



The Dragon's Tale

November 2010

St. George's Episcopal
Church

912 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY

Rector's Remarks

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I saw a t-shirt advertised in a catalogue that showed an orchestra conductor at a podium waving a baton in front of the musicians who were intently playing their instruments. On the podium was a book open to the words, "Keep waving arms until music stops." That got me thinking, always a dangerous thing have happen. It looks so simple, being a conductor. Just keep waving your arms until the music stops. It all happens by magic, or something. Then, it's done. Finis. But that doesn't do justice to the musicians, their dedication or the many hours of practice begun years, sometimes decades earlier. Just because we don't see it all doesn't mean it's not there.

We are blessed at St. George's with a staff that works faithfully with great talent and genuine care and concern for us all. The clergy are regularly praying, visiting, studying, teaching, encouraging, leading and challenging us all to be faithful members of the Body of Christ.

Sue Walthers, our Administrator, works consistently on our behalf, managing the use of the buildings, the sharing of news and information, bulletin and Dragon's Tale production, recruitment of volunteers to help in their collation and distribution including mailings, answering the phones, greeting visitors, helping the pre-school and school with administrative details, covering for them when they are in class and new people need information, doing bookkeeping, payroll, answering emails, and tracking down the thousand other things that manage to fly through the door at us in any given week. Tim Schlachter, our Sexton, arrives at the crack of dawn to ensure the buildings are ready for the day, cut the lawn and then begin to shovel the snow, replenish paper goods, do tasks for us that pop up in the course of the day, and keep an eye on the property to alert the vestry to issues that need attention.

While St. George's Pre-School and St. George's School operate on their own budgets, funded by their enrollments, their paid staff are members of the daily round of life here. The seven pre-school teachers, Barbara, Carly, Carol, Anna, Kristin, Trish and Honey ensure a safe and fun educational experience for the (81) three and four year olds who are with us during the week. The two school teachers, Sheray and Melinda, ensure a challenging and nurturing educational experience for the (14) kindergarten/first grade students who are just blossoming, according to their parents. In support are Kate and Juliana (afterschool) and Lydia (before school). Acting Head of School Phyllis and associates Gene and Fran give generously of their time and educational expertise to take care of the "administrative side" of the school with professional efficiency. So, when the orchestra is assembled and playing during the week, a blessed symphony, the "St. George's Symphony" sends its strains through the hallways. There is a lot of laughter, a lot of talking, a premium on parking places sometimes, a tremendous amount of work and skill involved at many levels simultaneously, and a good spirit present.

It takes a lot more than just waving our arms around until the music stops. Remember us all when you say your prayers. Be assured we remember you when we say ours. Fr. Henry



November Readings

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November 7th

24 Pentecost
Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 14th

25 Pentecost
Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 21st

Last Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Year A Begins

November 28th

1st Advent
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

December 5th

2nd Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Our Mission Statement:

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

Disciples Making Disciples

Milestones

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of...

Maria de Los Angeles Perez, the aunt of Doris Guadron, who died in El Salvador
and for Bill Robbins, the cousin of Zeb Robbins,

...that they may have a place in God's eternal kingdom. Pray also for their families that God's healing grace may soothe and comfort them.

Let us pray for...

*Lisa Quail and Timothy Bullock who were married on September 25th,
Delva Krause and Jim Robert, who were married on October 10th,
that they may be of one heart and soul and live in fidelity and peace.*

TREASURER'S REPORT January 1 - September 30

Pledges received = \$192,991
Pledges budgeted = \$217,500

It is never to late to catch
up on your pledge.

***Have you
remembered St.
George's in your will?***



**Fans of all Things Scottish Please Take Note:
Kirkin' o' the Tartan Takes Place on Sun., Nov. 14th at our 9:30am Service**

Lads and Lassies: Are you itching to wear your kilt again? Anxious to hear the skirl of the pipes and drums echo in the sanctuary again? Are your ancestors from Scotland? Plan to join us as we celebrate St. Margaret of Scotland and our Scottish Heritage.

On Sunday November 14th we honor St. Margaret of Scotland and our Church's historical ties to Scotland with our Scottish Liturgy at the 9:30am service. Once again, members of the St. Andrew's Society of Schenectady and the NYS Dept. of Corrections Pipe Band will be joining us as we recognize the importance of our ties to family and our history.

So plan on wearing your kilt – or at least your favorite tartan – and join us for this festive service!

Overflow Homeless Shelter

Would you be willing to give up one night this winter to help save the life of another and show him the love and mercy of God?

