

**Chowder Supper.** The “Fishkateers” (aka Dan Soule, Peter Blanchard and Frank Jillson) will again be making their wonderful fish chowder for the annual chowder supper on December 1, 5:00 p.m., following the Festival of Lights Parade. Cost is \$6 per person for chowder, cornbread and brownies. A sign-up sheet for bakers and workers is in the parish hall. The Fishkateers are looking for a new chowder-maker to add to their ranks—anyone interested please contact Dan 363-5692, Peter 363-1369 or Frank 384-5272.

**“Food Pantry Sunday” is Sunday, December 2.** Non-perishable donations may be left and volunteers will bring them to the Food Pantry on Thursdays. Monetary donations are also welcome - there is a small covered tin for that purpose in the basket.

**Festival of Trees!** The Moquin Family’s 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Festival of Trees is seeking donated, decorated, artificial Christmas trees that will be raffled off at the end of the festival with all proceeds going directly to help children in the Maine foster care system. Anyone or any group may participate. Bring decorated trees to the masonic lodge on Long Sands Road on November 30 for set-up. The Festival will be on December 1 & 2 in conjunction with the town of York Festival of Lights. **You must submit an entry form in order to participate—forms are on the downstairs bulletin board.** FMI call Janalee at 361-2116.

### Schedule for St. George’s This Week

**Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. - Discovering God’s Vision For Your Life  
**Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. - Discovering God’s Vision For Your Life  
**Wednesday:** 12 noon - **Deadline:** *December 2 bulletin & Dragon News*  
**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with optional healing  
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal  
**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. - Building/decorating of Festival of Lights parade float begins  
3:00 p.m. - Festival of Lights parade float leaves church for parade  
5:00 p.m. - Chowder Supper & Cookie Walk

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### **EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES**

**The Godly Play and Godly Time story for November 25** will be The Ark and the Temple. **On December 2** we will talk about Advent I and II.

**The Jesus Kids! (Church School for 9- to 11-year-old kids).** **On November 25** there will be no class because of Thanksgiving weekend. **On December 2**, we will finish the presentation of Powerpoint, rehearse lines, and complete props.

**The Giving Tree is up!** One way to enrich our personal celebrations of Christmas is by sharing with those less fortunate than ourselves. This year St. George’s will provide the material celebration for four families living in our community. These families are in financial need and would otherwise have little to celebrate with. We are their only source of assistance this year, so we hope to give them gifts to open Christmas day and provide food for Christmas dinner, stock up their pantries a bit, and give them gift certificates to ease some of the extra bills winter brings. If you would like to participate, you may choose a gift tag from the Giving Tree and purchase the item or gift certificate. Please wrap the gift and attach the gift tag to it (very important, as this identifies which family and which individual is intended to receive it) and bring your gift to St. George’s **by December 16** (this deadline is crucial because once the families pick up their gifts, we have NO WAY to get late donations to them). Gift certificates should have the tag on the envelope and be left in the parish office. Food gifts may be left unwrapped with the gift tag attached to the bag you bring them in. Please call Karen Gilroy 363-3904 with questions. Together, we can truly brighten this wonderful time of year for some people who could really use these “practical prayers.”

**On December 2, the All Parish Coffee Hour will celebrate our holidays.** Please bring a festive food item to share. We will also be hosted by some of our church school people.

**Church in the Berwicks.** On Thursday evening, November 29, a group of St. George’s parishioners plans to gather with Steve+ in South Berwick for a simple celebration of Holy Eucharist, supper and conversation about church in the Berwicks, recognizing that there are many Episcopalians and potential Episcopalians in the Berwicks, Eliot and surrounding towns who might benefit from Christian fellowship closer to home. Kids, toys and children’s

books are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please speak with Steve+ or call or email him at 363-7376 or [sgodfrey@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org](mailto:sgodfrey@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org).

**Project Perimeter.** The Jesus Kids have teamed up with the Food Pantry for this project. Help us “line the walls” of the church with food! Our six-week goal is to have all the halls of the church filled with food. Please donate items like canned goods, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, oils, boxed foods, sugar, flour, sauces, juice, coffee, tea, condiments, evaporated milk, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo and so much more! Please place your donations on the table in the parish hall—the Jesus Kids will arrange the items. **Bring one item a week or bring dozens—we need it all! Deadline is Sunday, December 2. Ending world hunger...P O S S I B I L I T I E S!** Look for the little found silver food pantry tin in the upstairs Parish Hall for any monetary donations. FMI contact Daryl McKay 363-4256 (Jesus Kids) or Kate Ford 363-3454 (Food Pantry).

