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St. George's Parish Mission - To Love and Serve the Lord and our Neighbors as Ourselves

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Vestry Requests

Appointment

Of Deacon

After several months of careful consideration the Vestry gave approval for Fr. Dale to request a Deacon for St. George's from Bishop Martins.

Senior Warden, Dan Duncan brought up the issue for the need of a Deacon Monday, and the Vestry went into executive session for discussion. From the minutes of the vestry, "The Vestry of St. George's parish reaffirms its unanimous motion of August 2010, that the rector should request the assignment of a Deacon to St. George's, and further that the rector petition the Bishop for immediate assignment of such Deacon the Bishop may choose." The motion passed.

On Tuesday Bishop Martins announced the Rev. Joan (Jody) Coleman will be assigned to St. George's.

Deacon Jody (Fr. Dale's wife) begins her new ministry this Sunday, October 30.

The future is in our hands

Ingathering Set Nov 13

In a few days we will receive a letter asking us to consider the parish ingathering Nov 13. Let us examine our conscience and make our commitment to support our church and diocese. Based on the ingathering the vestry will construct a budget to balance the two figures. Often we are a little lower on income than we are on expenses. For the past several years the annual income and budget has hovered around \$260,000. Fifteen percent is given to support the diocese and 81 percent is used for payroll and administration. Only 4 to 5 percent is left for programs. To help us grow and offer more requires a larger budget. We each need to look inside ourselves and see where Our Lord stands on our priority list. See page 7 for current expense statement.

Synod Filled With Hope

The 134th Synod of the Diocese of Springfield was a resounding success. Fr Dale reports he had a hard time leaving the convention center at the end of the synod because of all the kind comments. There was a sense of joy, hope and cooperation. Bishop Martins offered a challenging vision and everyone felt renewed. The synod's theme "Making all things new" celebrates the vision of the bishop. The elections for diocesan offices were accomplished by voice vote. Our Chuck Evans was elected to the Diocesan Council. You can read Bishop Martins synod address and Friday Eucharist sermon at the St. George's web site on line.

St. George's success as host was only possible due to the extraordinary effort of all the volunteers and organizations involved and our administrative assistant Janet Koch. Thank you to each and every one - You made all things possible.

St. George's

Rector

The Very Rev. Canon
Dale D. Coleman
233-6320 (416-0620)

Senior Warden

Dan Duncan
476-3034

Parish Warden

Hal Inabinet

Administrative Assistant

Janet Koch

Music Director

Nancy S. Ypma, D.Mus.
234-1947

Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Canon
Elliot H. Blackburn

CALENDAR NOVEMBER

Nov. 1	EFM Alumni – 7:00 pm – CR
Nov 6	Time Change - Day Light Saving Ends
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day – Office closed
Nov. 11-13	Happening 54 at Cathedral of St. Paul, Springfield
Nov. 12	Diocesan Mission Strategy Meeting at St. George's
Nov. 13	Stewardship Ingathering Sunday
Nov. 14	Vestry – 7:00 pm - CR
Nov. 15	EFM Alumni – 7:00 pm – CR
Nov. 17	Brownie Scout Ceremony – 6:30 pm – PH
Nov. 18	Crisis Fund 9 am – 3 pm
Nov. 19	Diocesan Council meeting in Springfield Boy Scout Food Drive
Nov. 24	Office closed
Nov. 25	Office closed
Nov. 27	Bookstore Annual Christmas Sale

Every Wednesday 9:30 Holy Eucharist/Healing Service

Every Wednesday 10:00 Prayer Group

Every Wednesday Choristers - 5:30 pm - Choir - 7:30 pm

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m.

Church School

Sundays (Sept. through May)
9 to 10:10 a.m.

Nursery

Sundays
9 a.m. to noon

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A few thoughts ...

