



The Orbit

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From the Interim Rector

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

With these words the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus begins. The final days of Lent are the first full week in April, when we once again visit those events in our Lord's life, with the Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, the gathering of the Apostles in the Upper Room when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, and Good Friday, when we look at the Cross, and God's sacrifice for our salvation. Then we celebrate Easter, when all look to the Risen Lord. But the news of the Resurrection on that first Easter Day was not readily accepted nor understood. Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary, the mother of James, came to the tomb only to discover that the stone had been rolled away. They were confronted by two men in "dazzling apparel" who gently scolded the women for being there. They explained that they would find Jesus elsewhere, since He was not dead. After all, had not Jesus, time and again, explained that He must die and rise in three days? The women ran to tell the apostles about this remarkable event, but the apostles found it hard to believe. Jesus was clearly dead. They had seen His lifeless body taken down from the cross. Before the day would pass, some of the disciples would experience for themselves the Risen Christ. Over the next forty days, many would experience His presence. The Lenten journey is a time for us to prepare for the Risen Lord. The primary promise of Easter then becomes the fact that death has been conquered. Yet there is another promise, a promise of new life beginning right away, with Christ being present every day in our lives. This is what Jesus calls Abundant Life. It promises joy, love and hope. This is our legacy today, as God infuses joy in our spirit, gives us love to set us free, but most especially promises hope for tomorrow.

Easter is not just a memory. Easter is not only a promise for the future. Easter is the gift of God's presence within our lives today. Jesus the Christ has overcome death for all of us who trust in Him. In the words of St. Paul, 'We are risen with Christ.' [Col. 3:1] The message is simple, in Christ, we have died to the world, a world that has fallen away from God; but now Christ is our life, as we set our aims and desires on heavenly things. We have become God's through adoption. *Christ is risen!* Someday we shall appear with Him in glory.

Father Jim Larsen

a midweek lenten series is being held Each Thursday during Lent, except for Maundy Thursday. The evening will begin with Soup and Sandwiches at 5:00 PM, followed by a service at 6:15 PM with music running for 45 minutes. The subject of the meditations will be the people who surrounded Jesus during the Passion and Crucifixion. **We need volunteers** to prepare the soup and sandwiches. *If you are willing, please contact Diane Gentner, 438-1257*

At 12 Noon on Fridays, running through Good Friday, April 10th, we will have stations of the cross at St. George's. Each week a different group at St. George's will be in charge of this service. The schedule is as follows: March 27 – The Altar Guild
April 3 – Stephen Ministers
April 10 [Good Friday] – The Vestry

HOLY WEEK-EASTER 2009...

Maundy Thursday, April 9

The Institution of the Last Supper

7:00 p.m., The Holy Eucharist

Stripping of the Altar with the ritual of washing of the feet

Way of the Cross, Friday, April 10

12:00 noon

Good Friday, April 10, **7:00 p.m.**

The Good Friday Liturgy

Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Holy Saturday, April 11

The Great Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.

Please be reminded that there is not a 5:00 service on Holy Saturday

This year's Vigil is not a Cornerstone-style service

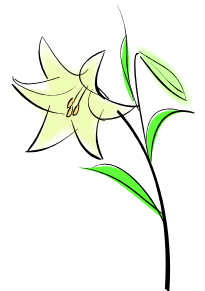
Easter Sunday, April 12, *The Resurrection of our Lord*

8:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, *with Flowering of the Cross*

envelopes are available in the pews for those who wish to make memorial or thanksgiving offerings for Easter flowers.

Special memorial contributions for flowers or for the special music for Easter will need to be received by Sunday, April 5 to be included in the Easter bulletin listing.





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Monthly Orbit information
deadline is the 15th* of each month
for the upcoming month. Please send
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Sunday Orbit information
must be submitted by noon
each Tuesday
for the following Sunday.

Schedule of Services

Saturday
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m., 1st & 3rd, Cornerstone

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,

In early March, **Mary Ann and I** finally got one of those unobligated Saturdays where we could do anything we please. "What do you want to do today?" She asked. "Let's take the Trans Am and get breakfast, then let's do Adams County." I answered. "What's in Adams County" She asked. "Twisties!" I exclaimed. "Sounds like a plan!" She replied and we locked up the house and headed to First Watch.

