

PRAYERS, INTERCESSIONS, AND THANKGIVINGS
*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Wayne Mehringer.*

LET US PRAY for the special needs and concerns of:

Ed	Al	Jim	Doris	Janet	Larry	Nancy
Alison	Matthew	Andrew	Ben	Bob	Ruth	Jane
Mark	Jeanne	Bill	Eugene	Amy	Milton	Linda
Brandon	Charles	Tom	Steven	Holly	Richard	Luke
Constance	Julianne	Maria	Chelsea	Jeff	Walter	Katie
AnnMarie	Joan	George	Paul	Naomi	Rachel	Judy
Laurie Jean	Karin	Gail	Sandra	Polly	Zeb	Joe
Michele	Tommy	Sandee	Dorothy	Theresa	Debbie	Haley
Mary & Donald	Adam	Priscilla & John	Connie	Michael	Carl	

LET US PRAY for peace to prevail on earth. We pray for an end to the violence in the Middle East and for safety and protection for our military, especially Max Backle, Richard Bailey, Morgan Brooks, Kurt Cheeseman, James DiDonna, Damian Felton, Devin Felton, Jenna Ferlacan, Brian Frasier Jr., George, (4th tour in Iraq), Mario Guadron, Randall Hill, Sierra Johnson, Michael Kenney, James Lessard, Arthur McCoy, Heather McCrea, Mark Mehringer, Jimmy Monahan, Richard Rogers, Timothy Sasina, Kyle Wagoner (in Afghanistan), and Matt Watson. Pray also for the families and friends who are waiting for the safe return of their loved ones.

IN THE DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for the Community of Saint Mary in this Diocese and in Malawi

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for The Church of South India (United) South Kerala and The Rt Rev'd John Wilson Gladstone.

LET US PRAY for guidance for our Stephen Ministers and for healing for their care receivers.

St. George's Episcopal Church
Clifton Park, New York
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2010

Welcome to St. George's! We are delighted that you have come. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book. If you would like to join the parish or have a question, please fill out a Voice From The Pew and leave it in the Offertory plate or with an usher. We hope that all will feel welcome and come regularly to our church and invite you to come back next week and worship with us. Please join us at coffee hour in Hatlee Hall after the 8:00 & 9:30 services.

Disciples Making Disciples

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

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn 473
Psalm 82:1-8 (Said together)
Before the Gospel Hymn 508
Congregation Communion Hymn 325
Closing Hymn 345

_____ in the name of the congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Congregation responds: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

INFORMATION THAT IS HELPFUL TO KNOW. . .

Nursery Care - 9:30 a.m. service - The nursery is next to the chapel.

Sunday School - - Sunday School will start again on September 19th. We will continue to have Joyful Journey during the summer. **Joyful Journey** is for children pre-school thru 3rd grade & takes place during the service –follow the banner to Hatlee Hall!

Receiving Communion - We invite all baptized persons, regardless of age or denomination, to share in Holy Communion. Gluten free hosts are available, just ask the priest.

You may receive the consecrated wine by taking a sip from the common cup or by holding the host in the palm of your hand for the chalice bearer to dip in the cup and then place on your tongue. If you have not been baptized, we invite you to come forward with the community for a blessing. Indicate that you seek this blessing to the ministers of communion by crossing your arms across your chest.

After the service, we invite you to speak to the clergy about the new work of faith begun in you and about the process of being baptized into the community of Christ's disciples and living out your faith.

Prayers For Healing - Individual prayers of healing and anointing are offered during Communion at all services at the Healing Stations (on either side of the sanctuary next to the columns with the crosses on them)

Prayers of the People - It is appropriate to add names for prayers (just quietly say the name) at the short silence after each section is read.

Visually Impaired/Hearing Impaired - Large-print copies of the Eucharist and equipment to assist the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.

Bathrooms - are located off the narthex, in Hatlee Hall, and at the end of the hall in the Randles Wing.

Ministers: The Congregation

Rector: The Rev. John W. Henry II, email rectorstgeorge@csdsl.net

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Priest Associate: The Rev. Karen E. J. Henry

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Visit us at: <http://www.stgeorgescp.org>

Services of Holy Eucharist are at 4:30pm Saturdays, 8 & 9:30am Sundays

Healing & Holy Eucharist Service 9:30am Wednesdays

Let Us Pray for those celebrating birthdays:

Sun: Anne Bena

Tues: Walton Williams

Wed: Gabriella Cannistraci, Don Conners, John Gallo, Joe Malinowski II

Thurs: Barbara Burgess, Laurie DelSignore

Fri: Bryan Bee, Thomas Golden

Sat: Renee Devine, Mark Fleahman, Skyler Wolsey

Let Us Pray for those celebrating anniversaries:

Tues: Jill & Zach Gobel

Thurs: Doris & John Halvorsen, Nancy & Ed Johnston, Jane & Walton Williams

Fri: Cheryl & Scott Barbour

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of The Rev. Donald J. Gardner, who died on Friday, August 6th.

The People of God welcome Nolan Francis DeCuyper the son of Jennifer and Peter DeCuyper, who will be baptized on Saturday, and for Fallon Elizabeth Van der Veer, the daughter of Misty and Robert Van der Veer, who will be baptized on Sunday, to share in the ministry of Christ and in their communal life.

