



The Orbit

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From the Associate

Each year St. George's takes its youth group down to the Solid Rock Church off I-75 (think the really REALLY big Jesus) to experience a different style of worship. There, beneath a neon dove in the main sanctuary, they hear vigorous fundamentalist preaching -accompanied by prayer and spirited music. As a camera zooms around the congregation on a crane and people's arms are lifted in praise, it's easy to start swaying with music and feeling the energy in the room.

This year I decided to stake out their Wednesday service to see if it varied at all from Sunday's offering. I was in for a few surprises.

First, this is an anniversary year for the congregation. To observe this, they had a series of special events scheduled (including concerts and guest preachers). They would happen, however, amidst the context of a 21 day fast which included special acts of devotion and prayer.

Fasting. How Lenten. Interesting...

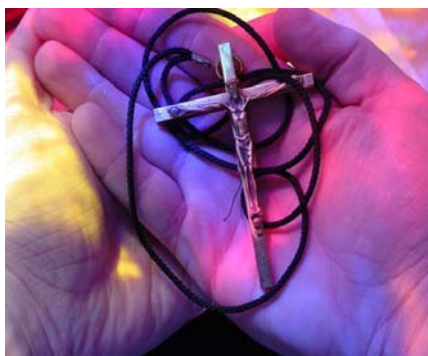
My second surprise came during the sermon. Now, I'm used to being surprised during sermons here. Over the years I've heard the merits of the 10% tithe, the 20% tithe and the 30% tithe. I've heard the war in Iraq described as a reclamation of the Garden of Eden. I've even seen a three year old recite by memory a bible verse long enough to impress every adult in the room.

What I was not expecting, however, was a spirited talk by their co-pastor (whom I had not heard before) on the merits and importance of prayer. Now I'm sure I could find an old seminary professor of mine who could take exception at some fine points. But as a whole, it was an encouragement to be shaped and molded by our prayer life, to seek to be in tune with God's will for our lives, and to

support the church (both its members and its mission) with prayer. If the style of delivery were a bit different (the preacher's voice was hoarse by the time she had finished) one could almost imagine the sermon coming from an Episcopal pulpit (adding a quote or two from C.S. Lewis, of course, and deleting the frequent references to damnation,).

For the first time in several years, instead of being struck by how different this church is to our own, I was touched by how much we have in common as brothers and sisters in Christ. We have different styles and different needs, but ultimately one Lord.

At the end of the sermon, the preacher urged the congregation to pray daily for



one another, for the ministry of their church, and for their pastors.

A pastor asking for prayers. Very interesting...

As we begin a busy and spirited program year here (and have recently celebrated our own anniversary), I hope all of us will keep St. George's in our prayers each day. There is excitement and positive energy around the life of our community at this time—something for which to give thanks and praise (perhaps even with a little swaying to the music!). I hope and trust that in addition to prayers for the parish, many of you will keep your clergy in your prayers. I know this support is an important part of my own life and ministry.

Leaving Solid Rock Church last week we passed a Red Cross Donation Center in their back parking lot—bursting with supplies—and reminding us of other brothers and sisters in our world in need of support and prayer.

Even as we continue to pray, in the next few weeks we will be receiving information from our diocese on specific things we may collect and donate to help in the relief effort. There is a plan to bless these items at the Cathedral during our Convention in early November, and send them south with a team to assist in their distribution.

There is so much to needing to be done in our world—just as there is so much for which to give thanks.

This past week was a reminder to this preacher of some things people of all faiths hold in common—one of the most elemental and important is a life of prayer.

Paul +

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Monthly Orbit information
deadline is the 15th of each month
for the upcoming month.

Sunday Orbit information
must be submitted by noon
each Tuesday
for the following Sunday.

