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Annual Meeting Set for January 29

Nominations Open For Vestry, Synod, Deanery

The Annual Meeting is scheduled Sunday, January 29. At the meeting three communicants in good standing will be elected to serve three year terms on the vestry. Additionally five members will be elected synod delegates and two members will be elected deanery delegates. By-laws required elections to be conducted with only those present with no proxy or absentee votes allowed. Therefore attendance is critical to have your voice heard.

The retiring members of the vestry are accepting nominations for the offices. Please contact Sarah Bender,

Lana Kincaid or Fred McNitt. You may also contact any vestry member or the church officer to submit nominations.

The St. George's by-laws revised and approved by the vestry July 12, 2004 identify an adult communicant to be at least 16 years old and

confirmed (received) in the Episcopal Church. For an adult communicant to be considered in good standing, the member must have worked, prayed and provided financial support for the spread of the kingdom of God during the prior year.

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Search to Begin For New Administrative Assistant

By Betsy Rogers

Janet Koch, our much-loved parish administrative assistant, is retiring March 31 after nearly 23 years of able and very faithful service.

Hard as it is to imagine St. George's without Janet, the vestry has bowed to the inevitable and with Fr. Dale will

begin a search for her successor in January. In December, after considered discussion, the vestry strongly recommended that St. George's not accept applications from members of the parish. Several compelling reasons led to this position. Chief among them is that the

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Hal Inabinet

Administrative Assistant

Janet Koch

Music Director

Nancy S. Ypma, D.Mus.
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Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Canon
Elliot H. Blackburn

CALENDAR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

- Jan. 9 Vestry – 7:00 pm – CR
Jan. 10 Liturgical Commission Meeting – 7:30 pm
Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Day - Office closed
Jan. 17 Lutheran School of Theology 7 – 9:30 pm, PH
Jan. 22 St. George, St. Mark Joint Meeting - 4:00pm, PH
Jan. 24 Lutheran School of Theology 7 – 9:30 pm, PH
Toddhall Board – 6:30 pm - CR
Jan. 27 & 28 St. Mark taking pictures for new directory, PH
Jan. 29 Annual Meeting
Jan. 31 Lutheran School of Theology 7 – 9:30 pm, PH
Feb. 7 Lutheran School of Theology 7 – 9:30 pm, PH
Feb. 13 Vestry – 7:00 pm
Feb. 14 Lutheran School of Theology 7 – 9:30 pm, PH
Feb. 20 President's Day - Office closed
Feb. 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday 9:30 am & 7:00 pm HE & IA
Feb. 28 Lutheran School of Theology 7 – 9:30 pm, PH

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)
8:50a.m. - Parish Hall Opening

Nursery

Sundays
9 a.m. to noon

St. George's Dragon deadline is the third Sunday of the month before issue month. Dragon fodder may be e-mailed to stgdragon@gmail.com or to the church office or placed in the folder marked "Dragon" in the wall file on the landing between classrooms and offices. Editor: Tom Boschert

***Considering the news of the Annual Meeting & elections,
the February Dragon will be published February 5, 2012***

Search to Begin

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administrative assistant must sometimes know very confidential information about parishioners. Having this information is much less uncomfortable for a non-parishioner, who does not worship or share coffee hour with St. George's members.

We have been blessed for almost 40 years with highly capable non-parishioners who have brought skill, caring, commitment and perfect discretion to their duties. Fr. Dale, as rector, has final authority in filling staff positions; he told the vestry at its December meeting that he will be guided by its preference in hiring Janet's successor. He appointed Senior Warden Dan Duncan, Treasurer Ruth Ann Weber and Betsy Rogers to place ads and screen and interview candidates to develop a short list for his consideration.

There will be an open meeting for both our churches on Sunday afternoon, Jan 22, at 4:00pm in the parish hall. St. George's Vestry will present a revised draft Covenant, regarding our relationship, please join the discussion.

A few thoughts ...

Christmas Thank You!

What a Joyful Christmas! From the beauty of the Church, to the glorious music, and the large number of parishioners assisting in many parts of the services, and the large attendances, Christmas at St. George's (my fifth) was wonderfully uplifting for me and many. I trust that is true for you who were able to attend. Our Christmas attendance for the three services of 320 (129, 166, 25) was the largest over the past five years. Last year's was 245 (with a major snowfall), and 281 in 2009. This is the best since Fr. Emery Washington led the worship in 2006 with 343 present. Maybe we should bring him back! Thank you all.

On a personal note, I am delighted to have Deacon Jody assist. With the large attendance, her knowledge of assisting with the liturgies and especially her children's homily at the 5:00 Christmas Eve service was deeply appreciated-not least by myself. I have always found it intimidating to give the children's sermon. Her's was the best I've heard in five years!)

I also wish to thank Morgan Dickey and the Sunday School teachers for the experimental form of presenting the Christmas pageant on Advent IV. Morgan had seen to it that the Sunday School kids had painted and drawn pictures to go with a Christmas story, and then had these video taped. The presentation was not a typical Christmas pageant, but got the message across.

