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The Orbit

Holy Week and Easter

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.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.

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 17

5:00 p.m./

Sunday, April 18

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 21

7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy, April 22

7:00 p.m.

The Great Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 23rd

7:00 p.m.

Festival Holy Eucharist

Easter Day, April 24

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Incense will be used at the 10:30 a.m. service.

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.



Imagine a scene from one of the many hospital/doctor drama shows on television where the attending surgeon is getting ready to perform that all-critical procedure. The monitors beep, the tension mounts. Then, suddenly, the patient wakes up and tells the surgeon that he's fine and can do the surgery on himself. Asking for a scalpel, the patient then knocks away the hand of the surgeon. Such a scene would be quite ludicrous, even for drama-doctor television, but the point that it serves is to show us the mindset and condition we need to take on in order to receive care: passive. To truly have a successful surgery one must just simply lay there, injuries, cancer, appendicitis and all, laid bare for the doctors and nurses to see. It's not a comfortable place to be in general

from a health perspective, but it is also a very difficult place to be from a control perspective.

The season of Lent, especially represented in the penitential flavor of the Rite 1 liturgy, is intended to put us on a similar 'hospital bed' before God... and each other. Here's what I mean. In the Gospel lesson from the Second Sunday of Lent, Jesus is talking with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and leader in Jerusalem, and is telling him that in order to see and enter the Kingdom of Heaven one must be born from above (or born anew/born again). Nicodemus, naturally, misunderstands the concept and asks how an adult may enter the womb a second time. Jesus then explains that to be born anew is an act not of the individual but of the Holy Spirit. After all, which of us had any say in our own natural birth? Likewise to be born again is something that takes the power and initiative of God. Essentially we are rendered passive – in need of God's care. Of course we don't like this. To be human is to desire control. To be Christian is to die to control, trusting that the sovereign power and will of God is a control far better and gracious than anything we can

muster. But this passive release of control is also essential if we are to receive care from one another. I really believe that one of the hardest things a person can do is admit they need care and then be willing to receive that care from another. To do so puts us in a position of vulnerability – what will they think of me if they know my weaknesses, shortcomings, illness, and sin? To do so puts us in a place of humbleness – clearly I can't fix myself on my own and need another set of hands to 'perform the surgery'. During Lent this year I want to take some time to talk with the parish about being cared for. Did you know that we have a wonderful, dedicated, and well trained pastoral care team here at St. Georges? From Stephen Ministers, to Eucharistic Visitors, Health Ministry, and Prayer Ministry, there is an abundance of faithful people who have been called by the Lord to 'bear one another's burdens.' During Lent, it is very important to ask yourself, "Will I let go and be cared for?" both by God and by one another.

Yours in Christ,

Ben

FINANCIAL UPDATE

St. George's Episcopal Church

	Current Period	Year to Date	2011	2011
	February	Totals	2/12 Budget	Total Budget
Income				
Contributions	\$ 26,940	\$ 68,591	\$ 65,360	\$ 392,158
Other Income	\$ 2,232	\$ 5,087	\$ 4,112	\$ 24,672
Total Income	\$ 29,172	\$ 73,678	\$ 69,472	\$ 416,830
Expenses				
Parish Program	\$ 10,905	\$ 20,748	\$ 23,985	\$ 143,908
Personnel	\$ 15,185	\$ 34,178	\$ 31,037	\$ 186,220
Bldg/Ground	\$ 9,334	\$ 25,538	\$ 22,828	\$ 136,969
Total Expenses	\$ 35,424	\$ 80,464	\$ 77,850	\$ 467,097
Prior Year Carry-over				\$ 42,375
Net Inc/(Exp)	\$ (6,252)	\$ (6,786)	\$ (8,378)	\$ (7,892)



New Parish Leaders Elected



Senior Warden
Rob Johnson



Junior Warden
Max Heintz

Four Three-Year Vestry Terms



Samuel Adebonojo



Thelma Best



Judith Gaines



Kate Rodriguez



Jane McGee-Rafal

One One-Year Vestry Term

Lay Alternates to Diocesan Convention



Bryan Daly



Jeff Wehmeyer

Representative to the Dayton Deanery



Jean Tarr

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP FOR ST. GEORGE PHOTOGRAPHERS

Eric Schryver will host a three hour workshop after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 3, 2011, beginning at noon. We will either go to a nearby restaurant to eat and talk, and then return to the Undercroft; or go directly to the Undercroft and send out for sandwiches.

This will be a good chance to review basics, take photos, critique, and do image enhancements in Photoshop Elements 8. No charge except for your own meal. All interested photographers may attend. Bring your camera, tripod, and laptop with a trial version of Photoshop Elements 8 or 9 installed. Contact Eric at 433-1252 or leric sue@sbcglobal.net

For more information, check our website at www.stgeorgeohio.org

Music at St. George's



Organ Addition

Our organ is undergoing a transformation this spring as a Bourdon addition in the pedal will be installed. Technicians are currently installing the new set of pipes and wind chest through April 10. During the installation process the use of the organ will be diminished, but special music groups are planned to enhance our worship including Musici Anonymi (an early music, pre-Baroque consort); St George's men's choir and a guest violinist.

