

The Maine Council of Churches celebrates 70 years. November 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, Freeport. Good food, good music and a wonderful program honoring Bishop Clifton Ives. Every Episcopalian is invited, RSVP is required. FMI call MCC at 207-772-1918.

Standing Announcements

We welcome all those persons who may be visiting St. George's for the first time. Please sign the guest book and let us know who you are!

The Nursery is available to those with infants to age two 9:45-10:45 a.m.

The post-11:00 coffee hour is hosted today by Kate Bishop.

Celebrations this week. Birthdays: Chris Jordan, Douglas Taylor, Hunt Walton, Marianne Ramsay, Thomas Reid, Camryn Donnell, Mary Anne Smith, Elliot Carlisle, Drew Gregor, Van Richard, Susan Cusack, Marcia Williams. Anniversaries: Rich & Brenda Ervin, Aaron & Kimberly Stevens, Tom & Suzanne Woodworth.

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 8:45 & 10:00 a.m. - Beechers' Ethiopia trip
Monday: All day - Parish office closed for holiday
Tuesday: Noon - Craft Group
7:00 p.m. - Snacks & Cinema: *Johnny Belinda*
Wednesday: Noon - **Deadline:** Sunday bulletin for October 19
5:00 p.m. - **Deadline:** November issue of Dragon Tales newsletter
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish choir practice

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EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Church School. Jesus Kids: October 12, light class because of Columbus Day—work the Narnia discussion into a presentation; October 19—Narnia stories & the Bible. **Godly Time:** October 12—the Story of Abraham; October 19—the Story of Sarah. **Godly Play:** October 12—Parable of the Great Pearl; October 19—the Ark and the Tent.

Baptismal Preparation. A host of you have asked about having your children baptized, so we are planning a baptismal preparation group early this fall. Please contact Paige+ at 363-7376 or pblair1@earthlink.net to let her know your interest.

Adult Spiritual Formation in October. Adult Spiritual Formation ventures into the world of parenting, children and families in October.

Finding Gus: An Award Winning Adventure, on October 12. The Beecher family will share their experience of finding Gus, which meant a trip to Ethiopia. Come and join us for photos, sharing and discussion following the 7:45 a.m. service or during our Formation Forum at 10:00 a.m.

The Spirituality of Parenting, October 19 & 26. Using audio tapes from National Public Radio's *Speaking of Faith* series, we will discuss children and their spiritual nature. How do we nurture that gift in them and renew it in ourselves? How do we prepare ourselves to be ready and responsive when those moments of insight and wisdom come from the children in our lives? As we focus most of our energy and attention to the everyday needs and emergencies our kids bring to us, should we pay more attention to their spiritual needs as well? Come join us for a lively and continuing discussion on October 19 and 26. If you are new to parenting or caring for children in your life, you will find these sessions helpful. If you are a veteran in these experiences, please come and share solutions, suggestions or just good storytelling.

Nominating church officers. Please use the form (in Sunday bulletins through October) to nominate church officers, to be elected at the Annual Meeting in 2009. Large print forms are on the small table at the back of the nave. You may leave your completed form in the offering plate or in the parish office. Deadline is Sunday, October 26.

Brown Bag Lunch – Craft Outreach Program. The next gettogether is Tuesday, October 14t, from 12 – 1:30 p.m. 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, call Ellie Butler at 363-7114.

Workforce Housing. If you would be willing to have your name signed to the following statement: “We support Article One and will vote YES for workforce housing in York” Please contact Jim Gambriil at 363 7814 or jgambriil@maine.rr.com.

Parish Administrator out of office. The parish administrator will be out of the office from noon on Wednesday, October 22 through Friday, October 24. Deadline for October 26 bulletin will be 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21.

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

Crop Walk & U2charist on October 19. St. George's will host the 7th annual Crop Walk this year, which will be followed by a U2charist at St. George's! Registration for the Crop walk will begin at St. George's at 1:00 p.m. and the walk at 1:30. It is an easy four miles and a van will cycle around to pick up those of us who may want to walk only a portion of that distance. The route is through York Village, along Long Sands Road to Long Sands Beach, then back along York Street to St. George's. There will be three water stops along the way and refreshments will be served after the walk at St. George's. After the Crop Walk, please stay for the U2charist at 4:00 p.m. October 19 is also Bread For Life Sunday. Bread For Life is a non-denominational ministry dedicated to providing help to those in need, be it social, medical, spiritual or educational. The offering from the U2charist will go half to the Crop Walk and half to the AIDS Response Seacoast (ARS) Food Pantry to honor Bread for Life Sunday. FMI, please call the church office 363-7376 or Ted Little 363-7527. Team St. George's, once again under the leadership of our youth group, will sponsor the Crop Walk and will be asking for your support. Please join us!

United Thank Offering (UTO). It is time to “count your blessings”—those coins you have in the blue UTO box in thanksgiving for large and small daily gifts from God that brighten your life and the lives of those around you. The entire month of October is the time to place your UTO offering envelope in the offering plate, but our formal ingathering will be October 19. Information, placemats, bookmarks and envelopes will be available in the church

hall. Please help yourself. It is helpful if you count your coins and write a check for the amount (please make check to St. George's and put “UTO” in the memo line).

Gathering in the Berwicks. On the fourth Thursday of each month, we gather to worship at the Federated Church of South Berwick, at 5:45 p.m. The next gathering is on October 23. It includes a Eucharist that is friendly for all ages, and a potluck supper afterwards. If you would like to help lead the service, say, by offering a Godly Play story or other sermon, please let Kit Wang know (363-2314 dckabar@yahoo.com)! Your gifts are very welcome.

St. George's Outreach Auction, November 7. It is approaching fast! We need donations and this is where you can help. Please consider what you might donate to the auction and fill out the donor form included in your Sunday bulletin. Please place completed forms in the box on the parish hall table. 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.

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.

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 will be on sale in the parish hall following all services. FMI visit www.handcraftingjustice.org.

Annual Bazaar at St. Raphael's, 6 Whipple Road, Kittery. Saturday, November 8, 8:00 - 2:00. Crafts, theme baskets, raffles, home-baked and canned goods, kids corner, café, and Christmas wreaths to order. FMI 439-0442.

2-1-1. Do you know about 211? It's a referral line for all of Maine. Want to find a food pantry? Need fuel assistance? Housing info? Childcare resources? Call 211 for these and many other issues. They can refer you to local agencies who can help.

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