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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# The Orbit

## Vacation Bible School

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of St. George's Episcopal Church is to foster a diverse, loving and faithful community, founded on scripture, tradition and reason.

We encourage everyone, through fellowship with one another and the Holy Spirit, to share time, talent and treasure in the worship of God, development of faith in Jesus Christ, and service to our community and the world.



*Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe  
Openings still available!*

*Don't miss your chance to be a part of VBS 2011!*

*August 1 - 5: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon*

*An experience you'll never forget! There will be something for everyone!*

*Enjoy painting? Enjoy food? Help us before VBS as we create tasty sets and decorations: giant plates of spaghetti.....no cooking required!*

*Want to play in the kitchen? Join the "Foodology Factory"!*

*Want to "Wok & Roll"? Get your groove on and join the VBS Praise Band. Instrumentalists will be auditioned the week of June 5th.*

*Are crafts your forte? Help decorate aprons or make "sharing boxes"!*

*Maybe games are more your speed; "Restaurant roundup" or "Mix it, mash it, melt it".*

*Love Drama "a la King"? Join the Biblical storytelling team for VBS and reignite the St George's Players!*

*See the registration table in the lounge!*

*Call or e-mail us!*

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**St George's**  
Episcopal Church

## From the Rector

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### MONTHLY ORBIT INFORMATION:

Deadline is the 15th of each month for the upcoming month. Please send to Diane Gentner at dtgentner@gmail.com

### SUNDAY ORBIT INFORMATION:

Must be submitted by noon each Tuesday for the following Sunday to Jan Gimbrone, administrator@stgeorgeohio.org.

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday - Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**



In a short time we will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, the day where the Church marks and remembers a number of things. Firstly, we mark and remember that Jesus has not only died on the cross for our sins and was raised to life for our justification (Romans 4:25), but has ascended into heaven. Remember, Ascension Day was June 2nd! In other words, in a very real sense “Jesus has left the building.” But he will return, and in the meantime he is still with us through his own Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit,

whom he promised to send.

This is of course the next and primary thing we celebrate at Pentecost, which is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, as recorded in Acts 2. God had been promising for some time that one day he would “pour out his Spirit on all flesh” (Joel 2:28) and great and wonderful things would happen at that time. Through the Holy Spirit we receive new birth, new life, and through the Spirit we are in Christ and he in us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the fearful and timid disciples became bold witnesses of Jesus Christ and began to fulfill God’s mission in the world.

Thus the Day of Pentecost marks the “birthday” of the Church, which is the third thing we celebrate. After Jesus was

raised from the dead he told his followers to remain in Jerusalem until the Spirit came, and only after that would the next part of God’s redemptive plan begin to take affect. The result of the coming of the Spirit was the beginning of the Church, the Body of Christ, of which we are a part today. For there is “one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope... one Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all (Ephesians 4:4-5).

The Day of Pentecost is indeed a remarkable day of celebration of the Holy Spirit, and in keeping with that over the next few weeks in June I will be preaching on the Holy Spirit and looking at just who the Spirit is and what he does. So stay tuned!

Yours in Christ,

*Ben*

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

## St. George’s Episcopal Church

	Current Period	Year to Date	2011	2011
	April	Totals	4/12 Budget	Total Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Contributions	\$ 38,743	\$ 162,226	\$ 130,719	\$ 392,158
Other Income	\$ 3,147	\$ 10,495	\$ 8,224	\$ 24,672
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 41,890</b>	<b>\$ 172,721</b>	<b>\$ 138,943</b>	<b>\$ 416,830</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Parish Program	\$ 8,631	\$ 38,944	\$ 47,969	\$ 143,908
Personnel	\$ 15,800	\$ 64,154	\$ 62,073	\$ 186,220
Bldg/Ground	\$ 9,431	\$ 51,552	\$ 45,242	\$ 136,969
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,862</b>	<b>\$ 154,650</b>	<b>\$ 155,699</b>	<b>\$ 467,097</b>
Prior Year Carry-over				\$ 42,375
<b>Net Inc/(Exp)</b>	<b>\$ 8,028</b>	<b>\$ 18,071</b>	<b>\$ (16,756)</b>	<b>\$ (7,892)</b>