After a great meal we headed south through Wilmington and Hillsboro and soon entered the top of Adams County. Just outside of Seaman the foothills of Ohio began and we went into roller coaster mode. Up the side of a hill and over farm country we would go. We would crest a hill and suddenly our two lane backroad would undulate through deep woods. I rowed through the gears as Mary Ann counted the guardrails. Along the way we visited craft shops, landscape nurseries, potential fishing spots and the bustling metropolis of West Union.

By late afternoon we headed northwest for home. For the most part we put the TA in cruise and enjoyed the scenery. We followed the creek that feeds Cowan Lake. It was almost as fun as byways of Adams County. Suddenly, though, we met an abrupt set of curves with a couple of cars coming from the opposite direction. I downshifted as the heavy sports car nosed too far into the turn. I punched the gas and twisted the steering wheel. The rear tires broke free and the tail drifted left. The car regained its traction in a split second and the engine powered us through the second radius. "We're almost home, can you please be careful!" Mary Ann said with some urgency. "Sorry, Honey!" I replied as I looked over and watched the color return to her face.

St. George's Church is experiencing a road trip of its own since **Rector, Carol Hull** retired last May. As a congregation we are moving along and discovering ourselves as we see what's up ahead. In 2008, your vestry stopped along the way to meet with **Diocesan Canon, John Johanssen**. He helped identify what steps we must take to call a new rector, to identify who we are as a church and create a mission statement. We created a survey and profile team with Junior **Warden, Rob Johnson** as its leader. The church downsized over the course of the year in terms of staff in order to meet a diminishing pledge base. Volunteerism increased as more of us realized that we have to depend on ourselves to make programs and ministries successful. We ended the year with a nearly balanced budget as we committed ourselves to living within our means.

We took another stop at our Annual Meeting to see where we have been and where we want to go. The mood of the meeting was very positive. A lot of that upbeat attitude can be tied to the direction we have received from our **Interim Rector, Father Jim Larsen**. He is a human Global Positioning System as far as St. George's and the Episcopal Church is concerned. His presence and experience has allowed St. George's to create a working cache that will allow us to make a careful, studious and thoughtful search for a new rector.

Also at the meeting, Rob Johnson took the podium and explained the path taken in the search process. We have formed the profile committee. We conducted church forums and sent out surveys to understand what our profile is. The profile and accompanying information is being gathered and processed. We intend to have the profile package in place in the fall so that our call can be made with the full help of the Diocese and the National Church. In the fall or early winter, St. George's will be a destination for resumés from all over the country.

Your vestry will soon take a short trip to retreat. Not only will we welcome our newest members but we will plan on a method to pick members for the rector search committee. Individual vestry members have informed the group that there is a lot of interest from the congregation to a part of this important assembly. We intend to devise a fair discernment process that will create a cadre of people with time, talent and ability to do the work of calling. There will be a limited number of people on the Search Committee and we hope that those not chosen will support the vestry in their decisions.

Through volunteerism and a very competent interim rector, we have been given a precious resource and that is time. I know people are anxious to have a new rector on board. However, we are in good hands and it is important that we make the right choice the first time. Please be patient and enjoy the trip. Uh, Oh!!! We are going down to Oxford to visit our son, **Joe's in-laws**. There are a lot of twisties on the way over there... "What Honey?" ... "What do you mean you want to drive?" ... Gotta Go!!!

Peace be with you! Patrick MacKenzie

the annual meeting ..Elected at the February 22 Annual Meeting were the following *parish leaders*..

New Vestry members: **Bob Hard, Ted Knox, Robert Loper and Max Heintz**, who were elected to three-year terms and **Jeff Reed** who was elected to a two-year term. **Bryan Daly and Shannon Walker** will continue as Diocesan Delegates for the coming year with **Godson Okocha and Annette Fredenburgh** joining them. **Eric Schryver and Linda Curtoys** were elected as Alternate Delegates. **Eric Schryver and Esther Wright** were elected as our Deanery Delegates.