Haiti Partnership Team Meeting - Deacon Scott Underhill will be meeting with members of St. John's Troy, St. Andrews Albany and To Love A Child on Monday, August 23rd at 6:30 at St. George's to discuss the Albany Episcopal Diocese connection with partner parishes in Haiti. The vestry agreed during their August meeting to set up a steering committee to pursue partnering with St. Philippe & St. Jacques in Haiti. While the steering committee will not be established until the Fall (more information on this in the September Dragon's Tale), anyone who may feel called to help out those in Haiti are welcome to attend the meeting on August 23rd to learn more about what others from the Albany Diocese are doing in Haiti. For more information contact Deacon Scott at deaconscottu@gmail.com or 371-1614.

Adult Education at St. George's

Summer 2010

On Sundays, following the 9:30 Eucharist, in the parish library

August 15 The Mystery of Jesus as the Revelation of God: How did **that** happen?

August 22 The Mystery of the Holy Spirit: Truly...

August 29 The Mystery of the Suddenly Courageous Apostles: What kept you?

Mission Teams Our Diocese has a Missions Newsletter which we have posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Be sure to look for pictures of our deacons on page 4 & 5!

Need Readers and Ushers

We are in need of readers and ushers at the 4:30 Saturday service and both the 8:00 and 9:30 Sunday services. Please let Heidi Bonacquist know if you are interested - hbonacquist@yahoo.com

Do you love coffee hour? Of course you do. It is a great time to meet your fellow parishioners in a relaxed setting and catch up on the week's events while enjoying some delicious refreshments. Coffee hour is only possible due to the efforts of a few dedicated volunteers. Please consider joining our team of amateur baristas and bakers. For more information, please see/call/email Jeff Granger (371-3739, jgranger@mac.com) or belly up to the (coffee) bar and talk to the person in charge this week.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED FOR AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT coming to St George's:

St George's School will offer a daily after school enrichment program to its enrolled students starting September 13 from 2:30 to 5:45. Beginning Monday, October 4, the program will be available to K-2 students from the greater Clifton Park Community. We will hire a part time coordinator for the program to work from 2 pm to 6 pm on school days. Resumes welcomed.

In addition, we are seeking people with specific talents and skills to teach mini courses for 60 minutes a day, or three times a week or every day on a topic of their choosing. Courses that have interested young children in the past are story telling, cooking, arts and crafts, lego, science of bugs, monsters, yoga, puppet making, conversational Spanish, French, Japanese, Chinese, building paper planes, calligraphy, drama, map making in the woods, etc.

Each afternoon will include two 90 instructional modules featuring 3 or 4 simultaneous mini courses, plus snack and play time. The Instructor may request the size of the group that will best match a specific course. Modest stipends will be offered to instructors. Send resume to the school office and/or leave a message on our school phone 371-6351 x 302 or email Phyllis Aldrich at paldrich@aol.com.

"Are you an Early Bird?" Teacher assistant needed every school morning between 7 and 8 am before the K-1 school officially opens.

Four parents will drop off their children on their way to work around 7:15 in the morning. School will start at 8.

We are seeking a friendly person who enjoys young children to welcome the children and supervise them in free play while the teachers are setting up for the school day. Call the office for more information and send resume.

Welcome to St. George's Episcopal Church. In today's liturgy we are confronted with some of Jesus' hardest words. As he traveled toward Jerusalem, certain of the great crisis which lay ahead, Jesus set forth the serious nature of discipleship. He referred to his approaching death as his "Baptism." He revealed that faithfulness to God will produce opposition and division.

God's message to an unfaithful people through the prophet Jeremiah is that his word comes as a hard truth. It will lay bare lies and deceit. It demands that those who speak for God speak the truth, even though the message may be hard to bear.

In the second reading today, we are reassured, however. Regardless of the opposition and division which faithfulness to God may bring, we have hope. That hope is based first on the record of God's faithful people in the past, but it is based above all on the record of Jesus. The "cloud of witnesses" of the past is now joined and led by Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." We are called to join in his pilgrimage from death into life, regardless of the cost.

As we gather in the Eucharist, we are indeed surrounded by the witness of those in ages past whose faith in God led them to hard and tough decisions. In Christ, and with each other, the joys and the hard disciplines of faith are united. We recall Christ's death and resurrection and our own incorporation into his dying and rising which was begun in us at Baptism.

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Update on Carpeting for the Upstairs It is not too late to donate, or promise to donate towards the carpet fund! We have tentative plans to have it installed the beginning of September if all works out. This will include new carpeting for all the classrooms upstairs, the stairs and hall way. What is up there now has been there for many years, (long time members can you remember when it was first put in? 30 years? More than that?) and it has seen better days. If you would like to contribute to the Youth Carpeting Project, please make out a check to St. George's and write carpet in the memo.

Sunday School Teachers Needed Would you like to teach Sunday School? We are currently in need of Sunday School Teachers for the next year 2010-11 for the following grades: PreK, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade and possibly High School. Please let Kelly Moen or Lynne Olney know if you would like to help us out next year. Or leave a message in the church office. The children need you !!