



Good News, by George!

The Newsletter of St. George's Episcopal Church

An Episcopal Newsletter serving the North Carroll Community



Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist for families with young children

10:00 a.m.

Christian Education

10:40 a.m.

Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

Festive Eucharist

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Christian Education Part 2

Last month we focused on the second part of our Christian Education (and for some unknown reason titled the column Part 1, while this month is part 2 !?!). I tried to make a distinction between Christian education as Formation (what we believe) and Christian Education as Application (what we do with our beliefs). In The Last Word, Rev. Chris had a slightly different spin on the same concepts. He quoted a source that defined religion as an awareness of God, and spirituality as transforming the way we live as a result of that awareness.

Whether you see it as religion or formation on one hand and application or spirituality on the other isn't really important. The important thing is that the two concepts cannot be separated. To live balanced lives as Christians we need to have both the understanding of what we believe and the commitment to apply that understanding in our lives. I remember student teaching American history in 1970 (yeah, I

know—that was a long time ago!). Many of us thought at the time that it wasn't very important for students to memorize the facts as long as they got the concepts. What we had missed was that the concepts lose their context and significance without the facts. We need to know the who, the what, and the when in order to appreciate and understand the concepts. And only then can we use that understanding to become responsible citizens.

The same is true with respect to being responsible Christians. Jean Dixon and the other Sunday School teachers here at St. George's do a tremendous job with an inspired curriculum. Rev. Chris and Deacon Barbara both put on display and reinforce what our children learn in Sunday School during children's sermons. If there is any doubt about what the children are learning in Sunday School, listen closely to some of their answers during children's time.

What about us older people—can we still learn or are we like old dogs? We also have a wonderful Adult Forum led by Beth Hester and others on Sunday mornings. Unfortunately, many of us do not attend because we are busy fellowshipping with other members of our community who we may not have seen for a week or so, or engaged in other church related tasks during that time period. But, you can still take part in other learning opportunities at St. George's. There is a theological book club to join, there is an annual Lenten program, and we have a well stocked library from which you can borrow to engage in individual study.

We need to continue to be active in all parts of our Christian Education. Don't pass up on an opportunity to learn, to grow, and to share God's love.

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Sunday Schooling at St. George's

Here at St. George's we are blessed with a wonderful Sunday School program for children. Under a curriculum, called Godly Play, our younger members take part in a program that is designed to allow them to learn about God and expand their personal experiences of God. Jean Dixon, who chairs the Sunday School program, notes that it is designed to support, challenge, nourish and guide children through their own spiritual journeys.

There are three types of lessons in each level of Godly Play. They are: Sacred Stories, Parables, and lessons about Liturgical actions, like Baptism and the church year. And we have three class levels in this program. Four year olds through kindergartners take part in the Godly Friends program. This class is taught by Heather Praet and Joanne Fuller. So far this year the Godly Friends have learned about the Church year, the Holy Family, creation, the Pumpkin Patch Parable, and Noah's Ark and the Flood.



June Praet and Debbie Fiackos teach the 1st through 3rd Graders in the Godly Christians class. This class has studied the Exodus story in addition to the topics studied by the Godly Friends group.

Our 4th and 5th graders take part in the Godly Worshippers Class, which is taught by Heather Cooper and Joe Martin. This class has focused on the Church year, The Books of the Bible, the Prophets, and the Ark of the Covenant.



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One of Jean's goals this year is to involve parents as much as possible in their child's education. To this end, Jean has provided each parent with a biblical reference or other information on the topic of each day's lesson. Jean tells parents, "We hope that this information will help you to be able to follow-up on that day's lesson with your child at home."

Beyond the Godly Play groups, we also have the Quest Class taught by Steve and Laura Van Riper. This group of Middle School students are preparing for their eventual confirmation.



Finally we have a Senior high discussion group led by Patty Lutton, with Rev. Chris and Jean Dixon backing her up. This group is using a Serendipity Youth Identity Series of Bible Study that specializes in open ended discussion that has relevance for people in their teenage years.

Sunday School is open every Sunday from September 14th through May 17th except for Newcomers Breakfast Sundays, Christmas break, and Easter, and begins immediately after the 9:00AM service. Classes end at 10:40AM. And don't fret if you are too old for any of these offerings! You are still eligible to attend the Adult Forum which meets in the conference room at the same time each Sunday and is currently studying the books of the Bible.