**Schedule of Services**

Saturday
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Dear People of St. George's,

As an employee of the County Health District I participate as a member of our Disaster Preparedness Team. Recently we participated along with a number of other agencies in an anthrax event at the downtown post office. The drill took place on a Saturday in the early morning. Alarms sounded, police cordoned off the area, command centers and clinic areas were put into place. Volunteers emulated postal workers and were processed through decontamination stations. I picked up "medication" from Miami Valley Hospital and delivered it to the clinic.

Radio communication between all agencies became a problem within minutes of the beginning of the exercise. Although police and fire crews could correspond they could not open a channel to the health department. Efforts are under way now to correct this problem because successful efforts at communication are key to completing such a mission.

I arrived at the clinic about the same time as the first batch of volunteers. The morning was cool and we realized another need. We should have had blankets to keep the "evacuees" warm while they were processed. One volunteer was coached to act as a really annoying and demanding victim. She should have won an Oscar because after a short time she was shuffled off to another room for "further education".

I managed to observe the activities in the command center, the decon station and the clinic. I was impressed with the professionalism that occurred at each level. Hopefully, the Miami Valley will never have to endure the hardship caused by Hurricane Katrina, however, if there is an emergency, we have capable people who can reduce the harm and save lives.

At St. George's, we don't have to have an emergency to make a positive impact on people. We save people with grace. We have a number of different services that satisfy the soul, from early morning quiet to mid-morning, pull-out-all-the-organ-stops. We build homes through Habitat for Humanity. We feed the poor and hungry through contributions to the "Other Place". We raise money for the needy through "Rummage Sales" and "Spaghetti Dinners". We are like the people that Paul described to the Romans:

"We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: ministry in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the giver, in generosity; the leader in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness."

Saving people and making a difference in their lives is really a daily process. Please communicate and share your gifts with St. George's.

Uh, Oh! The new episode of "Lost" is on...Gotta Go!!!

Peace be with you,

Patrick MacKenzie

**PERSONAL
NOTES*****congratulations***

...to *Danielle Barbecho* and *Pablo Santiago*, and big brothers, *Hunter & Dylan* on the birth of a daughter, *Angelina Jae-Lyn* September 18, 2005. Great grandparents are *Richard & Jane Stone*..

...to *Kim Graman* and *Fernando Contreras* on the birth of a daughter, *Sofia Graman Contreras*.

***baptisms at st. george's,
september 4***

...*Lucy Peek Kilbane*, daughter of *Casey and Caroline Kilbane* and granddaughter of *David and Carole Taylor*..

...*Nicholas Ifeanyichukwu Kenechukwu Okocha*, son of *Godson and Patricia Okocha*.

**you
are
Invited...**

**Stewardship Celebration Dinner
on the theme of "Grateful and Generous Giving!"**

Sunday, October 23, 5:00 p.m.

...*St. George's Stewardship Committee* invites you and your family to a festive meal of international fare, prepared by members of our parish and served by the Youth Group.

The celebration includes a "meet and greet" with other parishioners and after-dinner entertainment led by Patti King and folks from the drama ministry.

Bring the kids and relax! Nursery care and children's activities will be available. The best part of the evening will be socializing with old and new friends, and you won't need to cook or do the dishes!

Come and be a part of the celebration!

Mark Seeley, Stewardship Chair

A stewardship prayer

All generous God, you poured yourself out in creation; you gave your Son to die for us on the cross; and you continue to give yourself to us through the gift of your Holy Spirit. Give us generous hearts; that in our response to your love our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**pot luck
success...**



**Next One Scheduled
For October 9!**

...September's festival of forty was fabulous! There was feasting, food and fellowship!

Folks gathered together in small groups while children delighted in play.

Yarns were spun as relationships were ignited with laughter and song.

The next gathering is scheduled for Sunday, *October 9* at *5:00 p.m.*

Bring a dish to share.

Come, taste and see what happens!