According to David Pike, Executive VP and Tonal Director at C.B. Fisk, Inc., the addition of a Bourdon 16' to the Pedal division of Opus 94 will add a whole new dimension to the instrument. It will provide a foundational yet gentle bass stop to complement the existing Pedal Prestant 16' and Posaune 16' stops. The Bourdon, unlike the full-length open Prestant, is a rank of stopped wood pipes; as such, this stop will be quick and responsive of speech, it will

blend extraordinarily well with other stops, and, when drawn together with the Spillpfeife 8' in the Pedal, it will accompany quiet combinations on the manuals very effectively. If used in tandem with the Pedal Prestant 16', the resulting sonority will be foundational, firm, and rich, providing an appropriate underpinning to any number of mezzo piano to mezzo forte combinations on the manuals.

Children's choirs

Children's choirs have begun music making on Sunday mornings:

Children 3rd-6th grades meet at 9:30 in the choir room and are preparing songs and an Orff instrument ensemble for Palm Sunday!

Joyful Noise choir (PreK-2nd grades) meet during Sunday School and are preparing a special musical offering for Easter Sunday.

Festival Choir

The Festival choir will sing for Palm Sunday

and Holy week services. Special music has been planned to help make these services reflective and inspirational as we receive God's word. Join us for the holy week journey: Palm Sunday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and Easter morning!

Choir 101: a music review and singing technique class is offered every Tuesday morning in the choir room at 11:30am; bring your lunch, for fellowship after singing. We review note reading, sight singing and work on some of the adult choir music. Attendees are welcome to join the adult choir for Thursday night rehearsals and Sunday morning singing as you are able.

As always, new members to the choirs are welcome anytime!

Linda Mench



For more information, check our website at www.stgeorgeohio.org

Christian Formation Corner

I am thankful for the thaw! I know we have an amazing Spring ahead of us! By the time you read this – Easter and its promise of resurrection will only be a few weeks away! Thanks be to God!

I am also thankful for:

The Arzola Family, the Galloway family, Ken and Hannah Grushon, Randy and Sophie Hughes, Ted and Carol Knox, Sue and Eric Schryver, Mark, Caroline and Leah Seeley, Ron and Carolyn Shubert, the Spitzmiller Family , Elayne Tribble, and all of the people I may have missed who helped make the pancake supper a huge success! We have such an amazing church family! You are all such a blessing to St. George's!

Dates to remember:

Sunday, April 10 – following 10:30 service

Another "Yeck" adventure! The Dorothy Yeck Arts Experience takes us downtown to the Dayton Art Institute for Lunch at "Café Monet", tours of the galleries, and an activity in the art classroom!

Group will be divided – Pre-K - 3rd grade, 4th grade and up.

Saves the dates:

Sunday, May 22 - Sunday School teacher/helper recognition!

VBS - August 1 – 5! Yes it will be here before we know it and it will be awesome! Please prayerfully consider volunteering.



Claire Margaret Arzola was born to Melissa and Jorge Arzola on February 7, 2011.

Remember – Easter Sunday, April 24, and the Sunday before Memorial Day, May 29, children will attend church with their families!

Becky Grushon

Youth Group Baking Service Project

We will be meeting Saturday April 9th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Undercroft Kitchen. We'll be baking oatmeal cookies and pumpkin cakes for the April Salvation Army meal. If we have extra time, we'll do a little spring cleanup outside. Those who are able to stay will attend the 5:00 p.m. service together. Also - don't forget to sign up for the Art Museum trip April 10.

Eucebius Meditation for Lent

The Stephen Ministers at St. George's invite you to a Eucebius Meditation on Wednesday, April 6th in the Parish Hall, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The entire Gospel of Mark will be read aloud, with periods of silence between readings and with special emphasis on the Passion Story. St. George's had a similar meditation last year, and it was most inspiring. Please come! Contact Steve Gustafson at 433-4170 with questions.

For more information, check our website at www.stgeorgeohio.org

SILENT AUCTION WRAP-UP

Thanks to all the individuals who contributed to the silent auction at the Spaghetti Supper: Marian Rodgers, Glenn Rodgers, Carol Knox, Rob Pinchot, Pat McNulty, Nancy Wilda, Susan Daly, Ian Daly, Steve Gustafson, Jean Tarr, Bev Montgomery, the Hards, Sarah Rich, Elayne Tribble, Diane Gentner, the Cottrells, Howard Sales, Eric Schryver, Neely Laubendorfer, Michelle Perram, the Shuberts, Chris Rowlands, Michelle Johnson, Meredith Spitzmiller, Rachel Gaines, Sheila Browning, Anne Booth, Dorothy Pepper, and Jane Weltz.

Thanks to those who helped cover tables and take in money:

Judy Gaines, Myra Katovich and Argi Bennett.