St. Peter's Church (107 State St., Albany NY) along with individuals from Partners in Outreach operated an overflow homeless shelter last winter to augment the ministry of the Capital City Rescue Mission. We are planning to open a second season, beginning December 1st! In essence, the Mission screens and selects 12-15 men from their population and brings them, along with a Mission Staff Resident Assistant, to St. Peter's at 8:00pm and they stay until approximately 7:00am. Volunteers sign up to stay during the overnight hours and act as an extra pair of hands assisting the Mission staff. *Last year, 43 individuals from area churches [including St. Peter's Episcopal Church, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Cathedral of All Saints, Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church and Defreetsville Reformed Church] volunteered for overnight hours!* We are hoping to share this ministry with even more of you this year!

This year we are asking all volunteers to attend an Orientation session that will be run by the Capital City Rescue Mission and will be held at St. Peter's Church, choosing from one of the following dates:
Saturday, 11/6/10; 10:00am – 12:00pm
Thursday, 11/18/10; 6:00pm – 8:00pm

To register for an Orientation session, please contact St. Peter's church office at (518) 434-3502. If you already have a date in mind you'd like to volunteer to work at the shelter, please call Judy Burns at (518) 441-7538, Martha Iannacone at (518) 439-9329 or Kate Storms at (518) 427-7168; or email us at stpeterschurch.albany@gmail.com to be scheduled.

Additionally, St. Peter's Church is accepting donations for the running of the shelter including monetary donations, coffee (regular and decaffeinated), sugar, fruit juice, microwavable popcorn, Danish/muffins, bread, peanut butter, fresh fruit, milk and creamer. Donations will be accepted at St. Peter's Church, 107 State Street, Albany NY 12207.

Lastly, please join us in prayer for God's blessing on this ministry and the men it serves.



Youth Group

With Fall here and school well underway, the Youth Group here at St. George's have been very busy! Our group continues to grow both in friendship and spirituality each time we gather.

In September, many of our young men and women joyfully participated in the parish picnic, most notably when it came time to the dunking booth! Despite the cold temperatures and light rain that fell, Father Henry, Deacon Scott, Becca Pollard, Ani Crocker and myself were treated to many a "dunks" in the tank. Many thanks to all of the faithful parishioners who chose that day to brush up on their pitching skills! That same weekend the youth held a bottle drive successfully raising funds that will go towards their Mission Trip next summer.

On October 22nd Deacon Scott and I chaperoned an overnight lock-in at the church that proved to be a rewarding experience for us all. Our night began with moving the many boxes of books and school supplies for Haiti from the basement to vans and trucks and helping to transport them into storage in the hopes that they will soon be sorted and shipped to their final destination. We then prepared and shared a pizza dinner together and baked cookies to share with the patrons at the Soup Kitchen the next day. Later that evening we were treated to a late night service by Father Henry celebrating the service of All Hallows Eve. He fielded many questions from our youth and shared in plenty of laughter and stories. As the evening wore down, or so we thought, many of the youth gathered in the chapel and began discussing their faith, beliefs, and experiences leading to an impromptu foot washing "service" at 3AM! Many thanks to Deacon Scott for his quick work in gathering the necessary items to make it happen. We finally retired to our separate sleeping quarters exhausted, spiritually filled and humbled at 4:30AM.

Despite our late night (or morning) we all awoke later that morning and headed to Grace and Holly Innocents in Albany to lend a hand at their Soup Kitchen. We were joined by some more friends and adults and had a wonderful time preparing and serving 100 plus meals. Our baked goods were greatly appreciated! Thank you to Deacon Scott, Jim Olney and Tony Annese for helping to transport us there.

As you can see, we are off to what I hope proves to be an exciting year filled with a lot of fun and spiritual growth for us all. In November we hope to have a movie night at church and volunteer at the local Regional Food Bank. Thank you to everyone for their prayers and support as we continue to grow and learn as we follow this new path that God has called us to follow.

Carly Dowd

A Note of thanks...

