



The Dragon's Tale

Rector's Reflections

November 2011

Slaying the Scheduling Dragon: The Stewardship of Time

When you go shopping and find that great buy, but it just doesn't work out, you can always return it if you still have the receipt. Even better, if it still has the labels on it, the process can be a breeze. You can get your money back. It's not the same with time. Once it's gone, it's gone. You can't ever get it back. Sad but true. So, is it time, in this season of stewardship, to consider how we use the one gift that has no renewal? It would make sense to at least look at it.

How often we hear how busy everybody is. Days are crammed with "to-dos" and command performances. Work looms and carries with it constant demands. Family schedules get to be so frenetic, that a schedule sheet on the refrigerator door actually makes sense. Meeting deadlines governs it all. It seems like there's so much to do, so much we **want** to do, so much we're **invited** to do, so we have to schedule it all and by so doing, we have to slay the scheduling dragon.

Slaying the scheduling dragon is something we even have to do at church. In order to schedule a meeting, a class or an event, we have to bring our calendars and do battle with the scheduling dragon. *When can you make it? What else do you have that day or evening?*

One question that's asked in the first session of evangelist training is "*what did you have to give up tonight in order to be here?*" Shame it has to come to that, but sometimes it does.

Because it's about making a choice about how to use the one gift that's not renewable.

It can be interesting to see how much time people spend on things that only last for a short time, but rarely consider investing time in things eternal. Not that planning for this life is bad. On the contrary, it's good stewardship. But of things temporal, things that end. What about eternity? Eternity is a long time, and our relationship with God will last longer than any other relationship we now have.

Making time to take care of the soul, the spirit, the relationship with God in prayer and reading God's word can often be put off because there's so much to do. But for all the busy-ness, it's exactly time for these that make the world easier to deal with, to live in, and to enjoy. So many opportunities exist for our growth in the faith, so much can be accomplished, celebrated, and learned if we can only slay the scheduling dragon. It has to do with how we view the time we have given to us. Is it to be filled by the demands of the world or used to achieve something, celebrate something and grow in faith? Does it control us or do we control it?

People who have placed their growth in the faith and the spirit in the schedule have always found that the old saying holds true; things go better with prayer. Daily scripture reading provides more than information; it gives a kind of road map for life. So how do you learn to do all this?

There are classes and study groups already meeting and in formation at St. George's that address that very question. The Sunday morning Confirmation/Inquirer's sessions help do that. So does the Sunday morning adult Bible study. It has been said that 88% of life is showing up. That's what it takes. That, and a valiant attempt to slay the scheduling dragon, or at least take some time from it to spend on things that give eternal returns. Like prayer. You continue in mine. Fr. Henry

November Readings

Nov. 1st

Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14
Psalm 149
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17

Nov. 6th

Amos 5:18-24
Canticle: A song of the Love of Wisdom or Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Nov. 13th

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Nov. 20th

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

Nov. 24th

Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

Nov. 27th

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Another Message from Fr. Henry