WANTED

Shepherds, a Holy Family,

Wise persons, Sheep,

Angels, and More.

If Your Family Will Be

Attending the Early Christmas

Eve Service, and Can Fill Any

Of These Positions, Please Contact June Praet.

Business Expo

On Sunday, Oct 19th, you may have noticed the tables were arranged differently in the Parish Hall. This arrangement was to support thirteen different vendors, the youth group and St George's. Grown from a mustard-seed of an idea, Sandee Martin, Debbie Fiackos and Sheila Johnson created a marketing extravaganza. With a fall harvest theme, visitors were greeted by the smiling faces of two pumpkins and miniature scarecrow. Once inside, each vendor had a dazzling array of information and products to display. At each station, visitors had an opportunity to register for a special prize.



Many parishioners were able to participate as vendors. Prestige Catering (Jim Held) offered samples of BBQ—the aroma alone certainly increased everyone's appetite. Our local Avon Representative (Debbie Fiackos) offered a variety of health and beauty products—one of the hand lotions was very popular with the girls. Perfect Plants (Sheila Johnson) showed off her green thumb in a technical extravaganza – using the TV to highlight her work at some of her clients' locations. A+ Travel (Jim & Barbara Hall) had a display that included breathtaking images as a tempting introduction to a custom cruise package. Sports Stop (Sandee & George Martin) displayed a vast array of customized sporting apparel. Canyon Oak Technologies (Craig & Laura Kistner) showed-off some of their computer prowess while Jon Breakey (North Carroll Physical Therapy) stood ready to discuss the importance of self-care techniques to the overall physical therapy process. Creative Memories (Laura Van Riper) had an amazing display of scrapbooking tools and materials – as well as some samples of professional results.

We were fortunate to host a few other vendors from the community. Cookie Lee Jewlery (Denise Zink) had several trays of fashion accessories, while Pampered Chef (Lori Gilbert) provided the tools to accessorize the dinner table. Magical Moments (Brenda Miller) showed off her photographic skills while Grandma's Pastime (Mary Hamilton) piqued our interest with hand sewn stockings, wall hangings as well as a full range of kitchen wares including, potholders and aprons.

As the expected crowds did not arrive, the Expo was fairly quiet. A few church members dropped by to take in the event, and Steve Blagg showed up for pictures. Personal invitations to all the soccer parents yielded two more visitors, and sale of more bake goods.

In the end, the Business Expo had over seven visitors, earned \$28.00, provided fillings and door prizes for use in the upcoming (14 Nov) Bingo, and demonstrated that Sandee, Debbie and Sheila can organize anything!



More Than You Ever Wanted To Know About The Diaconate, Or What Do I Do Around Here, Anyway?

By Barbara Sears

The word “deacon” is derived from the Greek word “diakonia,” which means “to serve.” In all that we do, deacons are called to be servants.

The Birth of the Diaconate

Any discussion about the beginnings of diaconal ministry must begin with Jesus, the ultimate Servant. Jesus, in his ministry and teaching, made it abundantly clear that service to others is the best way to serve God. In the Book of Acts, Stephen, Philip, and five other men were commissioned by the laying on of hands to minister to the poor and to distribute alms. Many people refer to these men as the first deacons, even though the word “diakonia” is not used in the Greek version of this passage. They certainly were deacons, however, in every sense of the word.

During the first 600 years, the diaconate flourished. Then as the importance of the priesthood increased, the diaconate declined. In the Episcopal Church, the diaconate has been restored in the past century. In 1889 an order of deaconesses was established, and was a vital ministry for more than 80 years. In 1952, the diaconate for men was revived.

In 1970, the General Convention voted to allow the ordination of women to the diaconate, and the order of deaconesses was disbanded. In the Diocese of Maryland, the permanent diaconate for men and women was reestablished in the late 1970's. Permanent deacons in Maryland are called simply “deacons,” as opposed to “transitional deacons” who are preparing for ordination to the priesthood.

Preparing and Exploring For a Year

In Maryland, diaconal training begins with a year-long program called “Exploring Baptismal Ministry.” This is open to anyone who would like to deepen their understanding of God's call to ministry in their lives, whether they feel called to lay or ordained ministry. Those who feel called to ordained ministry then enter a program called “Finding Our Way,” which is aimed at defining that call and preparing for postulancy. The diocese is developing a program for those who feel called to a specialized lay ministry.

