

**Julia Spencer-Fleming**, author of the Episcopalian Rev. Claire Fergusson series, will be signing books in the Cathedral Shop at St. Luke's in Portland on Saturday, November 22, from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Originally from upstate New York, Julia now lives in a 180-year-old farmhouse in Buxton, Maine, and she and her family are members of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke. Her latest book, *I Shall Not Want*, and her earlier books will be available for purchase.

**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!

**Vacation Bible School 2009—Save the date when planning for next summer! Crocodile Dock**—Where fearless kids shine in God's light. Take a romp through the swamp! July 20-24, 2009. St. George's kids joined in the fun at St. Christopher's in 2008 and we're looking forward to it in 2009. FMI contact Lynn Dube at 384-4741, [lynn.dube@verizon.net](mailto:lynn.dube@verizon.net).

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

**Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. - Spirituality of Aging: Living Fully in the Coming Age  
**Wednesday:** Noon - **Deadline:** Sunday bulletin for November 23  
6:30 p.m. - Bible Workbench  
**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing  
7:00 p.m. - Parish choir rehearsal

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### **EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES**

**Join us at the 'Mary Ezenwa Send Off Party' on Sunday, November 16.** Eucharist at 5:00 p.m., potluck supper will follow at 6:00 p.m. Last year, Mary joined our parish family while she served locally as a member of the "City Year" corps. She leaves soon for a second year as a student at Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, CT. She is grateful for our love and support over these months, and wants to thank us. Join us on the 16th to wish her Godspeed as she continues on her spiritual journey. Mary will preach at the Eucharist. Don't miss this special evening!

### ***Adult Spiritual Formation in November.***

**On November 16,** Kate Bishop will present *Living Fully in the Coming Age*, an approach to ways we might make St. George's more welcoming and accessible to our elders. In the process we will discuss how such efforts enhance us all as a community.

**On November 23,** The Rev. Mary Ann Hoy will join us for a presentation on *The Spirituality of Aging*. Mary Ann says, "As other capacities diminish, our spiritual vision expands..." We can celebrate these transitions through meditation, spiritual autobiographies and "a deep and abiding sense of community." Come join us at 8:45 or 9:45 a.m. for an important and interesting presentation.

**On November 30,** we will begin our Advent series with the Rev. Sudie Blanchard at our forum at 9:45 a.m. Sudie will share some of her family advent traditions and recipes. It represents an optional approach to the holidays which we might find more spiritual and less frenetic. Sudie will follow this with an evening of Advent wreath-making. FMI call Sudie at 363-1369. Reserve a wreath kit using the insert in your Sunday bulletin.

**Church School. Jesus Kids:** November 16—work on presentation for next week's Project Perimeter announcement; November 23—Project Perimeter announcement at all services. Start finishing Narnia presentation. **Godly Time:** November 16—The Ark & the Temple; November 23—The Prophets. **Godly Play:** November 16—The Flood & the Ark; November 23—The Exodus.

**Project Perimeter.** The Jesus Kids have teamed up with the Food Pantry for another year of

**Project Perimeter.** Help the Jesus Kids “line the walls” of the church with food! Our six-week (November 9 - December 14) goal is to have all the walls of the church upstairs lined with non-perishable food and toiletries. Please donate items like canned goods, diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, oils, sauces, juice, coffee, tea, condiments, evaporated milk, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo and so much more! Please leave items in the parish hall at the specially marked Jesus Kids/Food Pantry table. Bring one item a week or bring dozens—we need it all! Look for the little round silver food pantry tin in the upstairs parish hall for any monetary donations. FMI contact Carleigh Ervin 439-1205, Daryl McKay 363-4256 or Kate Ford 363-3454.

**Thanksgiving Day service.** On November 27, Thanksgiving Day, the usual 10:00 a.m. service will be the Thanksgiving Day service. All are welcome!