Steve Bilsbury

sbilsbury@columbus.rr.com

**CHRISTIAN
FORMATION
News**

*This little light of mine,
I'm gonna make it shine...*

***wonder-full wednesday
...for children, teens & adults!***

...Join us Wednesdays this fall as we explore friendship with others and with Christ. We will be using the *Friendship First* curriculum from Group Publishing, who produced the wonderful material we used for this summer's highly successful Vacation Bible School program. Here is their description of this dynamic program:

Jesus said our greatest call in life is to love God and love others. Friendship First uses food and fun to teach people how to make lasting friendships...and how that parallels their relationship with Christ. This isn't just another church curriculum. It's a brand-new, growing-by-leaps-and-bounds experience. It combines friendship and faith like never before. And it helps kids focus on the one thing--a growing relationship with Jesus.

We hope whole families will join us, as there is something for everyone. The evening will start with a fun family meal at 6:00 (freewill donation Programs for all ages run from 6:30 to 7:30:

- 4-Year-olds through 5th grade will experience "Friendship First for Children"
- Middle school and high school will also have the theme "Friendship First", with **Rector Carol Hull** leading bible study.
- Adults will enjoy a discussion of Steve Smith's book *Saving Salvation*. Nursery care provided.

At 7:30 we will gather together in the Parish Hall for a short worship rite with some of Paul's wonderful visuals! The evening will end at 7:45.

Please consider being a part of the team that helps make this event a great experience for all. We need teachers and cooks especially. If interested, please call Patti King (434-1781 or 294-7932).

wonder-full wednesday for adults

...Kicks off **October 5** with the **Rev. Stephen Smith**, Rector of St. Patrick's, Dublin OH, introducing his recently published book *Saving Salvation*. Steve looks at what scripture and Anglican tradition have to say about heaven, hell, and God's grace. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Come for supper in the Parish Hall at 6:00 or come for the presentation at 6:30

thank you

thank you!

thank you!

THANK YOU!

(I can't say it big enough!)

...We have a terrific team of Shepherds and teachers for the 2005-2006 Sunday School year. Thank you to each and every one of you who are a part of making our children's faith lessons a dynamic and special time. As of this writing we are still in need of two shepherds to be part of the 2nd and 3rd grade shepherd team.

This month is the Crop walk (Oct. 8) and we are asking children to bring in canned goods all month as we remember those in our world who do not have enough to eat.

The children continue to learn about creation in the unit "God Makes a World." See the pictures of what their creation would look like in the corridor by the Parish Hall.

The last couple of weeks in October, we will begin the Unit, "Jesus is Born." Although this is early for the nativity story, I feel its message sometimes gets lost as we prepare for our Christmas pageant. So we are taking extra time this year to focus on the miracle we celebrate each Christmas.

After the 10:30 service on October 16th, there will be an opportunity for teaching teams to get-together for planning. New curriculum will be handed out. Pizza and beverage will be provided in the Undercroft. Childcare will be in the nursery. Please let me know if you will be coming.

In Christ's love,

Patti King

THANK YOU!

thank you!

thank you!

thank you

p.S.....

wednesdays

are

wonder-full!

ADULT EDUCATION and Opportunities



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

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

sunday morning bible study

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

monday evening reading group

*... **October 24**, 7:00 p.m. *The Things They Carried*, by Tim O’Brien*

Tim O’Brien survived a tour in Vietnam to become a father and writer at the age of 43. In *The Things They Carried*, he portrays the men of Alpha Company and the kind of family they became with one another. One reviewer writes, “With the creative verve of the greatest fiction and the intimacy of a searing autobiography, *The Things They Carried* is a testament to the men who risked their lives in America’s most controversial war.... And its myriad protagonists call to order the courage, determination, and luck we all need to survive.”

This book is available through local booksellers and libraries. The discussion group is led by parishioner **Laurie Benner** of Reader’s Choice bookstore in Centerville, **434-5795 or readerschoice@sbcglobal.com**.

c.s. lewis reading group tuesday evening

...“In this house are many doors... But only one leads to another world.”