Training for Three Years

Once postulancy is granted, then the three-year Deacon Formation Program begins. This program is designed for people who work full time, so all the training takes place on evenings and weekends. Each year includes 8 weekend seminars at Claggett which focus on leadership skills, preaching, liturgy, Bible study, theological reflection, and pastoral ministry. In addition, there are weekly classes in theology and church history. Also, diaconal students participate in 3 year-long internships, in a hospital, in a parish, and in a social ministry.

Along the way, there are interviews for candidacy and ordination, and physical, psychological and psychiatric evaluations. It is an extensive and intensive program, and deacons are well-prepared for ministry when they are ordained.

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A Three-Part Ministry

The ministry of a deacon encompasses three major areas:

- Liturgy
- Pastoral care
- Outreach

Liturgy

In the Eucharist, the deacon's role is to point to the servanthood of all of us: Reading the Gospel reminds us of the responsibility to proclaim the Word in the world. Setting the table and cleaning up afterwards is a visible reminder of each person's servanthood. Distributing the bread reminds us that we have a responsibility in reaching out to those in need. And finally, the dismissal is a reminder that there is a world outside which desperately needs our attention and care.

Pastoral Care

The second area of diaconal ministry is pastoral care. A deacon works with the priest in ministering to the needs of the parish. This takes many forms: working with the Pastoral Care Commission, training lay participants in the liturgy, visiting the sick, providing a listening ear, raising up lay leadership.

Outreach

The third area of diaconal ministry is outreach. Working with the Outreach Commission, a deacon helps to keep the parish informed about the needs of the community and helps establish programs and projects to meet those needs.

Of course, the caveat to all of this is the phrase "other duties as assigned." A deacon never knows what other projects might be in the offing when she is involved with a congregation. The unofficial motto of the diaconate is, "just do it!"

Questions I get asked a lot

"When are you going to be ordained?" or its corollary, "When are you going to go on to be a priest?" I was ordained a deacon in June 1995. My call from God has always been to the diaconate, and for me, there is no "going on" to the priesthood. I see my ministry as equal to and complementary to that of the priests I have worked with. We work side by side, each doing the ministry God has called us to. Rev. Chris and I have a

wonderful working relationship, and we each respect and appreciate the ministry of the other.

"What do you mean, you don't get paid?" Deacons in Maryland do not receive a salary for the work they do in a parish. Most deacons have full-time jobs and do their diaconal ministry in their "spare" time. Some deacons, like me, have income from retirement benefits or part-time jobs. Not being on the payroll sometimes has its advantages, since it allows a deacon to be more outspoken when not dependent on the parish for income.

I am always glad to talk about the diaconate, so if you have questions, please ask!



Sears Family Profile

Barbara and Bill Sears are life-long Marylanders who make their home in Westminster. They currently have no pets sharing their lives, but have had 7 long-lived, well-loved cats over the years, whose company is dearly missed! (They may have no pets at the moment, but be sure to ask them about a bridge they built for a visiting groundhog to make his trek into their garden each day a bit easier!)



Bill and Barbara both grew up in Baltimore City. Barbara graduated from Western Maryland College and earned a master's degree at Morgan State College. Bill has two degrees from University of Maryland. While Bill has a brother Mike who lives with his family in Eldersburg, Barbara is an only child, but considers her cousin Dave, who lives in Virginia Beach, to be like a brother to her. Barbara's mom, who lives in Westminster and at the age of 94 is still in her own apartment, is an avid Orioles' fan.

Bill and Barbara met at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension and Prince of Peace (affectionately known as the A&P) in Randallstown. They started dating in June 1969 and realized on their second date that they were meant for each other and decided to get married. They wed only few short months later in October 1969. Barbara is happy to report that 39 years later they're still having a lot of fun together!

Barbara was ordained in June 1995, and after 3 years each spent serving at Transfiguration Braddock Heights and St. James Monkton, started her ministry at St. George's in October 2001. The bishop gave her a choice of assignments, and after talking with Chris, Barbara says she knew that God was calling her to St. George's.

Coincidentally, Chris and Barbara did part of their discernment process together in 1991, and Barbara remembers saying to him then that it would be great if they could work together at some time in the future! Little did they know that this would not only come to fruition, but that it would turn out to be a long tenure to boot!

