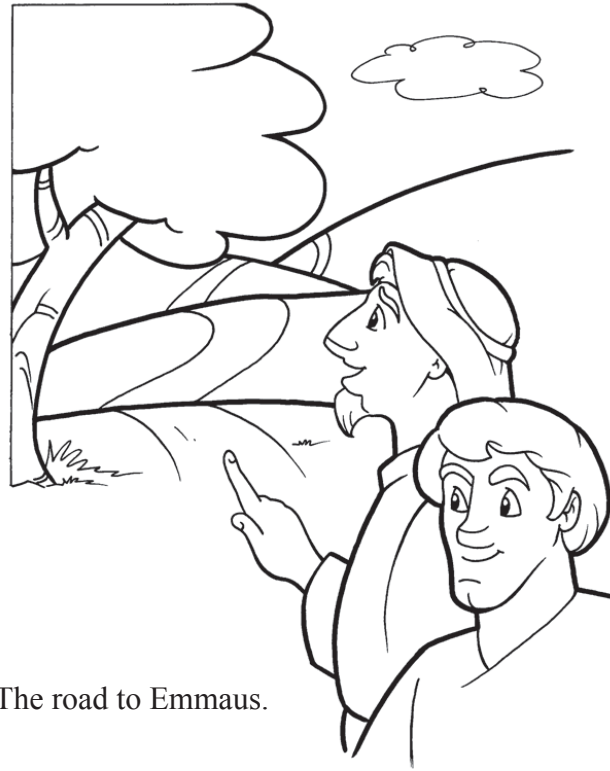


***Laity wanted. Would you like to get more involved in worship services?***

Try being a chalice bearer, lay reader, usher, greeter or reader of the prayers of the people. Training provided. Contact the following: Frank Jillson 384-5272 for 7:45 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers; Lew Butler 363-7114 for 7:45 ushers; Marcia Williams 646-2660 for 7:45 greeters; Mark Ford 363-3454 for 9:00 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers and ushers; and Pat Linscott 363-6021 for 11:00 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers and ushers.



The road to Emmaus.

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

**Sunday:** 8:45 a.m. - Coffee Hour  
10:00 a.m. - All Parish Coffee Hour  
**Wednesday:** 12 noon - **Deadline:** *April 13 bulletin*  
**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal

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### EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

***“Food Pantry Sunday” is April 6.*** Non-perishable donations may be left and volunteers will bring them to the Food Pantry on the Thursday after Food Pantry Sunday. Monetary donations are also welcome - there is a small covered tin for that purpose in the basket.

***The Rector’s Discretionary Fund*** allows the Rector to expand our ministry beyond what is budgeted, for things such as hospitality (such as providing meals, or housing for visiting preachers) and, most importantly and most frequently, aid. The first Sunday of every month’s “loose plate” offering (the cash, and checks from visitors) supports this fund. In addition, when the Rector officiates at a funeral or wedding at St. George’s, instead of giving her an honorarium, the families involved make a contribution to the RDF. If you would like to contribute to this fund, make checks out to “The Rector’s Discretionary Fund,” and placed in the offering plate, or mail to the office.

***Youth Classes. Godly Play & Godly Time:*** April 6: Jesus & the Twelve; April 13: The Good Shepherd and World Communion. ***Jesus Kids:*** April 6: the Rev. Aaron Perkins will continue his talk on prison ministry; April 13: begin our spring outreach project.

***Vacation Bible School - Planning Meeting.*** There will be a meeting for all those interested in being part of the planning process and/or volunteering for this summer’s vacation bible school. The meeting will be held Friday, April 11, at 9:30 a.m, at St. Christopher’s church. FMI please contact Lynn Dube at 384-4741 or [dubelynn@comcast.net](mailto:dubelynn@comcast.net).

***Brown Bag Lunch Craft Outreach Program.*** We had such a good time with our Brown Bag Lunches during Lent that we are continuing it on a monthly basis. The next get together is Monday, April 14, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. Come and bring whatever needlework project you are working on and we can work together. If you are interested in learning how to knit a hat or crochet a shawl, we’ll have some needles, hooks and yarn on hand for you try out. Bring a sandwich and we’ll provide drinks and dessert. Any questions, call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

**Newsletter deadline.** If you wish to place an article in the May issue of *Dragon Tales*, please email it to [office@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org](mailto:office@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org), to the parish administrator, by Tuesday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m.