## Senior Warden Report

Last month, Michele, Adam and I attended one of the Sunday Potluck dinners. I've always been a fan of buffet type meals as I hate to wait and prefer the variety they offer. When it comes to Chinese food, Michele loves either of the area China Cottages but for me, I'll take a place like China Buffet just so I can try a bit of everything. It reminds me of my younger years when I went on family vacations. My brother, sister and I would always be on the lookout for a Smorgasbord just so we could try everything (or almost everything—Sauer kraut was never for me). Of course, the best thing was always the soft serve ice cream machine. Looking back on it, I'm sure my parents were less than

thrilled with our dinner selection but I suppose they realized it was a vacation and how often would we kids get to eat at a place like this? Smorgasbords weren't exactly plentiful in Connecticut. More importantly for St. George's, it is a chance for us to get to know each other better and build a stronger bond. During his time on the Vestry, Eric Schryver would often mention how he felt that it was important that we dine together as a parish and I think he is right. Ben even mentioned this in his sermon on 5/14-5/15 and we experience it every week as we share Communion together. There is something different about sitting down with seven or so other people at a table and shar-

ing some time together in a relaxed manner. Sure, we get together for coffee hour following the 10:30 a.m. service or chat in the narthex after the other services. But those scenarios typically don't give us a chance to really get to know each other. The Spaghetti Supper in January is always one of the best attended events of the year for our parish. I know there are a variety of reasons for this but I do think most of us realize what an enjoyable time it is to spend time with each other outside of the normal church setting. Everyone is relaxed and just enjoying a simple meal and good conversation (though I know Julie Powers and crew may not think it is so simple!). Starting in June, St.

George's will be hosting Second Sunday potluck dinners which, as the name implies, will be the second Sunday of each month. I hope you decide to join us, especially if you attend the 5:00 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. service—it is a great way to meet our whole parish. The food is always great and while we may not have a soft serve ice cream machine, I'm sure you'll find something good for dessert!

Rob Johnson



**Sunday June 12**  
**Sunday July 10**  
**Sunday August 14**  
 Time: 6:00 p.m.  
 Location: Parish Hall

Please join us for the Second Sunday Suppers this summer. Bring a dish to share for these potluck suppers and enjoy time together. The whole family is welcome. Questions can be addressed to Elizabeth Gustafson (433-4170 [gustafso@udayton.edu](mailto:gustafso@udayton.edu)) or Diane Gentner (438-1257, [dtgentner@gmail.com](mailto:dtgentner@gmail.com))

For more information, check our website at [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org)

## Music at St. George's

Ah...summer! June brings to mind cool breezes, warm summer nights for outdoor concerts and a summer break for the choir. Many thanks to all the folks who have given generously of their time and spirit to help bring music to our worship services. The weekly commitments of the singers is greatly appreciated and I'm sure they will tell you well worth the time spent. We have grown musically, spiritually and strengthened relationships with our fellow members.

I can't even tell you how much fun our small group of Children's Choir members and our younger Joyful Noise choir has had this spring! I thank them for their commitment to early Sunday morning rehearsals and thank their parents for bringing them to church! We have LOTS of room and instruments for more students, so plan to join us this summer. Next fall will be loaded with fun music, Orff ensemble pieces (xylophones & percussion) and an awesome Christmas drama!

While the choir takes a summer respite, the music still goes on and the planning for next fall begins. Christmas in July is all true for music directors! Here's how you can get involved in music over the summer:

**1. Get involved in special music for services:**

Sing a solo, or in a small group  
Play an instrument

**2. Join our VBS praise band**

Singers, percussion, bass, guitar, keyboards--if you have always wanted to play in a band, hone your skills, enjoy fellowship and learn some new music, this is the place for you. We are an intergenerational group --we accept all ages!

Auditions are necessary to assess your ability to read charts and get around your instrument smoothly. Believe me, the audition is more for me to know how to proceed with the rehearsal process than for your skill level! Rehearsals will be scheduled according to the members availability

**3. Summer Sunday School**

Even Sunday school is a great place to enjoy music--every week we will open with some exciting songs to get your feet tappin' and help you learn some of our Shake it Up VBS tunes!!

**4. Vacation Bible School**

VBS is going to Shake it Up at the Wok 'n Roll cafe in August: not only singing, but live music and dancing will be part of how we learn about God's recipe for our lives!

**Beyond the music...St George's Players reignites!**

I'm looking for adults/teens interested in drama for VBS this summer. We will become Biblical storytellers and act out various scenes from the Bible to help the children understand the Word. If you were involved in drama at St George years ago, or if you would like to try your hand at a little acting, please let me know. Our first meeting will be Sunday, June 12th after the 10:30am service to discuss scripts.

