

Crosswalk 2008: Middle School Youth Event. Invite your friends for a weekend of faith, fun and new friends! Sponsored by Episcopal Youth Ministries. Who: Middle Schoolers - grades 6 - 8. When: February 8 at 6:30 p.m. to February 10 at 2 p.m. Where: St. Mark's, Augusta. Cost: \$35 (or \$15 with financial aid) before 1/29/08; \$45 (or \$20 with financial aid) after 1/29/08; (100% financial aid available). For more information and to register, go to http://www.diomaine.org/youth/documents/CROSSWALK_2008.pdf.

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.

Celebrate Black History Month with the York Diversity Forum on Saturday, February 2. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. with a dramatic reading by playwright Victoria Mares-Hershey of *Rachel's Best Friend*. At 3:30 we will break and at 4:00 have a discussion by local writers and historians of black history in Maine. At 7:00 we will view *Two Towns of Jasper*, the documentary about James Byrd, Jr., a black man who was dragged behind a truck to his death by three white men. The filmmakers took a black crew and a white crew to capture the different reactions and perspectives of the divided town. A discussion will follow.

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - Jesus & Joe
12:30 p.m. - NOLA mission trip meeting

Monday: 8:30-5:00 - Life Line Screening

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. - I Will With God's Help

Wednesday: 12 noon - **Deadline:** *February 3 bulletin & Dragon News*

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

Saturday: 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Rehearsals for the UnTalent Show

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Dragon News
Weekly Notices
Week of January 27, 2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

The Godly Play and Godly Time story for January 27 will be the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

The Jesus Kids. On January 27, our class will stay for lunch to complete work on our PowerPoint slide presentation/sermon. Please let Peter know (pyauch@gmail.com) whether your child can do this! There's no football on the 27th!

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).

Life Line Screening will again be at St. George's on Monday, January 28, 8:30 to 5:00. Stroke/Carotid Artery screening, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening and Peripheral Arterial Disease screening are offered. You can buy 1 or more tests, or get all three as a package (which includes free osteoporosis screening). You MUST pre-register by calling 800-324-1851. Pick up a bright pink flyer in the parish hall.

Do you like to cook? We need your help to boost the emergency meal preparer group that has been so dedicated to the MANY meals that we have delivered in 2007. It can be as easy as preparing a few extra portions when making a casserole, stew or soup and setting aside

for someone who could use the extra meals. The meals can be delivered directly to the person in need or by putting them in our freezer at the church for later use (please date and mark what is in the container). If you are interested in doing this very rewarding ministry please call Pauline Cashman at 363-5619 or email at cside@maine.rr.com.

Newcomers Reception. All who have come to St. George's in the last two years are invited to a reception for newcomers on Wednesday, January 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the home of parishioner Marcia Williams in Ogunquit. If you are relatively new to the parish and would like to attend, please RSVP by Tuesday, January 22, to Steve+ at sgodfrey@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org or 363-7376. Directions to Marcia's home will be provided.

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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Manchester, NH 03104

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.

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, or Lauren Segalla at 363-8642 for more information. Kathy Fink will hold rehearsals for the UnTalent Show on Saturday, February 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the church. If you need rehearsal time please contact Kathy Fink at pianotchr@aol.com or 603-742-2355 x102. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. PLEASE SIGN UP ASAP. Thanks.

Super Bowl Sunday Chili Sale. Another fundraiser for the New Orleans mission trip will be the sale of chili suppers for Super Bowl Sunday. Please fill out the order form enclosed in your Sunday bulletin today. Deadline for ordering is Thursday, January 31. Please help the mission trip raise money and save yourself the trouble of having to make dinner on Super Bowl Sunday—enjoy these scrumptious chili suppers instead, complete with cornbread and brownies.

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.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.

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.

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