Thank you also to the businesses which donated items for the auction:

Meadowlark Restaurant – \$50 Gift Certificate

Dorothy Lane Market – \$40 Ohio basket

Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm – 4 free adult passes to Aullwood \$24

Soft Touch Car Wash (please confirm the name with Jean) – gift certificates

Yankee Trace Golf Club – 2 nine hole rounds of golf \$54

Laser Quest at Cross Pointe Mall – two packs of 4 gift certificates (this was a really hot item) \$64

Boston Stoker – gift of mug, coffee and chocolate \$25

We earned \$130 from the live bread auction and \$2103.50 from the silent auction.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

My first awareness of Stephen Ministry was in the early 1990's when



Jean Case and I, along with other members of St. George's, attended an informational workshop conducted at Ephiphany Lutheran by Stephen Ministries of St. Louis. This ministry of lay people caring for lay people was developed in 1975 by Kenneth C. Haugk, a Lutheran pastor and clinical psychologist who saw the need to have trained lay persons share in the pastoral care of his congregation and provide care to the surrounding community. St. George's enrolled in the Stephen Ministries program in 1994 and SM has remained an important part of the life of St. George's since that time. My appreciation for the importance of

this ministry has remained strong over the nearly 20 years since I first learned about it. I have been formally associated with the program since 1998 and know that when I am no longer serving as a part of the organized program, I can, by the grace of God, still serve as a caring person wherever I am.

On April 10 at the 10:30 Service we will commission three new members of St. George's Stephen Ministry team: Peg Cothorn, Barry Greene and Mary MacLean. At this commissioning the parish will also be asked to embrace this ministry of caring. A one-to-one caring ministry requires a dedicated care giver and a willing care receiver in order for a caring relationship to develop. If you think you or someone you know might benefit from a caring relationship with a Stephen Minister,

please speak with the Rector. This ministry is confidential and Stephen Ministers stay in the relationship as long as there is a need. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please speak with a Stephen Leader.

Fay Layden
Stephen Leader

"I care" defines Stephen Ministry. Here I am Lord, take me (Genesis 46:2).

I have chosen this ministry in memory of my father who served as a Stephen Minister for years. A man of few words, he never shared the model; I did hear the humility and pride in his voice as he related his SM activities. I am currently serving as a SM at Bethany Village where I live and am looking forward to serving at St. George's.

Peg Cothorn

PHOTO CREDITS

Photos in this issue of the Orbit were submitted by, Joan McGannon, Eric Schryver and Susan Wehmeyer. 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.

For more information, check our website at www.stgeorgeohio.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.

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

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.

St. George's Reaching Out

Each year the members of St. George's Church, through the Social Issues Commission, provide financial support to institutions and organizations locally, nationally and internationally. This is the first in a series of profiles of these recipient organizations.

Sangre de Cristo Health Care Project in Guatemala – We have a long history of involvement with this organization. That relationship was originally facilitated by Dr. (Deacon) Connie McCarroll who has organized visits by surgery teams from Dayton, as well as a volunteer delegation from St. George's. Although most of us have not visited Guatemala, we pray for the success of this project every Sunday when we pray for the Sisters of the Precious Blood in La Vinya and La Labor.

The health care project provides services to well over 100,000 persons per year. It maintains medical and dental clinics, community pharmacies, and laboratories. The project provides vaccinations, pre-natal care, health care information, community environmental and sanitation services, and programs for children. The project traces its history to the establishment of a clinic in 1990. For more information, visit their excellent website at <http://health-care-project-guatemala.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.

For more information, check our website at www.stgeorgeohio.org

Return Service Requested

APRIL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	2 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m. NA (Closed) 8:00 p.m.
3 Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rector's Bible Study and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Prayer Ministry 10:30 a.m. Photography Workshop & Membership Commission Noon	4	5 Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. Social Issues 7:00 p.m. Deanery Lent Series 6:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.	6 Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross 11:15 a.m. Salvation Army Preparation 2:00 p.m. Eucebius Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Education for Ministry 6:30 p.m.	8 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	9 CLEAN-UP DAY 9:00 a.m. - Noon Youth Group 3:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m. NA (Closed) 8:00 p.m.
10 Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rector's Bible Study and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	11 Reading Group 7:00 p.m.	12 Knights of the Roundtable 11:45 am Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.	13 Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross 11:15 a.m. Prayer Ministry 7:00 p.m.	14 Education for Ministry 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	15 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m. Monthly Orbit Deadline	16 Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m. NA (Closed) 8:00 p.m.
17 Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rector's Bible Study and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Prayer Ministry 10:30 a.m.	18 Vestry Meeting 7:15 p.m.	19 Stephen Ministry 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.	20 Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross 11:15 a.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	21 Education for Ministry 6:30 p.m.	22 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	23 HOLY SATURDAY Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m. NA (Closed) 8:00 p.m.
24 EASTER Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Rector's Bible Study and Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	25 CHURCH CLOSED	26 Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.	27 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	28 Education for Ministry 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	29 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	30 Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m. NA (Closed) 8:00 p.m.