Bill and Barbara are both retired from Baltimore County Public Schools. Bill taught Tech Ed in high school and Barbara taught math in middle school. Bill was also a drafter and worked for a company in Towson for a few years. When Barbara was in college she worked summers at Shadowbrook Girl Scout Camp in Conowingo. Barbara also did some teaching at Carroll Community College and a 5-month stretch as interim principal at St. Timothy's School in Catonsville.

The Sears love to travel and have been fortunate over the years to go many places, both in the U.S. and abroad. The West is a favorite destination, and they head for Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming as often as they can. Other trips have taken Barbara and Bill to England, Scotland, and Ireland, Alaska and Hawaii, Israel, Bermuda, Bahamas, and Canada.

Barbara and Bill also enjoy hiking, and one of their favorite destinations is the C&O Canal which stretches 184 miles from Georgetown to Cumberland. Barbara says, "Hardly a week goes by that we're not somewhere on the towpath enjoying God's creation."

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Barbara enjoys singing in the Masterworks Chorale, doing counted cross stitch and reading. Bill loves his garden and each year their house is surrounded by beautiful flowers and plants. He enjoys studying geology and geography, and therefore, they usually come home from vacation with a pile of rocks in their suitcases. Bill volunteers at his church, Ascension Episcopal in Westminster, where he and a few others are the handymen who keep the property in good shape. He also volunteers at Carroll Hospital Center on Saturdays.

What Barbara likes best about St. George's is the enthusiasm of the congregation: in worship, in fellowship activities, in outreach to the community, in providing pastoral care, in welcoming newcomers, and in willingness to pitch in and get things done. Barbara says that, "This is a very special parish, and it is a privilege for me to be here." No, Barbara, it OUR privilege to have you here with us!

Sheila and Tony Warner

Almost seven years ago, Sheila and Tony moved to Pennsylvania from Annapolis and joined St. George's. Immediately they became active in the choir, pastoral care and on the vestry. Tony introduced the community to Eucharistic bread which soon replaced the host at both services except during Advent and Lent. Noting Rev. Chris's extensive book collection, the Warner's dug around in the closets and set up a library for the congregation to use. Church activism is not new to the Warner's. They often led a Godly Connections program (based on Godly Play) at Epiphany Episcopal in Odenton and were on the committee to restore the historic church. In earlier days, Tony was ordained a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church and served at Our Lady of the Chesapeake in Pasadena. While there, the Warner's led a marriage preparation program for several years. Somehow, they have always been members of churches in the building process. They have contributed the sanctuary lamp in two churches and would like to contribute one to a new St. George's.



In their private life, the Warner's have three children, two grandchildren and one great grandson. The grandchildren, John and Sheila, are past members of St. George's.

Tony was born in Mt. Carmel, PA and worked with his parents in their candy business. He graduated from Penn State as an Industrial Engineer and worked for 40 years at the National Security Agency. In his off time, Tony made jewelry when he wasn't involved in wood work construction in their home. He has made a number of wooden objects for liturgical use at both Epiphany and St. George's. While living in Annapolis, Tony learned wood carving. They have a large collection of his work as do their family and friends. He's also contributed a number of items for fund raising. Both Sheila and Tony volunteer at North Carroll library where Tony is especially valued as one of the few skilled in book repair.

Sheila was born and raised in Washington DC on a hill overlooking the Capitol Building and the Washington Monument and within walking distance of the White House and museums. Due to her mother's political connections, Sheila with Tony attended inaugural balls and galas for Presidents Eisenhower and Johnson. While attending college, Sheila taught ballroom dancing on the side, which came in handy during tea dances at the Naval Academy and Georgetown University. She earned her degree in Special Education at the University of Maryland and taught in the Maryland public schools. Eventually she changed careers and taught business and computer skills. Sheila later joined Tony at the National Security Agency where she taught teaching skills to critical skills experts and worked in the fledgling field of computer security.

During her married life, Sheila raised orphaned and injured wild life which included many birds and animals----most notably two raccoons that their kids named Tribble and Trouble. She also belonged to Pets on Wheels and visited nursing homes and hospitals with her Standard Poodles. She now visits with her smaller Havanese pooches. Sheila played piano and organ in her earlier days and sang with a Sweet Adelines barbershop chorus that competed internationally. Her chorus won seventh place in a field of 28.

