

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.

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.

Laitly wanted. *Would you like to get more involved in worship services?* Try being a chalice bearer, lay reader, usher, greeter or reader of the prayers of the people. Training provided. Contact the following: Frank Jillson 384-5272 for 7:45 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers; Lew Butler 363-7114 for 7:45 ushers; Marcia Williams 646-2660 for 7:45 greeters; Mark Ford 363-3454 for 9:00 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers and ushers; and Pat Linscott 363-6021 for 11:00 service readers, prayers, chalice bearers and ushers.

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!

Schedule for St. George's This Week

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 - Blessing of the Animals
9:00-2:00 - Haitian Art Sale
10:00 a.m. - All Parish Coffee Hour
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish choir practice

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Week of October 5, 2008
Celebrating 60 Years! 1948-2008

EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

Blessing of the Animals. *On October 5*, at the 9:00 and 11:00 services, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with services featuring the Blessing of the Animals. Please bring your pets on/in appropriate leashes, cages, etc.

Haitian Art Sale. *On Sunday, October 5*, 9:00 - 2:00, the vibrant art of Haiti will fill St. George's parish hall. A wonderful, whimsical collection of paintings, iron sculptures, painted decorative items, silk scarves, and many other items will be on sale. All proceeds will return to Haiti. Sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Newcastle, ME. St. Andrew's is partnered with the village of Figaro in northern Haiti. St. Andrew's Haiti Fund helps provide hot lunches to students in Figaro (often their only meal for the day), teachers' salaries and funds for school construction. Please notice the beautiful posters around STG, featuring Haitian art. For photos of more Haitian art, please visit STG's website, www.stgeorges-yorkharbor.org.

"Food Pantry Sunday" is Sunday, October 5. 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.

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

Church School. Jesus Kids: October 5 JK's will help with the St. Francis service; there will be an All Parish Coffee Hour, no formal class; October 12, light class because of Columbus Day—work the Narnia discussion into a presentation. **Godly Time:** October 5

will be The Great Family; October 12—the Story of Abraham. **Godly Play:** October 5 will be Parable of Parables; October 12—Parable of the Great Pearl.

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 plclair1@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.

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 Gambriell at 363 7814 or jgambriell@maine.rr.com.

Blood Drives. The Red Cross always needs more blood. There are several blood drives happening in the Kittery-York area in the immediate future. Please consider giving! Call 800-482-0743 for blood drive locations and times.

Table of Plenty. St George's next turn at the Table of Plenty is Tuesday, October 7. The sign-up sheet is up and 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, dishwashers and clean-up people. If you can give a few hours of your time please sign up or call Karen Gilroy 363-3904.

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.

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