With all good drama also comes good sets: I'm also looking for set painters to create our backdrops for VBS. If you are skilled with a saw or paintbrush, join us on Sunday, June 12th to start brainstorming (or get direction) your sets!

Linda Mench, Music Director

**For more information, check our website at [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org)**



## Christian Formation Corner

### New Sunday School Time (9:30 a.m.)

Beginning Sunday, June 5!

Children 3 yrs. – 5th grade

Meet in the undercroft at 9:30 a.m. for Music with Linda, Bible story/study, some great games, and age appropriate activities! Adult/ Youth helpers are always needed and welcomed with many open arms!

### New Series!

3rd Saturday Family Movie Night

Join us Saturday, June 18th at 5:00p.m.

in the Parish Hall (think BIG screen)

a light meal and movie complete with popcorn!

Our first show will be

**Wall – E!**



Becky Grushon  
Minister for Christian Formation

## Bible Study Opportunities

The Rector's Bible Study led by The Rev. Phillips, has resumed the study on Galatians at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Parish Hall.

Weekly Bible Study continues to meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall to study the gospel according to Matthew, and Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the lectionary readings for the day. Both groups are led by Becky Clark, 859-8316.

Study  
to shew thyself  
approved...

2 Timothy 2:15



**REMINDER:** Saturday night 5:00 p.m. service moves to Sunday night 5:00 p.m. on the weekend of June 11-12.

*There will be no 5:00 p.m. service on Saturday, June 11.*

*The Sunday 5:00 p.m. service begins June 12.*

For more information, check our website at [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org)

### THE SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMISSION

New participants are always welcome. The Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. George's. Contact John Weiler, Chair, at 748-9958.

## St. George Reaching Out

The local organizations described below have been receiving donations from St. George's for several years. Thus far this year, the Social Outreach Commission has designated \$500 for each organization.



**The Artemis Center** is one of the organizations that has consistently been supported by St. George's. It provides support and information for victims of domestic violence and their children. In 2011, the Artemis Center served 5,794 individuals. In collaboration with the YWCA Shelter and Housing Network, it operates a 24-hour domestic violence hotline. Programs include direct emergency assistance, such as transportation to shelters, funds for changing locks, utilities and legal expenses, and legal advocacy. The Artemis Center also provides community education, children's programs and support groups. For more information about the Artemis Center for Alternatives to Domestic Violence, check out their website at [www.artemiscenter.org](http://www.artemiscenter.org).



**Daybreak** has been serving Miami Valley youth in crisis since 1975. In fiscal year 2010, Daybreak received 2,537 requests for help. The organization serves area youth in three programs:

- Emergency Shelter provides safe shelter, three meals a day, counseling, and other support for youth ages 10 to 18.
- Housing and self-sufficiency provides housing, support, and life skills training for youth ages 18 to 21.
- Outreach provides street youth and couch-hoppers with necessities such as food, blankets, and bus tokens while helping them find a safe place to live.

For more information about Daybreak, you can visit their website at [www.daybreakdayton.org](http://www.daybreakdayton.org).

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

### USHERS

Men, women and couples are welcome. To volunteer to serve approximately once a month as a 10:30 a.m. usher contact: Don Smith at 433-3759, or church office. To usher for the 5:00 p.m. services, contact Dan Strawn at 312-1256, or email him at [dstrawn@hotmail.com](mailto:dstrawn@hotmail.com).

### STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry supports the pastoral care efforts of the clergy. If you or anyone you know would benefit from a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister, contact Fay Layden at 433-3867, or Jean Case at 434-4260. Supervision meetings are on the third Tuesdays of the month.

### LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

If you would like to have communion brought to you, on a one-time, temporary, or long-term basis, please call the church office at 434-1781.

### HOSPITALITY HOUR

Do you enjoy visiting with your friends after the 10:30 a.m. service with coffee and a snack? Please sign up in the Parish Hall for coffee hour to continue this tradition. Contact: Sue Schryver at 433-1252 or email her at [Lericsue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lericsue@sbcglobal.net)

### GREETERS

Greeters are people who make sure there is a friendly face to greet all who come to worship at St. George's by being at the entrance to the church on Sunday to greet visitors and make them feel welcome. Contact Linda and Jeremy Curtoys at 312-1041.