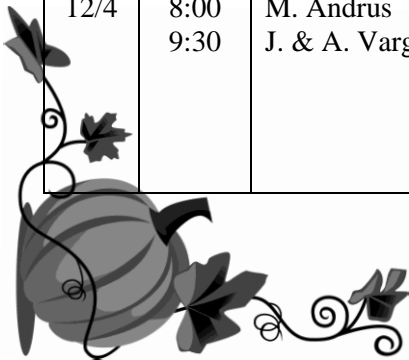
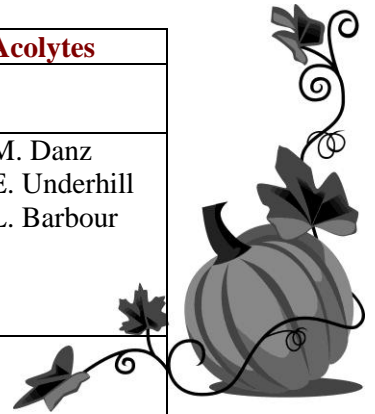
1. Our stewardship campaign continues in November. Please prayerfully consider a modest increase in your pledge for 2012 and return your completed pledge card to the office or drop it in the collection plate at any worship service. Thank you for supporting the work of St. George's for the sake of the Gospel.
2. There will be no confirmation class on Sunday, November 27th. Class resumes on December 4th.
3. We will share a Thanksgiving Eve service with Prince of Peace Lutheran church on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm. at Prince of Peace. Instead of sharing liturgies on July 4th weekend and Labor Day weekend, we will be sharing Thanksgiving Eve and the Feast of the Ascension on May 17th (here at St. George's). All are invited to join in these joint celebrations of our two congregations.
4. Ever wonder how you can leave a gift to St. George's that will keep on giving? Thinking of remembering St. George's in your will? More information on planned giving for St. George's will be on the table in the narthex at the end of the month, or you can contact the office for an advance copy of our planned giving material.
5. Wouldn't it be great if we could be debt free as a parish for our centennial in 2015? Watch the December Dragon's Tale for more information!
6. Set your clocks back one hour on November 5th before you go to be. We gain an hour of daylight! (but it gets darker earlier)
7. November 2nd is All Souls. We'll be remembering those who have died that day at the 9:30 Eucharist.
8. November 13th at the 9:30 Eucharist we will be Kirkin' the Tartans again. Wear your kilt or plaid, polish your skean dubh's and ghillie brogues, and join in the celebration of a Scottish Eucharist. Thanks to Gene Gordon and the Pipes and Drums of those who join us!



It is the Season of Giving Back

November Altar Schedule

Date	Time	Readers	Ushers	Altar Guild	Verger/Chalice	Acolytes
11/5	4:30	L. Wilson	S. Pryor, J. Bucher	D. Erno	M Andrus	
11/6	8:00 9:30	J. Evans C. Barbour S. Barbour	B. Hartman L. Miller M. Andrus S. Barbour, K. Bee, T. Bena	C. Nickerson J. Drake (C)	J. Snyder B. Turner	M. Danz E. Underhill L. Barbour
11/1 2	4:30	H. Bonacquist	B. Bonacquist A. Sarnacki	L. Wilson (C)	J. Snyder	
11/1 3	8:00 9:30	R. Demler C. Brych M. Newman	R. Demler M. Andrus C. Brych M. Ehler S. Feeny J. Gulyas	B. Sovik M. Ehler	M. Andrus M. Andrus	R. Smith K. Bee C. Olney P. Bee
11/1 9	4:30	J. Bucher	J. Bucher S. Pryor	B. Connors	L. Wilson	
11/2 0	8:00 9:30	G. Heim J. O'Brien B. Wilcox	T. & N. Chrimes J. McHale J. O'Brien M. Andrus S. Barbour	L. Simpkins B. Gregory (C)	J. Snyder J. Snyder	N. Johnston N. Olszewski D. Harding
11/2 6	4:30	A. Sarnacki	B. Wright, A. Sarnacki	A. Bee (C), D. King	J. Evans	
11/2 7	8:00 9:30	B. Smith C. Odell P. Olszewski	L.& M. Simpkins B. Wilcox T. Bena, K. Bee C. Brych	R. Day L. O'Brien	M. Andrus B. Turner	T. Chrimes E. Underhill L. Barbour M. Danz
12/3	4:30	R. Demler	R. Demler S. Pryor	L. Wilson (C)	M. Andrus	
12/4	8:00 9:30	M. Andrus J. & A. Vargo	B. Ross G. Heim C. Crocker. . M. Ehler S. Feeny	D. Halvorsen T. Riley	J. Evans J. Evans	R. Smith C. Olney B. Bee K. Bee J. Evans



Milestones

Let us pray for

Maggie Brooks and Adam White, who were married on October 8th, and also Caitlin O'Brien and Andrew Benson, who were married on October 8th, and Erin Hodgdon and Jamieson Lawrence, who were married on October 15th,that they may be of one heart and soul and live in fidelity and peace.