*Theatrical trailer for *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* (A major motion picture event coming in December)*

*...Walk into another world with the C.S. Lewis Reading Group as we read the beloved Chronicles of Narnia, starting with *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. The group meets at 7:30 on **Tuesdays** in the Youth Center. See **Paul St. Germain** more information.*

wednesday morning bible study

*... 9:30 – 11:00 in the Parish Hall. It’s not too late to join a group reading and discussing Paul’s New Testament letters to the church at Corinth. Paul’s correspondence with this fledging, often contentious faith community give a vivid picture of life in the early church and invite us to consider what it means to be the church today. **Led by the Rector.***

men’s group at st. george’s saturday a.m.

*...**The men meet the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 am** to enjoy fellowship, continental breakfast and a variety of programs. If you are a real man – or just another one of us an adult males – you’re invited! **Tom Hull, thull@woh.rr.com**.*

daughters of the king saturday and/or sunday

*...A fresh start for the new program year! Beginning in September, the Daughters of the King will meet twice monthly. On the **second Sunday** of each month, we will attend the 8:00 service and then meet for breakfast and prayer. On the **fourth Saturday** of each month, we will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel for study and a short business meeting. The Daughters of the King is a group of laywomen who support each other in spiritual growth. We welcome guests and new members. For additional information, please call **Jean Tarr, 434-2491**.*

**ADULT
OPPORTUNITIES**
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shadowland reflections

Is it true that C.S. Lewis was once an atheist?

*How did that happen
and what made him change his mind?*



Yes, Lewis was an avowed atheist from his teenage years up until his mid twenties. Several factors played into this, beginning with the death of his mother of cancer when he was nine. He writes of being in his room with a toothache, calling and calling for his mother who never came to him. Lewis was packed off to a series of boarding schools—one of which eventually closed amidst accusations of abuse by the headmaster. During this period Lewis was exposed to some peculiar “spiritualist” theology and eventually lost faith in a loving God and eventually the existence of God completely. He was an avowed atheist during his service in the trenches of World War I, and not until his tenure at Magdalen College, Oxford, did his true conversion occur.

Much has been written about Lewis’ conversion—first to theism and then to Christianity. The best material is not surprisingly by Lewis himself. Several interesting characteristics of this period include the efforts on behalf of his conversion by close friends Owen Barfield and J. R. R. Tolkien, and the sense (as described by Lewis) that God was somehow “pursuing” him. Another observation is this was a very intellectual process. Lewis has been called “a mind awake” - and this was true on every level. His struggle with Christianity achieved a breakthrough when he realized that of all the great myths about dying gods coming to life again found in the cultures of the world, the Christian “myth” was the one that “actually happened”.

Lessons that we can glean from his experience today include not underestimating our own role as “evangelists” and “ambassadors of the Gospel” (we may be someone’s Tolkien), and realizing that we are not alone. God is at work—both in our lives and in the lives of others. A Plan is unfolding. A Kingdom IS being built—piece by piece.

For more information on how this sometime atheist became one of the most important Christian apologists of the 20th Century visit **C.S. Lewis under Education** at www.stgeorgeohio.org.

a lewis quote:

“You must picture me alone in that room in Magdalen, night after night, feeling, whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him who I so earnestly desired not to meet. That which I had feared had at last come upon me. In the Trinity Term of 1929 I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England.”

*Surprise by Joy 1956
chapter 14
paragraph 23*

**SOCIAL
ISSUES**

MO-CRMS 0-10-RIC 2-WORG O-T-SM-T-ZC-TRORPO

Thanks to the generosity of St. George's people, over \$1000 has been sent to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.



...Are you interested in allocating money, having lively discussions, bringing smiles to other people, and having a good warm feeling in your heart?. If so, then **Social Issues Committee** is the right place to be. *Led by Deacon Connie McCarroll*, the Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month from 7 to 8 p.m.. to plan outreach projects and allocate funds to various church and community organizations. The next meeting date is October 4 They welcome new participants to join the discussion and planning sessions!

the other place

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

***salvation army
(booth house)***

...Next opportunity to assist will be *Wednesday October 12*. Dinner will be prepared in the undercroft kitchen 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Servers carpool to the shelter at 4:30 p.m. The dinner crew needs Cookies and 9X13 cakes to serve for dessert. Please bring your donation to the undercroft by 3:30 p.m. *Contact Mary Maclean, 427-2315 if you would like to join the crew of cooks or servers.*

Another eight-week

***english
as a second language***

...class will begin *Wednesday, October 5th*, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m.

