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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Saturday

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:30 am 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.

It's October again and typically at this time of the church year, that spells stewardship campaign. I think most of us think about church stewardship as first and foremost a financial matter; namely, we make a commitment to pledge an amount from our "treasure" to St. George's. But this year, while I certainly will make my monetary pledge, I find myself reflecting on the other two elements of church stewardship, "time and talent".

As a young family, we moved around quite a bit and attended numerous churches before arriving in Dayton in 1997. It became apparent to me that if I wanted to enjoy fully engaged membership in a church community, I would need to do more than just go to church; Sunday attendance and a check in the collection plate were simply not enough.

Joining with others in work that supports St. George's has been a natural and effective way for me to connect and form friendships with other parishioners. This involvement gives me a sense of purpose and belonging so that St. George's is not just where I go to church, but what I consider my church home.

Though we may regard service to the church as "sacrificial", conjuring up visions of obligatory, time consuming and burdensome commitments, I am happy to say that this does not have to be the case. The opportunities to serve are plentiful and wonderfully diverse; there are needs in our church that accommodate everyone's different interests, abilities and circumstances. It is a mutually beneficial endeavor; St. George's needs volunteers to sustain and enrich all areas of the church's life and mission and we get the chance to make new friends, watch and learn from fellow volunteers and utilize and improve our own skills, whatever they may be.

Over the past 13 years, it has been my pleasure to participate in a variety of service opportunities at St. George's and these have certainly been worthwhile and rewarding for me. Some however such as, traveling to Houston with my Search Commission team to meet with then Rector candidate, the Rev. Ben Phillips, spending a summer morning chopping down trees in the lower parking lot with fellow St. George lumberjacks, and helping to deliver a van full of Christmas gifts for needy children donated by our generous congregation, all stand out in my mind as service highlights and reflect the wide array of volunteer opportunities available. But above all, I am inspired by the knowledge that as we offer up our "time and talent" to St. George's, we are applying our own gifts of the Spirit to best accomplish those things by which, as we are directed to each Sunday, "love and serve the Lord".

-- Kate Rodriguez

Stewardship Sunday
November 14, 2010

St George's
Episcopal Church

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MONTHLY ORBIT INFORMATION:

Deadline is the 15th of each month for the upcoming month. Please send to Diane Gentner at dgentner@aol.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
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Fall is my absolute favorite time of year. The air is crisp and chilly, the leaves are glorious shades of red, orange, and yellow. There's just something about Autumn that makes you feel alert, bright, and alive. At least for me at any rate.

The irony is that during autumn nature is in a sense preparing to die, or hibernate, or close up in preparation for the coming winter. And yet this is the time of year when I feel most alive. Facing issues of death and life is a significant part of Christianity. Jesus taught his disciples a powerful lesson that in dying, we live. "Except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (John 12:24, KJV). The Christian life is defined by the death of our sinful nature imputed to Christ who died on the cross, and the

new creation that comes through the righteousness of Christ imputed to us. Thus we are crucified with Christ (and so we 'die'), and yet we no longer live because Christ is alive in us (we 'live'). I find the season of Autumn reflects this doctrinal reality most profoundly (see Galatians 2:20-21).

The Fall is also the Season of Stewardship, which for some probably seems like a time of death and life, too! (that's a joke, in case you were wondering). But all joking aside, in the realm of our resources, our time, our abilities, and our finances, giving up of them is always a sacrifice, but then, all giving is a way of dying to ourselves and living for Christ.

By now you will have received a packet on our Stewardship Season of New Beginnings. It contains an overview of the ministry and vitality of our parish family and all the things that your resources make happen. It also contains a helpful section addressing common questions about pledging and stewardship. If ever you have any further questions about pledging, stewardship,

or parish finances, please contact me.

Within this month's issue of the Orbit you will find a pledge card for 2011. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord is calling you to give, in thankfulness and faithfulness, to the work and ministry of St. George's. Then, Sunday, November 14th will be Stewardship Sunday where all members of our parish will turn in their pledge cards. There will be a basket (or collection plate) set up for you to place your pledge card as you come up for Holy Communion, thus signifying that our giving is indeed part of our worship of the Lord (if you have not received a pledge card by Nov. 14th we will have extras available at the church that day).