To the Members of St. George's Church; It was a humbling experience for me to receive the very beautiful floral arrangement which had come to me from the blessed altar of St. George's Church. I pray to our blessed Lord to help me heal so I can go back to my daily work. Sincerely, Leoneida Oliver

Dear Fr. Henry and friends from St. George's, My heart is so happy and appreciative for all your prayers of comfort and also for the lovely flowers you gave me in memory of my Aunt. Thank you and God bless you.
Doris Guadron

Dear Friends at St. George's, What a wonderful surprise Harris and I had in honor of our anniversary! Jane Harrington arrived at our doorstep with a magnificent flower arrangement blessed by all of you. Thank you so much for the flowers and the kind thoughts. It's been 52 years! Peg Lindsay



From The Choir Loft

One of the benefits of the Eucharist, according to the catechism found in the *Book of Common Prayer* includes the gift of “ the foretaste of the heavenly banquet which is our nourishment in eternal life.” BCP p. 860.

We also know from the Revelation of St. John that the heavenly banquet is filled with song:

*And the four living creatures, . . .
Day and night without ceasing they
sing:
Holy, holy, holy, the Lord almighty,
who was and is and is to come.*
[Revelation 4: 8]

As we are taught that we receive a glimpse of our final inheritance as we eat and drink of the sacrament, so it is for this reason that the Church sings during the Eucharist, while people are making their communion.

It was not always so. The Episcopal Church is one of many who formerly heard only very quiet organ music during the time of communion. It was believed that this time of prayer was solely to prepare for receiving the sacrament, to come to the altar and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and then to continue kneeling when returning to the pew to contemplate God's grace to us in the sacrament.

This devotion is good. At the same time, the Church in our age asks of us to sing during communion, in order to echo that heavenly constant singing that will be part of our inheritance in paradise. The liturgy itself demands of us that we join in singing the great canticle Holy, Holy, Holy,

[the Sanctus] as part of the Eucharistic Prayer. The singing continues, simply that the song may be sung continuously. You who sit in the congregation are invited to participate in this heavenly song. Our practice at St. George's is for the choir to sing a motet during the first part of communion. What follows is the full congregation's turn to share together in a hymn.

This singing invites us to be part of that heavenly choir, whose song is without ceasing. At the same time, it may be thought of as a way of serving those with whom we worship. That is, people who are waiting to make their communion are invited to sing for those who kneel at the altar rail. Again, when you return to your places in the nave, this hymn singing is a way for you to serve those who follow you.

Such singing binds us together. Certainly, there needs to be space for you to do your personal devotions. At the same time, you are invited to become part of a communion hymn which celebrates the way we have been bound together as one, through the Blessed Sacrament. It is here that our membership in the Body of Christ is finally known. It is here that we may know as much as mortals are allowed that vision of our final homecoming of feasting and singing. It is here that a song becomes a way of responding to the joy we know in that blessed belonging with a joyous musical celebration. I pray that you may find such blessing through singing our hymn together at this time.

Herbert O. Fowler, Choirmaster



Birthdays



- Cheryl Barbour
Julia Weaver
- 2 Robert Gillespie
- 3 John Gilhooley
Kathy Harding
Sue Kuebler
- 4 Andrew Billings-White
Samantha Burgess
JJ DelBalso
Jason Leone
- 6 Frances Gordon
- 7 Suzanne McIntyre
Alfie Sarnacki
- 8 Alec Cozzens
Jamiee Dorsey
Marie VanWert
- 9 Suzanne Dingley
- 10 Chloe Agostino
Milton Slewinski
- 11 Logan Frazier
Martha Underhill
- 12 Timothy Hartnett
- 13 Andrew D'Amelia
- 14 Alex Smachlo
- 15 Peggy Schrom-LaBarr
- 16 Lydia Dominelli
Tim Kaercher
- 17 Jake Glaser
- 19 Diane Baird
- 21 Scott Barbour
Danielle DelBalso
Colleen Kinley
LeeAnn Ladd
Chris Lyden
- 24 Jeff McCrea
Alex Testani
- 25 John O'Brien

Special Celebrations

- Mark Simpkins
- 27 Sue Brooks
- 28 Daphne Jordan
- 29 Michael Blinstrub
Timothy Burgess



Anniversaries

- 3 Tonya & Neil Manning
- 4 Alison & Chris Crocker
- 6 Deb & Mike Knise
- 8 Ruth & Ed Kramek
- 9 Pam & Herman Sabourin
- 10 Kathy & August Quail
- 11 Sue & Tom Lessard
- 14 Ellen & John Gilhooley
- 18 Cathy & Les Nickerson
- 19 Jane & Doug Olsen
- 22 Mary Boland-Doyle &
Christopher Doyle
Jeanne & Allen Nuss

Very Important

Christmas Pageant

Rehearsals for the pageant will be on Sunday December 5th and December 12th, from 11:30-12:30, immediately following Sunday School.

