

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!

Laity Participating In Our Worship Services

Greeters: Cynthia Hayes, Marcia Williams (7:45); Dave, Melanie & Alisha Dube (9:00)

Acolytes: Alec Jordan (7:45); Joe Yauch, Graham Mercer, Griffin Mercer, Hunter McKay (9:00)

Ushers: Lew Butler, Jean Tucker (7:45); Dave, Melanie & Alisha Dube (9:00); Carol Gronquist, Nancy Merrill (11:00)

Lectors: Gail Marshall, Jean Tucker (7:45); Nancy Merrill (9:00) Liz Reisz, Jeanne Gamage (11:00)

Prayers of the People: Charles Smith (7:45); Eric Hopkins (9:00); Bette Pollock (11:00)

Chalice Bearers: Marcia Williams, Ralph Davison (7:45); George Dow, Heather Hesse-Stromberg (9:00); Donna Murphy, Pat Kriensky (11:00)

Altar Guild: Jean Mercer, Debby Ehret, Jane Sweeney Beecher

Flower Guild: Kathy Hutchins

LEVs: Durgin Pines: Mary Martin; Sentry Hill: Marj Esau

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - All Parish Coffee Hour
8:00-1:30 - Handcrafting Justice sale

Wednesday: Noon - **Deadline:** Sunday bulletin for November 9
6:30 p.m. - Bible Workbench

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish choir rehearsal

Friday: 5:30 p.m. - Outreach Auction - York Golf & Tennis Club

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Dragon News

Weekly Notices

Week of November 2, 2008

Celebrating 60 Years! 1948-2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

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 (cash, and checks from visitors) supports this fund. Also, when the Rector officiates at a funeral or wedding at St. George's, instead of giving her an honorarium, a contribution is made to the RDF. If you would like to contribute, make checks out to "The Rector's Discretionary Fund," and place in the offering plate, or mail to the office.

Stewardship & Budget meetings November 2 at 9:00 and 10:15. Finalizing the budget for 2009 will mostly be done at these meetings, NOT at the annual meeting in January, when the budget will need to be already done. **Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend.**

Mission Trip 2009 Planning Meeting and Potluck, Sunday, November 2, at 12:15 p.m. We welcome returning missionaries as well as those thinking about mission trips for the first time. It's time to begin thinking about and planning our 2009 Mission Trip. As previous participants will tell you, mission trips are an incredibly rewarding and enriching experience for everyone involved, whether you are part of the mission trip or part of the planning! We'll have some pictures from previous mission trips and hope to see you there!

"Food Pantry Sunday" is Sunday, November 2. Non-perishable donations may be left and volunteers will bring them to the Food Pantry. Monetary donations are also welcome - there is a small covered tin for that purpose in the basket.

St. George's Outreach Auction, November 7. It is this Friday—mark your calendar and save the date! The annual auction is our biggest outreach fundraising event. Please save the date, come to buy and bring your non-St. George's friends, too! It's a great way to get a jump on your Christmas shopping. Friday, November 7, York Golf & Tennis Club on Organug Road. 5:30 for the Silent Auction, Live Auction begins at 6:30.

Adult Spiritual Formation in November.

On November 9, Dee Bickmore from Hospice of York will do a presentation at 9:45 a.m. A dynamic speaker, she has wisdom to share from her journeys with hospice clients.

On Tuesday, November 11, join us for Cinema & Snacks at 7:00 p.m. This month we will see *Strangers in Good Company*, an award-winning Canadian docudrama. Seven older women become stranded in an isolated rural area after their bus breaks down.

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 2—work Narnia stories into a presentation and consider kids donation to auction; November 9—Narnia stories and the Bible. **Godly Time:** November 2—The Ark & the Tent; November 9—The Story of Moses. **Godly Play:** November 2—the Story of Moses; November 9—The Great Family.

Brown Bag Lunch – Craft Outreach Program. The next get together is Tuesday, November 11, from 12 – 1:30 p.m. Since the church will be cool, we are meeting at Ellie's house. Come and bring whatever you are working on and we can work together. If you are interested in learning how to knit a hat or crochet a shawl, we'll have some needles, hooks and yarn on hand for you try out. Bring a sandwich and we'll provide drinks and dessert. Any questions or for directions, call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

Newsletter deadline. To place an article in the December issue of *Dragon Tales*, please email it to office@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org, the parish administrator, by Saturday, November 15, 5:00 p.m.

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@stgeorges-yorkharbor.org or 363-7376 to reserve yours!

HandCrafting Justice will share its mission with St. George's on Sunday, November 2. This Fair Trade project of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd partners with women in 20 developing countries to market women's handcrafts and to raise awareness about the root

causes of poverty, gender inequality and social issues. Your support makes a tremendous difference in their lives and in their ability to provide food, education and shelter for their families. These handcrafted items, starting at \$3, will be on sale in the parish hall following all services. FMI visit www.handcraftingjustice.org.

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!"

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

Sunday, November 2, 4:00 p.m.. Choral Evensong celebrating the Feast of All Saints sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Music of Rose, Murrill and Bainton.

Saturday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. Organ Recital featuring Randal Mullin and the music of Bach, Vierne and Reubke.

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. 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 are 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 church 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).

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