Aside from national and international business traveling, one of the Warner's most memorable trips was to the northern tip of Newfoundland to see L'Anse aux Meadows, the remains of the first authenticated Viking settlement in North America. Their next trip will be a cruise on the inland waterway in the spring of 2009.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Each Sunday morning, we come to St. George's to participate in the liturgy. We hear the word of the Lord, and we partake of the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. But suppose we were ill or temporarily unable to make it to church for one or more Sundays?

We are lucky at St. George's because we seldom have those situations occur.

We are also very blessed because we have a group of Lay Eucharistic Visitors who have been trained and commissioned by the church to visit people who are ill or temporarily disabled. We bring the Eucharist right to their door or hospital bed

An typical Lay Eucharistic visit goes like this:

The Visitor will bring along one or more of the church bulletins for that Sunday so that the Gospel and Lessons can be read or shared. Also, a few short comments about the sermon may be offered. Prayer is offered and then the Visitor will offer the consecrated bread and wine to all who are present. No matter the setting, the visit is done with the reverence one would expect at church.

If you or a family member have need of a Lay Eucharistic visit, please contact

Reverend Chris, Deacon Barbara or the Pastoral Care co-chairs, Sheila and Tony Warner.

Vestry Highlights

October 28, 2008 Meeting

1. **Vestry nominations**

The Nominating Committee presented the names of prospective new members to the Vestry to be elected at the Annual Meeting in December. The Vestry approved the list and directed the Senior Warden to contact the individuals on the list and determine whether they are willing to serve.

2. **Stewardship program update**

38 pledge cards have been submitted so far. This includes 24 pledge increases plus 6 new pledges

The average pledge amount is \$2,500.

The Stewardship Committee will be following up with those who have not yet turned in their pledge cards.

3. **Rector Letter of Agreement**

Shirley Freeland, who is chairing the Personnel Task Force, presented a draft Rector's Letter of Agreement to the Vestry for review and approval.

This document, which is to be reviewed and updated annually, replaces the one that has been in effect since 1998.

After extensive discussion and clarification of several points, Shirley agreed to make some changes and circulate the revised document by email to the Vestry for approval.

The approved letter will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

4. **Financial update & budget planning**

The Vestry approved the borrowing of an additional \$3,747 from the Building Fund to meet expenses for September.

Although attendance was up in September, pledge receipts were lower.

The Budget Committee will be meeting soon to begin work on the 2009 Budget.

5. **Fund raiser update**

The Business Expo did not draw many people and only made a profit of \$28.

Bingo is scheduled for Friday November 14th. Any and all assistance will be appreciated.

There was extensive discussion on how to increase congregational participation in the various rebate programs with area grocery stores. This is a painless way to see that St. George's gets a percentage of what you spend at the grocery store each week. In some Stores, (e.g. Safeway, Food Lion) you only need to identify St. George's as your charity and we automatically get a percentage every time you use your shoppers card. In others (e.g., Giant, Weis) you need to purchase and use prepaid gift cards. We have had difficulty meeting the minimum amounts set by these stores in order to get the cards. It was agreed to promote these cards more actively and to look into ways that we can reach this minimum purchase amount.

The next Vestry Meeting will be on Tuesday November 18th at 7:30 PM.

