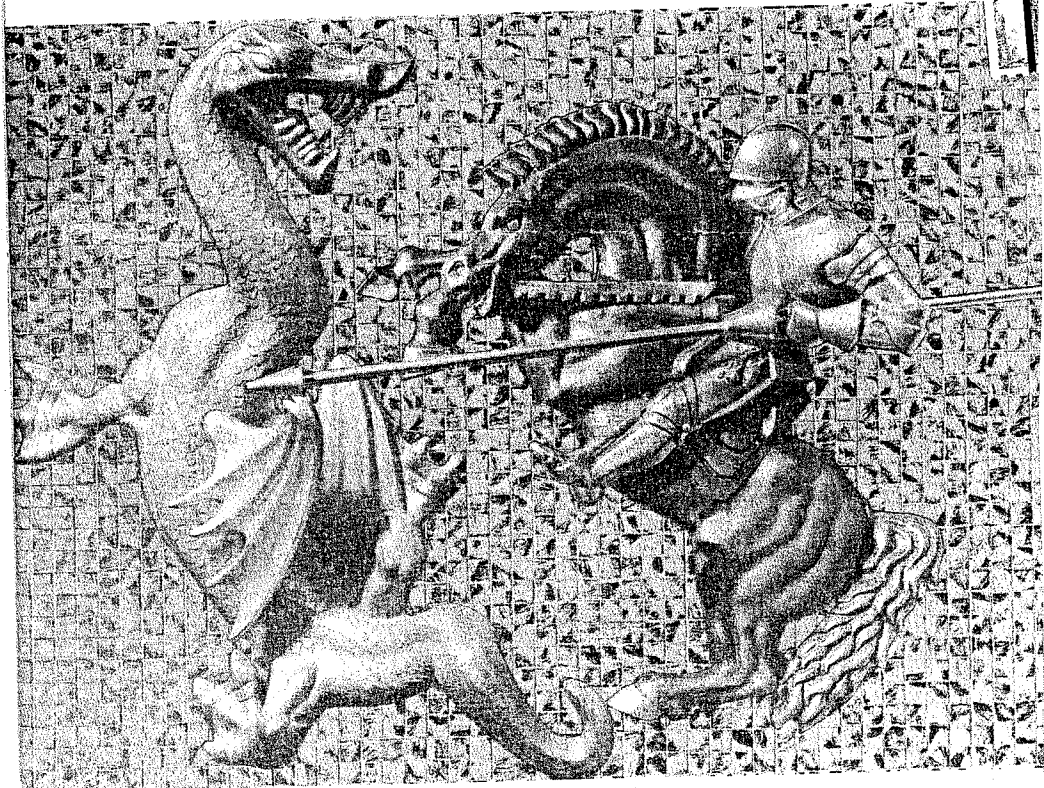


1963-64 *guidebook*

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH *dayton, oh*



INTRODUCTION

AT ST. GEORGE'S, there are many groups which welcome you and hope that you will join them. We hope that you will avail yourself of the opportunity for service, personal growth, education, and fellowship. Not only will St. George's benefit, but also you will.

There are various types of organizations: some almost entirely for service to the Church; some are largely social, stressing fun and fellowship; others are a combination of these.

Please read over the list, ask questions, then choose the ones that appeal to you. If you are not contacted for meetings, feel free to call the president of the organization. They will be delighted to have you join them.

ST. GEORGE'S HISTORY

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ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH has, for a youngster, a full and rich history. This past year we've dedicated and begun services in our new church building. Prior to this, many events took place which helped to mold the parish as a solid and devoted family. St. George's was begun as the result of a survey by St. Paul's, which indicated a need for an Episcopal Church in Kettering and Washington Township. In chronological order, these events follow:

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| March, 1954 | The first service was held in Merchant's Bank, Kettering Branch, in the basement room. Twenty-eight families comprised the entire congregation. |
| September, 1954 | Frederick A. Pope, the present Rector (first Vicar) arrived, and St. George's Mission was officially established. |
| May, 1955 | A successful money-raising campaign was held. This - and gifts - provided means for a building. |
| August, 1955 | Ground was broken for the present parish hall on land provided by the Diocese of Southern Ohio. |
| June, 1956 | Cornerstone laid. |
| January, 1957 | St. George's became a full self-supporting parish. |

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March, 1957	Church was incorporated - under Ohio Corporation Law. Building was formally opened. This building, a parish hall, was used as a nave, with the basement serving as Church School.
May, 1960	Rectory was purchased.
April, 1961	Congregation voted overwhelm- ingly to proceed with new church and facilities.
June, 1962	New church construction started.
January, 1963	Parish hall officially desig- nated as "The Frederick A. Pope Hall" in honor of our Rector, by overwhelming vote and approval of congregation.
September, 1963	Church building was dedicated and services begun.

