

Rebstock. We welcome our newest member, Marie Holmes, and also thank those who are helping with the Wednesday night services during our transition: Deb Boda, Joan Dickson, Anne Package, and Regina Lanning.

Please feel free to ask Anne Marie Willis, Altar Guild Coordinator, any questions you may have about the Altar Guild.

Volunteers Needed at Gaywood Elementary

Marcia Weeks, Social Action Committee

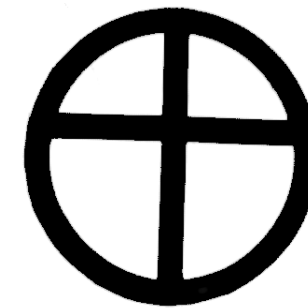
Based on results of the St. George's Social Action survey the Social Action Committee has coordinated with Gaywood Elementary School in Lanham to develop a list of volunteer opportunities for the congregation. Gaywood needs mentors in reading and math, for participation in their after school program (mostly reading but other areas are fine) and other events such as Women's History Month, Black History Month, Career

Day, Science Fairs, field trips, plays, musicals and the like. Also needed are basic school supplies (paper, pencils, crayons, etc.) along with equipment such as computers and printers, and baskets at Christmas time. The mentoring and after school programs take place before, during, and after school hours. Please contact Ms. Gladys Leonard of Gaywood school, imglad7@hotmail.com, 301-918-8730, if you are interested in helping. Please tell her that St. George's sent you!!

Supply Priest Schedule

Wed., Oct. 6 — The Rev. Linda Lebron
 Sun., Oct. 10 — The Rev. Mitzi Noble
 Wed., Oct. 10 — To be announced
 Sun., Oct. 10 — The Rev. Mitzi Noble
 Wed., Oct. 13 — The Rev. Linda Lebron
 Sun., Oct. 17 — The Rev. Lloyd Lewis
 Wed., Oct. 20 — To be announced

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To the People of God at St. George's:

Grace and Peace be with you from our Savior Jesus Christ!

I look forward to joining you in just two weeks as your Interim Rector. That means I will be with you for approximately one year as your priest, doing all the things a priest does and helping you make the transition between settled rectors.

This will be my seventh interim position. The first three were in the Diocese of Washington during the mid-eighties, and the last three in the Dioceses of Maryland and Easton during the past four years. In between, I was rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles in Arbutus, Maryland for ten and a half years.

My husband of 39+ years will be joining me at St. George's. John retired from civil service with the Department of the Navy in 1999. Together we have two adult sons. One lives in Columbia Maryland with his wife and two daughters, Rachel and Lauren. The other lives in Colorado with his daughter, Grace. They all bring great joy to our lives.

John and I moved to West Laurel in 1967. We raised our family at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, which later became my sponsoring parish for ordination. I went to Virginia Theological Seminary in 1981 and was ordained in 1984.



One of the things I love most about interim ministry is the opportunity to meet new people and discover the many different ways you do ministry and mission. Each parish offers unique ways of being the People of God. Therefore, I look forward to getting to know you and joining you for a time in this work. I also want you to know that I like to have fun!!!

Our first Sunday services will be October 24th. Please do your best to come that day so I can get a good introduction to who you are as a gathered community. Meanwhile, let us pray for a rich and wonderful relationship. And in the words of St. Francis, "Lord, make us (me) a channel of your peace."

Faithfully,
 Thelma Smullen

Parish Potluck — October 24

Join us to welcome our interim priest, The Rev. Thelma Smullen, after the 10 am service (there will be no 8 am service that day). The Rev. Canon Nan Peete, Canon for Clergy Deployment and Ordination (and our primary contact in the bishop's office during the search process), will be with us that day as well. Please bring a dish to pass.

Festive Brunch — November 14

Lee Rowe, Chair, Stewardship Committee
 The Stewardship Committee will present a Festive Brunch, November 21st, after the 10 am service to celebrate our community and to get ready for the future. Be prepared for good food and good conversation about what we can do to further the mission of St.

George's during this time of transition. You'll be receiving a couple of mailings in the near future that will provide more information but please put it on your calendar. You don't want to miss it!