And pray for Austin Michael Bradley, the son of Brianna and Gregg Bradley, who was baptized on October 22nd, that the Lord's loving-kindness be upon him.

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Louise Hatlee, the wife of Jim Hatlee, who died October 20th, that she may have a place in God's eternal kingdom. Pray also for her family that God's healing grace may soothe and comfort them.

Thursday Musical Club Winter Concert by Barbara Hartman

You are invited to attend another wonderful musical program provided by the Thursday Musical Club scheduled for Friday, December 2nd, 7:30 PM, at the First Reformed Church, Schenectady in the historic Stockade. The Director, Julie Panke, Accompanist, Elinore Farnum and Guest Artists, the Thursday Bells, join the chorus in the featured piece, "Garland of Carols." Michael Dougherty, Vocalist and Thursday Musical Club's Scholarship winner (he attends Schenectady County Community College) will also perform.

Tickets: Adults \$12---Seniors & Students \$10.

Please contact Barbara Hartman for tickets or information at 877-8794.

A Message from Choirmaster Tim Olsen

Thanks to St. George's congregation, choir, and administration for welcoming the Olsen family with such open arms. We're very excited about joining this vibrant parish and I look forward to working with you all in the service of sacred music.

New members are always welcome to join the choir. We rehearse Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. from September-June and perform at the 9:30 a.m. service. Singers unable to make a long-term time commitment are welcome to join us in preparation for the Christmas or Easter celebrations. For more information please see me at the coffee hour after the 9:30 a.m. service or contact me at olsent@union.edu or 280-1795.

Check Our Web Site!

St. George's web site is your destination for information about our parish family.

<http://www.stgeorgescp.org>

Please check it out regularly. Available there: the weekly bulletin, the monthly Dragon's Tale, our worship schedule, recent sermons and lots of helpful information.

If you have any suggestions for further development of our site, please contact Joe Gulyas: ChiroGul2@aol.com



Finances at St. George's

Many people are unsure of the meanings of some of the words used in stewardship appeals. The following illustrations are provided to better understand these words.

Pledge: A pledge is a weekly, monthly or annual amount of money, time and talent "pledged" or promised to God for the support of the work of the church. Pledge payments provide for the basic maintenance of the church physical plant, utilities, telephone, diocesan assessments for outreach beyond this congregation, staff salaries, office costs, and individual programs such as fellowship, youth work, altar supplies, outreach and renewal, music, church school, and parish educational program costs. We can't afford to cut the funding from any of these programs if we are sincere about our shared ministry. Pledges faithfully kept enable these programs to be faithful to the command of Christ.

Percentage giving: This is a way of making a solid commitment to the work of the church by setting aside a percentage of your income. This is a disciplined way of support. It illustrates graphically the desire to put God first in life. Many people find that they are below returning 1% of their income to God for the work of the Gospel. Consult the chart enclosed to see where you fit in now, in your current giving. You'll probably be surprised. The national Episcopal average is close to \$30.00 per week. A practical reason for making and keeping this kind of pledge is that once neglected, it becomes a burden to fulfill. Once regularized, it truly becomes a joy to offer!

The Tithes: This is the Biblical standard of giving. It means that 10% of the gross earnings (before taxes) are pledged and faithfully rendered to the church for the work of the Gospel. The 1982 General Convention of the Episcopal Church affirmed that the tithe is the minimum standard of giving for Episcopalians. If we truly believe that 100% of what we have and enjoy is from God, is it too much for God to command (not ask) for 10% from our first fruits? The real problem lies in the fact that people, Christians, don't believe that all they have and enjoy truly comes from God. Ultimately, that is a spiritual issue for the individual to come to grips with.

Some thoughts about stewardship . . . the "money part" of it.

