

Farewell party, Sunday, June 8, noon, at St. George's. Contact Lisa Lane, Megan Segalla or Nancy Merrill if you want to help. **This is our big chance to say goodbye to Steve+ as a community, so please mark your calendars!** We'd love to have photos for an album being put together—please email photos to Nancy Merrill at jnmerrill@aol.com or marykaytopgun@yahoo.com, or you can bring the physical photos in to the parish office. You can sign up to bring food for this potluck event (or just show up with food in hand!).

Millions are suffering after Cyclone Nargis tore through Myanmar (Burma) on May 3. Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has been working in Myanmar for several years. With our Anglican and ecumenical partners we are providing emergency food and shelter in the aftermath of this devastating storm. Once the immediate crisis has passed, Episcopal Relief and Development will work with our partners to develop and implement long-term recovery plans. Support for the work of Episcopal Relief and Development is critical, and means so much to those struggling to recover from this crisis. Please make checks payable to: Episcopal Relief and Development/Myanmar & Cyclone Response Fund. Mail to: PO Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. To make a credit card donation, please call 1.800.334.7626, ext. 5129.

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - Doubt & Faith, Part I
Monday: All day - parish office closed for holiday
Wednesday: 12 noon - **Deadline:** *June 1 bulletin*
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish Choir rehearsal

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Dragon News
Weekly Notices
Week of May 25, 2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Godly Play & Godly Time: May 25: The Holy Trinity. June 1: The Part That Hasn't Been Written Yet.

Spiritual Formation, May & Early June:

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!

“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.

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.

“Food Pantry Sunday” is June 1. Non-perishable donations may be left and volunteers will bring them to the Food Pantry on the Thursday after Food Pantry Sunday. Monetary

donations are also welcome - there is a small covered tin for that purpose in the basket.

Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build 2008 Update. It went so well the first time that we decided to do it again! Habitat for Humanity York County, partnering with Home Builders Association of Maine, is joining over 100 Habitat affiliates across the United States the week of May 31 through June 7 during Blitz Build 2008. The local project, co-sponsored by PATCO Construction, Inc. and Douston Construction, Inc., is in the final planning stages. The Holland family of Alfred, Crystal and Troy and their four children Codi (11), Nikki (9), Nathan (7) and Tyler (6), is thrilled to be selected family partner for the home being constructed at 366 Gebung Road, HfHYC's 23rd home. Douston Construction is leading the coordination on this project and they have teamed up with skilled local subcontractors to produce a top-quality home. Volunteer labor, material contributions, and cash donations are needed to make this Builders Blitz 2008 a success. To volunteer labor or materials contact bltzbuild@douston.com. Mark your calendar and join HfHYC for Blitz Build 2008! Groundbreaking – May 25 at 2:30 p.m. Dedication – June 8 at 2:30 p.m.

The Committee on Baptismal Ministry presents *Even at the Grave—Conversations About Death for the Alive and Healthy* on Saturday, May 31, 10:00 to 3:00, at St. Mark's Church, 60 Eustis Parkway, Waterville. Advance registration is requested but not required. Reg forms on downstairs bulletin board. FMI contact the Rev. Carolyn Metzler 207-732-4614 or cwmetzler@telplus.net.

Honoring our graduates. On June 1, at the 11:00 service, we will honor our high school graduates: Alison Bailey, Ariana Fox, Ian Lane, Rebecca McKenzie, Jordan Perkins, Joshua Perkins, Kelsey Ray, Hillary Sule, Seth Wagner, and Christopher Yorston. Following the 11:00 service, there will be a reception for the graduates, their families and friends—but everyone is invited to celebrate with them.

Our own Kit Wang's ordination to the transitional diaconate will take place on Saturday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. here at St. George's. All are invited to this festal service! Please come and support Kit on this wonderful day.

Parish Picnic. After Kit Wang's ordination on Saturday, June 14, we will celebrate with a parish picnic. The picnic will start about 1:00 p.m. St. George's will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, beverages and utensils. The rest is potluck, so please bring a dessert, a salad or a side dish. Please complete a picnic reservation form, which will be found in your Sunday bulletins for the next few weeks, and return it in the offering plate or to the parish

office—**deadline is June 8.** Bring game and sports equipment if you like. Hope to see you there!

Parishioner Mary Ezenwa, currently studying at Yale Divinity School, would like to spend the summer and fall in York. She needs a family to stay with, but will be able to contribute toward rent. Please contact her at 917-455-5306 if interested. Also please contact Paige+ at 363-7376.

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. Last up:

May 29 (6:30 to 8:30) Islam in Literature. A discussion of Leila Ahmed's book "A Border Passage." Thirty copies of this book are available for purchase from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools on Route 1. Samples of foods from Islamic culture and tradition will be available. Admission is free.

Opportunities for Connecting With Steve+

Below are events planned with opportunities for hanging out with Steve+ and saying "good bye" before he leaves on June 8 to become rector of St. Martin's Church in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Berwicks Church: Thursday, May 29, 5:45-7:30 at First Parish Federated Church in South Berwick

Teachers & Youth Leaders & their spouses & partners: Friday, May 30, 6:00-9:00 at Steve & David's home in South Berwick. Teachers and leaders please RSVP to sgodfrey@stgeorgesnyorkharbor.org or 363-7376. BBQ meat (southern style) & beverages will be provided; feel free to bring sides, salads, desserts, but don't feel obligated. By "popular" request, please do not bring children (as one teacher said last year, "That's what babysitters are for.")

New Orleans Mission Trip reunion: Saturday, May 31, 2:00, at the Ervins' home in Kittery (team members mark your calendar and watch your email for details)

Early Service Coffee Hour: Sunday, June 1, 8:45, at St. George's

All Parish Coffee Hour, Sunday, June 1, 10:00-11:00, at St. George's

Thursday morning, June 5, Healing Eucharist at 10:00 followed by brunch ("dutch") at Norma's around 11:00

Newcomers BBQ (northern style) - kids especially welcome, Saturday, June 7, 5:00-7:00, location TBA

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