2008 YTD Income vs Expenses

Monthly Breakouts										
		Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08
	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
INCOME	08 Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Interest Income	78	28	44	153	369	573	767	1,981	2,185	2,184
Plate	4,000	401	969	1,381	1,522	1,913	5,616	6,981	7,700	10,666
Pledges	137,000	8,734	19,062	36,954	48,153	57,502	65,156	85,085	96,302	103,434
Donations to General Fund	18,000	350	650	750	750	750	830	830	830	830
Fundraising	10,000	-	-	-	100	4,828	4,937	4,858	5,582	5,508
Special Gifts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	54	54
Charitable Trust Income	2,200	550	550	550	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,650	1,650	1,650
Total receipts	171,275	10,083	21,275	42,708	51,994	66,666	78,406	101,438	114,343	124,436
EXPENSE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Pledge	9,809	-	-	2,452	2,452	2,452	2,452	4,904	4,904	4,904
Pastoral Care	250	-	-	-	55	233	233	245	347	347
Evangelism	750	-	-	-	345	345	345	345	345	345
Fellowship	900	-	162	184	184	584	584	612	640	810
Interest on Deficit	2,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christian Education	2,000	31	20	113	113	113	444	575	1,169	1,173
Youth - Quest	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth - Sr High	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diocesan Convention	1,200	-	-	-	-	-	630	630	860	860
Fuel & Light	11,000	697	1,482	4,121	4,780	5,157	5,365	5,688	6,230	6,835
Insurance	6,000	385	385	1,015	1,015	1,015	2,080	2,798	2,798	3,862
Lawn & Snow	1,800	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620	1,620
Maintenance	3,000	46	382	621	743	789	939	1,879	1,835	2,021
Office	4,000	223	497	854	1,264	1,655	1,943	2,305	2,468	2,703
Newsletter	1,760	390	390	495	645	795	960	1,125	1,125	1,290
Organ Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phone	2,600	224	375	532	685	840	2,202	2,448	2,508	2,753
Choir Director	6,491	541	1,082	1,622	2,432	2,973	3,514	4,323	4,864	5,405
Organist	12,000	903	1,587	2,612	3,692	4,595	5,278	6,400	7,425	7,994
Outreach	2,200	181	181	181	181	181	181	181	181	181
Organ & Music	2,500	203	737	895	1,053	1,053	1,083	1,083	1,083	1,107
Miscellaneous	100	-	-	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Rector:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Expense	300	-	-	-	-	-	137	137	137	137
Continuing Education	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health Insurance	16,000	1,119	2,238	3,357	5,585	5,595	8,193	9,313	10,891	12,070
Housing	35,360	2,947	5,683	8,640	11,787	14,733	17,680	20,627	23,573	26,520
Pension	12,441	-	-	-	-	1,131	3,605	3,605	6,079	6,079
Salary	38,388	3,199	6,368	9,597	12,795	15,994	19,193	22,392	25,591	28,790
Mileage	6,984	587	1,164	1,746	2,328	2,910	3,492	4,074	4,656	5,238
Rector Compensation Reduction	(5,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Trust Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Secretary	18,939	3,249	4,275	5,814	8,120	9,146	10,171	12,295	13,833	14,859
Sexton	10,405	678	1,356	2,034	3,049	4,065	4,744	5,815	7,083	8,037
Staff Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worship	500	-	65	85	103	327	327	327	327	327
Bulletins	700	155	184	184	281	281	418	569	569	569
Kitchen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supply Priest	625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deacon Expense	1,500	114	290	375	534	648	812	911	962	1,091
Vestry Retreat & Expenses	-	-	150	150	92	92	92	92	92	117
Total Budgeted Expense	210,890	17,486	30,924	49,520	66,003	78,362	88,758	117,138	134,145	147,984
TOTAL OVER (UNDER)	(39,615)	(7,423)	(9,649)	(6,732)	(14,009)	(12,696)	(20,352)	(15,697)	(19,802)	(23,548)

St. George's Episcopal Church

Building Fund Contributions and Expenses As of September 30, 2008 (in dollars)

Contributions as of September 30, 2008	509,730
Less payouts	183,320
Difference	326,410
Less cash on loan thru December 31, 2007	38,142
Difference	288,268

Cash on Loan in 2008 by Month

Month	Cash on loan	YTD Total
Jan	7,423	7,423
Feb	2,226	9,649
Mar	(2,917)	6,732
Apr	7,276	14,008
May	(1,311)	12,697
Jun	7,855	20,352
July	(4,855)	15,697
August	4,104	19,801
Sept	3,747	23,548
Funds Available		284,720



<http://www.stgeorges-ang-md.org/fundraise.html>

**The next
Ladies Night Out
will be**

**November 10th, 6:30pm
China Manor**

(new shopping center behind CVS)

Cost is approx. \$18.00 for meal & non
alcoholic beverage - dessert and alcohol
are additional.

Please RSVP to Nicole Schmidt
410-239-0575 or
nicoleschmidt@gmail.com



**Water &
the Holy Spirit**

*We welcome into the
household of God*

Marlee Payton Hill, daughter of Martin &
Michelle Hill, who was baptized on
October 26, 2008.

Jacob Nicholas Lee, son of Julie &
Nick Lee, who was baptized on
November 2, 2008.