I am very grateful to Rob, Steve, Bob, and Jeremy for their time and efforts towards this Season of Stewardship. And a special thanks to Eric for his work on the brochure, taking our raw material and crafting it with skill.

Yours In Christ,

Ben

Senior Warden Report

Dear People of St. George's, Finally, we get some rain. I don't think it has to come in so furiously but we need it none-the-less. At least it's not as bad as Hurricane Ike and it forces me to come inside and write. Life can certainly fill up fast when you're totally in charge of all your time. This month saw a lot of projects completed at the church. The Dragon Slayers patched floors and sanded doors, fixed gutters and downspouts and helped get old paint cans and trash out. The swing set on the hill was re-stained and the stair-rail at St. Francis Garden was sanded and repainted. Bill Boyer, Steve Gustafson, Jim Reppert, Ron Schubert, and, of course, Barry Greene, all had a hand in getting these and other jobs done.

I joined Reverend Ben and his family for the Manor Lane Home Owner association meeting. The meeting was the

most amicable of the three that I have attended. Our neighbors are most pleased with the turnaround that has occurred at our house on the lane. I had to leave a little early to help Mary Ann set up for our first Foyer Group of the season. As I drove down Manor Lane I saw a lady working the garden area near our south entrance. "Hey," I thought, "that's Thelma Best!" Green thumbs up, Thelma!

Not everything in my retired life is managing a church. My skill-sets are increasing rather than diminishing. Instead of playing golf, Mary Ann has allowed me to build a gardening shed in the backyard for her use. I must be getting in shape in places my golf muscles never knew existed. Carrying fifty pound bags of gravel and 4 x 8 sheets of plywood will do that to you. I hope to finish the building soon but even with all this

activity Mary Ann and I have managed to have some fun. We took a long weekend and headed up to North Port, Michigan for a fall foliage fest. We weren't disappointed, Lake Michigan lapped clear to turquoise to cobalt, woodland colors were spectacular, restaurants were friendly and the food was great. You know, I think I may not be totally in charge of all of my time! I think we are all working hard to give Reverend Ben the best opportunity to guide us in our Christianity. Whether it's the Dragon-Slayers or Jane Gallienne's Rummage Sale Army, the Alter Guild, the Choir or just you, working a personal style of ministry, we are all giving ourselves a little closer relationship to God. In a few months my tenure as Senior Warden will come to a close (no Ralph, you can't nominate me again!) but I'll keep



working to make this church a desirable community. I know that all of you who give of your time, treasure and talent do so in support of our new rector and the greater glory of God.

Uh, OH!!!...It's gotten calm outside. I think we may be in the eye of the latest hurricane! I better go out and make sure the shed frame is still standing...Gotta Go!!!

Peace be with You!
Patrick MacKenzie

Mark your calendar!

You don't want to miss
St. George's annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction
on
Sunday, January 30, 2011, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the Social Issues Commission's outreach to the community.

Contact Bryan and Susan Daly (898-9760) with contributions for the silent auction. Contact Jean Tarr (885-1791) with other questions.

Watch for the volunteer sign-up poster. Setting tables, assembling salads, tracking auction bids, manning the Welcome Table – there's a volunteer opportunity for everyone!



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

Christian Formation Center



Fall is such a wonderful time of year – the leaves change and fall, the air becomes crisp, and I can hear Oakwood and Fairmont stadium on Friday night - cheers mixed with music from the marching bands! All this excitement will lead us into the much anticipated season of Christmas – hard to believe isn't it? With the addition of Linda Mench, Choirmaster and Pageant thinker-upper extraordinaire, we are in for (to borrow a phrase from Monty Python) "Something completely different". I can't wait!

Beginning Sunday, November 7th we will still be gathering in the Parish Hall for Sunday School at 10:30. After a brief Pageant rehearsal (those with speaking parts may stay a bit longer) we will head downstairs to Sunday School.

Also beginning Sunday, November 7th from 12:00 – 1:00p.m. the children will gather in the choir room (we will provide snacks of course) to rehearse the music portion of the pageant.

There will be no pageant music rehearsal on Sunday November 21st from 12:00 – 1:00p.m.

