

**Music in the Cathedral 2008.** (St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland)

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, sung by the Cathedral Choir; music of Rose, Stanford and Van Wye.

Sunday, January 11, 4:00 p.m. The Baptism of our Lord. Epiphany Lessons & Carols: A Meditation on Christ's Nativity, sung by the Cathedral Choir; music of Palestrina, Mathias & Willan.

**Christmas card to shut-ins and military personnel.** They love to get cards! If you wish to send cards, please take a copy of the list from the parish table.

### **Advent & Christmas Season Special Services Schedule**

<b>December 18:</b>	6:30 p.m. - Blue Christmas non-Eucharist ecumenical service
<b>December 21:</b>	9:00 a.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant
<b>December 21:</b>	5:00 p.m. - Festival Service of Lessons & Carols
<b>Christmas Eve:</b>	5:30 p.m. - Family Eucharist Service 7:30 p.m. - Evening Eucharist Service (with choir) 11:00 p.m. - "Midnight" Eucharist Service (with congregational carol-singing)
<b>Christmas Day:</b>	10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Eucharist Service

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - All Parish Coffee Hour - potluck style 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. - BeadforLife Bead Party
<b>Tuesday:</b>	7:00 p.m. - Cinema & Snacks: <i>Stanley's Gig</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Noon - <b>Deadline:</b> Sunday bulletin for December 14 6:30 p.m. - Bible Workbench
<b>Thursday:</b>	10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, healing service

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**Dragon News**

Weekly Notices

Week of December 7, 2008

*Celebrating 60 Years! 1948-2008*

### **Events, Dates & Activities**

**Angel Food Ministries! Quality food at half the price!** A co-op we can all benefit from, while helping others! December 20 is our first distribution day. Deadline for ordering and payment (cash or money order only) is this Sunday, December 7. December's menu is on the parish table and the home page of the website. FMI or to order, please contact Kathy Roosa 363-8791 roosak@yahoo.com, Ted Little 363-7527 elittle004@aol.com, Sarah Duquette 363-2556 sarahduq@yahoo.com or Cynthia Hayes 363-3589 rhayes2@maine.rr.com..

**"Food Pantry Sunday" is Sunday, December 7.** Non-perishable donations may be left and volunteers will bring them to the Food Pantry. Monetary donations are also welcome - there is a small covered tin for that purpose in the basket.

**BeadforLife Holiday Bead Party on December 7.** Please help Ugandan women be self-sufficient by purchasing their beautiful beaded jewelry. Jewelry will be on sale 8:30-11:00 and during the All-Parish Coffee Hour. There will be another sale on December 14 (8:30-11:00) with all remaining items. Get your shopping done early this year! FMI contact Heather Hesse-Stromberg 603-335-2327 or haidensmomanddad@msn.com.

**Cinema and Snacks on Tuesday, December 9,** at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate the Christmas season with *Stanley's Gig*, a story about a musician fallen on hard times who finds renewal and redemption in a nursing home. It features Faye Dunaway as Leila, Stanley's supportive friend, Marla Gibbs as Eleanor, an aging and reclusive jazz singer, William Sanderson (Larry from The Bob Newhart Show) as Stanley Myer, and Steven Tobolowski as Abe Cohen the retirement home director. Join us and bring a friend.

**Table of Plenty. St George's next turn at the Table of Plenty** is Tuesday, December 9. The sign-up sheet is up. We are in need of people to prepare food at home and drop it off or arrange for pick-up. We also need workers at the meal—set-up people, cooks, servers, dish-washers and clean up. If you can help, please sign up or call Karen Gilroy 363-3904.

**Adult Spiritual Formation in December. On December 14,** Eric Hopkins will use excerpts from film *Renewal* to begin this discussion at 10:00 a.m.

**On December 28** at 10:00 a.m. we will use *Renewal* to look into some wonderful projects done by other faith groups. Come join us for both sessions as we celebrate the gift of the earth and appreciate “green” from a spiritual and practical perspective.

**Church School. Jesus Kids:** December 7—Finish and rehearse Narnia presentation; December 14—present Narnia. **Godly Time:** December 7—Advent I & II; December 14—Advent III & IV. **Godly Play:** December 7—Advent I & II; December 14—Advent III & IV.