- The pledge is not legally binding. You pledge to God through this church, not to any earthly jurisdiction.
 - The pledge is a commitment. You make all kinds of commitments to all kinds of people and keep them. Why not make a commitment to God?
 - The pledge is not made to the priest, or bishop, or any church "power group" as reward or endorsement of policy. It is made to God to enable one small part of the Body of Christ to bear witness to the Gospel to all people.
 - The person responsible for recording the total pledged amount for budgeting purposes only sees the pledged amount. The amount given in the envelopes is only seen by the person who counts the weekly collection and posts the statements of giving.
 - Experience has shown that people for whom privacy is a big issue either give out of a genuine desire for anonymity, or ashamed of the amount. Pledge amounts are never made public.
 - You may see your pledge on a fixed income as small in comparison to others, but remember Jesus' story of the widow's mite! (Mark 12:41-44)
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- The pledge does not make the priest or the church rich. There are no slush funds or exorbitant salaries. That idea would mean that people are giving at a substantially higher rate than at present. Even with a substantially large increase in giving, neither the church nor the priest would become financially rich.

Finally...

The growth of St. George's depends quite literally upon your regular attendance at worship, your participation in the programs of ministry, education, fellowship and outreach, and your regular and faithful financial support to keep the ministries here vital and alive for God.

If the people of any church were faithful in the support of that church, and enabled that church to be financially equipped for holding the doors open and providing something for them inside the doors, there would be much room for true worship and spiritual growth along with the true joy which comes from a personal relationship with God.

The vision held out to the people of God through the ages has been one of communion with the greatest power in the universe. The reality of that vision is here with us today. God never forgets His promises made to us, the people of faith.

"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." Proverbs 16:3

"...Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 25: 21

Remember God's blessings to you and give thanks!



St. George's Youth Ministry

By Carly Dowd

The Youth of St. George's continue to be very busy. I am always amazed by how well they all juggle their school work, jobs, sports, clubs and extracurricular activities. They are remarkable young men and women. I am honored and proud to be able to spend my time with them.

In September and October we traveled together to the Soup Kitchen. October's duties were preceded by another successful lock-in at church where we enjoyed dinner, games, ice cream sundaes and some healthy Wii competition among each other. We ended the evening (or early morning) with some reflection about the past few months. For those who went on the Mission Trip this past summer we talked about how we have "been different" since we've returned. The discussion centered around how we've felt and seen God's presence in our daily lives as well as ways we've learned to incorporate prayer into our busy lives on a regular basis.

November brings on the start of the holiday season for us all. **The Youth Group is selling Entertainment Books for \$30.00 each this month.** They will be available for purchase during coffee hour, from Sue in the main office or by contacting any member of the Youth Group. We will also be having our Second Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale the Sunday before Thanksgiving after all church services. Be sure to stop by and see what treats we'll have to offer!

As always, I extend my deepest gratitude to you all on behalf of myself and the youth for your tireless support of our endeavors. We appreciate all of you very much.

May God continue to bless us all,

November Volunteer Schedule

COUNTERS

11/6 M. Andrus, J. O'Brien
 11/13 R. Wise, A. Bee
 11/20 K & A Quail, K. Bee
 11/27 C. Evans, J. Olney

JOYFUL JOURNEY

11/6 H. Brewer
 11/13 S. Westad
 11/20 C. Drake
 11/27 M. Collins
 12/4 J. Andrus

SUNDAY BAKERS

11/6 T. Granger
 S. Keyes
 S. Westad
 11/13 J. Blanchet
 J. Andrus
 K. Quail
 11/20 D. Giannantonio
 B. Burns
 N. Kruse
 11/27 L. Landau
 R. Casale
 B. Knight
 12/4 Beacon Point
 J. Bailey
 J. Gallo

8:00 COFFEE HOUR

11/6 G. Heim
 B. Ross
 11/13 H&D Gates
 11/20 B. Sovik
 11/27 T&N Chrimes
 12/4 G. Heim
 B. Ross

