



The Dragon's Tale

October 2011

St. George's
Episcopal Church
912 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Rector's Remarks

New Staff at St. George's

There are some new people who have joined us in the last month or so and I'd like to tell you something about them.

Timothy J. Olsen has accepted the offer of the Rector and the Organist Search Committee to begin serving as our new Organist/Choir Director/Music Director beginning October 1, 2011. Tim is a Fulbright Scholar who holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in composition from Yale University. He currently is Associate Professor of Music at Union College in Schenectady, NY. Prior to coming to St. George's, he served for 16 years as Organist/Choir Director/Music Director at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Schenectady, NY. Tim also enjoys playing jazz piano, has over three decades experience as a composer and arranger, and currently directs the Union College Jazz Ensemble. A man of impressive musical ability, he and his wife Susie, who is a music therapist by training and an urban planner by vocation, along with their two sons William and Pierce will all be joining us at St. George's. We are blessed to welcome them!

Sandra Polidoro-Graves has accepted the offer of the Head of School, School Board Co-Chairs of Trustees and the Rector, to begin serving as Classroom Assistant at St. George's School. She will be working closely with Sheray Tario, Head Teacher and Phyllis Aldrich, Head of School, ensuring a continued experience of academic and social excellence for which the school is becoming known. Sandy began her service with the school September 1, 2011 and is already a welcome part of the school and parish community. Sandy holds a B.A. in Psychology from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut (Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Gamma Mu, Psi Chi) (honor societies) and an M.S. in Educational Psychology from the College of St. Rose, Albany, NY. Sandy has served as Adjunct Faculty at the College of St. Rose in the Lally School of Education as well as having extensive experience in childhood education from the community to college levels. She brings with her a wealth of educational experience as well as a record of public service to volunteer organizations in Clifton Park, where she lives with her husband and three children. Welcome Sandy! We are blessed to have you join the school and help enrich the lives of our students.

Brother Paul McCue, C.A.H., has accepted the offer of the Rector in consultation with the Deacons and Vestry to join us as Pastoral Assistant in October. Bro. Paul, familiar to many at the 8:00 am Eucharist which he attends, is a professed brother of the Community of St. Aidan and St. Hilda, a contemporary Celtic religious order headquartered in the United Kingdom and under the auspices of a Bishop Visitor in the United Kingdom, with the Archbishop of Canterbury as Visitor Ex-Officio. There are presently over 400 members of the order in 15 countries around the world. Members of the order may be married or single. Bro. Paul holds a B.S in Biology, minor in Theology, from Manhattan College, Bronx, NY and an M.A. in Spiritual Direction from The General Theological Seminary, NY, NY. He has completed the four levels of the School of Healing Prayer at the Spiritual Life Center, Diocese of Albany, and is a commissioned healing minister in the Order of St. Luke the Physician. He has completed one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education, a national program for chaplain training. He currently serves as Associate Chaplain at the



Westchester County Medical Center, Valhalla, NY, with an application pending for admission to the Association of Pastoral Clinicians, a national certifying agency in chaplaincy. Bro. Paul will be visiting hospitals and nursing homes twice monthly, travelling up from Mahopac, NY where he lives with his wife Lucille who is a counselor (LCSW). Bro. Paul's willingness to come and be part of our pastoral team at St. George's is sure to be a blessing to many! Welcome Bro. Paul! Thank you Lucille!

In the fall of 2010, I began talks with Peter Minucci, Director of the **Episcopal Counseling Service** of the Diocese of Albany about a way that St. George's could be a satellite site for them to provide counseling services to our community. The Board of Directors of the Counseling Service wrote a grant application for funding from the United Thank Offering, and the grant was approved. Beginning this month, we will be able to offer professional counseling services here at church as an outreach ministry of St. George's in association with the Episcopal Counseling Service. The new counselor, **Jenny Anne Frank (LCSW)**, will be setting up appointment hours for counseling, and the means to contact her will be published in the bulletin, on the website and in the Dragon's Tale. Thanks to Peter Minucci and the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Counseling Service for their hard work in helping this to become a reality. Thanks also to Jenny Anne Frank for coming to serve as a counselor at this new satellite site at St. George's.

