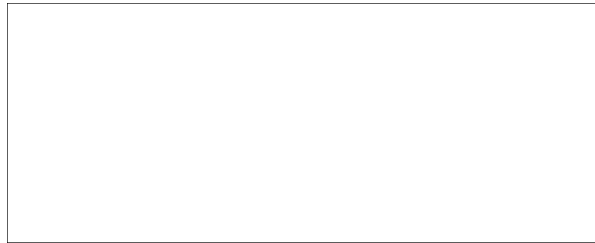
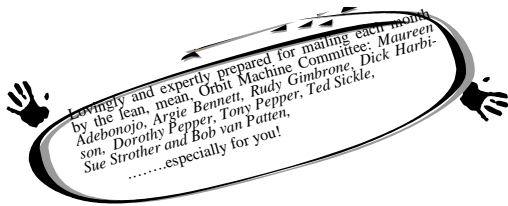
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