To our outgoing Vestry members: **Ward Best, Barb House, Lynn Olive and Ron Shubert**, we extend our deepest gratitude for the wisdom and guidance you gave to St. George's while serving on the Vestry.

from the parish:***condolences:***

...to **Sue and Eric Schryver** on the death of Sue's mother, **Phyllis Pfanner**.

...to **Jan Gimbrone** on the death of her aunt, **Annette Payne**.

May they rest in peace.

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*

LEV (*lay eucharist visitor*) training will be held May 17 following the 1030 service. **Diocesan Safe Church Training** must be taken before taking the LEV training. Contact Geri McDaniel (800-582-1712) for information on training dates and locations or check the calendar page on the diocesan webpage. Please have this training before taking the LEV class.

Please notify Deacon Connie if you are interested and wish to attend. I need to know number attending

A newly formed *communication committee* will handle gathering and formatting all information for the monthly Orbit, although it will still be reproduced, collated and prepared for mailing in the Parish office. All input for the monthly Orbits should be emailed or mailed to Diane Gentner, dgentner@aol.com, 438-1257, by the 15th of the preceding month.



MUSIC @ ST. GEORGE'S 2009 SEASON PRESENTS...

Sunday, May 3, 2009

2:30 PM Evensong

3:00 PM Organ Recital by W. Michael Brittenback

Our own Organist/Music Director will be presenting an organ recital that will include works by Mendelssohn, Bach, and Ritter. This is to both celebrate the 200th birthday of Felix Mendelssohn, and the International Year of the Organ. Those who have attended his recitals in the past two years have been moved by his sensitive and virtuosic performances. It has been said he is at home with the Fisk organ at St. George's, understanding its every nuance.

This concert/service does not require tickets, however, there will be a freewill offering accepted.

**stewardship
and finance
commission
report**

budget status--Fellow parishioners, our latest status is that we have 179 pledges totaling \$414,149.00. I would like to add that we have 7 children's pledges for \$238. Although these numbers have increased from the last report, we still have a participation rate of only about 50 per cent of our registered members and a giving rate per unit of about \$2,300 annually/\$193 monthly/\$48 weekly.

Thank you to all who have pledged. However, we are still about \$100,000 short of our budget of \$545,000 from 2008 and are expecting a deficit for this year. When the rector search expenses are included, estimated to be \$40,000, we are at least \$37,000 short for 2009. Fr Larsen, the finance committee and the vestry have done all they can to pare expenses. We need your help. For those that haven't yet pledged, it is never too late to pledge—please, please make a commitment to St George's. If you have already pledged and find that you can give more, we would be very grateful for that increase in pledge as well.

We are beginning our search in earnest—most of you filled out the survey in February. The search committee will be taking those results and incorporating them into a parish profile for potential candidates to review. St George's has an excellent reputation in the diocese and should be very attractive to many candidates, however, very few would be interested in applying if we don't have adequate budget to pay staff salaries and sustain day to day operations. Our future depends on you.

Please feel free to contact any member of the finance committee, the vestry, or myself with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you. Bob Hard (848-8509), wllmhard@yahoo.com).

**st. george's
financial
update
for
february
2009**

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Summary Income/(Expense)

	Current Period Feb	Year to Date Totals	2009 Budget
Income			
Contributions	\$ 35,227	\$ 75,881	\$ 474,087
Other Income	\$ 2,730	\$ 7,278	\$ 26,803
Total Income	\$ 37,958	\$ 83,159	\$ 500,890
Expenses			
Parish Program	\$ 2,477	\$ 4,677	\$ 158,828
Personnel	\$ 11,449	\$ 26,729	\$ 215,102
Bldg/Ground	\$ 11,064	\$ 36,739	\$ 120,730
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100
Total Expenses	\$ 24,990	\$ 68,145	\$ 494,760
Deficit Carry-over		\$ 3,023	\$ 3,023
Search Process		\$ 146	\$ 40,000
Net Inc/(Exp)	\$ 12,968	\$ 11,845	\$ (36,893)

Please, please, turn in YOUR 2009 PLEDGE FOR ST. GEORGE'S. Our work here at St. George's is dependent on you!

