

**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.

**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.



**Dragon News**  
Weekly Notices  
Week of February 3, 2008

## EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

**The Godly Play and Godly Time story for February 3** will be the Mystery of Easter; for **February 10**, it will be the Faces of Easter, I & II.

**Super Bowl Chili Supper Sale.** Distribution of previously ordered suppers will take place until 12:30 p.m. on February 3.

**"Food Pantry Sunday" is February 3.** 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.

**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.

**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](mailto:office@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org).

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

**Sunday:** 8:45 a.m. - Post 7:45 service coffee hour  
10:00 a.m. - All Parish Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. - NOLA mission trip meeting

**Tuesday:** 5:30 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
7:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday UnTalent Show

**Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m. - Ash Wednesday service  
12:00 noon - Ash Wednesday service  
12 noon - **Deadline:** *February 10 bulletin & Dragon News*  
7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday service  
8:00 p.m. - Lenten Seminar: Paul's Letter to the Galatians

**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with optional healing  
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal

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**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 Common 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).

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and UnTalent Show.** On Tuesday, February 5, enjoy scrumptious pancakes (benefits the New Orleans mission trip) at 5:30 p.m., then head into the nave for the UnTalent Show at 7:00 p.m. Come eat, enjoy, and support! If you would like to be involved in the UnTalent show, please contact Abbie Duquette at 363-2556 or by email at [a\\_tothe\\_abbie@yahoo.com](mailto:a_tothe_abbie@yahoo.com), or Lauren Segalla at 363-8642 for more information

**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 Hyder Family Hospice House 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  
c/o VA Medical Center, Nursing Home  
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**Seminar on Paul’s letter to the Galatians.** Everyone knows that Jesus was a Jew and that he taught that the Jewish law was to be preserved to the letter. Also, many followers of Jesus, including Peter and James, insisted for years after the Resurrection that in order to become a follower of Christ, Gentiles (non-believers) had to become Jews first. Before they were accepted as followers of Jesus Christ, the men had to be circumcised, and all had to accept and embrace the Hebrew law as found in the first five books of the Old Testament. Of course, we no longer think that way. When did the separation occur? When did Christianity become conscious of itself as a separate religion, free from many Jewish laws and rituals? And who made it all happen? To state it simply, the separation and new path happened in the time of St. Paul. He, even more than St. John’s Gospel, made the case for division and redirection, particularly in his Letter to the Galatians. What did Paul write to that group of churches in what is now central Turkey? Jim Gambrill will try to help answer questions like these during a seminar immediately following the 7:00 Ash Wednesday evening service on February 6, 2008. As always, two promises: coffee and tea and no more than 90 minutes.

**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@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org](mailto:sblanchard@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org)). (Snow date: March 1.)

**Staff absences.** Paige+ doing icon class and will be away February 8-16. Lorrie (parish administrator) will be on vacation February 7-13.

**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.maineCouncilofchurches.org](http://www.maineCouncilofchurches.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.

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