

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 Rev'd Cn. Dr. Mary Chilton on her birthday.*

IN THE ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa and The Most Rev'd Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown.

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 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 411
Psalm 103:1-8 (*Said together*)
Before the Gospel Hymn 624 vs. 1-3
After the Gospel Hymn 624 vs. 4
Congregation Communion Hymn 339
Closing Hymn 493

_____ *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

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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:

Mon: Leora Tozier

Tues: Chris Brownson, John DelBalso, Jan Moen, Paul Snow, Russ Wise

Wed: Alison Crocker, Jacob Keyes, Laurie Snyder

Thurs: Eugene Kuhne, Susan Manning, Judith White

Fri: Dave Blanchet

Sat: Joan Kurt

Let Us Pray for those celebrating anniversaries:

Mon: Diann & Howard Gates

Thurs: Susan & Herb Fowler, Kelli & Mark Smachlo

Fri: Burt & Suzanne Dingley

Sat: Lynne & Jim Olney

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 Addison Tayler Quail, the daughter of Misty and Marc Quail, who will be baptized on Saturday, 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. Jacque 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 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.

School Update: August 21

The opening day is coming soon. We greet parents Wednesday afternoon, September 8 at 5:30 for dessert and orientation. Please join us if you can.

The afterschool program is gathering speed: we have already signed up some wonderful mini courses for children in K-2 in topics as far ranging as Robots and Lego; Mandarin Chinese through songs, speaking and art; Learning about the Masters in Art through painting and looking; Science exploration along the Prayer Path; Vegetable critters crafting ; and more.

We are still seeking instructors for some of these topics: Sign Language; Creative movement; Yoga for Kids; Arts and Crafts; Fitness; Cooking; Drama.

If you know of someone who might like to teach one of these courses for four or five week sessions, once a week up to 5 times/week, please have them contact Phyllis at paldrich@aol.com. Or call the office. 371-6351. Cheers

"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 reading from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus describes the way into his kingdom as a narrow door. That doorway is faith in God, rather than faith in either our own goodness or in a naive assumption that all will somehow turn out right. The warning is uncongenial to our ears, and seems at odds with the conventional notion of Jesus as nice and indulgent. It is possible to miss out on the kingdom, and we conventional church members could find ourselves on the outside, while others, unconventional as they may be, are feasting with God and the saints because of their faithfulness.

Such was the case in Isaiah's day when the people were trusting in the secular state and its military and economic power: an alliance with death, says Isaiah. When God acts, those not allied with the divine plan will be swept away. This happened when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians.

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we are no longer merely part of this world, which is passing away. We are part of the divine life and of the ongoing sweep of God's story of salvation.

We gather in the Eucharist in a community of faith which transcends time and space—an eternal family, whose life and joy is the result of placing God before all things. The Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly feast, but it is not the feast itself. We are called to persevere in the faith that will lead us to feast at God's table in the kingdom which is coming.

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Update on Carpeting for the Upstairs The carpet has been ordered and is scheduled to be installed right after Labor Day and before the Sunday School year starts. We look forward to providing a clean, welcoming space for our youth! We have received some donations towards the cost, but it is not too late to donate, or promise to donate towards the carpet fund! This will include new carpeting for all the classrooms upstairs, the stairs and hall way. 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.

Office will be closed August 23rd through the 27th. Sue will be back and ready to go on Monday August 30th. If you have a pastoral emergency (Hospitalization, death etc.), call Fr. Henry's cell, otherwise we thank you for giving us a chance to rest and refresh.

The Annual Parish Picnic will take place immediately following the 9:30 service on Sunday September 12th. It is a great time to welcome new members and reconnect with old ones. It is also Friendship Sunday, so please feel free to invite your friends to join the fun.



There are many ways in which you can help:

-Setting up the tents. This will be done the weekend before the picnic, so if you are going to be around during Labor Day weekend, we can use as many hands as possible (there are four large tents).

-Providing food, beverages, desserts. If you can't cook or simply don't have time, consider making a small cash donation to help pay for communal items (meat, rolls, plates, napkins, etc.) -Setting up tables and chairs. This will be done the day before/morning of the picnic, depending on the weather.

-Breakdown/cleanup. This will take place immediate after the picnic has concluded.

If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Jeff Granger (371-3739, jgranger@mac.com) or Jon Vargo (371-4651, vargousmc@yahoo.com). Even if you can't help, please attend and join in the fellowship!

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Please fill out and leave in the offering plate, the office or email and let us know.

Name: _____

I will bring a(n) ___Appetizer ___ Entree ___ Dessert

___ Whatever I can whip together Saturday night

_____ I would like to make a contribution towards Meat/Rolls/Paper products, etc.
(Please enclose in an envelope along with this slip)

Wednesday, August 25th We will not have a 9:30 Healing and Holy Eucharist on the 25th. They will resume on September 1st.

Outdoor Worship (weather permitting) Don't put away your lawn chairs yet!! Bring them to the 4:30 service on Saturday, August 28th. We will have a special service outdoors, near the prayer Path, with guitar music. All youth, their parents, their friends and anyone else who wishes are invited to attend. After the service there will be a BBQ and then an opportunity for the youth to meet and set up a calendar of activities for this coming year.



Disciple 2 Class Starting on September 16th. They will meet every Thursday from 10 to 11:30am in the parish library. If you are interested in joining the class, there is a sign up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Books for the class are \$38. and are available in the parish office. A more detailed schedule will be distributed in class.

Request for help Tim Schlachter would like help moving all the chairs on Sunday, August 29th after the 9:30 service so the floor can be waxed. Thank you.

Women's Bible Study will start a new book on Wednesday, September 14th at 10:30. The book is titled, *Paul, His Life and Teaching*. The books will be available on August 30th for \$6.00 each. Please read the first chapter before the first class. All women are invited to join the group for the class. Bring a lunch for after class and enjoy some chatter and laughter with the other ladies. .

St. George's Men's Group meets the first Wednesday of the month at Snyder's restaurant. On the third Wednesday, they meet in Hatlee Hall for bible study starting in October. All men are welcome to participate.

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 !!