**Brown Bag Lunch – Craft Outreach Program.** The next gettogether is Tuesday, December 9, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., at Anne Erwin’s house. Come and bring whatever 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 or for directions, call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

**Project Perimeter.** The Jesus Kids have teamed up with the Food Pantry for another year of Project Perimeter. Help the Jesus Kids “line the walls” of the church with food! Our six-week (November 9 - December 14) goal is to have all the walls of the church upstairs lined with non-perishable food and toiletries. Please donate items like canned goods, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, oils, sauces, juice, coffee, tea, condiments, evaporated milk, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo and so much more! Please leave items in the parish hall at the specially marked Jesus Kids/Food Pantry table. Bring one item a week or bring dozens—we need it all! Look for the little round silver food pantry tin in the upstairs parish hall for any monetary donations. FMI contact Carleigh Ervin 439-1205, Daryl McKay 363-4256 or Kate Ford 363-3454.

**The Giving Tree is up!** This year St. George’s will provide the material celebration for three families with small children living in our Christmas tree community. These families are in financial need and would otherwise have little to celebrate with. We are their only source of assistance this year. 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 14. 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 attached to 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.”

**Children’s Christmas Pageant.** Our pageant will take place on Sunday, December 21, during the 9:00 a.m. service (weather date is 9:00 on December 28). If you are interested in helping or taking part in the pageant, please contact Lynn Dube 384-4741 [lynn.dube@verizon.net](mailto:lynn.dube@verizon.net) or Cindel & Francois Lamothe 646-6095, [cindel@maine.rr.com](mailto:cindel@maine.rr.com), [flamothe@maine.rr.com](mailto:flamothe@maine.rr.com). *Pageant rehearsals:*

- December 14, Sunday: Speaking roles rehearse at 4:00 p.m.
- December 20, Saturday: Final rehearsal 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- December 21, Sunday: Arrive at 8:00 a.m. to get into costume.

**Christmas Pageant Potluck.** Our children’s Christmas pageant will take place during the 9:00 service on Sunday, December 21. Afterward, we will have a Christmas potluck at 10:00 a.m. (there will be NO spiritual formation or Church School on December 21). Trish Yauch is coordinating this potluck—please bring something yummy! She will have a sign-up sheet in the parish hall very soon, or you can contact her at 363-8778 or [tmaginn@hotmail.com](mailto:tmaginn@hotmail.com).

**Bottle Outreach.** This winter is going to be tough for those who already live close to the bone, with gas prices, heating oil prices and food prices rising. We’re going to use the bottle and can redeemables fund to do some outreach this fall/winter—here’s how you can help:

\* Bring in redeemable bottles and cans and leave them in the lower hall near the kitchen where you see the gray redeemables buckets (just leave your bags of items on the floor near the gray buckets), or

\* If you have a CLYNK account of your own, consider using some of the proceeds to purchase \$25 Hannaford gift cards and place the cards in the offering plate on a Sunday, or

\* If you don’t have a CLYNK account, take a CLYNK bag with you from the nave. A St. George’s CLYNK account label will already be on it, so all you need to do is fill the bag with clean, dry redeemable bottles and cans (they won’t accept Market Basket brand, however). You can put plastic, glass and aluminum all in the same bag—but make sure no more than 20% of the bag is glass or it will be too heavy (four soda/water plastic or aluminum items for each beer-sized glass bottle works well). When the bag is full, tie it tightly shut and leave the bag at Hannaford’s at the CLYNK room (left side of Hannaford’s). That’s it!

Together, we can help some people stay warm and fed this winter, just by redeeming bottles and cans—easy!

**Gifts for Life! For Christmas and other gifts this year, consider giving a goat.** Or a duck, or a flock of chickens! How about some drought-resistant seedlings or a clean-water system for an entire village. Please take a “Gifts for Life” catalog home with you—you will find them on the parish table. Episcopalian Relief & Development (ERD) pays the admin costs of this program, so your donation goes much further. Any amount will help enormously and there are items to be given that fit any budget. FMI go to [www.er-d.org/GiftsForLife](http://www.er-d.org/GiftsForLife).

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