9:30 COFFEE HOUR

11/6 J. Granger
 G. Ehler
 11/13 N. Manning
 B. Caney
 11/20 K. Granger
 S. Brooks
 11/27 L. Underhill
 12/4 G. Ehler
 N. Manning

ALTAR BREAD

11/5/6 C. Barbour
 11/12/13 B. Schmid
 11/19/20 A. Crocker
 11/26/27 M. Kramer
 12/3/4 S. Brooks

NURSERY SCHEDULE

11/06 Heidi Brewer
 1113 Susan Westad
 1120 Cindy Drake
 1127 Megan Collins
 12/04 Jen Andrus

KITCHEN CREW

11/13 L. Gallagher
 Needs a helper!
 12/4 L. Gallagher
 Needs a helper!

FLOWER DELIVERY

11/ 6 J. Harrington
 11/13 B. Hartman
 11/20 C. Van der Veer
 11/27 B. Ross
 12/ 4 - L. Gallagher



***Happy Thanksgiving,
 St. George's Family***

This hymn of Thanksgiving would make a good prayer to say or sing before you begin your holiday celebration!

*Now thank we all our God,
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done,
 In whom his world rejoices;
 Who from our mother's arms
 Hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us;
 And keep us in his grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next.*

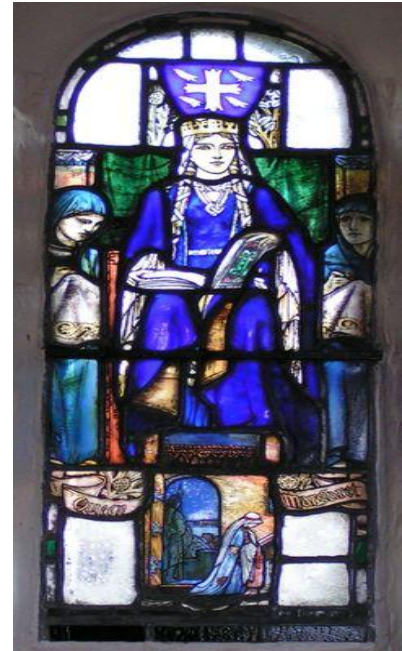
*All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The son, and him who reigns,
 With them in highest heaven,
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore. us free!*

If For Some Reason You Are Not Able To Do Your Job, Please Switch Dates With Another Scheduled Volunteer Or Arrange For A Substitute.

Our November Saint, Margaret of Scotland

As the last of England's Anglo-Saxon royalty, Margaret's family was exiled to Hungary and then took refuge at the court of Scotland's Malcolm III. Intelligent, beautiful, well educated, and devout, she caught Malcolm's eye and married him in 1069. The union, which produced eight children, was exceptionally happy, with her influence on the king considerable.

As Queen, Margaret achieved a higher standard of civilization in Scotland, always promoting justice. She played an active role in insuring regulations and order in the church. She helped found monasteries, churches, and hostels for pilgrims. Her private life was devoted to prayer, reading, lavish almsgiving, and ecclesiastical needlework. She spent many hours teaching the women in her castle all types of sewing and needlework skills that were used in keeping the churches filled with linens and vestments. Worn out by her religious austerities and by childbearing, Margaret died at the age of forty-seven. She was named patron saint of Scotland in 1673. The day of her death (November 16th) is now celebrated as St. Margaret of Scotland Day.



St. Margaret of Scotland Guild at St. George's

When St. George's first moved to our piece of property, there was little extra money to be spent on vestments for the clergy. The ladies of the Hatlee family donated their time and talent to make the Fiddleback vestments that the clergy wore during that period. Over the years members of the Altar Guild have quietly continued this tradition of making many of the clergy's vestments and altar hangings. Some of this work has been to help save St. George's money. A priest's chausable can run well over \$1,000. A pre-made altar frontal can run more than \$1,500. Most of this creative work, though, has been a way of giving back to our church family.