Finally, thank you St. George's for your generous gifts to me and Jody, as well as all the staff. We are so fortunate to be with you in this loving Christian community.

Christmas Blessings to you all!

Fr. Dale+
January 5th,
or twelfth night in Christmas Season

Dr. Ypma Teaches Jan. Adult Forum Music & Healing

Music and Healing: How composers confront the tragedies of our modern world will be the subject of the adult forum during January.

Back by popular demand! St. George's Music Director Nancy Ypma returns to lead the January adult forum, discussing composers of music that both confronts the atrocities of war and terrorism, and consoles the survivors and society. Composers to be discussed include George Crumb, Steve Reich, John Adams, Olivier Messiaen, and Arnold Schoenberg.

Nancy is an exceptional teacher, and her adult forum classes always draw a crowd. Join us each Sunday morning this month for great teaching, interesting discussion and fine fellowship. The adult forum meets at 9:15 in the Parish Hall.

Is Our Prayer List Current?

As you may have noticed the list for the Sunday bulletin prayer requests is getting quite long and if any more names are to be added Janet may need to send out magnifiers so it can be read. The font is about as small as it can be.

Also the list for the Wednesday Morning Prayer group is pretty long and another 8 1/2 by 14 inch piece of paper may need to be added for the Sunday through Saturday list. Your help in identifying those whose names can be deleted would be gratefully appreciated. All the names are kept on the request lists until advice is received that a name should be removed. There is discussion to possibly remove all the names and starting the new year with a clean slate. The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will keep all the names of people with cancer on the list unless you tell them to remove the names – either because they are no longer with us or need to place on their name on the “in remission” list. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Thank You To Many

..to everyone who made the Christmas Services so beautiful and meaningful this year. Special thanks to Fr. Dale, Deacon Jody, Nancy Ypma and the Adult Choir and Choristers, Altar Guild, Ushers, Acolytes and Lectors and Chalice Bearers.

.. to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Project this year.

.. to all our dedicated Food Pantry Volunteers who work all year to help feed the hungry, and to all parishioners who help support the program.

.. to Dana Meyer and the other Crisis Fund volunteers who work all year to help the needy with their bills, and all the parishioners who support the program.

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Two volunteers are needed for the Food Pantry. They are needed for the third Tuesday of the month from 9:00 am - noon. The Food Pantry can also use more substitutes. If you can help, please call Margaret Brown at 741-0303 or the office, 233-6320.

Coffee Hour Schedule

8 Jan	Haefner & Helber
15 Jan	Walters
22 Jan	Fernandez
5 Feb	Gillispie
12 Feb	Mohrman/Brown
19 Feb	Althoff
26 Feb	J. Miller
4 Mar	Lynck

If you would like to become a host for coffee hour please contact Tom Boschert or the church office. Team members host the coffee hour approximately 3 times per year.

About to schedule a meeting or event? First, call the church office. Our two parishes have many groups needing meeting space.

Fr. Warren Crews to Teach Course On Ancient Creeds

A study of the ancient creeds will be the subject of the Lutheran School of Theology course offered at St. George's in January and February. The course will be held on six Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:30 pm in the parish hall beginning Jan 17. The Rev Dr Warren Crews will lead the course.

Fr Crews, retired associate rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and a member of the adjunct faculty of Eden Theological Seminary, presented other courses for LST at St. George's. Students have enjoyed his presentation and found them interesting, thorough and insightful.

He will discuss what creeds are, what they do and what intellectual challenges they present. Students will study the Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, the Reformation's influence on them and contemporary credal restatements.

The study will also consider if the creeds remain necessary and useful for worship and Christian formation.

The course will meet on Jan

17, 24, and 31, and on Feb 7, 14 and 28. There will be no class on Feb 21.

Tuition is \$81. For more information or to register call LST office phone 314-725-9710 or register online at lststl.org.

WEDG to Meet Jan 30

The WEDG (Women's Ecumenical Dining Group) will be gathering on Monday, January 30, at 6:30 pm. We will be going to Fletcher's Kitchen & Tap, located at 6101 West Main, Belleville. It is just west of Althoff High School. Please call the church office, 233-6320 for reservations (head count). Come for Good Fun, Good Food, and Good Conversation

The 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. Open dates: Feb. 12; July 8, 29; Sept. 2 ; and Nov. 25.

Nominations Open, Elections Jan 29

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The five members elected as synod delegates will represent St. George's at the 135th Synod of the Diocese of Springfield. The two elected deanery delegates will represent St. George's at the Darrow Deanery. One of those elected must be both a delegate to the synod and deanery.

There will be reports presented by Fr Dale, the Senior and Junior Wardens, our Treasurer, Toddhall, the commission chairs and St. George's organizations concerning the state of the church, our financial condition and other concerns.

The meeting is held in the church at 1:00 pm following a light lunch in the parish hall.