The dress rehearsal and pizza party will be on Saturday, December 18, the time TBA.

Watch the December Dragon's Tale and bulletins for updates.

The pageant will be at the 4:30 service on Christmas Eve. For more information contact Mary Ann Gulyas at magulyas2@aol.com.

Services Christmas Eve will be at 4:30, 7:30 and 10:30PM.

World Community Day

Church Women United World Community Day will be celebrated in Schenectady on Friday morning, November 5, at Friendship Baptist Church, 409 Union Street (near Erie Blvd.), beginning with a continental breakfast at 9:30. (Worship starts at 10:00.) The name of the celebration is "Building the Beloved Community." A special offering will be received for Booth House. We should be done by about noon. All women are cordially invited.

Those wishing additional information can contact the event chair, Barbara Williams at 869-8812 or at Bjw8363@hotmail.com, or Maureen Demler at mdemler@nycap.rr.com.



Date/	Time	Acolyte	Chalice	Readers	Ushers	Altar Guild	Joyful Journey
11/6	4:30	L. Wilson	J Bucher	C. Odell	B. Wright S. Pryor	B. Conners	
11/7	8:00	R. Smith	D. Degni	M Andrus	G. Heim B Ross	L. Simpkins	
	9:30	D. Harding M. Danz L. Barbour	J. Snyder	C. Hoetzer J. O'Brien	B. Wilcox S Barbour M. Ehler J. Evans	J. Drake, Capt. J. White	J Bailey
11/13	4:30			A. Sarnacki	J. Blinstrub M. Blinstrub	A. Bee, Capt	
11/14	8:00			B Smith	L Simpkins M Simpkins	R. Day	
	9:30			R. Wise J. Robbins	K Bee T Bena C Brych A Cruikshank	T. Riley L. O'Brien	S. Keyes
11/20	4:30			H Bonacquist	A Sarnacki, B. Bonacquist	D. Erno	
11/21	8:00			J Palko	B Hartman L Miller	B Sovik	
	9:30			L. Olney T. Olney	J McHale J O'Brien J. Newman K Bee	C Barbour, Capt M. Ehler	H. Friedman
11/27	4:30			L. Wilson	A Sarnacki B Wright	B. Conners	
11/28	8:00			M. Andrus	M Andrus R. Demler	C. Nickerson	
	9:30			K. Ferris C. Odell	B Wilcox S Barbour G. Gordon J Evans	B. Gregory, Capt. R. Kuhne	D Baird
12/4	4:30			J. Bucher	J & M Blinstrub	L. Wilson, Capt.	
12/5	8:00			G Heim	T & N Chrimes	D. Halvorsen	
	9:30			P & S Aldrich	T. Bena K Bee C. Brych S Feeny	J. Cummings T. Riley	M Chaplin



Date/	Time	Coffee Hour	Sunday Bakers	Counters	Nursery	Flower Del'y	Kitchen Krew	Altar Bread
11/7	8:00	T. & N. Chrimes						M. Kramer
	9:30		Beacon Pointe		J. Andrus	B. Ross		
11/14	8:00	B. & B. Sovik						P Aldrich
	9:30	J Gulyas	B Burns R Casale J Blanchet		C. Drake	J White		
11/21	8:00	G. Heim, B. Ross						A Crocker
	9:30	N Henches C Van der Veer	J Gallo S. Keyes D. Giannantonio		M. Collins	C. Van der Veer	S. & D Pitzer	
11/28	8:00	D & H Gates						B. Gregory
	9:30	J Granger	C Fare B Knight S. Brooks		S. Westad	No Flowers In Advent		
12/5	8:00	J Granger						
	9:30	P. Olszewski G. Ehler	Beacon Pointe		H. Brewer			

A Note of thanks...

From Dave Blanchet of the Property Committee, October 16 & 17 was Cleanup weekend and we had about twenty people tackling the various projects with gusto! Our already well kept grounds look that much better. Some of the projects will still be available for anyone bored during a weekend afternoon. A couple of people will be stopping by this coming weekend to gather fallen leaves. Ken Bee will begin building a new set of basement stairs soon. I expect to make several trailer trips to the transfer station over the next couple of weekends.

Outstanding projects including the Hatlee ceiling work, mulching the prayer path, washing the buildings and painting remain on our to-do list for future consideration.

Many thanks to all the "regulars" people who put forth efforts.

It is never too late to volunteer your time to help us keep our beautiful facility maintained.

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