St. George's has people trained in using the learning materials. Volunteers are needed to help tutor the students. Everyone shares in the teaching. No one goes it alone! If you like to help with this important ministry to the wider Dayton community, please contact *Deacon Connie at 239-8692, or Conniejodo@cs.com.*

It's coming up!

***the crop
hunger walk***

... will be Saturday, *October 8*, leaving from Island Park at 9 am. Join the CROP Walk and take steps to make a difference in alleviating hunger here at home and in more than 80 countries around the world. Look for the Sign-up Table at weekend services in September, or phone *Mary Rollins, 293-7940*. Last year the Dayton community raised \$22,000, and this year's goal is \$30,000! Let's do our part from St. George's to walk and to sponsor walkers!

***day
of change:***

...*Saturday, October 29* is the evening when we all set our clocks back an hour. That weekend, the Social Issues Committee invites you to empty your pockets of loose change as a way of helping the hungry in our community. The money received will go to the food bank at St. Margaret's. Of course, if your pockets don't jingle, you can write a check!

**COMING
ATTRACTIONS
and
Updates**

***blood pressure
screening***

...will be held **October 23** in the St. George nursery after the 10:30 service. Your health ministries committee wants to help you be prepared so that you won't be spooked out of your health come Halloween.

***the care to share
program***

...will again be held **November 12**, 7a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Centerville Elder Beerman store. Here is how it works...You donate \$5 to St. George's Church and get 30% off just about anything in the store. PLUS you get a chance to win \$50 if your name is drawn in one of 6 drawings that morning. (Of course, if you win, so does the church, as it also gets \$50). If you would like to help sell the coupons or are willing to staff our time (to be announced), or if you want more information, please call **Melanie Hitch, 299-1721**.

***takin' the "a" train
to heaven***

(A Tribute to the Duke Ellington Sacred Concert Series).

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
5301 Free Pike, Trotwood
October 21, 7:00 p.m.

...featuring the inspirational music of Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, presented by Khalid Moss and Friends. *A Benefit for St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, celebrating 113 years of Christian service to the Dayton Community. Call 837-7741 for additional information.*

vascular screenings

...Friday, **October 14**, **THE BETHANY LUTHERAN VILLAGE**, 6445 Far Hills, will offer an opportunity (a preventative program) to do something that might possibly save their lives and/or prevent serious disability caused by stroke, vascular disease, and osteoporosis, using Ultrasound and Doppler. Cost is \$45 each, or \$109 for the three vascular screenings. You can add a bone density screening, \$35, or all four for \$129. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER! 1-800-324-1851.**

***a russian easter:
st. petersburg & sablino***

...For over 1000 years Easter has been principal holy day of the Russian Orthodox Church. This spring the Miami Valley Episcopal Russian Network (MVERN) invites you to share this glorious celebration. From April 19-28, 2006, we will visit major cultural, historic and sacred sites in St. Petersburg, share the stirring ritual of the Easter Vigil at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church in the village of Sablino, and experience a magnificent Easter service at St. Isaac's Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

Witness the work of MVERN's ministry at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, the companion parish of nine Miami Valley Episcopal churches. Spend an afternoon teaching and playing with the children who attend after school classes at the Sablino Youth Center, a major new project supported by MVERN.

An optional six day extension (April 28-May 3), will include visits to the historic and cultural sites in the ancient cities of Novgorod and Moscow

For further information and to receive a brochure please contact **Linda Spears at 937/293-0818 or E-mail at spearsl@att.net.**

**COMING
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and
Updates**
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vestry and financial update

...at their September 19 meeting,
the St. George's Vestry...