Happy Anniversary

- Jan 10 David & Sheri Welch
- 15 Bob & Bonnie Flach
- 22 Brian & Nancy Kuehnl
- 28 Dan & Pat Duncan
- 29 Bill & Claudia Zimmermann
- 30 Pat & Tammy Walters
- Feb 5 Ed & Cindy Lynk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Jan. 6 Cindy Lynk
Vimal Buckley
- 9 Angela Meise
John LaMonte
- 10 Matthew Cantonwine
- 11 Anne Rosanswank
Sam Parsons
- 13 Penny Oelschlager
Eva Jarvis
- 16 Julie Herr
- 17 Wayne Jung
- 18 Bonnie Flach
- 19 Kyle Gillen
- 21 Lore Cook
Mickey Cattaneo
Jackie Coleman
- 22 Becky Miller
- 23 Jack Pazderka
- 25 Austin Sonsoucie
- 25 Chris Treadwell
- 25 Emily Scott
- 29 Cleo Ford
- 30 Don Carroll
Janna Rauh
- Feb. 5 Rich Hays
Betsy Lynk
Jordan Coil
- 6 Duffy Walters
Kelsey Maves
- 7 Vincent Torigian
Brian Maves
- 8 Archie Karibian

Christmas Cookies Offered Hope For Prisoners

Thank you on behalf of the 490 men and women incarcerated in the St. Clair County Jail and the children in the Juvenile Detention Center in Belleville.

Your gift of love through the Christmas Cookies and treats is very heartwarming. We made up 1200 bags of cookies of 12 cookies per bag with a scripture.

These simple acts of kindness shows forth Gods love for all of us regardless of our circumstances. For some people, it takes being "locked up" before they realize they need a savior.

The Community's generosity allowed two area Nursing homes, a crisis center, a soup kitchen and the jail guards and staff to receive cookies. Thank you .May God continue to bless us all. --Joe Bono & the Criminal Justice Ministry volunteers

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the parish for the very generous Christmas purse presented to us. Our wishes for a Blessed and Happy New Year to all of you.

Gratefully,

*Fr Dale+, Deacon Jody,
Janet Koch, Jim Sprinz,
Aaron McNitt, Ruth Ann
Weber and Nancy Ypma.*

Applications Due by March 15th

Florence Martin 2012 Scholarship Available

By Pat Duncan

January is a great time to begin planning to apply for the 2012 Florence Martin Scholarship. This scholarship is open to members of St. George's Church who will be students in college in the 2012/2013 school year at the undergraduate or graduate level. The "Requirements for Scholarship Applicants" as well as the "Florence Martin Scholarship Application" are available on the St. George's web site <http://stgeorges.wordpress.com>. The application can be filled in online and then printed. The list of requirements has the information needed to submit a complete and acceptable application.

An applicant must have a high school diploma or GED and be a member of St. George's Episcopal Church. The application should be filled out, printed and signed by the applicant. There are two letters of reference required, one from a former teacher and one personal. Those must be included in a sealed envelope with the writer's signature across the seal. A personal essay must be written. An official copy of the

Annual Reports Due Jan 19

Reports to be included in the published report at the Annual Meeting need to be submitted to the church office not later than Thursday January 19. Commission chairs, organization officers and parish officers are asked to submit their reports electronically, if possible. This will ease assembling the report and submitting it electronically to the diocese. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 29.

most recent transcript is required and must be sent to the church in attention to the scholarship committee by the application deadline. Only complete applications will be considered. All submissions must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and postmarked no later than March 15, 2012.

This scholarship is possible because of a wonderful gift from a former member of St. George's to current members of St. George's Church who are pursuing a college education.

Jan. Toddhall Schedule

A total of 385 people from 16 organizations will be guests at Toddhall during January.

Jan 2-3	Ursuline Academy	41
Jan 4-5	Ursuline Academy	41
Jan 6-7	Ursuline Academy	41
Jan 6-7	Memorial Presbyterian	8
Jan 9-12	Piece Mill Quilters	14
Jan 13-14	Sisters of Notre Dame	50
Jan 13-15	Becky Budde	10
Jan 16-19	Rug Hooking Guild	20
Jan 19-22	Bits 'n Pieces	16
Jan 19-21	Hanley Road Baptist	15
Jan 20-22	Creative Memories – Robyn	22
Jan 20-22	Twisted Mystery Quilters	10
Jan 23-24	Society of the Holy Trinity	10
Jan 26-29	Karen's Quilters	15
Jan 27-29	Archdiocese of St Louis	64
Jan 27-29	St Louis Star Quilters	8

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Deacon -- The Rev. Joan (Jody) Coleman

Rector's Warden — Dan Duncan

Parish Warden — Hal Inabinet

Treasurer — Ruth Weber

Clerk of the Vestry — Kim Christ

Rector Emeritus — The Rev. Canon Elliot H. Blackburn

Vestry Members

Class of 2011 **Class of 2012** **Class of 2013**

Sarah Bender Dan Duncan Philip Isbell

Lana Kincaid Hal Inabinet Chelsea Meyer

Fred McNitt Betsy Rogers Robert Vaughn