

The Wider Circle "Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free"

Special points of interest:

- St George's Night at Franklins
- Summer Clean Up
- Evening Prayer

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Life in Community: It's Complicated! By John Rebstock

Many of us have probably lived at some point in our lives as single people. I remember living by myself in an efficiency apartment near DuPont Circle. Life was pretty easy—cleaning house was a snap, laundry was a quick task, and I could dine on reheated spaghetti for several nights in a row with no complaints. Then Terry and I lived together, and with two of us, plus two kids part of the time, house-keeping got much more time-consuming and complex. But there were also more of us to share the work! Now multiply exponentially the movement from single life to family life to imagine the complexity of a community the size of St. George's. Let me lead you through the back story to everything you might encounter on a Sunday morning. You park your car in the lot as you hurry to the service. That parking lot, and our church building, were constructed with major assistance from the diocese. Oh, yeah, we need to make our di-

ocesan pledge this month so the diocese can continue to support ministry here and elsewhere. You walk past the old chapel and realize that the congregations who rent that space help us make our budget. But someone from St. George's has to work with them to make sure our property is safe and well cared for, and handle all the other details of being a landlord. You walk past the cemetery and the flower beds, and realize that someone has mowed the grass, trimmed the bushes, planted flowers, and weeded. And someone is managing the records of the cemetery. If it is winter, someone had to take care of shoveling and plowing. You walk through the clean glass doors, and realize that volunteers, or a paid employee, or both, all of whom need organization and oversight, have kept our building presentable. You are cheerfully greeted by a fellow parishioner, who was scheduled for that task by another parishioner. You get your

nametag, which was prepared by somebody else. You move to the sanctuary, where you notice that the chairs are in a new configuration that some volunteers helped set up. The altar has been set by an altar guild member, flowers arranged by the flower guild, bread baked, and candles lighted by acolytes. Again, all these teams had to be organized, trained and coordinated by someone. The musicians are practicing, another major ministry that adds to our worship of God. The service proceeds, and you think of the time and care that went into preparing the prayers and sermon, and the service leaflet that somebody copied. Then the announcements make you aware of how many different

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Summer Greeting from Your Senior Warden

I hope this finds everyone enjoying Summer 2010 since it officially started on June 21st with the Summer Solstice. Summer is an important time of the year for us all. For many, the long days allow us daylight hours to get things done. For others, the sunshine and rise in temperatures allows us to slow down and take it easy with our chores. For some, it is a time to get to the projects that we have left undone during the Fall, Winter and Spring.

I am hoping to address that situation at the church because St. George's and its grounds need a good sprucing up! Our summer work day is scheduled for Saturday, July 24th, 2010, from 8:00AM until 12 noon followed by a wonderful lunch in Miller Hall. There's a need for

lots of hands and hearts to help. The kitchen, sacristy, and upstairs storage areas as well as downstairs hallway, classrooms, storage rooms and stairwells need a good cleaning out of items no longer needed. These areas also need a good cleaning since it is impossible for our cleaning service to maintain these areas since they can't access them! Our work will be concentrated around the kitchen and all storage areas. Our grounds need help with general clean up and summertime projects which will include cleaning out and organizing the storage shed behind the parking lot.

Our church should be shiny and bright for the rest of the summer and into the fall with this season after Pentecost .

Please plan to come with your cleaning clothes and a positive attitude to help make our beautiful church shine. Remember, a fabulous Lunch will be served and there may be a surprise!

Please contact me to let me know you will be there at rpeter-son@avtekstaffing.com or on my cell at 202-215-6878

Thanks (in advance) for your help!