These four people join the rest of the excellent staff here at St. George's as we all seek to glorify God in our vocations, give the best to the church and the people of God, and continue to joyfully reach out to nurture, teach and heal in Jesus' Name. Let's keep each other in our prayers!

Fr. Henry

Vestry

Senior Warden

Joe Gulyas

Junior Warden

Jeff Granger

Ken Bee
Tim Berger
Shawn Dowd
Cathy Fare
Carol List
Neil Manning
Carole VanderVeer
Jon Vargo
Susan Westad

Clerk

Lynne Olney

Our Mission Statement: *St. George's is a family of disciples joyfully reaching out in love to nurture, teach and heal in Jesus' Name.*



October Readings

October 2nd

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 22

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-14

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

October 9th

Seventeenth Sunday after

Pentecost: Proper 23

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

October 16th

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-13

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

October 23rd

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25

Leviticus 10:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

October 30th

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 26

Micah 3:5-12

Psalm 43

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

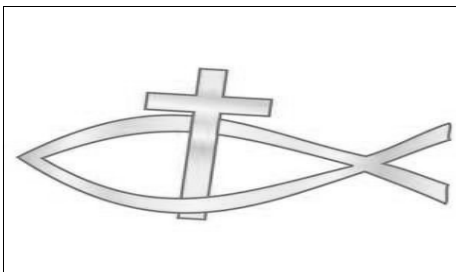
Matthew 23:1-12

Joyful Journey Schedule

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| October 2 | Heidi Brewer |
| October 9 | Julie Bailey |
| October 16 | Sarah Keyes |
| October 23 | Monica Chaplin |
| October 30 | Diana Glaser |
| November 6 | Ellen Malinowski |

Flower Delivery

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| Oct. 2 | Jane Harrington |
| Oct. 9 | Carole Van der Veer |
| Oct. 16 | Barbara Hartman |
| Oct. 23 | Nancy Henches |
| Oct. 30 | Lil Gallagher |
| Nov. 6 | Bev Ross |





October Birthdays Cont'd

- 27 Judy Drake
- 28 Julia Ehler
- 29 Cathy Nickerson
- 30 Alexandra Burgess
Jennifer Perry
- 31 Katie Payne
Alice Springer

October Birthdays

- 1 Brennan Alheim
Karen Oliver
- 2 Scott Kinley
- 4 Heather McCrea
- 7 Ronald Podschelne
Chesley Wilson
- 8 Anna Annese
Blaine Kaercher
James Olney
- 10 Elizabeth Andrus
- 11 Matthew Root
- 12 Jennifer Gardner
- 13 Jacqueline Cummings
Brennan Feeny
- 14 Denise Adams
- 15 Lynlee Barbour
Lil Gallagher
Jen Leonard
- 16 Garrett Drake
Doug Wood
- 17 Melissa Ehler
Addison Quail
- 18 Margaret Granger
Sam Granger
- 21 Christopher Doyle
- 22 Ruth Slewinski
Kathy Wood
- 23 Kathy Dorsey
Cathy Fare
- 24 Nick Danz
- 25 Megan Leone
Teresa Schlachter
Colette Syvertsen

October Anniversaries

- 1 Cindy Hoetzer & Kevin Volk
- 2 Heidi & Bruce Bonacquist
- 5 Charla & Ed Brych
- 7 Deb & Bob Wright
- 10 Meagan & Kevin Collins
Delva & Jim Robert
- 12 Betsy & John D'Annibale
Teresa & Jeff Granger
- 14 Carly & Sean Dowd
Sue & Tom Kuebler
Susan & Bob Roach
- 15 Tammy & Peyton Riley
- 17 Rose Marie & Thomas Day
- 20 Anne & Tom Bena
Lisa & John O'Brien
- 21 Susan & Peter Olszewski
- 22 Ellen & Joe Malinowski
- 24 Ruth & Gene Kuhne
- 25 Daphne & Phil Jordan

St. George's Staff

The Rev. John Henry, Rector
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 Priest Associate
 The Rev. Maureen Demler, Deacon
 The Rev. Robert Roach, Deacon
 The Rev. Scott Underhill, Deacon
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 Assistant
 Carly Dowd, Youth Ministry Leader

