

of this program, so your donation goes much further. Any amount will help enormously and there are items to be given that fit any budget. FMI go to www.er-d.org/GiftsForLife.

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.

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.

Christmas Pageant Potluck. Our children's Christmas pageant will take place during the 9:00 service on Sunday, December 21. Afterward, we will have a Christmas potluck at 10:00 a.m. (there will be NO spiritual formation or Church School on December 21). Trish Yauch is coordinating this potluck—please bring something yummy! She will have a sign-up sheet in the parish hall very soon, or you can contact her at 363-8778 or tmaginn@hotmail.com.

Schedule for St. George's This Week

- Sunday:** 10:00 a.m. - Celebrations & rituals of Advent
5:30 p.m. - Wreath-making followed by potluck
- Wednesday:** Noon - **Deadline:** Sunday bulletin for December 7
6:30 p.m. - Bible Workbench
- Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, healing service

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Dragon News

Weekly Notices

Week of November 30, 2008

Celebrating 60 Years! 1948-2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Adult Spiritual Formation in November and December.

This Sunday, 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 alternative 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.

On December 14, Eric Hopkins will use excerpts from film *Renewal* to begin this discussion at 10:00 a.m.

On December 28 at 10:00 a.m. we will use *Renewal* to look into some wonderful projects done by other faith groups. Come join us for both sessions as we celebrate the gift of the earth and appreciate “green” from a spiritual and practical perspective.

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 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 14, 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.

Church School. All classes on November 30—No class, Thanksgiving week. **Jesus Kids:** December 7—Finish and rehearse Narnia presentation. **Godly Time:** December 7—Advent I and II. **Godly Play:** December 7—Advent I and II.

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.

Bishop Lane's statement on racism is available on the back altar. It may also be found in the December issue of *Dragon Tales* online.

The Giving Tree is up! This year St. George's will provide the material celebration for three families with small children living in our Christmas tree community. These families are in financial need and would otherwise have little to celebrate with. We are their only source of assistance this year, so we hope to give them gifts to open Christmas day and provide food for Christmas dinner, stock up their pantries a bit, and give them gift certificates to ease some of the extra bills winter brings. If you would like to participate, you may choose a gift tag from the Giving Tree and purchase the item or gift certificate. Please wrap the gift and attach the gift tag to it (very important, as this identifies which family and which individual is intended to receive it) and bring your gift to St. George's by **December 14. This deadline is crucial** because once the families pick up their gifts, we have NO WAY to get late donations to them. Gift certificates should have the tag attached to the envelope and be left in the parish office. Food gifts may be left unwrapped with the gift tag attached to the bag you bring them in. Please call Karen Gilroy 363-3904 with questions. Together, we can truly brighten this wonderful time of year for some people who could really use these "practical prayers."

"Food Pantry Sunday" is Sunday, December 7. 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.

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.

Cinema and Snacks on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. We will celebrate the Christmas season with *Stanley's Gig*, a story about a musician fallen on hard times who finds

renewal and redemption in a nursing home. If you like ukuleles and a bridge less traveled between generations, you will enjoy this film. It is well done and well-performed, featuring Faye Dunaway as Leila, Stanley's supportive friend, Marla Gibbs as Eleanor, an aging and reclusive jazz singer, William Sanderson (Larry from The Bob Newhart Show) as Stanley Myer, and Steven Tobolowski as Abe Cohen the retirement home director. Join us and bring a friend.

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 tough for those who already live close to the bone, 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. 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 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!

Gifts for Life! For Christmas and other gifts this year, consider giving a goat. Or a duck, or a flock of chickens! How about some drought-resistant seedlings or a clean-water system for an entire village. Please take a "Gifts for Life" catalog home with you—you will find them on the parish table. Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) pays the admin costs

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