Sunday, November 21st is this season's Dorothy Yeck Arts Experience event! We will travel to the Spaghetti Warehouse for a meal after church – then we are off at 2:00p.m. to the K12 Gallery for a tour and plaster casting (hands or face) activity!

Save the Date:

Sunday, December 19th, during the 10:30 service, Children's Pageant!

Following the service we will be "Greening the Church", please plan to stay for this wonderful preparatory event!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on November 7th!

PHOTO CREDITS

Photos in this issue of the Orbit were submitted by, Carol Knox, Ted Knox, Joan McGannon, and Sue 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.

Waffle Shop 2010
Christ Episcopal Church
20 West First Street, Dayton, Ohio
Phone: 223-2239
November 16, 17, 18, 19
From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

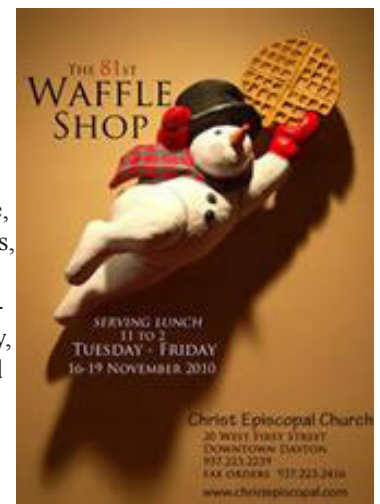
Come for: Homemade Waffles, Sausages, Soup, Sandwiches, Pie, Baked Goods, Bazaar, Dollhouse and TV Raffle, Celebrity Bakers, Live Music, Elsie's Attic (Recycled Treasures)

Our Celebrity Bakers this year are: Neil Gittleman, Dayton Philharmonic (Tuesday, Nov. 16); Kim Faris, 99.9 Radio (Wednesday, Nov. 17); Cheryl McHenry, WHIO TV (Thursday, Nov. 18); and Gary Leitzell, Mayor of Dayton (Friday, Nov. 19).

Dine In or Carry Out.

Fax in your order @ (937) 223-2416

www.christepiscopal.com



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

Advent and Christmas Music

Thank you for the gracious welcome into the community at St. George's! The past several weeks have been full of transition and learning, discovering and enjoying. I'm looking forward to the fall festivals and music opportunities we have as we begin a new season in the church year.

The Adult Choir is always open to newcomers. We welcome any singers interested in participating on a weekly basis to our rehearsals on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00pm and Sunday mornings for the 10:30 service.

Join our Festival Choir if you would like to sing for a short-term commitment. The Festival Choir will present our Advent Cantata "Savior of the Nations' Come" on Sunday, December 12 during the 10:30am service.

Rehearsal schedule: Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. on the following dates:

November 4
November 11
November 18
December 2
December 9

Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m..

The children participating in the Christmas Pageant will also be part of our Pageant Choir. The children will learn the hymns for the pageant, our pageant anthem and have fun learning some basic music skills. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, November 7th in the choir room from 12:00 to 1:00pm. Dress rehearsal Saturday, December 18th, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m..

If you play an instrument and are interested in sharing your talent with our congregation, please let me know. There are many opportunities for you to play during services!

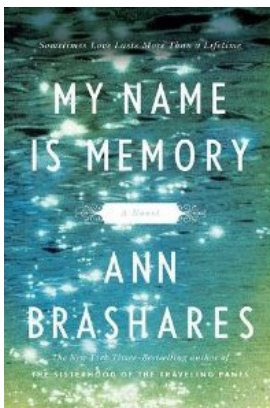
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

Linda Mench, Director of Music

Reading Group

November 8 at 7:00 p.m.

My Name is Memory by Ann Brashares



Daniel has spent centuries falling in love with the same girl. Life after life, crossing continents and dynasties, he and Sophia (despite her changing name and form) have been drawn together and he remembers it all. Daniel has "the memory", the ability to recall past lives and recognize souls of those he's previously known. It is a gift and a curse. For all the times that he and Sophia have been drawn together throughout history, they have also been torn painfully, fatally, apart. A love always too short.

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

**SPECIAL
MINISTRIES**

Ways to Serve

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.

FLOWER MINISTRY:

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

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.