Great Synod

St. George's parish is enjoying the relief but also the satisfaction of having just hosted our first Diocesan Synod in twenty years, and the first overseen and led by our new bishop, Daniel Martins. Organized wonderfully well by Senior Warden Dan Duncan and his gang of four (Marilyn Belleville, Tom Boshert, Chuck Evans and Brian Maves), and the splendid assistance from Diocesan administrator Sue Spring and our own parish administrator Janet Koch, the Synod came off like clockwork from the time of the registration through the last session Saturday morning. For many of us involved, the highlight was the Synod Eucharist held at St. George's Friday at 5:00 pm. The Eucharist—a Solemn Pontifical Mass (meaning smells and bells and the Bishop's presence) was as joyful, prayerful and spiritual as many of us had prayed for. Thirty five priests and deacons, and three bishops were present including among the last named Bishop Donald Parsons and the Bishop of Missouri, George Wayne Smith! Wow! Concelebrants of the Eucharist were the Rev. Mother Virginia Bennett, Rector of St. Andrew's, Edwardsville, and Rev. Father David Boase, Rector of St. Paul's, Alton. The person mostly responsible for choreographing all this was Deacon Joan (Jody) Coleman—to whom I'm very close! So two women flanked the Bishop, an important symbol of the presence and leadership of women as well as men in the Diocese.

Tom Boshert arranged for a gaggle of youth to assist at the altar, Ellen Treadwell included, for whom we had prayed a few days before for healing!

A great boost to the Eucharist came from our music director Nancy Ypma and the choir singing gloriously. Nancy's playing of Widor's "Toccatà" following the congregation's last hymn, moved many who stayed to hear this fine musician!

Readers were Marilyn Belleville and Morgan Dickey.

The business sessions of the Synod moved swiftly and included our electing Chuck Evans to Diocesan Council. And for the first time in many years, the Budget includes a line item for the National Episcopal Church (shown as "DFMS" in the budget, which stands for the official name the "Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society").

A second joyful announcement! The Bishop has now assigned Deacon Jody Coleman to assist at St. George's! I am delighted by this, and she will begin Sunday, October 30th.

(Please see the accompanying article about the Vestry's action concerning this.) Come and welcome our newest clergy member Sunday!

Faithfully in Christ,
Dale+

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- 11/01 Dave Mannix
- 11/02 Debbie Pazderka
Shane Robinson
- 11/03 Emily DeHoyos
- 11/04 Tom Miller
Robert Laedlein
- 11/05 Steven Mathus
Elizabeth Slocomb
- 11/06 Bob Flach
Nancy Buckley
Adam McNitt
- 11/08 Marti Evans
- 11/09 Mary Mohrman
Sue Vaughn
- 11/11 Vaughn Dickey
- 11/12 Gracie Rose White
- 11/15 Toots Schilling
- 11/16 Nancy Ypma
- 11/17 Maeve Kincaid
- 11/18 Tom Cladg
- 11/19 Craig Jesenick
Loralei Robinson
- 11/21 Charles McConnell
- 11/23 Randy Gaseor
Viv Gillispie
Barrett Pazderka
- 11/26 Hope McNitt
- 11/28 Shirley Helber
Carolyn Lugge

University Faculty Discuss Science and Religion At Adult Forum

Two leading scholars from Washington University will lead discussions as St. George's Adult Forum explores the interface between science and religion in a three-week series in November.

On November 13, Ursula Goodenough, Ph.D., professor of biology, will discuss evolution and the processes of life. A zoologist, Goodenough received her Ph.D. at Harvard. She is the author of *The Sacred Depths of Nature*.

Professor Stan Hatfield, Professor of Earth Science at SWIC will explore the the origins of the earth on November 20th.

Fr. Dale Coleman will lead the concluding discussions Sunday, Nov. 27. How do we reconcile current science with the teachings of our faith? Can we understand science in light of the Bible, and the Bible in light of science?

For those interested in some preparatory reading, we recommend Goodenough's *The Sacred Depths of Nature* and *The Luminous Web* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

The forum offers great conversation and opportunities to expand one's understanding. Plan to join us! We meet at 9:15 Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall.