Organist & Choirmaster Tim Olsen
Parish Administrator, Sue Walthers
Sexton, Tim Schlachter
Sunday School Coordinators, Kelly
 Moen & Lynne Olney
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Joyful Journey, Sarah Keyes
Nursery, Jen Andrus
Prayer Requests, Alfie Sarnacki,
 Sue Walthers
Readers & Ushers, Matt Andrus
Leaders of Stephen Ministers, Fran
 Gordon, Gail Heim and Bev Ross
Dragon's Tale Editor Diane Baird



Update on Haiti

The ACTION H2O benefit cancelled in August has been Rescheduled for October 25, 2011 from 5 – 9 PM at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany. More information will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletins. You can also go to www.rythemsofhope.org to find out the latest on the event. T-Shirts are still for sale (\$10/each) following each of the services to support the water supply project.

The leaders of our partner church St. Philippe and St. Jacques in Corosse Haiti have prayerfully asked for the donations of 50 Creole/French bibles. These bibles can be purchased locally in Port-au-Prince for \$10 US each. Each bible will have a sticker placed on the inside of the front cover stating it is a gift from St. George's to St. Philippe and St. Jacques. If you would like to contribute, please make a check out to St. George's and write 'Haiti Fund – Bibles' in the subject line.

We are continuing to collect Pennies for Philippe from the Sunday school classes. Last year we raised over \$400. This was enough to pay for the education of 10 children at the St. Philippe. Who says pennies can't change the world?

We are also looking to support other children and teachers at St. Philippe and St. Jacques. One way is to commit to giving

a dollar a day. This dollar given over a year can support 10 children in their education. If 10 families can commit to giving a dollar a day, we can support the education of the entire school and also bring new students there. If you would like to contribute, place the dollars into the jar in the narthex or please make a check out to St. George's and write 'Haiti Fund – School' in the subject line.

Deacon Scott is tentatively scheduled to travel down to Haiti in January 2012 with others from AECOM to work on installing a new water supply system. More information on this trip will be forthcoming.

Thank you everyone for helping support this partnership among brothers and sisters in Christ.

Deacon Scott

Think of us in this way,
as servants of Christ
and stewards of
God's mysteries.





News from the K-2 school

The students have plunged into a whirlwind of learning in their first four weeks. All are now working on their reading and math at individual challenge levels. Mandarin Chinese language instruction for both K and Grade 1 students begins in the first week of October. We are pleased that Jenny Liu Morris, our skillful instructor from last year's After School Enrichment program, will return to teach during the regular school day. She uses a variety of engaging ways to teach the Chinese letters, greetings, names of common items with songs, play acting and reinforcing review activities on the class Apple I pads. We are grateful for a donation that will allow us to fund this program through December. We are hopeful that Global Foundries will award us a grant to support the instruction from next January through May.

As part of our hands-on Science program, Frank Knight, our gifted Parish Naturalist, will conduct a tour of the plants that inhabit the Church Prayer Path. Weather permitting, a scavenger hunt about the flora and fauna of this lovely outdoor sanctuary will add to the challenge of the experience!

On October 26, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, the School will sponsor a **workshop for parents** about balancing professional pursuits with parenting. The leader will be Elizabeth Atcheson, a well-known career coach from Seattle, Washington (Blue Bridge Consulting) who will spur thinking about how to balance personal boundaries and to set clear professional goals. This workshop will be open to the Clifton Park community for a \$25 fee, while St. George's parishioners and school parents will pay a discounted rate of \$10. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Space is limited so if you are interested, please register early.

Phyllis Aldrich

October Calendar items

10:45 to 11:30AM Sundays (following the Sunday School calendar) Confirmation, Reception or Renewal of Baptismal Vows class. Inquirers welcome

9:30 Wednesday Mornings—Healing and Holy Eucharist

10:30AM Wednesdays—Women's Bible Study

7PM Thursdays - Choir Rehearsal

Oct. 12th 7PM Vestry Meeting

Oct 16th after the 9:30 service the Daughters of the King will have a presentation about the Operation Christmas child boxes.