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The Rev. Frederick A. Pope, Rector
Church Telephone 298-0264
(After Nov. 17, 434-1781) Rectory 299-1914

VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden, Robert W. Clark
Junior Warden, Dean Holcombe

Vestrymen:

E. L. Warner, Jr.
Edward W. Gore
Phil Denniston
Robert Reed
E. H. Saslow
Mrs. Charles (Kay) Jordan
Neil Pynchon
E. Gates Sturgis
John T. Davidson, Treasurer

Parish Secretary, Mrs. Richard A. (Lenore) Fraine
Parish Bookkeeper, Mrs. Dale (Shirley) Frizzell

LAYREADERS

LAYREADERS are men of the Church who are licensed to conduct some of the services and to assist the Rector in other parts of the Episcopal worship. These men are symbolic of the bridge that exists between the ministry of the laity and that of the priesthood.

Men who are interested in lay ministry, and who satisfy the Rector with their qualifications, may be recommended to the Bishop for licensing. Layreaders are required to be knowledgeable in the Prayer Book, Episcopal Theology and History, the Conduct of Services, and the Holy Scriptures. Licenses are renewable yearly, on request of the Rector. Presently, layreaders at St. George's are:

Don Wray

Robert W. Richards

Larry Thurston

Warren Finken

Fred Curtice

Dean Holcombe

Lester Habel

Park Urquhart

THE YOUNG PEOPLE

THE EPISCOPAL YOUNG CHURCHMEN is an organization of St. George's designed for the young people. The group is divided into two sections - junior and senior - according to high school grades. The members of each group elect their own officers. The officers plan the programs which vary from the serious aspect to games and other activities. Working along with each group is an adult adviser who helps in organization and planning.

All young people of junior high school and senior high school are eligible for membership. Contact Judy Miller, AX 9-5061.

COUPLES' CLUB

THE COUPLES' CLUB of St. George's Episcopal Church is an organization with the prime purpose of Christian fellowship. It is open to all couples who are members of St. George's. The meetings are held the first Sunday night of each month, September through June.

Meetings are composed of a pitch-in (potluck) supper, followed by short programs ranging from serious speakers to games and recreation.

Annual events are the picnic for the whole parish in September, the pancake supper in late winter, and the county fair and auction in June.

The meetings this past year were composed of several speakers, slides, a square dance, and a costume party. For additional information about the group, contact the church office, or Bud and Peg Miller, AX 9-5061, the couple who serve as president for 1962-63.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

OUR CONSTANT AIM in the education of a Christian is to lead him, through his sacramental life in the Church's worship and work, to discover Almighty God in Jesus Christ and to be transformed to God's will and purpose, in this world and the next.

Some of the "old Sunday School" ideas are in need of review and reassessment. The very words, "Sunday School" and "Christian Education" and "Religious Education" have to be rescued from the supercilious and even derogatory attitudes frequently held in relation to them. Sometimes it seems that only those seriously engaged in teaching the Faith have respect for the work. How often have you heard the expression "Oh, that's Sunday School stuff!" used in a derisive way? Or you may have heard of a scholar of real integrity remarking, "Now, we cannot take that view - that's Sunday School theology." Theology taught to beginners of any age must be sound; it may have to be put as simply as possible, but bad theology is the root of trouble in all phases of church life.

We need to break down the tragic equation which looks like this:

Christian Education = Children

It should read:

Christian Education = Everybody.

At St. George's, we want to reach "everybody." Our Church School has a full range of classes operating on Sunday mornings at 9:15 and 11 A.M., from Nursery through Senior High. Adult education involves Bible study on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, and post confirmation discussion, tailored to suit the needs of interested participants, at sessions starting in late October. Your participation is earnestly invited. If you do not find a study group of your particular interest, we shall be glad to consider one slanted your way. . . For further information, please contact the Rector, or R. W. Richards, Chairman of Christian Education, 293-0967.

EVANGELISM

THE STORY OF SUCCESS at St. George's is due to the personal evangelism of our people. Starting nine years ago with but thirty people, we have grown to almost fifteen hundred.

We are thankful, too, that our Rector is so dedicated to calling on visitors, new members, and parishioners. Many people have come to St. George's through his efforts - and once here, realized that we are a warm and friendly church where we worship our Lord as a true parish family.

Evangelism is a term some object to, because it smacks of the ranting, Bible-pounding fundamentalists, but "personal witnessing" is the job of every churchman.

Statistics tell us less than 50% of our population claim to belong to any church - and only one-half of these who claim membership ever attend a service. This means that roughly seventy-five per cent of our neighbors in this community are not in any church on Sunday.

It is our duty, not only as members of St. George's, but as Christians, to invite our friends and neighbors we may know who do not attend a church to come to St. George's. Here they may receive the joy we know and have benefited from in receiving Jesus Christ.

We have a duty as God's evangelists. When Christ said, "Go ye unto all the nations . . .," He was telling us to bring our friends and neighbors to Him. We want to do this at St. George's, to let everyone know that he is WELCOME!

Larry Thurston is Chairman of the Evangelism Committee.

SENIOR CHOIR

THE SENIOR CHOIR is made up of adults who enjoy singing together. Its main purpose, of course, is to lead the congregation in the musical portions of the church service. The Senior Choir sings every Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service, from September to June, and at various special services throughout the year.