**41
manor lane**

...If anyone is willing to help pick up and care for the yard at 41 Manor Lane, please feel free to come at your convenience. Please call or stop by the office just so we know someone is over there.

**cemetery
plots
available**

...Thanks to a generous donor, St. George's owns 18 gravesites at Dayton Memorial Park Cemetery at 8135 N. Dixie Drive, consisting of three plots of six gravesites each, all located in section 16 of this *well-established, perpetual-care cemetery*. Sites may be purchased from St. George's for only \$500 each in units of two, four, or six. If you or someone you know would be interested in this opportunity, please call the business office, 434-1781, ext. 115.

christian
education
commission

...now forming, *please call Becky Grushon at church 434-1781 or home 296-0823* and let me know if you are interested in being a part of this very important ministry. We will meet bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month beginning April 15 at 6:30p.m. Let's gather, eat, talk, and plan. Sign up for the next in the Yeck series - "Stellaluna" the play. See the poster in the welcome area for details. Thinking Summer? VBS is right around the corner,



to my
church
family...

...Thank you for giving me the opportunity to spend some time with your children! For those of you who do not know me, I have been attending St. George's since Christmas Eve 1973. I was a Junior in High School and came with a friend (no adults included, mind you). That is the kind of impact the Episcopal Church had on me during my first visit. Can we have the same impact on the children who visit us for the first time? How about the children who visit us every (or almost every) week? Together with all of you – grandparents, parents, anyone who has an interest in teaching the next generation about the grace of God and the Love of Jesus Christ we CAN have that impact. Notice the “we” for no one person can handle the awesome responsibility of teaching our most precious resource, our children, how to live as Christians in this world. So I welcome you to join me in making St. George's THE place to learn and grow in Christ's love and service!

In Christ,

Becky Grushon

coming up
(SOONER):

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5 - 1:30P.M. The next event in the Dorothy Yeck series. Join us for lunch and off to the Victoria for the 3:30 showing of “Stellaluna” the play. Based on the children's book about being friends in spite of our differences.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - 10:00A.M. Let's color some eggs and prepare for Easter!
FAMILY EVENT Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs to color and a covered dish to share for brunch.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - 6:30P.M. Christian Education Commission meeting. A time to gather, discuss, and make plans for the future.

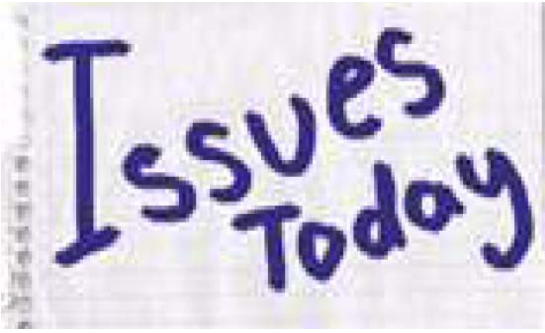
SUNDAY, APRIL 26 - Confirmation with Bishop Breidenthal.

coming up
(LATER):

SUNDAY, MAY 3 - Special St. George's celebration – beware of dragons for you are crunchy and very tasty with catsup!

VBS Dates TBA – We're going to Rome with Paul and the Underground church!

confirmation classes are meeting. Wednesday classes begin at 7:30 PM and the Saturday classes begin at 3:00 PM. (These classes are “duplicates”). *There will be NO Confirmation classes on Wednesday, April 1st and Saturday, April 4th. Also there will be NO Confirmation classes during Holy Week, Wednesday, April 8th or Saturday, April 11th.* Classes will resume the week of the 13th of April.



...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...**Shannon Walker**, Chairman, Social Issues.

This Spring-Summer we are planning a Mission trip to Guatemala. It will be a joint trip with St. Mark's Columbus and St. George's. Those youth and young adults and any others who would be interested please contact Deacon Connie .
conniejodo@cs.com or 252-0830.

**social
issues
commission**

...A reminder that St. George's is sponsoring a support group for people who have lost their jobs because of the economy or are otherwise unemployed. This group is being lead by the Reverend John Fredenburgh. **The group meets on Thursdays in the Welcome Area at 10:00 AM.** (You may enter by the front door) In addition to a support group, help will be given in insurance concerns, resumes, and job search, especially in using the internet. All are welcome; if you know of someone in need to this group, please do not hesitate to invite them on Thursdays.

