

Bereavement Support Group. Hospice of York is offering the “Living With Loss Group” this fall, Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00, beginning September 10, for ten weeks. Space is limited, pre-registration is required. FMI call Audrey, 207-337-5507.

Aging With Spirit. Engaging the sacred with lectio divina, yoga and contemplative prayer. Saturday, September 20, 9:30 - 3:00. St. Paul’s, 27 Pleasant St., Brunswick. Lunch will be provided. Reservations appreciated - contact Marby Payson 207-781-4769 or Mary Ann Hoy mahoy@suscom-maine.net. Freewill offering gratefully accepted.

Memory Walk 2008 on Saturday, September 20, convening at the York Beach ballfield with registration at 8:30 a.m. Opening ceremony at 9:15 a.m., walk begins at 9:30. Refreshments will be provided prior to the three-mile walk (there will be an optional shorter route). Our vision is a world with Alzheimer’s. FMI about joining or forming a team or to make a contribution, visit www.alz.org or call 363-6550. Sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, York Hospital Home Care and the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Assoc. for care and support of those affected by the disease and research for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Alzheimer’s.

Schedule for St. George’s This Week

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - All Parish Coffee Hour
Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - Tuesday Night Snacks & Cinema: *The Kite Runner*
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group meeting
Wednesday: 12 noon - **Deadline:** *September 14 bulletin*
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist & Healing
7:00 p.m. - Parish choir practice

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EVENTS, DATES & ACTIVITIES

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.

“Food Pantry Sunday” is Sunday, September 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.

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 373-7376 or pblair1@earthlink.net to let her know your interest.

Our program year begins on September 7. Coming up soon are the following:

- Our **three-service worship schedule resumes** on September 7 (7:45, 9:00, 11:00)
- **Church School begins** on September 7 with an Open House and Registration.
- **Time & Talent** will take place in the form of several speakers each Sunday between

October 19 and November 16, speaking briefly on their ministries at the end of services.

Celebration of New Ministry. The Rev. Kit Wang and the people of St. Stephen’s in Waterboro will celebrate their new ministry together (the Rt. Rev. Chilton Knusden, officiating) on Sunday, September 7, 5:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Our film series “Tuesday Night Snacks and Cinema” begins on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. with *The Kite Runner* (2007). Based on the best selling novel by Khaled Hosseini, *The Kite Runner* is a memorable and moving drama about the pain of lost friendship, the yearning for forgiveness, and the freedom that comes from making amends. The film won a

Christopher Award in 2008. Food and a brief discussion will follow the film. Rated PG-13.

Adult Spiritual Formation in September.

Living our Baptismal Promises, September 14, 10 a.m. If you are planning to be baptized, have your child baptized, be or have been a godparent, if your children have been baptized or if you have ever said the words, “We Will!” to the question, “Will you do all in your power to uphold this person in her new life in Christ?” at a baptismal service, this gathering is for you. We will ask what the baptismal vows they mean the day of baptism, or if you are contemplating confirmation, and what the baptismal vows mean down the road as we try to help our children or godchildren live into them, even as we live into them ourselves.

Stump the Rector! September 21, 10 a.m. Ever wondered why the Episcopal Church has no Pope? Why the clergy wear funny collars? What’s that scarf called that they wear over their shoulders or around their necks? What’s the difference between the Episcopal Church and another denomination? What was that Lambast (sic) Conference in England about anyway? Who is the Archbishop of Canterbury and how did he land that fancy job? What does the Episcopal church believe about ___? Come, try to stump the Rector with your questions, trivial and deep alike! If you’re wondering, chances are someone else is too!

On September 28, Paige+ will explore *Generations*, a view of how we are influenced in our perceptions and interactions by the timing of our birth and place in history and culture.

(For a more complete list of fall spiritual formation offerings, please see the September issue of *Dragon Tales*.)

Good-bye +Chilton. Retirement parties for Bishop Knudsen have been arranged throughout the diocese so that all will have the opportunity to attend one. Reservations will be taken so that adequate food can be provided at these events. Contact Amy at 207-882-7184 or amy@episcopalmaine.org to reserve—she will need the date, location of event and number of attendees to complete your reservation.

Friday, September 12, St. Luke’s Cathedral, Portland: 5:00 p.m.: Unveiling of Bishop Knudsen’s portrait in the Upper Hall of the Cathedral; 5:30 p.m.: Evensong at St. Luke’s Cathedral; 7:00 p.m.: Buffet meal in the Grand Ballroom of The Eastland Park Hotel; 8:00 p.m.: Presentations.

Hello +Steve. Saturday, September 13, St. Luke’s Cathedral in Portland. No reservations necessary, all are welcome. 9:00 a.m.: Walk-through rehearsal for Investiture Service. 10:00 a.m.: Clergy assemble and vest (red) in Cathedral lower halls. 11:00 a.m. Investiture and Seating of a Diocesan Bishop.

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

Craft Group Meeting. Come join us for an evening of knitting on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. If you know how to knit or want to learn, we will have yarn and needles for those interested. We will focus on making hats to send to The Salvation Army, Crossroads House or the shelter in Portland. Coffee and cookies will be served.

The Annual Fall Rummage Sale is Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 to 2:00 in the parish hall. Please start gathering your rummage now—clothes, coats, shoes, accessories (jewelry, scarves, etc.) handbags, and linens (towels, sheets). Starting Monday, September 15, you can drop things off right in the parish hall; before the 15th, you should take them to the lower floor hallway. Donations can be received until Friday, September 19. Notations as to size would be greatly appreciated, as this really helps in the sorting. If you need assistance getting items to the church, let us know. We need people to set up, sort and price, sell on the day of the sale, and clean up. We also need posters delivered and put up in various locations. See the sign-up sheets in the parish hall, or contact Mary Anne Smith 363-3539 or nanas@maine.rr.com. It will be a fun group of workers. Please sign up!!

Haitian Singers in York. On September 29, Les Petits Chanteurs will be in York, with an evening concert and reception at St. George’s. We need a few more households to house the musicians for the night. We also need food for the reception and donations toward the expense of a group lunch and breakfast. Please contact Peter Blanchard (207-363-1369, email pblancha@maine.rr.com) or Susan Mullens (207-361-1210, email js.mullens@att.net). And spread the word about their visit!!

Diocesan Youth Calendar Events:

September 26-27: Leadership Training for Awakening. Grace Church, Bath ME. Youth and adults prepare to lead. FMI on youth events, call 800-244-6062 x-29 or go to www.maine-youth.org.

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 September 25. 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.

Hospice of York is looking for volunteers. Training classes begin Monday, September 8, and are open to potential volunteers, those in related fields, and anyone interested for their own information. Classes will be held weekly (mostly Mondays with one Saturday) for 12 weeks at Pelkey Funeral Home in Kittery, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. \$30 registration fee (scholarship aid may be available). Call 363-7000. Complete schedule is on the downstairs bulletin board.

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