**Special Ingathering on Sunday, April 20, for the retirement of Bishop Chilton Knudsen.** It is customary for the people of the Diocese to present a new Bishop with his or her Pectoral Cross. Bishop-Elect Stephen Lane has chosen to use Bishop Oliver Loring's Pectoral Cross, which is being rehabilitated now. It is also customary to have a portrait made of the retiring Bishop. Bishop Knudsen has selected well-known Maine portrait artist Ron Frontin to do her portrait, which will hang in the Cathedral upper hall with portraits of Maine's previous Bishops. Bishop Knudsen has made it clear that she does not want a purse in connection with her retirement. If any funds are received by this ingathering in excess of those needed for the Pectoral Cross and portrait, those funds will be designated for Bishop Lane's discretionary fund.

**AIDS Walk. Time to start planning to participate** in the annual AIDS Response Seacoast AIDS Walk, one of their most important fundraisers each year. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m. St. George's always sends a large contingent—let's continue that tradition. (Remember, dogs can walk, too!) Lauren Segalla 363-8642 and Abbie Duquette 363-2556 are the St. George's Team coordinators, contact them for more info, or go to <http://aidsresponse.kintera.org/walk08>.

**Opportunities for Youth at Bishop's Consecration.** 6th-12th Graders & Young Adults are invited to serve at the Consecration of the ninth Maine Bishop on May 3, 2008. Crucifers, torch-bearers, streamer carriers and parking greeters are needed. The application deadline is April 1! [Maineyouth.org](http://Maineyouth.org) – events – current applications.

**Diocesan Youth Ministries' Annual Planning Meeting.** The annual meeting to guide and direct Diocesan Youth Ministries will be Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 10:00 - 2:30, at Christ Church, Gardiner. I encourage adults and teens (grades 6-12) who are active in youth ministries at St. George's to come and be part of it! How can we help teens to grow closer to Jesus Christ? What diocesan youth events and opportunities should we offer? How can the Diocesan Youth Ministries support congregations' ministries to youth? Where is God leading us?

**"Berwicks Church."** Do you live in South Berwick or Berwick, North Berwick or Eliot or in that general neck of the woods? As many as twenty St. George's parishioners are gathering

the last Thursday of each month at 5:45 at the First Parish Federated Church in South Berwick (on Route 4/236, across from the Dunkin Donuts). We meet in the "Vestry" or fellowship hall under the sanctuary to celebrate the Eucharist in a simple, kid-friendly way and then share potluck supper. The next gatherings will be April 24 and May 29. Everyone is welcome. Come drive across Route 91 and join us! Invite friends too, especially folks who live in or near the Berwicks who might not have found St. George's because it's a little to far to drive.

**St. George's Outreach "blog"**—A blog (short for "weblog") has been defined as "a personal online journal that is frequently updated and intended for general public consumption." St. George's Outreach blog may be accessed from our website (and is located at <http://stgeorges-yorkharbor.blogspot.com/>). We plan to use the blog as a way to keep people informed about our outreach efforts.

**The Funky Divas of Gospel will hold a benefit concert on Sunday, April 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.,** at St. Christopher's Church. Proceeds will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Darcy Keating, the three-year old diabetic granddaughter of Divas member Claire Morton, is the inspiration for this concert. Members of the Maine and NH chapters of JDRF will be accepting donations at the door as well as providing information about this crippling disease. The suggested donation is \$12 for adults; children under 12 are free. Funky Divas music is primarily defined as gospel in the southern African-American tradition with an R&B flavor. It is roots music. It is harmonies and accapella - hard-rocking, and reflective. It is toe-tapping and hand-clapping. It can (and does) move audiences to their feet and into the aisles to dance. It is joyous and downright great music. Funky Divas performances are suitable for all ages. For more on the Funky Divas and to hear their music, go to [www.funkydivasofgospel.com](http://www.funkydivasofgospel.com). Come enjoy the music and do your part to wipe out juvenile diabetes.

**Do you travel for work? Those travel-size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, hand lotions, etc.** are perfect for donating to the York Food Pantry or the St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry in Portland, because these toiletries cannot be bought with food stamps. When you have some accumulated, drop a bag of them into the Food Pantry basket—thanks!

**Please drop off empty inkjets, laser cartridges and old cell phones, downstairs.** We get paid for recycling these items. This is an ongoing fundraiser for the church and it also helps the environment!

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