**st. vincent
hotel**

...VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; St. Vincent's for the Homeless will be holding information sessions the LAST Sat. of every month, from 10 to 11 am at the St. Vincent Hotel. Melissa Pangaeon, coordinator of volunteers, said that at this meeting some history of St. V will be given, current operation, future plans, a tour of the facility, overview of the many volunteer opportunities, opportunity to sign up (or not), and opportunity to pick among the various volunteer jobs there. With any questions, call **Mary Rollins 297-79740, or Melissa Pangaeon, at St. V.:461-7837**

Emergency Call: Washcloths and towels (new or used) urgently needed at St. Vincent Hotel for the Homeless. Please put them in the marked bin, in the Welcome Area, and we'll see that they get to St. Vincent.

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

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

...Please help us to help others on the second Wednesday of the month, cooking for and feeding the homeless for the Salvation Army Center Downtown Dinner is prepared from 2—3:30 p.m. in our undercroft kitchen; then other volunteers carpool to the shelter at 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to join us cooking or serving, please bring cookies & 9X13 cakes to the Undercroft on the second Wednesday before 4:30 p.m. Desserts are always appreciated. Thank you, **Mary Jameson (439-1165)**.

**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.

**st.
margaret's
food pantry**

...continues to feed hundreds of hungry people from through out Western Montgomery County and Dayton. 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**

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as South American Missionary Society missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic.

St. George's supports their work

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THE JOURNEY

Ramón was nearly 40, illiterate, spent most of his money in bars, spent most of his time drunk (or trying to get there), did the night scene every night, performed a little robbery, pulled a little larceny, hung out with the street gangs, flirted with everybody, scored not quite so much as he would have liked, and never held a steady job for more than a few days.

And he felt sick. He had HIV infection. He came to the Clinic where he was non-judgmentally accepted with love. He has gotten better.

Besides the medical care, Dr. Luisa often suggested that he might consider a better lifestyle and that the beginning was to turn over all the old crap to Jesus. Though Ramón felt worthless, she told him that he was indeed made in God's image. Ramón, experiencing the compassionate reception that he had received at the Clinic, began to think that maybe he did have some worth.

He gave his life to Jesus and turned over a new leaf (with some "backsliding" from time to time). Beyond a sense that life could have a purpose, he concluded that perhaps God had some particular purpose for him. He shared this conviction with some of the Clinic staff, including Michael. Michael did have a thought about that ...

Today Ramón is the mainstay of a unique group of volunteer health promoters working to prevent HIV infection. They work weekends on the streets from around 10PM until the early hours of the morning distributing materials and talking about safe practices with the people who are at very highest risk for HIV: prostitutes, their clients, gay men and anyone else out on the streets looking for prostitution. These are Ramón's old haunts; he is known and respected there; what he says carries some weight in those settings. Without his past, he would be totally ineffective.

I overheard Ramón at the Clinic this week telling two women about his journey. He was holding a new children's Bible (he is learning to read and doing well) – a symbol for him of how far he has come.

Keep praying, Anita

"...proclaim His praises on the far coasts!" Isaiah 42:12

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

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



**sunday
morning**

bible study ... "What does the Gospel say to us today?" 9:30—10:15 a.m., every Sunday . Come, join us as we discuss the lessons of the day. New participants are ALWAYS welcome!

**first
monday
evening**

daughters of the king ...meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Welcome Area. For further information contact *Diane Gentner* at 438-1257 or dgentner@aol.com

**second
monday
evening**

reading group... We will be meeting *on Monday, April 13th* at 7:00 PM to discuss *The Shack* by William Young: Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation, and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his *Great Sadness*, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever. Contact **Laurie Benner** for more information lbenner1210@sbcglobal.net or call 439-4918 Contact **Laurie Benner** for more information lbenner1210@sbcglobal.net or call 439-4918. 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. Now reading *That Hideous Strength* Call **Jack Crane, 434-7959** for more information.