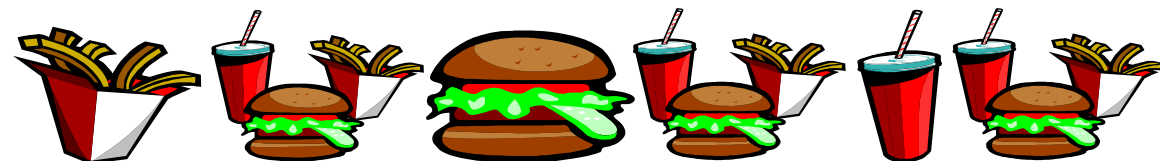
May Summer 2010 provide us with lots of moments of joy and laughter which, looking back on them during the colder and shorter days of the winters to come, will provide us with many happy memories!

Eat and Raise Money for St. George's Church by Leslie Horne

On **Tuesday, July 13**, St. George's will be holding a fundraiser in partnership with Franklin's Restaurant, Brewery, and General Store in Hyattsville, MD. Franklin's is already a favorite of many St. Georgians

and their friends. Come to Franklin's on July 13 for lunch, dinner, carry-out orders, and/or purchases at Franklin's General Store (a great novelty store adjacent to the restaurant), and Franklin's will donate

20% of our receipts to St. George's! Simply identify yourself as being from St. George's. If you have any questions, point of contact is Leslie Horne. More info at www.franklinsbrewery.com



Bulletin Board

July 13
Franklin's
fundraiser

Evening Prayer
July 8, 15 & 22nd for
Evening Prayer & instruction at
7:45pm in the Church.

ERHS Grad
Kat Parsons
will perform
August 7
tickets
www.
Chariscenter-
arts.com

Acolyte Training Sessions for the month
of July 2010 from 12:00PM to 1:00PM. These are
"practice sessions" for the acolytes in training, their mentors,
and any acolyte looking to review their skills (or learn new
skills). **Please note:** The acolytes are NOT expected
to attend ALL the sessions but you are encouraged to attend at
least one session. Mary Koster will be available to review the
various tasks of being an acolyte and to an-
swer questions. Please add the following dates to your calen-
dar.
July 11th (12:00PM to 1:00PM)
July 18th (12:00PM to 1:00PM)
July 25th (12:00PM to 1:00PM)

**Youth Spon-
sored Breakfast**
!!!!!!!July 4th!!!!!!!
Following the 10am Ser-
vice
Everyone is invited to come
to breakfast put on by the

July 24—WANTED: Volun-
teers to clean up the grounds
of St George's Parish. Lunch will be
provided!

Concert
Stravaganza
Led by
Owen Adams
July 16
8:00PM

July 11 during coffee hour
Vestry Roundtable discussion on
fundraising—everyone interested is
invited and welcome to attend.

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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

activities are going on, all needing volunteer time and energy.

As the service ends, you see the counters handling the donations made that day. Someone has to make sure all the bills get paid and accountability is maintained. You move on to Miller Hall. Who cleaned up after the rental last night, and who handles all the other details involved in renting out the hall? Who brought all the food to share this morning? Who made sure we had enough paper plates? Who started the coffee, and who is going to clean the pot? Who set up the tables and chairs? Who will take them down? Somebody

always does.

Life at St. George's seems to flow well because many people have worked together to make that happen. Over the next weeks you will have an opportunity to find out more about how we run as a community, and to contribute to that process. Mark your calendars for these events in July:

On Sunday, July 11, during the coffee hour after the 10:00 service, the vestry will host a roundtable discussion about fundraising and other work that needs to happen to sustain our life in community.

On Tuesday, July 13, bring your friends to Franklin's brewery and

restaurant to have fun together. St. George's will get a percentage of all sales we bring in that day.

On Saturday, July 24 from 8:00 – noon, come for an indoor/outdoor clean-up day, ending with lunch.

Community is complicated, and it doesn't just happen. Join us in July as we dedicate ourselves to the care and feeding of our life together as a parish.



Thanks to Amanda, Anne, Becky, Chris Ed, Lee, Gene, Mary, Michael, Owen, Rebekah, Rich, & Roy for their outstanding contributions to THE FANTASTICKS! A special thanks to the Altar Guild for working with us so patiently. Look for more spectacular productions from St. George's Players as we move into our 4th season!