Oct. 16th 2Pm Order of St. Luke meeting

Oct 8th, 15th & 29th there are weddings scheduled.

Oct 26th 6:30 to 8:30PM Beyond Balancing: Can Young Moms Advance Their Careers?

Holy Eucharist

Saturday 4:30PM

Sunday 8:00AM (coffee hour follows)

Sunday 9:30AM (coffee hour follows)

Save the Date!

Thursday, November 10th, 1 to 6

Red Cross Blood Drive

In Hatlee Hall



Evangelism in a Shoebox - Operation Christmas Child

We have so many blessings and are fortunate to have the opportunity to share these where they are most needed. Our gifts show struggling families that they are not forgotten and that God cares for them. They remind us that it is through God's Grace that we live very different lives.

Our boxes not only bring joy into children's lives, but are also a means by which we proclaim God's Word. Along with the shoebox, each child receives a book of Gospel stories, "The Greatest Gift of All" in his or her own language. Children are invited to attend follow-up Bible classes and many families are converted to Christianity.

When you fill your shoebox, imagine the girl or boy for whom it's intended. Pray for his or her spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Pray also for the many volunteers who collect and check the boxes before they begin their long journey, and pray for those traveling to far off lands to distribute the boxes and bring God's message of hope to all they meet.

Please bring your filled shoeboxes to services on the designated weekend in November, when they will be blessed before they start their journey.

Thank you for your generosity, Daughters of the King.

PLEASE NOTE

Empty shoe boxes can be found at the entrance to St George's, where you will find on the table of shoe boxes, some of the leaflets offering more information on Operation Christmas Child.



Invite You to Attend

***2011 World Community Day:
Living Our Faith, Unlocking Action***

Throughout the 70 years of Church Women United's history, ecumenical action has been the means for work for peace and justice. As the decades passed, the movement became an advocate for the hungry, the undereducated and the imprisoned. Members of Church Women United have demonstrated for peace, marched for civil rights, and protested when human rights have been threatened here and abroad. Immigration reform, ethical government and economic justice are supported. This tradition must continue if we are to live up to our Quadrennial Priority, "Building a World Fit For All God's Children." This year's service relates the goals from Micah of justice and mercy to Jesus' demand that we re-examine the hypocrisy of our modern day culture. What dream has God given you for justice?

***He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?***

***St. George's Episcopal Church,
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***Friday Morning, November 4
Continental Breakfast: 9:30,
Ecumenical Program: 10:00***

***Deacon Maureen Demler (399-9827) and
Colette Odell (371-0634)***



Thank You Notes:

Dear Brother Scott,

Thinking of you and holding you up in prayer as well as all of my other young brothers and sisters that we met. I send you all much love from my heart in Jesus' Holy name. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Wanda & Raynoldo Banks (Washington D.C)

Note from Deacon Scott:
During the youth mission trip to Washington D.C., we met Wanda through God's mercy outside one of the public swimming pools where we took our showers each day. While talking to Wanda, we found out that she had been healed through Jesus. On Thursday, our last night of the mission trip when there was a community bar-b-q, Wanda came and gave testimony to her healing including pictures. She also brought her son Raynoldo who had just been released from prison two days before. Raynoldo, who was mentally disabled, did not have a job, place to live, or any clothing except that which he was wearing. The parable of the Sheep and Goats came to us in which Jesus' says 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' (Matt 25:37-38). After sharing a meal with Wanda and Raynoldo, the kids generously gave Raynoldo several bags of shirts and pants. One even gave Raynoldo the shoes off his own feet. We also gave them a couple hundred dollars.

Afterwards, God also introduced Raynoldo to another man who we invited to the meal who owned a not-for-profit organization that helped ex-convicts find work and a place to stay.

Wanda sent this letter out of gratitude for the work Jesus did that night.

To everyone at St. George's,
The parish picnic was once again a great success and we thank everyone who attended. We had some great dishes to share and a lot of fun catching up with friends and making new ones.