- welcomed Rob Bennett as the newly-elected Youth representative to the Vestry.
- heard summer intern, the Rev. Deacon Steve Bilbury, report on his visits with families with young children and his work as consultant to the Stewardship Committee.
- as part of an on-going visioning process, told personal stories about what it means to experience St. George's as the Body of Christ.
- approved a request from the Visions Implementation Committee to spend \$15,370 of Visions capital funds for replacement of the lower northwest exterior doors and twelve windows on the northwest corner of both levels. (This project completes the installation of new energy-efficient windows throughout the building.)
- received the Treasurer's Report and Audit Report.

financial update for august

| | Current month | Year to date | 2005 Budget |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| <i>Income</i> | | | |
| Pledges | \$26,582.19 | \$288,106.26 | \$ 466,673.00 |
| Total Income | 33,011.54 | 381,907.99 | 595,143.00 |
| <i>Expenses</i> | | | |
| Excess Income/(Expense) | 38,284.56 | 407,534.19 | 595,015.00 |
| | \$(5,273.02) | \$ 25,626.20 | \$ 128.00 |

Expenses continued to run ahead of income through August. We still hope to finish roughly even by the end of the year. You can help by completing your pledge of financial support and remembering St. George's with a special gift or increased measure of support in 2005. Thank you.

...as part of this year's Stewardship Campaign, you have an opportunity to ask parish leaders questions about the budget at a meeting between services Sunday, October 9, at 9:30 in the Welcome Area.

buy george

**... A collection of items
celebrating st. george's
good for year-long gift-giving**

St. George's Cookbook

Like Stars Appearing—Ann Rowland's wonderful book about our stained glass windows (and the story of Christianity through the pictures of its saints) with award-winning design by Jayne MacDougall.

50th Anniversary bookmarks—for that book you're reading right now

St. George window note cards—for any occasion

St. George T-shirts, sweatshirts, golf shirts—for children and adults

St. George flags—for waving!

Come by our table in the Welcome Area following the 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. services

P.S. BUY GEORGE needs additional helpers to staff the sales table. If you can help, please call Doris Boulton (885-9640), Patricia Zeller (885-4146) or the Rector (434-1781)



**GENERAL
CONVENTION
of the
Episcopal
Church
2006**

GENERAL CONVENTION IS COMING TO COLUMBUS

The 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church
will be held at the Columbus Convention Center
June 13-21, 2006

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!



1500 VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO MAKE
THIS GENERAL CONVENTION A SUCCESS.

...We need people from every congregation in the Diocese...

*Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of our National Church Life
right here in Columbus!*

Be a part of it all and say
“Here I Am Lord!”

Even if you can spare only a half day, please volunteer your time by signing up at:

<http://www.gc2006.org/volunteers/>
or call the Volunteer Recruiting Office at
614-461-8429, ext 12

(Registration forms are also available on St. George's Welcome Table)

**SPECIAL
MINISTRIES
at
st. george's**

can you help...with...

***+ st. george's ministry of
hospitality?***

We have an urgent need for volunteers. Hospitality hour, following the 10:30 service, is an important welcoming time for those new to or visiting St. George's, as well as a special time for camaraderie between parishioners. *The church provides the fixings for coffee and tea.* Volunteers make the coffee and provide simple refreshment snacks & a beverage for children. *Please consider becoming one of these special volunteers.* **The Sign-up Sheet is in the Parish Hall.** Questions? Call *Carol Her- rick 433-0143.*

+ the usher ministry?

