

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!

Wish list: St. George's could use a DVD player. If anyone would like to donate a DVD player to the church, please contact the parish office, 363-7376.

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!



Dragon News
Weekly Notices
Week of February 10, 2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

The Godly Play and Godly Time story for February 10 will be the Faces of Easter, I and II. For February 17, it will be the Faces of Easter III and IV.

Brown Bag Craft Lunch. The Craft Outreach Program is sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch get-together on the Wednesdays during Lent from 12 – 1:30 p.m., starting on February 13. 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, call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

Sports on Sundays. There is a movement underway in York to discourage sports activities being scheduled on Sunday mornings. A huge petition is circulating around the churches and is at St. George's for about a month. Please take a moment to stop in the parish hall and sign the petition and support this effort to protect our time together in Christian community as we celebrate our spiritual formation and athletic, academic, professional, personal and civic accomplishments that help make us God's agents in the world.

Newsletter deadline. If you wish to place an article in the March issue of *Dragon Tales*, please email it to the parish administrator by Friday, February 15, at 5:00 p.m., to office@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org.

Spiritual Formation: "Jesus & Joe" on Sunday mornings at 10:00, January 13, 20 & 27; February 10, 17 & 24; March 9 & 30. We will share coffee and conversation as we walk through our Baptismal Covenant with a variety of fun, interactive activities designed to help us discover our Christian faith in the Anglican/Episcopal context while getting to know one another at the same time. Some of the sessions may include guest speakers to help us flesh out how to be faithful Christians in the world in which we live and work.

Spiritual Formation: "I Will With God's Help," Anglican Spirituality & the Book of Com-

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - Jesus & Joe
5:30 p.m. - NOLA mission trip meeting
Wednesday: 12 noon - **Deadline:** *February 17 bulletin & Dragon News*
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with optional healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal
Friday: 5:00 p.m. - **Deadline:** *March issue of Dragon Tales newsletter*

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mon Prayer on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00, January 15 through April 22 (except February 5 and March 18). This series is a spiritually centering exploration of the Baptismal Covenant during six sessions, with the remaining weeks devoted to learning about Anglican spirituality and the Book of Common Prayer. Prior to the course, participants should purchase a *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), 1979 Edition, and *The Anglican Vision* by James E. Griffiss (Cowley Publications, 1997).

St. George's Forum to Hold a Doubleheader. With the political scene heating up, we are pleased to announce that on Sunday, February 10, Ruth Summers, wife of Republican candidate for US Representative from our district, Charles Summers, now deployed in Iraq, will be our guest speaker. On Sunday, February 24, Chellie Pingree, Democratic candidate for the same office, will return to our Forum. Both sessions will start immediately following the 7:45 service (about 8:45). Coffee and light refreshments will be served. Please join us.

If you feel called, please send a "Thinking of You" note or card to our former parishioner who, alone, is presently residing at the Medical Center in Manchester for his end of life journey. This would probably be best done *sooner* rather than *later*. Our showing love and concern, as members of his *Christian family* could certainly help him in his journey. Bruce has lived a life full of faith and continues, knowing that God is with him. Our "present" to him could be a "presence" in our written messages. It would be wonderful if he could receive a flood of cards filled with our *love* and *prayers*. (NOTE new address.)

Mr. Bruce Johnston
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781 Smyth Road
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Lenten Quiet Day. St. George's will offer a Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday, February 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Carol Hollingsworth's beautiful seaside home. Take this opportunity to rest and attend to your relationship with God. The focus for the day will be "Sabbath: Transforming human doing into human being." A simple lunch will be provided. Plan to bring a Bible, a notebook and something to write with. A \$5 donation will help cover expenses. To help us plan for supplies and lunch, please reserve a place by calling or emailing Sudie Blanchard (363-1369 or sblanchard@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org). (Snow date: March 1.)

Staff absences. Paige+ teaching icon class and will be away February 8-16. Lorrie (parish administrator) will be on vacation February 7-13. Steve+ will be in New Orleans on the mission trip, February 17-23.

The Maine Council of Churches seeks a full-time Development Director whose primary responsibility will be to oversee all aspects of MCC's Development Plan. This is a full-time position (35 hours per week), with a flexible schedule. Starting salary is \$33,600. Benefits include health insurance, 10% retirement plan contribution, three weeks vacation, paid sick days, holidays and personal days, mileage and travel reimbursement and a continuing education fund (shared with other staff). The job duties require occasional state-wide travel and a flexible schedule, including some availability in the evenings and on weekends. The Maine Council of Churches is a statewide ecumenical organization. Please see our website for more information: www.maine-council-of-churches.org. **Send cover letter, resume and the names and contact information for three references by February 15, 2008 to: Rev. Jill Job Saxby, Executive Director Maine Council of Churches, 19 Pleasant Avenue, Portland, ME 04103.** More detailed description of position on downstairs bulletin board.

Craft Outreach Ingathering on March 9. For those of you who have been busy making hats, blankets or quilts: we are having an ingathering of completed items on Sunday, March 9. Please bring them to any service, we will have the blessed and send them out into the world. If you are interested in participating, there is still time—hats don't take long to make. Contact Ellie Butler at 363-7114. Let's see if we can top last year's numbers.

"Toward Resurrection" is the Province I Conference on Stewardship, Evangelism, and Congregational Development, at the Doubletree Hotel in Westboro, MA, March 7-9. Registration deadline is February 15. Register online at www.province1.org (or see downstairs bulletin board for paper registration form you can copy).

Peace Essay & Poetry Contest for Episcopal high school students. Topic: "How can I be a peacemaker?" Essays: 500-750 words; no limits for poetry. Prizes: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: "African Prayer Book" by Desmond Tutu. Deadline: May 1, 2008. Mail or email submissions to: Episcopal Peace Fellowship, c/o the Rev. Jim Gill, 37 Brunswick Ave., Gardiner ME 04345, meamft2@aol.com.

World Day of Prayer 2008. This year, the WDOP has been written by the women of Guyana, a country located on the northern coast of South America. The theme is "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding." The service will be held on Friday, March 7, 11:00 a.m., at Rye Congregational Church, 580 Washington Road, Rye, NH. A lunch in the fellowship hall will follow the service (no cost for the lunch - free will offering baskets will be on each table). Reservations for lunch deadline on February 22 (call Debbie Gustafson, 603-431-7087 for lunch reservations or more info on the service).

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