The present membership is approximately twenty. It is hoped that this number can be doubled within the next few years, which will make it possible for the choir to increase its service to the Church. Anyone, fifteen years of age or over, interested in singing with the Senior Choir, is invited to join. Contact Mr. Burton Weaver, Organist and Choir Director, 299-0574. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings for one hour, beginning at 8 o'clock.

JUNIOR CHOIR

ANYONE, age eight through thirteen, is eligible.

Rehearsals are each Friday at 3:45 P.M. The Choir sings at the 9:15 Service, plus special performances such as the Christmas Pageant, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day Services, and other special events.

Tryouts for the Junior Choir may be arranged anytime by making an appointment with the Choirmaster,

Mr. Burton Weaver, 299-0574

ALTAR GUILD

THE DUTY of caring for the Altar and Sanctuary is entrusted to a group of women known as the Altar Guild. Their handiwork and housekeeping are done with loving care and offered as their best efforts to the glory of God. This work is done under the direct supervision of the Rector, and is subject only to his jurisdiction. All linens and vestments are cared for by the Altar Guild. The cleanliness and order of both the Sanctuary and Sacristy are also their responsibility. This is their chief concern. The Flower Chairman has complete charge of selecting the proper flowers for each Sunday, as well as assigning to each desirous family the Sunday it wishes to give flowers for the Altar. The Sewing Chairman purchases the necessary materials needed to maintain a complete supply of vestments and Altar linens, and supervises the needlework. At present, the Guild offers for sale Church Calendars, and Advent and Christmas Candles. These are the only means of adding to its treasury. This money is used to purchase linen and equipment needed for vestments and other small supplies. Officers are:

Flower Chairman, Mrs. Starling Kay
Sewing Chairman, Mrs. Clifford Myers
Directress, Mrs. Jack Sturtevant

THE PURPOSE of this group is to unite the Women of St. George's in a program of worship, study, and fellowship, which will deepen and strengthen our own spiritual lives, and lead us into service for God in the Family, the Parish and Community, the Diocese, the Nation, and the World.

Each women in this parish is a member of the Women of St. George's. Newcomers are most welcome to come and take part in the activities.

Among the many worthwhile endeavors of this group are: Visiting the Dayton State Hospital one Monday each month, the year around, with refreshments and entertainment; sewing, collecting gifts for and visiting the Children's Hospital in Cincinnati; a spring fashion show; a Christmas Bazaar; and many other activities.

Officers for 1963-64 are:

President, Mrs. Ed (Aldene) Saslow, AX 9-6025
Honorary President, Mrs. Frederick A. (Marcia)
Pope, AX 9-1914
Vice President, Mrs. Harry (Marty) Ebeling,
AX 9-7146
Recording Secretary, Mrs. Robert (Sandy) Phelps,
AX 8-7834
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mae Reed, TU 5-3698
Treasurer, Mrs. Vince (Amber) Tellis, AX 9-8491

THE ACOLYTE GUILD

Chairman, George Gray
Director, Don Moore

Director, Jay Sturtevant
Guild Mother, Mrs. Hugh
Miller

THE ACOLYTE GUILD is composed of a group of boys who assist the Rector at services. We have approximately twenty-five members.

To be eligible to become acolytes, boys should be at least twelve years of age, and should either be confirmed or desirous of being confirmed. They usually continue to serve through their college years.

We plan on becoming a member guild of the national Saint Vincent's Guild.

Duties of the acolyte are varied. A schedule is set up each month for them. Usually, twelve acolytes are used at each group of Sunday services: two at the 8 o'clock service, and give each at the 9:15 and 11 o'clock services. At the 9:15 and 11 A.M. services, one boy is crucifer, two are torch bearers, and the other two are the head server and assistant server. The head server attends the priest at the altar. The assistant server handles the moving of the missal from one side of the altar to the other, and carries the book in the Gospel procession. The assistant server will, from time to time, assist the priest in the communion of the people by holding the paten or chalice for him at the communion rail.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 289

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OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP was established in 1960 to be of service to others than ourselves. It is a community troop with the members drawn from the area near St. George's. The troop has 30 members, 26 of whom are boys who do not attend our church.

The troop is divided into four neighborhood patrols, with all members of the patrol living within walking or bike riding distance of each other. With the exception of the troop meetings and campouts, all activity is directed by the patrol leader, with hikes and meetings held or originating in the patrol neighborhood

Regular meetings are held in the parish Hall at 7:00 on Tuesdays.

William S. Yeck, 434-1604, is Scoutmaster.

USHERS

ANY MALE member of St. George's who wishes may serve as an usher. It is his duty to act as a gracious host, to help seat people, collect the offering and take it to the altar rail, guide communicants to the altar rail during communion, and to see that everyone - members and newcomers alike - feels welcome.

A man who is called to usher will be asked to serve at the service he usually attends. He is furnished with complete instructions for his duties. Anyone wishing to be placed on the usher list should call Jack Sturtevant, Chairman of the Usher Committee, AX 8-3507, or Ed Saslow, Assistant Chairman, AX 9-6025