One of the things Bishop Ball did as Presiding Bishop was to encourage this continuation of the handwork in the church. Elizabeth Joseph who was the Altar Guild Directress for the diocese during that period also held these ideals. In 1990, parishioners Alvina Degni and Ann Hoff, founded the St. Margaret of Scotland Guild here at St. George's in hopes of carrying forward some of these traditions. Throughout the year, season by season, you see many of the guild's projects around you. The Advent Altar Frontal and vestments, the altar kneelers, the St. George's Banner in the Narthex, the holiday vestments for the clergy and the white holiday and green choir scapulars are among them. For these gifts of love we give thanks.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan: Time to Honor our Scottish Heritage Scottish

It's time to break out your kilts, tartan ties, and Scottish brogues again as we celebrate our church's ties to Scotland with our annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan at this year's Scottish liturgy on Sunday, November 13th. There'll be tartan banners, flags, pipers, drummers, and men in kilts as we welcome members of the St. Andrew's Society of Schenectady, and the Department of Corrections Pipe band to help us honor the Episcopal Church's historic ties to Scotland, St. Margaret of Scotland, and, for many of us, our own family ties to the land of bagpipes, haggis, and family tartans. We hope you will plan to join in the celebration and then join us in Hatlee Hall after the 9:30 service for Scottish shortbread and some of Rob Halley's delicious cookies.

***Operation Christmas Child
Frequently Asked Questions & Answers***



Letters . . .

Q. DO I HAVE TO USE A SHOE BOX?

A. No, you may also use a similarly sized plastic storage container with a removable lid or other similarly sized box.

Q. CAN I WRAP MY SHOE BOX?

A. Yes, but please remember to wrap the lid separately.

Q. WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR GETTING MY BOX IN TO YOU?

A. National Collection Week is November 14-21.

Q. WHERE WILL MY SHOE BOX BE DELIVERED?

A. Shoe box destination countries vary from year to year.

Q. WHAT DOES THE \$7 COVER? CAN I SEND CASH?

A. A donation of \$7 or more helps us cover project expenses like shipping the boxes. We prefer that these donations be made by check.

Q. IF I SEND MORE THAN ONE BOX, CAN I WRITE ONE CHECK FOR ALL OF THEM?

A. Yes, you may write one check for them all and place it in any one of your boxes.

Q. WHAT IS THE MISSION OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

A. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Dear St. George's Family-

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers our family received in recognition of our 20th anniversary and Sam and Maggie's birthday. They have certainly brightened up our home, and they serve as a reminder of the wonderful community to which we belong. The blessing we feel will last long after the flowers are gone.

Sincerely, Jeff and Teresa Granger

Dear St. George's Family,

We sincerely appreciate the beautiful gift of flowers from the altar delivered by Bev Ross to my husband's room at Schuyler Ridge. They were so lovely and a heartfelt blessing. I know they bring your prayers and comfort with them.

We also want to thank our many St. George's friends for their continued prayers, phone calls, cards, e-mails and visits. Everything you do keeps us going from day to day.

Blessings,

Jo Anne and Zeb Robbins



"Thanks for my Shoebox!"



**Please
Keep
Your Pledge
Up-to-Date**

November Birthdays

- 1 Cheryl Barbour
Julia Weaver
- 3 John Gilhooley
Kathy Harding
Sue Kuebler
- 4 Samantha Burgess
Jason Leone
- 6 Frances Gordon
- 7 Alfie Sarnacki
- 8 Alec Cozzens
Jamiee Dorsey
Marie VanWert
- 9 Suzanne Dingley
- 10 Milton Slewinski
- 11 Martha Underhill
- 15 Peggy Schrom-LaBarr
- 16 Lydia Dominelli
Tim Kaercher
- 17 Jake Glaser
- 19 Diane Baird
- 21 Scott Barbour
Colleen Kinley
- 24 Jeff McCrea
- 25 John O'Brien
Mark Simpkins
- 27 Sue Brooks
- 28 Daphne Jordan
- 29 Michael Blinstrub
Timothy Burgess
Mike Leonard