### ALTAR GUILD

The members of St. George's Altar Guild work behind the scenes to prepare the church for worship and to care for the vestments and liturgical objects. Contact Sara Rich at 293-6669.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Ministry has two prayer ministers in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit following Communion at the 10:30 a.m. service on the first and third Sundays of each month. We anoint, lay on hands and pray for healing of body, spirit, emotions, relationships, memories. We also offer intercessory prayer as we pray to be conduits of God's healing love to His glory, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

### AUDIO CDs FOR THE HOMEBOUND

You can listen to the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Call the church office to be put on the list to receive audio CDs. Audio recordings of the Rev. Phillips' sermons are available on the St. George website.



THE HOUSE OF BREAD needs volunteers the third Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to serve meals, set up and clean up after. Your help during any portion of these hours will be deeply appreciated. Please call Phyllis DeMarco at 898-4820 to volunteer.

<http://houseofbread.org/>

### Did You Know?

- **You can sign up for the St. George email blast on our website.** Go to [www.stgeorgeohio.org](http://www.stgeorgeohio.org) and click on current events. In the upper right hand corner there is an email list icon. Click on the icon and enter your email address. The email blast is used to notify members of important events in the life of the congregation.
- **St. George's has a Facebook page.** Search for "St. George's Episcopal Church Dayton, OH" on Facebook and click the "Like" icon to be notified when anything new is posted.
- **The Rector has a new Sermon BLOG** you can search the archived sermons at: <http://rectorswords.blogspot.com/>. You can also subscribe to receive the sermons as podcasts at the blog address.

To my church family,

I want to thank everyone for their cards, calls and concern during my four-month stay in the hospital for a very complicated open heart surgery. The recovery is slow and trying but you all have been so kind and I am so grateful. God bless you all.

Sheila Browning

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### PHOTO CREDITS

Photos in this issue of the Orbit were submitted by Eric Schryver. We invite photos of parish activities and interesting events in the lives of our parishioners. Please submit your images to Eric Schryver at [Lericsue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lericsue@sbcglobal.net).

**Return Service Requested**

**JUNE 2011 CALENDAR**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.	2 <b>Dragon Slayers</b> 9:00 a.m.  <b>Education for Ministry</b> 6:30 p.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:00 p.m.	3 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.  <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:30 p.m.	4 <b>Healing Service with Holy Eucharist</b> 5:00 p.m.  <b>NA (Closed)</b> 8:00 p.m.
5 <b>SENIOR SUNDAY</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Rector's Bible Study</b> <b>Adult Bible Study &amp; Summer Sunday School</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Holy Eucharist &amp; Prayer Ministry</b> 10:30 a.m.	6 <b>Prayer Shawl Ministry</b> 1:00 p.m.	7 <b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m.  <b>Knights of the Roundtable</b> 11:45 am  <b>C.S. Lewis Reading Group</b> 7:30 p.m.	8 <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.  <b>Prayer Ministry</b> 7:00 p.m.  <b>Praise Band Auditions</b> 7:00 P.M.	9 <b>Dragon Slayers</b> 9:00 a.m.  <b>Education for Ministry</b> 6:30 p.m.  <b>Choir Practice</b> 7:00 p.m.	10 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.  <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:30 p.m.	11 <b>NA (Closed)</b> 8:00 p.m.
12 <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Rector's Bible Study</b> <b>Adult Bible Study &amp; Summer Sunday School</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. <b>SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER</b> 6:00 P.M.	13 <b>Reading Group</b> 7:00 p.m.	14 <b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m.  <b>C.S. Lewis Reading Group</b> 7:30 p.m.	15 <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.  <b>Monthly Orbit Deadline</b>	16 <b>Dragon Slayers</b> 9:00 a.m.  <b>Education for Ministry</b> 6:30 p.m.	17 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.  <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:30 p.m.	18 <b>NA (Closed)</b> 8:00 p.m.
19 <b>FATHERS DAY</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Rector's Bible Study</b> <b>Adult Bible Study &amp; Summer Sunday School</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Holy Eucharist</b> with <b>Prayer Ministry</b> 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.	20 <b>Vestry Meeting</b> 7:15 p.m.	21 <b>Stephen Ministry</b> 9:30 A.M.  <b>Staff Meeting</b> 10:00 a.m.  <b>C.S. Lewis Reading Group</b> 7:30 p.m.	22 <b>Bible Study</b> 9:30 a.m.	23 <b>Dragon Slayers</b> 9:00 a.m.  <b>Education for Ministry</b> 6:30 P.M.	24 <b>Office Closed</b>  <b>AA Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.  <b>AA Meeting</b> 8:30 p.m.	25 <b>NA (Closed)</b> 8:00 p.m.
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