Happy Anniversary

11/08

Phil & Carol Isbell

11/25

David & Nancy Buckley

11/25

Randy & Pam Gaseor

St. George's & St. Mark

Examine Initial Document

The only letter of understanding about sharing our facilities with St. Mark Lutheran Church was written in 1987. At a joint meeting of the two parishes on Oct 16, 50 members of the two churches discussed our future together. A working group is being established to update the agreement. Communication was stressed as was building security. Everyone was pleased with our historic 29 year arrangement and wanted to see our relationship strengthened.

Thank you very much for your Fall United Thank Offering Ingathering of \$793.59. Your prayers of thankfulness will benefit many people throughout the world.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jan Gossens

Diocesan UTO Coordinator

Good Fun, Good Food & Good Conversation

The WEDG (Women's Ecumenical Dining Group) will be gathering at Fischers Restaurant for our annual Advent dinner.

The date and time to mark on your calendars are Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 pm. Fischers (233-1131) is located at 2100 West Main, Belleville. As we enter this time of preparation, please come for Good Fun, Good Food and Good Conversation.

Please call the church office, 233-6320, for reservations (head count) by Tuesday, November 1st.

THE BOY SCOUTS FOOD DRIVE is Saturday, Nov 19. Help will be needed to sort the canned goods and supplies we received. Contact George Evans, Food Pantry Coordinator. 398-8250.

2012 FLOWER CHART IS POSTED ON THE KIOSK IN THE PARISH HALL. The cost of the altar flowers is \$40. Altar flowers can be given in memory of a loved one or occasion of celebration. The Sanctuary Light list is also listed. The cost is \$5 per Sunday. If no one signs up for altar flowers or the sanctuary light the cost is incurred by the Altar Guild.



All Saints Day Celebrated Nov 6

As we celebrate the feast of All Saints we remember our departed loved one. During the Eucharist on Nov 6, the lay reader will read the names. You may request the names of your loved ones be included on the list by calling the office by Nov 1 or completing a card in the pew and putting in the collection plate Oct 30.

The feast of All Saints may have been celebrated as early as the 4th century. A common feast day was established because of the desire to honor the great number of martyrs. In the 8th century Nov 1 started to be recognized as the commonly celebrated feast day.

Congratulations

Bob and Sue Vaughn are celebrating the marriage of their daughter *Bethany*. Congratulations to Beth and her husband Paul Resner, who were married on October 15 at Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis. Beth and Paul will reside in the Kansas City area.

2012 Liturgical Calendar Available

The 2012 Episcopal Liturgical Calendar is available in the church office. The cost is \$3.00 each. You'll be able to find out the day we celebrate William Wilber-force, William White and many others.

The Churchman's Ordo Kalendar uses five colors to identify the church year - White, red, green, purple and black.

Reminder: *Nelson & Nelson law office parking lot is for our use only on Sundays, and only in the parking spaces facing Jackson Street. Please leave the spaces facing the "house" open for Nelson & Nelson employees.*

Annual Christmas Sale Nov 27

The Bookstore and Beads

The annual St. George's Bookstore Christmas sale will take place on Sunday, November 27th. Yes, we know that is Thanksgiving weekend. We are hoping that you will have lots of family from out of town at the service that morning and that you will do your Christmas shopping then! The sale will include Advent wreaths and candles, Holding Crosses, nativity figurines, ornaments, Bibles and Prayer Books and more. There are still some good James Avery crosses, pocket pieces and charms available as well.