**Thanksgiving Food Pantry Collection.** The Food Pantry will have a box in the parish hall for the next couple of Sundays to collect non-perishable foods for their special Thanksgiving baskets. They will pick up on November 18, so please be generous with your donations.

**Les Petits Chanteurs CDs.** Paige+ bought some of their CDs to have for sale at the church. CDs are \$15 apiece, please make check out to Paige Blair. Please contact Lorrie at the parish office [office@stgeorgesnyorkharbor.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesnyorkharbor.org) or 363-7376 to reserve yours!

**Music in the Cathedral 2008.** (St. Luke’s Cathedral, Portland)

Sunday, December 7, 4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong, sung by the Cathedral Choir; music of Rose, Stanford and Van Wye.

Sunday, January 11, 4:00 p.m. The Baptism of our Lord. Epiphany Lessons & Carols: A Meditation on Christ’s Nativity, sung by the Cathedral Choir; music of Palestrina, Mathias & Willan.

**LIHEAP - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.** Fuel assistance, emergency fuel, home weatherization, and eligibility screening for other assistance. York County residents call 207-324-5762. Applications processed by Maine State Housing Authority, [www.mainehousing.org](http://www.mainehousing.org). See brochure on downstairs bulletin board.

**Bottle Outreach.** This winter is going to be really tough for those who already live close to the bone, what with gas prices, heating oil prices and food prices rising. We’re going to use the bottle and can redeemables fund to do some outreach this fall/winter—here’s how you can help:

\* Bring in redeemable bottles and cans and leave them in the lower hall near the kitchen where you see the gray redeemables buckets (just leave your bags of items on the floor near the gray buckets), or

\* If you have a CLYNK account of your own, consider using some of the proceeds to purchase \$25 Hannaford gift cards and place the cards in the offering plate on a Sunday, or

\* If you don’t have a CLYNK account, take a CLYNK bag with you from the nave in the next few upcoming weeks. A St. George’s CLYNK account label will already be on it so all you need to do is fill the bag with clean, dry redeemable bottles and cans (they won't accept Market Basket brand, however). You can put plastic, glass and aluminum all in the same bag—but make sure no more than 20% of the bag is glass or it will be too heavy (four soda/water plastic or aluminum items for each beer-sized glass bottle works out pretty well). When the bag is full, tie it tightly shut and leave the bag at Hannaford’s at the CLYNK room (left side of Hannaford’s). That’s it!

Together, we can help some people stay warm and fed this winter, just by redeeming bottles and cans—easy!

**Special Service of Remembrance.** Please join Hospice of York as we celebrate the lives of those we’ve loved and lost. A special service of remembrance, with candlelight and music, will take place on Sunday, November 23, 2:00-2:45 at First Parish Church. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall. FMI contact Hospice of York 363-7000.

**“Memoirs of Spirituality at the End of Life: A Nurse Practitioner’s Perspective”** will be presented by Hospice of Southern Maine on Thursday, December 4, 8:00-10:00 a.m. at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Road, Scarborough. Light breakfast and coffee will be available. Additional guests are welcome, however space is limited. Please RSVP to 207-289-3640 by November 27.

**Funky Divas of Gospel: Concert to celebrate release of new double CD** (*Gospel Is Not A Spectator Sport*). How can a group that is about to enter its 18<sup>th</sup> year call themselves new? Simple—new sound and all new music. All are welcome to their concert on November 21 at South Church, 292 State Street, Portsmouth. The show will begin at 8:00 p.m.; doors open at 7:30. All seats will be \$10. There is also a show and CD combo price of \$20, a savings of \$5 from the normal CD price. FMI and reservations call 603-944-6389. At the last Divas CD release concert South Church was standing room only, so make reservations early. Tickets also can be purchased at Bullmoose Music. If you want the show and CD combo and you purchase from Bullmoose, simply say so at the door when you enter South Church and the Divas will gladly take care of you.

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