November Anniversaries

- 3 Tonya & Neil Manning
- 4 Alison & Chris Crocker
- 8 Ruth & Ed Kramek
- 9 Pam & Herman
Sabourin
- 10 Kathy & August Quail
- 11 Sue & Tom Lessard
- 14 Ellen & John Gilhooley
- 16 Donna & Stephen Shost
- 18 Cathy & Les Nickerson
- 22 Mary Boland-Doyle &
Christopher Doyle
Jeanne & Allen Nuss



Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic

By Maureen Demler

St. George's will once again be participating in the Albany Diocese Medical Mission to the Dominican Republic in February. We are hoping to present each person that we see in the clinics (about 1,000) with a Personal Care bag consisting of: toothbrush & toothpaste, bar soap, comb, wash cloth and travel size shampoo & conditioner. Powder and mouthwash would also be welcome.

Please think of us during the next couple of months and we will begin collecting donations in January.

Thank you. God bless you!

Begin the Holiday Season with the BHOS!

Begin your holiday season with The Burnt Hills Oratorio!

**BHOS Fall Concert
Rand Reeves, Director**

Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 3:00 P.M.,
Saratoga United Methodist Church, 175 Fifth Avenue (off Henning Road), Saratoga Springs
John Rutter - "Mass of the Children" (with the Saratoga Children's Choir, Directed by Susan Fedak)

Eric Whitaker - "Five Hebrew Love Songs"

Caccini/Liebergen - "Ave Maria"

Benjamin Britten - "Jubilate Deo"

Anonymous - "Rejoice in the Lord Always"

All tickets: \$20

A \$3 discount will be given for those with a Saratoga Arts Pass.

Tickets may be purchased from chorus members Sally LaMarca, Jo Anne Robbins, Judy Drake or Russ Wise. For more information, or to reserve tickets by phone, call 518-373-8170.



St. George's School News

Our St. George's School students participated in an exciting "field trip" in October to identify shrubs, trees, and vines on the Prayer Path. The class was led by parishioner, Frank Knight.

Also big news! St. George's School began weekly classes for all the children in Mandarin Chinese. The school received a donation to cover the cost of the classes thru December. They are hoping that the Clorox grant will be successful so that they can fund classes for the rest of the school year.

Our teachers are finding some excellent applications for the iPads that students use every day to reinforce math skills and language arts skills such as learning about adjectives and adverbs. Our students are making rapid growth with inspired teaching from Miss Sheray and Miss Sandy!

Lastly, we invite all parishioners and their friends and neighbors to visit our St. George's Christmas Shopping Mall in Hatlee Hall between November 17-20. Lovely holiday cards, wrapping paper, candles, small gifts and, best of all, lots and lots of gently used books will be on sale. Most prices will range between \$.50 and \$1.00! If you have books to donate, please drop them off in boxes marked for donations in Hatlee Hall. This will be a great opportunity to find reasonably priced gifts and help the school raise funds.

St. George's School has a very special request. Once again, this is a way for all of us to help the school without spending a dime! Please e-mail family and friends to ask for their help in this request.

St. George's School has been nominated for a chance to win a \$50,000 grant from the Clorox Power a Bright Future program. We need your help! Each day, until December 9th, we need people to vote for our school.



Frank Knight Lead's Field Trip Experience

To vote, simply log onto the following web address: <http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/gallery/detail/?nid=1718>. When you get there, you will need to complete a one-time registration. Then, sometime each day, log in and vote. You can also text clorox8293 to 44144. Message and data rates may apply.

Anyone 13 years old or older can vote once each day per mechanism (logging on & texting). Please vote daily and help us spread the word. If you have a Facebook page, feel free to post the voting information there.

If we win the grant, St. George's School will use the money to buy additional iPads for the classroom, purchase a Smartboard, continue our Mandarin Chinese program and be able to provide field trips for the children.