During Synod, I was introduced to the Bead for Life organization and thought that St. George's Bookstore would be a great venue for selling these beautiful necklaces, bracelets and earrings as well as the Shea Butter Soap and lip balm. This jewelry is made by Ugandan women who have learned the skill of rolling recycled paper into beads (varying sizes, shapes and colors) and putting them together to make necklaces, etc. The goal, of course, is to eradicate the poverty these women and their families know so well. The money generated by the sale of this jewelry becomes income for food, medicine, school fees and hope. The program suggests holding a "beadparty" in your home, but I think that a 3-month long beadparty at church will reach more people. On our sale day, Nov. 27th, look for the BeadforLife display and support this effort. This jewelry is very reasonably priced and we are certain you will find it to be beautiful as well. We also plan to

have the lip balm and Shea Butter Soap available. These items are also produced from Shea tree nuts that Ugandan women collect and process into shea butter.

We will offer the BeadforLife jewelry for sale in the bookstores at St. George's and at Toddhall, until February. 100% of the net proceeds from these sales are invested in Community Development programs to eradicate poverty. The BeadforLife organization is a member of the Fair Trade Federation. Please, plan to come and support this worthy endeavor.

White Chili Sells Out, as usual

Hard work, good weather, a great product and plenty of volunteers led to another sellout of St. George's white chili at the 28th Annual Belleville Chili Cook-off. David Buckley and his team worked weeks in advance to set the stage for the chili stand team to be able to sell 170 gallons of our guaranteed white chili.

Total sales were over \$8,000 with net profits reaching nearly \$5,000. The proceeds will be given to the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association, who has long been an important partner in our chili cook-off effort. FNCA provides valuable youth programs for many of the children attending Franklin Elementary School.

Thank you to all the volunteers who provided important help to make the effort successful

Toddhall Offers Road Scholar Programs

This year Toddhall has played host to three Road Scholar events. Road Scholar for years had been known as Elder Hostel. It is an educational travel program designed for older adults.

The programs are hosted at Toddhall, coordinated by the staff with content provided by local expert instructors. The most popular program focuses on the Cahokia Mounds and the Mississippian culture. The other takes a closer look at French and German heritage in Southwestern Illinois. The travelers visit local historic sites that reflect the impact of these early immigrants.

Road Scholar is a not for profit international program that combines adventure and learning within a 5 day event. Participants stay at Toddhall while experiencing day trips to various historic sites guided by an expert instructor. Archeologist and author Bill Iseminger is called "Mr. Mounds" and has led the Cahokia Mounds program because of his knowledge of the site's history and the early civilizations that lived there.

Margaret Brown, Toddhall's Board President, is a retired Director of Cahokia Mounds Historical Site.

Margaret has a Ph.D. in Anthropology and has specialized in historic archeology. She has offered programs exploring French colonial and historic Indian sites. Margaret provided insights to participants while visiting Ste. Genevieve, MO, Fort de Chartres in Prairie du Rocher, IL and Holy Family Church, Jarrot Mansion and the Cahokia Court House in Cahokia, IL.

The Cahokia Mounds event has become our most successful Road Scholar program, said Jim Moeller, Toddhall director. Road Scholar has been a good fit at Toddhall because the programs are held during the week and have helped increase awareness of our retreat center to participants in the Mid-West and throughout the U.S.

Since 1975, the Road Scholar program has offered more than 7,000 educational tours in all 50 states and 150

countries. The tours are led by local and renowned experts. They offer travelers in depth experiences and behind-the-scenes learning opportunities.

Thank You
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To all the volunteers who came on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, I thank God for you all. You are undoubtedly the most intelligent, cooperative, innovative and joyful volunteers I have ever worked with. You made my responsibilities so much easier. God bless you all and thank you.

Love, Marilynn Belleville

Sixteen groups are booked at Toddhall during the month of November. There will be nearly 700 guests.

St. George's Statement of Income & Expenses For Period Ending 9/30/11

Income	Actual	2011 Budget
Pledge/Plate	\$158,261	\$256,000
All other Income	9,465	3,450
Total Income	\$167,726	\$259,450
Expenses		
Diocesan Pledge	25,159	38,918
Parish Program	8,590	11,755
Payroll	128,605	171,508
Total Administration	33,120	41,800
Total Expenses	195,474	263,981
Net Income	(27,748)	(4,531)

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