

“*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.

*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.

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

**Sunday:** 8:45 & 10:00 a.m. - Spirituality of Aging: Hospice of York  
**Tuesday:** All day - Parish office closed for holiday  
 7:00 p.m. - Cinema & Snacks: *Strangers in Good Company*  
**Wednesday:** Noon - **Deadline:** Sunday bulletin for November 16  
 6:30 p.m. - Bible Workbench  
**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing  
 7:00 p.m. - Parish choir rehearsal  
**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. - **Deadline:** December issue of Dragon Tales

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 Week of November 9, 2008  
*Celebrating 60 Years! 1948-2008*

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

#### ***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 9—Narnia stories and the Bible; November 16—work on presentation for next week’s Project Perimeter announcement. **Godly Time:** November 9—The Story of Moses; November 16—The Ark & the Temple. **Godly Play:** November 9—The Great Family; November 16—The Flood & the Ark.

**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.

**Brown Bag Lunch – Craft Outreach Program.** The next get together is Tuesday, November 11, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. 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@stgeorgesnyorkharbor.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesnyorkharbor.org), the parish administrator, by Saturday, November 15, 5:00 p.m.

**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!”

**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)

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

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

**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 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). 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.

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