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Dragon News
Weekly Notices
Week of May 11, 2008

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EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Godly Play & Godly Time: May 11: The Mystery of Pentecost. May 18: The Holy Trinity.

Spiritual Formation, May & Early June:

May 11: Vacation Bible School presentation for kids and parents at 9:45ish

May 18: Theological Education – 10:00 about how church leaders are educated

May 25: Doubt and Faith (i.e., Believing), Part 1 – conversation at 10:00 facilitated by Steve+ and perhaps others

June 1: All Parish Coffee Hour at 10:00 – bring something yummy to share. Graduating Seniors Brunch at noon – bring a good dish to help honor our graduates

June 8: Doubt and Faith (i.e., Believing), Part 2 – conversation at 10:00 facilitated by Steve+ and perhaps others. Last day of Church School and Adult Spiritual Formation before summer!

Vacation Bible School Sunday is on May 11 and will replace our normal church school hour, from 9:45-10:45. This event will give parents and children the opportunity to get a “sneak peak” of what this summer’s VBS *Bible Blast* will be all about! VBS *Bible Blast* will take place at St. Christopher’s the week of July 21-25, Monday-Friday, and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All children who will be age four by July 21 through those going into the fourth grade are welcome to attend this year’s VBS. During our “sneak peak” on May 11, the children will make a craft to take home, listen to some of the music that will be part of this year’s Bible Blast curriculum, have a special “theme” snack, and maybe play a game or two. Registration forms for VBS will be available as well. The sign-up fee is \$25 per child, \$10 for children of adult volunteers, and free for junior counselors (children grades five and up). St. Christopher’s has a few more adult and junior counselor positions to fill in order to make this event successful. I would love it if we at St. George’s could fill in these spots, as a thank you for inviting us to join them! Please contact Lynn Dube, 384-4741, if you are willing to help out in any way.

Newsletter deadline. If you wish to place an article in the June issue of *Dragon Tales*, please email it to office@stgeorgesyorkharbor.org, to the parish administrator, by Thursday, May 15, at 5:00 p.m.

Schedule for St. George’s This Week

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Sunday
Wednesday: 12 noon - **Deadline:** *May 18 bulletin*
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
5:00 p.m. - **Deadline:** *June issue of newsletter, Dragon Tales*
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal
Saturday: 9:00-12:00 - Clean Up the Church Morning

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Theological Education. On Sunday, May 18, the Rev. Dr. Ran Chase will be at St. George's to offer adult spiritual formation presentations at 8:45 and 10:00 on the subject of theological education. Ran is Dean of Administration at Episcopal Divinity School, where Steve+, Paige+ and Calvin+ all attended for at least part of their theological education and therefore a beneficiary of St. George's support over the years. EDS, like most seminaries, is looking at restructuring the way they prepare people for ordained and lay leadership in the church, due to changes in the economic and social landscape of the church and society. Come find out what is happening in this critical part of our church's ministry.

"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 gathering will be 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.

Sing Into Spring on May 18, 7:00 p.m. This will be our next musical evening. We will vote on our favorite Easter/spring hymns, so look for the ballots in your Sunday bulletins in the near future. Live musical acts will perform, interspersed with the winning hymns that we will all sing together. It will be another fun evening of music and fellowship. Would you like to perform? Can you sing or play an instrument? Alone or in a duet/trio/group? Music Director Kathy Fink would like to hear from you right away! Sign up in the parish hall.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Southern Maine chapter—an exploratory meeting of the new southern branch of Maine EPF Chapter on Saturday, May 17, at St. Davids, Kennebunk, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Please come, and invite others who may be interested. A map and directions may be found here at <http://www.stdavidskennebunk.org/mapdirections.html>.

Understanding Islam, a five-part series designed to explore the rich cultural heritage offered by this faith tradition, and make us conscious of the challenges our Muslim brothers and sisters face in this country and beyond (May 3, 10, 15, 17 & 29) will be offered by the York Diversity Forum along with the York High School Civil Rights Team. Next up:

Thursday, May 15, 12 to 1:30 p.m. *Global Islam: Promoting Dialogue.* A filmed interview with anthropologist, writer, and film maker Prof. Akbar Ahmed, currently Chairman of Islamic Studies at American University in Washington, D.C., discussing global Islam and its impact on contemporary society. Discussion will follow.

Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *The Muslim Experience in America.* The film Muslims in America addresses some of the common stereotypes about Islam and reveals the

great diversity that is the Islamic faith. The film will be followed by a talk given by Yasmin Alani, an Iraqi Muslim who lives in New England.

Samples of foods from Islamic culture and tradition will be available at all programs. All five sessions in the series will be held at the York Public Library and admission is free.

Let's Clean Up the Church! It's spring again and that means it's time to spring-clean our church. On Saturday, May 17, 9:00-12:00, we will gather to clean our church of its winter grime and grit. There will be many jobs to do, both indoors and outdoors. Adults and kids are all welcome—and needed. John Cashman, 363-5619, our Building and Grounds chair, will coordinate, but we need lots of volunteers to really make this happen. If you have a safe, sturdy ladder, please bring it. Brooms, dustpans, mops, cleaning rags, cleaning formulas, glass cleaner, etc., are all very welcome. Check with John if you have an idea of something to bring but aren't sure. Please put this on your calendar—hope to see you there! If you cannot come for the whole morning, by all means come and clean for just an hour or two.

Table of Plenty. St George's next turn at the Table of Plenty is May 27. We will be serving shepherds pie and homemade cakes. The sign-up sheet is up and we are in need of people to prepare food at home and drop it off or arrange for pick up. We of course need workers at the meal: set-up people, cooks, servers, dishwashers and clean-up. If you can give a few hours of your time please sign up or call Karen Gilroy 363-3904.

Since 1993 St. George's has been in a Covenant Church relationship with the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, Habitat for Humanity York County. As a Covenant Church we are committed to providing support through prayer, through financial resources and most especially by giving of our time and talent. **Blitz Build 2008 will take place May 31st-June 7th on the Gebung Road in Alfred.** The Family Selection Committee is currently interviewing families who submitted applications for consideration. FMI about Blitz Build 2008 and our local project visit <http://www.habitatyorkcounty.org/>.

Mother's Day Roses Dedications

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