**wednesday
morning**

biblical bibliophiles...A Bible Study group meeting at St. George's...ON WEDNESDAYS, 9:30 a.m. currently reading the book of ESTHER. **Becky Clark, 859-8316**

**wednesday
evening**

religious studies.....Did Henry VIII start a new church? Wednesdays at 7 p.m., another study group meets, currently beginning English History! All are welcome to come and discuss... **Becky Clark, 859-8316**

first sunday of the month fellowship brunch is held after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Other Sundays, after the 10:30 service...

"Coffee Hour" is a nice time to chat with friends and enjoy a good cup of coffee and a snack. We'd appreciate your continued support by signing up again and welcome any new folks who would like to help in this important ministry. The church provides coffee, tea and paper goods and you just need to provide a simple snack and children's beverage. Contact Barbara Howe@ 937-426-2583 (howejbet@hotmail.com) or Diane Gentner @ 937-438-1257 (dgentner@aol.com). **Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.**

**think spring!!
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 to help with other aspects of our landscaping. If you would like to help, perhaps by choosing one flower bed to be your weeding project, please contact one of the clergy or **Nodie Smith, 434-1914**.

**flower
ministry**

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

**altar
guild**

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

**hospitality
hour**

... Do you enjoy visiting with your friends after the 10:30 service with a nice cup of coffee and a snack? To continue this long time St George's tradition, please sign up to host a coffee hour. St George's will provide the coffee, tea and paper goods and you just need to provide a simple snack and children's beverage. If you have any questions contact Barbara Howe @ 937-426-2583 or howejbet@hotmail.com **Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.**

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**.

**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. To learn more about the Stephen Ministry program, 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 are held on the third Tuesday of the month. Please be sure to let a Stephen Leader know if you are unable to attend.

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.

**prayer
chain**

If you would like to request special prayers for yourself or someone you know, **please contact Kathryn Jessee at 572-2233 or Diane Gentner 671-0013 or DGentner@aol.com** Prayer requests are relayed by email and telephone tree to a dedicated group of St. George's members and friends who participate in this ministry. You can specify the nature of the request (for example, for a successful surgery or for help in a job search), or a more general request. If for privacy reasons, you wish to use only a first name, that is fine. Using the Prayer Chain is knowing that others are praying for us in a time of need or when we may feel too overwhelmed to pray ourselves. **. Please contact either Diane or Kathryn if you would like to join this ministry as one who prays for others.**

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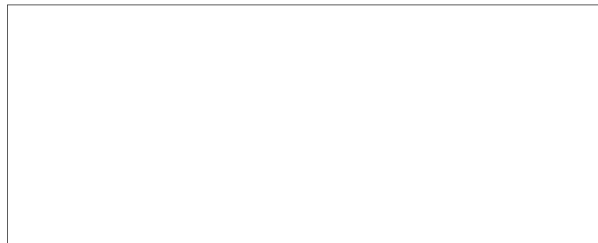
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SPECIAL PRAYERFUL TIMES AT ST. GEORGE'S...

The wednesday midweek eucharist... The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. in the Holy Spirit Chapel. All are cordially invited to attend. We will be following the liturgical calendar, and using *Lesser Feasts and Fasts, 2006*. This will also be a time to learn more about the Anglican Communion.

On the Fourth Sunday of each month, the *daughters of the king* sponsor prayers in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit for the Transition here at St George's along with the search for the new Rector. All are invited to come in and join them in prayer immediately following their Communion. During the Saturday service immediately preceding the Fourth Sunday, the Daughters of the King will sponsor these prayers in the Youth Room immediately following the service.

healing prayer

...during the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 service, healing prayers are offered for the healing of body, mind, soul and relationships. During this service, if you would like private, individual prayers for yourself or a loved one, please enter the Chapel after receiving the Eucharist and members of the Healing Prayer Team will pray with you and offer laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

evening prayer will be said each Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, sponsored by the Daughters of the King. Evening Prayer is a wonderful way to end the day, any day. Why not join in Evening Prayer each Thursday at St. George's. And while you are at it, ask Diane Gentner [671-0013] about the Daughters of the King. It is a wonderful spiritual group centered on Prayer.

