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Thanksgiving Wishes

May we always be thankful for all that have, and always be willing to share,
May God's love for us shine out of our hearts, to help us show that we care.

and...

May your stuffing be tasty, may your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy have never a lump.
May your yams be delicious and your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs!



Happy Thanksgiving!

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 8:45 & 10:00 a.m. - Spirituality of Aging: The Rev. Mary Ann Hoy
12:30 p.m. - Parish choir rehearsal
Wednesday: Noon - **Deadline:** Sunday bulletin for November 30
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Day service
All day - Parish office closed
Friday: All day - Parish office closed

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Dragon News

Weekly Notices

Week of November 23, 2008

Celebrating 60 Years! 1948-2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Adult Spiritual Formation in November.

This Sunday, 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. **Deadline to register for wreath-making is November 23.**

Children's Christmas Pageant. Our pageant will take place on Sunday, December 21, during the 9:00 a.m. service (weather date is 9:00 on December 28). If you are interested in helping or taking part in the pageant, please contact Lynn Dube 384-4741 lynn.dube@verizon.net or Cindel & Francois Lamothe 646-6095, cindel@maine.rr.com, flamothe@maine.rr.com. Parts will be assigned on Sunday, November 23, as follows:

- Godly Play (age 3-Kindergarten) Animals
- Godly Time (grades 1-3) Angels, Shepherds, Kings
- Jesus Kids (grades 4-6) Narrators, Mary, Joseph, Herod, Innkeeper, Angel of the Lord

Pageant rehearsals:

- December 13, Sunday: Speaking roles rehearse at 4:00 p.m.
- December 20, Saturday: Final rehearsal 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- December 21, Sunday: Arrive at 8:00 a.m. to get into costume.

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

Church School. Jesus Kids: November 23—Project Perimeter announcement at all services. Start finishing Narnia presentation. **Godly Time:** November 23—The Prophets. **Godly Play:** November 23—The Exodus. All classes on November 30—No class, Thanksgiving week.

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.

Last Chance! 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!

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.

BeadforLife Holiday Bead Party on December 7. Please help Ugandan women be self-sufficient by purchasing their beautiful beaded jewelry. It makes beautiful gifts that everyone will love (and why not give yourself a little present this season??). Jewelry will be on sale 8:30-11:00 and during the All-Parish Coffee Hour. There will be another sale on December 14 (8:30-11:00) with all remaining items. Get your shopping done early this year! FMI contact Heather Hesse-Stromberg 603-335-2327 or haidensmomanddad@msn.com.

Table of Plenty. St George’s next turn at the Table of Plenty is Tuesday, December 9. The sign-up sheet is up. We are in need of people to prepare food at home and drop it off or arrange for pick-up. We also need workers at the meal—set-up people, cooks, servers, dish-washers and clean up. If you can give a few hours of your time, please sign up or call Karen Gilroy 363-3904.

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’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.

Poinsettia Sale. The York High School Music Program is selling poinsettias again this year as a fundraiser. To order, call 363-3621 (specify red or white poinsettias). \$8 apiece. Pick up is on Saturday, December 6, 9:00-12:00, in the high school auditorium.

Many thanks to Doris and Thomas Blaisdell for the generous donation of the pumpkins, gourds and squash that decorate our nave and doorways for Thanksgiving. All of the edible vegetables will be donated to the Food Pantry after Thanksgiving.

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