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.

prayer chain requests
contact

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

or

Carolyn Thomas, 298-0064
cktten@aol.com

stephen ministry: Stephen Ministers are trained to serve as caring lay persons to extend the pastoral care efforts of the clergy. A Stephen Minister visits regularly with a person who might be experiencing a difficult period or transition in their life, and who would like to have someone listen objectively, empathetically and confidentially. To request a Stephen Minister, speak with either of the clergy. For more information about the program, contact either of the Stephen Leaders: *Jean Case (434-4260) or Fay Layden (433-3867).*

st. george's stephen ministry:

2005 Supervision Meetings – Parish Hall

Third Saturday of each month (10:30 a.m. – noon)

October 15 at St. George's, regular time

Sunday, Nov. 13 (5 p.m. after continuing ed, church TBA)

December 17 at St. George's, regular time

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

altar flowers: NOVEMBER 2005 DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE!... If you would like to give altar flowers (\$50 each bouquet) as a memorial or thanksgiving gift, ***please sign one of the two charts on the bulletin board opposite the office, giving full information for that service bulletin no later than the Sunday preceding your desired date.*** Thank you.

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

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

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.

**FROM
THE
MAILBOX**



Dear Rev. Hull, On behalf of the House of Bread, thank you for the donation of food items from the funeral luncheon of Roz Young...a special thank you to Roger & Mary Rollins for delivering the food. Patti King came to us with a donation of chicken tetrazini, left over from the Sunday School Kick Off event. Your food donations will be a great help to our food budget. *Sincerely, Jackie Lovegren, Director of Operations, House of Bread*

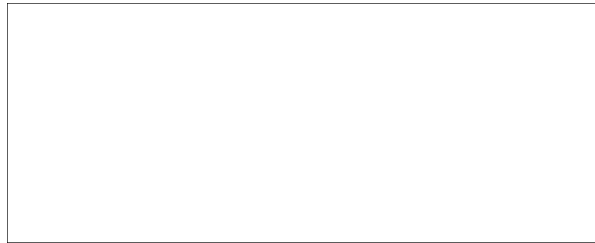
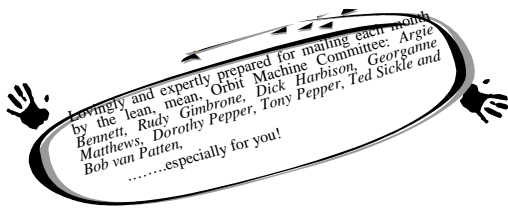
Dear Rev. St. Germain, Enclosed you will find a copy of our booklet which has as its cover the Ruth and Naomi window design from St. George's Church. Thank you again for permission to use the design. *Sincerely, Sister Angelica, Dominican Sisters of Columbus, OH*

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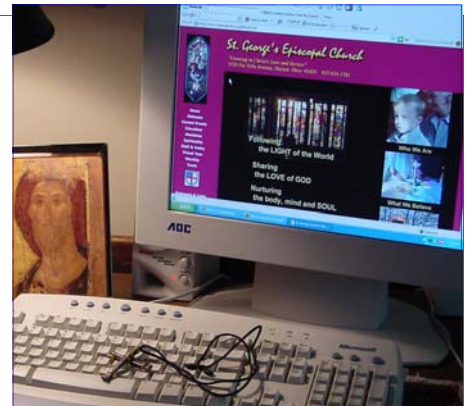
Accolades Continue to Arrive...

Wow—three different compliments about the St. George's website in 24 hours. First, vestry member **Patricia Zeller** surfed on over to the lectionary page to research her vestry devotions online. Did you know that was possible? Yup! All the Feast and Fast Days are available, as well as prayers and scripture readings.

The next day—praises as to how comprehensive the site happens to be. Yup! You can listen to a sermon, check the acolyte schedule, and even participate in an online meditation. Coming next? Soon you'll be able to listen to a senior sermon and hear music from Youth Sunday.

Amazing—even while discussing the website an email arrives from a woman in England who would like to pass along that she thinks our site is "lovely" and particularly enjoyed the virtual tour of our stained glass windows. What's next? A link from the windows pages to the "Like Stars Appearing" book page. Did you know you can order the book (and the St. George's Cookbook) online? Sure can!

So far, the most surprising accolade came from one of Paul's former classmates (from elementary school—no less) he had not seen or heard from in over 25 years. Ah, the power of Google!



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