I'd like to offer my thanks to all who contributed to the success of the parish picnic this year, but particularly to Carly Dowd and the youth group for setting up the tents, Jon & Amy Vargo for manning the grill, Joe Gulyas, Jeff & Teresa Granger and Doris Giannantonio for helping to set up under the tents, and Deacon Scott and the Olney boys for helping to take the tents down. Thanks again and we'll see you again next year!

-Neil Manning, Fellowship chair

Milestones: Let us pray for

The People of God welcome Avaleigh Deborah Glaser, the daughter of Dan and Diana Glaser, who was baptized on October 2nd, to share in the ministry of Christ and in their communal life.

| Joyful Journey Schedule | |
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| October 2 | Heidi Brewer |
| October 9 | Julie Bailey |
| October 16 | Sarah Keyes |
| October 23 | Monica Chaplin |
| October 30 | Diana Glaser |
| November 6 | Ellen Malinowski |



| Date/Time | | Acolyte | Chalice | Readers | Ushers | Altar Guild |
|-----------|------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|-------------------------------|
| 10/1 | 4:30 | | | | | A. Bee D. King |
| 10/2 | 8:00 | | | | | B. Sovik |
| 10/2 | 9:30 | | | | | C. Barbour |
| 10/8 | 4:30 | | L Wilson | | | D. Erno |
| 10/9 | 8:00 | | J Evans | | | R. Day |
| 10/9 | 9:30 | D Harding J Ehler N Olszewski | M Andrus | | | M. Ehler |
| 10/15 | 4:30 | | J Snyder | | | L. Wilson |
| 10/16 | 8:00 | N Johnston | J Snyder | | | D. Halvorsen |
| 10/16 | 9:30 | L Barbour M Danz E Underhill | B Turner | | | T. Riley |
| 10/22 | 4:30 | | J Evans | | | B. Conners |
| 10/23 | 8:00 | R Smith | M Andrus | | | J. Harrington |
| 10/23 | 9:30 | P Bee K Bee C Olney | M Andrus | | | B. Gregory R. Kuhne |
| 10/29 | 4:30 | | L Wilson | | | A. Bee D. King |
| 10/30 | 8:00 | T Chrimes | J Evans | | | L. Simpkins |
| 10/30 | 9:30 | N Olszewski D Harding J Ehler | J Evans | | | L. O'Brien |
| 11/5 | 4:30 | | M Andrus | | | D. Erno |
| 11/6 | 8:00 | N Johnston | J Snyder | | | C. Nickerson |
| 11/6 | 9:30 | M Danz E Underhill L Barbour | B Turner | | | J. Drake |



| Date/Time | | Altar Bread | Coffee Hour | Counters | Nursery | Kitchen Crew | Sunday Bakers |
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| 10/1 | 4:30 | | | M. Andrus, J. O'Brien | | | Beacon Pointe L. Landau D. Glaser |
| 10/2 | 8:00 | H & D Gates | | | | | |
| 10/2 | 9:30 | G. Ehler, B. Caney | | | H Brewer | | |
| 10/8 | 4:30 | | | | | | B. Knight B. Burns C. Fare |
| 10/9 | 8:00 | | B. Sovik | R. Wise, A. Bee | | | |
| 10/9 | 9:30 | | N. Manning S. Brooks | K & A Quail, K. Bee | S Westad | L. Gallagher | D. Giannantonio J. Andrus K. Quail |
| 10/15 | 4:30 | | | | | | |
| 10/16 | 8:00 | | Gail Heim Bev Ross | | | | |
| 10/16 | 9:30 | | N. Hennes C. VanDerVeer | | C Drake | | K. Lyden R. Casale J. Blanchet |
| 10/22 | 4:30 | | | | | | |
| 10/23 | 8:00 | | H & D Gates | | | | |
| 10/23 | 9:30 | | L. Underhill | C. Evans, J. Olney | M Collins | | T. Granger J. Bailey J. Gallo |
| 10/29 | 4:30 | | | | | | |
| 10/30 | 8:00 | | B. Sovik | | | | |
| 10/30 | 9:30 | | G. Ehler J. Granger | S. Pryor, A. Bee | J Andrus | L. Gallagher | |
| 11/5 | 4:30 | | | | | | |
| 11/6 | 8:00 | | | | | | |
| 11/6 | 9:30 | | | | | | |