St George's Search Process

Martha Horn, Senior Warden

On Sunday, September 26, at 9 am, a congregational meeting was held to provide information and answer questions about the search process for a new rector. The major points involved in the search process in the Diocese of Washington are:

1. Vestry determines process for selecting members of Search Committee.
2. Vestry appoints Search Committee.
3. Search Committee meets with Search Consultant and Canon for Deployments & Ordination (CDO) as soon as possible (preferably at their first meeting).
4. Search Committee prepares the narrative of the parish profile. The parish profile includes the history of the parish, the profile of the community, the life and ministries of the parish, what the parish visions are for the future, and skills and expectations of the next rector. It is important that all parishioners have an opportunity to participate in the information gathering sessions that form the basis for the profile. The profile should include the core values of the parish and the parish sense of identity.
5. Narrative profile is combined with visual presentation (i.e., the parish is presented in pictures as well as words).
6. Search Committee submits parish profile to the vestry for approval.
7. Vestry submits parish profile to CDO.
8. Search Committee meets with CDO to prepare Church Deployment Profile (to generate names from data bank in NYC).
9. Search Committee receives names and profiles of interested candidates.
10. Search Committee develops a "short list" of candidates and submits it to the bishop and the CDO for review.
11. Search Committee interviews and evaluates candidates.
12. Search Committee obtains background checks on final candidates.
13. Search Committee submits three candidates to the vestry.
14. Vestry evaluates information and interview(s) candidate(s).
15. Candidate(s) meet with the Bishop.
16. Vestry makes final decision to call.
17. Celebrate!

As you can see, we have much work to do. And when I say "we" I don't just mean the Search Committee or the Vestry. I mean everyone in the parish. We will all be involved in this

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Mission Statement

The mission of St. George's is to build a Christian community of love and support that actively seeks and includes all people.

We commit ourselves to spiritual growth through worship and education that empowers us to follow Christ's example in the world.

process, especially in the development of the "parish profile" that will go out to interested candidates.

If you have any questions about this process — or where we are in the process — please feel free to talk with one of the wardens or any member of the Vestry. (And remember - there are no "stupid" questions!)

St. George's Fall Yard Sale — October 16

The Fall Yard Sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 am—1 pm. Yard sales are important fund raisers for St. George's. You can help by donating items that need new homes. Donations will be received during the evenings of Thursday and Friday before the sale. Help is also needed on those evenings and on the day of the sale. Please contact Serena Wyckoff (301-459-1941, serena301@att.net) to help or with questions.

St. George's Community Health Fair — October 23

Be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors. The health fair will be held from 10 to 4 at St. George's. Health care professionals will perform evaluations, provide instruction, and answer questions regarding diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, mental health, stress management, child health, nutrition and more. For more information, please contact Barbara White (301-776-6407, bartha@comcast.net) or Regina Lanning (301-313-0884, rgl59smile@msn.com).

Vestry Retreat

Susan Geiger, Junior Warden

St. George's nine-member vestry went on a daylong retreat on September 25 at the Wellspring Conference Center in Germantown, MD. We enjoyed learning about the diversity of the group, sharing stories about growing up, talking and laughing. The theme for the day was Wonder, Love and Praise. At selected times, we focused on a piece of music and shared what it meant to us, or how we see, feel and know how wonder, love, and praise

are present in our lives.

We spent part of the day meeting with Nan Peete from the Clergy Deployment Office in the Diocese of Washington. We reviewed the search process and other vestry issues. It was a very full day. Please know that the vestry was able to discuss St. George's needs and how it will look to move on, while we learned about the wonderful gifts each of us has to share.

St George's Welcomes New Office Assistant!

Martha Horn, Senior Warden

Karen Blaylock recently joined the St George's staff as our new Office Assistant. Karen lives nearby, in Upper Marlboro, with her husband, Didier, and their two children, Kristen and Kaitlynn.

Although Karen brings to our office a wealth of experience in office management, she has other expertise as well. Karen is an experienced photographer with her own studio. She also works part time in commercial insurance sales. Welcome to St George's, Karen!



Altar Guild Update

Anne Marie Willis

Altar Guild work is a privilege and an honor. Together, Altar Guild members are the "arm of the priest" (or perhaps more like the stage crew)...a wonderful group of very dedicated people who work behind the scenes to ensure that everything is in place for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Members of the Altar Guild launder and care for the altar linens, polish the silver and brass, set out the wine and the bread, prepare the candles and set up for Sunday and weekday services.

Please help me thank our current Altar Guild members: Deb Boda, Joan Dickson, Karen Horrocks, Lois Rapp, and John