**December 16 will be a Festive Day!**

**Children’s Annual Christmas Pageant. December 16, 5:30 p.m.** FMI contact Church School Director Lynn Dube at 384-4741 or [dubelynn@comcast.net](mailto:dubelynn@comcast.net). **Schedule:**

- November 25, Sunday: Meet at 10:45 a.m. to choose parts and try on costumes
- December 2, Sunday: Speaking roles rehearse during Church School
- December 9, Sunday: Speaking roles rehearse at 4:00 p.m.
- December 15, Saturday: Final Rehearsal 3:00-5:00 “Animals” arrive at 3:45 p.m.
- December 16, Sunday: Arrive at 4:45 p.m. to get into costume; Pageant at 5:30

The parts will be assigned as follows:

- Godly Play (age 3-Kindergarten)—Animals
- Godly Time (grades 1-3)—Angels and Shepherds
- Jesus Kids (grades 4-5)—Speaking roles

**Potluck Supper, December 16, 6:00 p.m. following the Children’s Christmas Pageant.** Trish Yauch is looking for volunteers to help make the Christmas Potluck Supper on December 16 a big success. We hope to have a big turnout for the Potluck Supper—last year was awesome! Look for the sign-up sheet in the parish hall for the Christmas Potluck Supper. Contact Trish at 363-8778.

**Lessons & Carols, December 16, 7:00 p.m., following the Potluck Supper.** This beautiful service has become a tradition at St. George’s. Come hear the lessons, sing the carols and make this special service a part of your Christmas celebrations.

**Dedicating Christmas Flowers.** Christmas is a wonderful time to remember loved ones with flowers. Would you like to dedicate Christmas flowers? If so, please place your contribution in one of the Christmas floral offering envelopes found in the pews and on the kiosk, starting November 25 (not to be confused with the Christmas offering envelopes, which will also be in the pews). *Please print clearly* on the outside of the envelope your name,

address, and in whose memory the offering is given. These dedications will appear in the big Christmas bulletin and the flowers will decorate the church during the Christmas season. The envelopes may be left in the offering plate or in the parish office. **Deadline is Sunday, December 16.**

**Pledge Cards. Please have your pledge card for 2008** completed and returned to the parish office by November 27, as the vestry meeting that will to finalize the 2008 budget will take place on November 28 and they need to know what has been pledged to help do that.

**“For the Bible Tells Me So.” On Friday, November 30,** at 7:00 p.m., the Diversity Committee of the First Congregational Church in South Portland is holding a screening of *For the Bible Tells Me So*. Winner of various awards at the Sundance Film Festival and the Seattle International Film Festival, Dan Karlsake’s provocative, entertaining documentary reconciles homosexuality and Biblical scripture, and in the process reveals that Church-sanctioned anti-gay bias is based almost solely upon a significant misinterpretation of the Bible. Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families—including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopalian Bishop Gene Robinson—we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard’s Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, *For the Bible Tells Me So* offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity. Anyone interested in going as a group from St. George’s should speak to Steve+. We might consider trying to bring the film to St. George’s as an adult spiritual formation and outreach offering. FMI, check out [www.forthetibletellsmeso.org](http://www.forthetibletellsmeso.org).

**The war affects us all, perhaps none more severely than our soldiers.** Please keep them in your prayers. Here’s another idea—when you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please include the following: A Recovering American Soldier; c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center; 6900 Georgia Avenue NW; Washington D.C. 20307-5001

**Festival of Lights Parade on December 1.** Meet at St. George’s in the morning (Tiffany and Craig will be there at 9:00) to build/decorate the float. The St. George’s float, with everyone aboard, will leave St. George’s at 3:00 p.m. (judging of floats at 3:30, parade starts at 4:30). Bring your kids and ride! FMI contact Tiffany Roberts & Craig Chabot, 207-457-5363.

**Cookie Walk—an annual favorite! Saturday, December 1,** 5:00 p.m. after the parade. We will need LOTS of cookies! Bake as many as you like and leave them in the upstairs kitchen either Friday afternoon, November 30, or on Saturday, December 1. Please mark them clearly as “Cookie Walk.”

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