November at St. George's

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist in The Sanctuary, followed by coffee hour in Hatlee Hall
	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist in The Sanctuary, followed by coffee hour in Hatlee Hall
	10:15 am	Sunday School until 11:30, Parents welcome to attend coffee hour.
	10:45 am	Confirmation - Inquirer's Class, in sanctuary at 10:45
	2:00 pm	OSL in the Library on 3rd Sunday of the month
	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts in Hall – Moen on 6th
Monday	9:00 am	St George's Pre-School
	11:00 am	DBSA in Choir Room
	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts in hall - Moen on 14th & 28th
	6:30 pm	EFM in the Library
	7:00 pm	Evangelism class in Room 6
	7:30 pm	OA in Hatlee Hall
	7:30 pm	SLAA in Choir room
Tuesday	9:00 am	St. George's Pre-School
	6:15 pm	Girl Scouts – Granger upstairs on 1st & 15th in Room 11-12
	6:30 pm	DBSA in Choir Room
	6:45 pm	Cub Scouts Roos in Room 14 – tentative -waiting for his schedule
	7:00 pm	Stephen Ministry in Library on 2nd & 4th Tues.
	7:00 pm	Daughters of the King in Library on 1st Tues.
Wednesday	9:00 am	St. George's Pre-School
	9:30 am	Holy Eucharist & Healing Service in the chapel
	10:30 am	Women's Bible Study in the Library
	3-7 pm	Cello lesson in choir room not on 23rd
	6-7:30 pm	3 cub Scout dens in upstairs rooms on the 2nd and 9th
	7:00 pm	Vestry in Library on 2nd Wed, School Board on 3rd
Thursday	9:00 am	St. George's Pre-School
	9:30 am	American Sewing Guild in Hatlee Hall on 1st Thursday of month
	10:15 am	Al Anon in choir room
	10:30 am	St. George's School in Library
	3-7 pm	Cello in choir room not on 24th
	3-7 pm	Jenny in Library
	6-7 pm	Brownies – Andrus in Room 11 on 7th
	7:00 pm	EGA in Hatlee hall on 17th
	7:00 pm	Upper Room in Library
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room not on 24th	
Friday	9:30 am	OA in Choir Room
	11:00 am	Lunch bunch in choir Room
Saturday	4:30 pm	Holy Eucharist in Sanctuary

St. George's is a very busy place as you can see if you look over this schedule.

If you have a group that meets here and you are not on the schedule, please call the office and reserve the time.

It is important for us to know who is in the building and when.

Of course you are always welcome to stop by the chapel and spend time there whenever the building is unlocked.

Special Events Happening in October

1st	All Saints Day
4th	9:30 Church Women in hall & sanctuary
6th	End of Daylight Savings, turn back clocks
10th	1:00 pm - 6:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive
11th	Veteran's Day, wedding at 4
13th	Scottish Liturgy
16th	6:30 pm Cub Scouts in Hatlee Hall - Pack Meeting
19th	8:45 to 4:00 AAA Driving School in Hatlee Hall
20th	Christ the King Sunday and Senior Lunch
23rd	7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Prince of Peace



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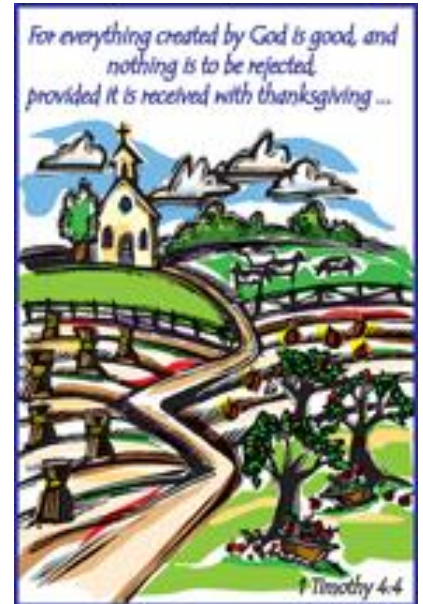
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