USHERS:

Men, women and couples are welcome. To volunteer to serve approximately once a month as a 10:30 am usher contact: Jan Chromick at 439-1869, or church office. To usher for the 5:00 pm services, contact Dan Strawn at 312-1256, or email at dstra.

STEPHEN MINISTERS:

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.

PRAYER CHAIN:

To request special prayers for yourself or someone you know, contact Diane Gentner at

671-0013, dgentner@aol.com. Prayer requests are relayed by email and telephone tree to a dedicated group. To volunteer contact Diane.

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 Lericsue@sbcglobal.net

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.

DINNER AT VALLEY VINYARDS



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The Top 5 Reasons Why I Don't Pledge

5. I don't pledge because my income is uncertain and I don't want a binding commitment.
4. I don't pledge because pledging is too "business like" and not "spiritual enough"
3. I don't pledge because I don't think it's anyone's business what I'm going to give to the Church
2. I don't pledge because I give money and service to the church in my own way.
1. I don't pledge because there's nothing in it for me – God doesn't do "tit for tat"!

What the IRS and Jesus have to say about Reason #1

The IRS says in Publication 1771 that giving to your church is only in exchange for "intangible religious benefits".

Jesus says in Matthew 5:46, "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?"

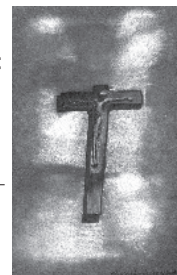


Both the IRS and Jesus are correct. You don't pledge to St. George's because you expect material benefits in return. You pledge out of the same kind of unconditional love that Jesus showed us on the Cross.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

St. George's Episcopal Church

Summary Income/ (Expense)	Current Period September	Year to Date Totals	2010 9/12 Budget	2010 Total Budget
Income				
Contributions	\$ 32,472	\$ 317,084	\$ 316,964	\$ 422,619
Other Income	\$ 2,286	\$ 19,420	\$ 18,504	\$ 26,672
Total Income	\$ 34,758	\$ 336,504	\$ 335,468	\$ 447,291
Expenses				
Parish Program	\$ 10,683	\$ 94,086	\$ 103,251	\$ 137,668
Personnel	\$ 10,813	\$ 104,115	\$ 140,995	\$ 187,993
Bldg/Ground	\$ 22,761	\$ 117,118	\$ 110,327	\$ 147,102
Total Expenses	\$ 44,257	\$ 315,319	\$ 354,572	\$ 472,763
Net Inc/(Exp)	\$ (9,500)	\$ 21,185	\$ (19,104)	\$ (25,472)



HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

The Healing Prayer Ministry has two members in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit following Communion at the 10:30 a.m. service on the second Sunday 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.

THE SOCIAL OUTREACH

COMMISSION meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. George's. New participants are always welcome. Contact Bev Montgomery, Chairman, Social Outreach at 433-7575.

ARE YOU 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.



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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Membership Commission 7:00n p.m.	2 Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. Social Issues 7:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.	3 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	4 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry 7:00 p.m.	5 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	6 Healing Service with Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m. NA (Closed) 8:00 p.m.
7 Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:30 a.m.	8 Reading Group 7:00 p.m. Worship Commission 7:00 p.m.	9 Knights of the Roundtable 11:45 am Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis 7:30 p.m.	10 Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Healing Ministry 7:00 p.m.	11 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry 7:00 p.m.	12 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m. <div style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">DIOCESAN CONVENTION</div>	13 Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m.
14 Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	15 Vestry Meeting 7:15 p.m. Monthly Orbit Deadline	16 Stephen Ministry 9:30 A.M. Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.	17 Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	18 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Education for Ministry 7:00 p.m.	19 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	20 Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m.
21 <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">CHRIST THE KING</div> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 10:30 a.m.	22	23 Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.	24 <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">OFFICE CLOSED</div> Bible Study 9:30 a.m.	25 <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">THANKSGIVING DAY</div> <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">OFFICE CLOSED</div> Thanksgiving Day Service 10:00 a.m.	26 Office Closed AA Meeting 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting 8:30 p.m.	27 Holy Eucharist 5:00 p.m.
28 <div style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">ADVENT I</div> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Adult Forum 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.	29	30 Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m. C.S. Lewis Reading Group 7:30 p.m.				

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