ADVENT SUNDAYS

In keeping with the spirit of the Advent Season the Outreach Commission will be collecting items for those in need each Sunday in Advent.

November 30

Soup Kitchen –
\$5 Gift Cards from Wal Mart or
Grocery Store that has a location
in Westminster.

December 7th

Carroll Hospice –
New Soft & Cuddly Teddy Bears 16-18" Tall
(No clothing, please)
Dollars Stores have the perfect bears for \$1.00

December 14

Shepherd's Staff –Items for their Blessings Closet
Diapers & Pull-Ups-All sizes;
Baby care items; Liquid food supplements;
Depends-All sizes; Shampoo & Conditioner;
Paper Towels, Napkins, Face Tissues, Bath
Tissue, Cleaners; Trash bags, toiletries, etc.
(You will find a full list posted in the Parish
Hall Bulletin Board)

December 21st

NESAP
Canned Food Items
(soup, veggies, fruit, meat, tuna)



Our Advent Tree this year will provide personal items that are to be given to the Seafarer's Center at the Port.

If you would like to fill a box please take one from under the tree, fill it with some of the items from the list inside the box. Bring your wrapped box (no bows) to Church and place under the tree by December 21.

You will also note that each box contains a bible and a note card. Hanging on the tree will be envelopes with a picture of a Bible on them. If you would like to adopt one of the bibles that are in the box, please place \$3.00 in the envelope and put in the Treasurer's mailbox.

If you would like to send a greeting to the recipient, please do so on the note card provided and place inside the box.

**AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Come Sail Away

aboard the

Caribbean Princess to New England and Maritime Canada

OCTOBER 10 - 17, 2009

Join us for an informational meeting on Saturday November 8, 2008, 10:00AM at the church

Contact Jim Hall for more information 410-239-8311

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Patty Lutton	11/ 3	Kristan Zylka	11/19
Diane Gehret	11/ 6	Sandy Duff	11/24
Gert Noel	11/7	Richard Locke	11/ 27
Stephanie Perthel	11/8	Kim Markle	11/30
Jennifer Bubczyk	11/ 9		
Betty Blagg	11/18	Tony & Sheila Warner	11/23

The Last Word

It should come as no surprise for me to tell you that I love baptisms. You have heard me say that Baptism is the most important thing we in the church do. That is why we make such a big deal about it, having the parents/Godparents process, bringing the children forward to help ask God to bless the water and celebrate the occasion with a cake during coffee hour. Baptism is the most important thing we do in the church because it is the sacrament “by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ’s body.” (BCP p. 858) You have heard me say this repeatedly.

Another critical part of Baptism is the recognition of a turning. We put flesh on this concept by asking the parents/Godparents physically to turn from liturgical west to east, from symbolic darkness to light, from death to life when the question is asked, “Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?” In each Baptism, we are invited continually to turn from a life without God to a life rooted in God. But I fear that for some of us the ritual is symbolic and nothing more. Each day we need to ask ourselves which way we will turn.

It seems to me that that question is not just being posed for us as individuals, but for us as part of a global community. Lately while I listen to the news reports about our economic and climatic tribulations, I cannot help but wonder if we are in the midst of a period when we must wonder to which way we will turn. In the face of economic trauma will we turn towards fear, greed and a philosophy of scarcity or will we turn towards faith, generosity and a biblical theology of abundance. In the face of political skirmishes will we turn toward the politics of competition and the hoarding of power or will we turn toward the teachings of the beatitudes where we understand that God does bless the peace makers and seeks for us to see those with whom we disagree as our Divine sisters and brothers.

The formation of the baptized is the lifelong endeavor of turning. My prayer is that each day you rise in the morning you will set your face towards the east and turn towards God and go forth into the world in witness to God’s love.

Peace,

Chris +



If you would like to purchase Poinsettias to decorate the altar at Christmas, please give this completed form and money to Robbin Nolen or put in the mail slot marked "Poinsettias".

Cost: \$9.00 due no later than December 7th

Make check payable to St. George's Church
and write in memo section "for Christmas flowers".

_____ **Red Poinsettia**

_____ **White Poinsettia**

_____ **Other Decorations**

Donation received from:

Name: _____

_____ **For Blessings Received**

_____ **In Memory of:**

(name of loved ones to appear in bulletin)



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