

St. George's Dragon

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Mark your calendar

Parish Picnic at Toddhall June 14

Rain or shine the St. George's Parish Picnic will begin with the late Eucharist service held in the labyrinth at Toddhall. To allow driving time to our retreat and

conference center the late service on June 14 will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Following the open air service, we'll head up to the barbecue area where our grill masters have been working on the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs. The Fellowship Commission will furnish the meat, buns and drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. Soon blankets and lawn chairs pop out of trunks and everyone finds a cozy spot to enjoy a delicious meal while visitng with their friends from St. George's.

After being well fed, games and silliness often break out. Mischief makers have made it an annual rite to provide a thousand or more water balloons. Some onlookers filled with common sense manage to not get wet,

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St. George's

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Elliot H. Blackburn

CALENDAR JUNE & JULY

- Jun 2 Endowment Committee – CR
Jun 4-6 Play
Jun 7 Kerygma at 9:15 am
Jun 14 Parish Picnic at Toddhall
late service at 11:00 am
Jun 14-20 Youth Work Week
Jun 21 Kerygma at 9:15 am
Jun 17 Work Week Potluck
at 6:30 pm Parish Hall.
Jun 28 Kerygma at 9:15 am
Jun 28 – Jul 4 Episcopal Church Camp,
East Bay Camp
Jul 5 Kerygma at 9:15 am
Jul. 12 Kerygma at 9:15 am
Jul 19 Kerygma at 9:15 am
July 26 Adult Forum – Fr. Dale –
The Beginning - Genesis at 9:15 am

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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from my office to the fish'n hole

... a few thoughts

BISHOP ROGER WHITE VISITS St. GEORGE'S IN SEPTEMBER

Please mark your calendars for a great renewal weekend at St. George's September 18-20. Recently retired Bishop of Milwaukee, Roger John White, a native of Leeds, Yorkshire, UK, will be with us for a Friday evening of sung Evensong, supper and the first of several talks lasting through the Adult Forum and sermons that Sunday. He will present the theme of how our worship and prayer strengthens us for our witness as Episcopalians. The weekend will be a rally for all of the parish as planned by our Spirituality and Evangelism Commissions.

Bishop White has served parishes in Olney and Alton, Illinois after doing time as an Ecumenical scholar sent to Eden Seminary by then Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey in 1965. He was trained for the priesthood at Kelham, an Anglican Benedictine Seminary in northern England, who after coming to the Colonies, married Prudence Anne Paine of Mason City, Iowa in 1966, and served in addition to the Illinois churches, Trinity in Indianapolis until his election as Bishop in 1984.

His episcopate was marked by his bringing women's ordination to that Biretta belt diocese, developing the catechumenal process of six months to form youngsters and adults seeking baptism and confirmation, becoming a leading bishop among his peers in the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion, co-chairing the Anglican Russian Orthodox Commission, emphasizing evangelism and worship with healing ministries, and co-authoring several books about the Church's future. *New Millennium*, *New Church* was published in 1992, and in 1997 *Toward 2015, the Church's Oddysey*. Both marked Bishop White as a keen observer and critic of the Church's future and what it needed to do to evangelize and grow. The Bishop will talk about our present "stuckness" as a national Church over the weekend.

This will be a wonderful joyful event to have Bishop White here. It will also enable us to look at our mission in the Metro East area as we move into the future. Do not miss this weekend!

Fr Dale+

Remembering

Sandra Parks 1932-2009

We lost a faithful, dedicated and loving member of our congregation on May 15. Sandra Parks died of complications of double pneumonia after a short illness.

Sandy is remembered by many at St. George's for her graciousness, her smile and friendliness and her hard work. "She was willing to do anything." She was a beautiful quilter and seamstress. Her daughter noted her house was a store of precious pieces of fabric waiting for the next project.

Sandy was an important part of the long running St. George's Christmas Bazaar. She played an enthusiastic role in the ECW and was one of the first women elected to the vestry at St. George's.

She was a member of the prayer chain and had a strong faith and belief in prayer.

One of her greatest joys was her relationship with her daughters and her grandchildren.

Sandy would share cooking tips. For a good pie crust you had to use lard. A good place to store your extra baking dishes is under the bed.

Sandy was active in the community and enjoyed many friends. Barbara Slocumb says they were friends forever. She recalled tennis games and 'ducky boat' trips on the Black River with rubber rafts and using ping pong paddles as oars

As Barb says for all of us Sandra was a great friend and helped each of us in many, many ways.

September

Fa. Dale Presents The Anglican Spirit At Adult Forum

In late September the adult forum will begin a number of presentations on *The Anglican Spirit*. Father Dale says the series will be based on a series of lectures presented by the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey at Nashotah House. Father Dale edited "*The Anglican Spirit*."

The book has been praised as a masterful summing up of the Anglican faith. It provides chapters on our heritage, including the Episcopal Church. It sold 10,000 copies when published in 1991 by Cowley Publications. The book was reprinted at the request of then Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold in 2004. The new edition is as a Seabury Classic in paperback.

The new edition is now being ordered by our book store. It has a special Foreword written by Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.

A first attempt from the editor

Getting back into writing and editing a newsletter will take some time. The look has changed. Do you like it? Do you want to write

a story? I would enjoy it. I date back to hot type so using an all digital program is new to me. I need your feed back. Thanks.

Tom Boschert

Chapel Topped With New Roof

Other Vital Projects On The Horizon

As the Dragon goes to press, hammers are pounding nails into the chapel's roof installing much needed new roofing. The Property Commission headed by Joe Hooten finalized the details for the chapel roof replacement. The contractor started working May 15th. The new roof has a 30 year warranty. The commission is working on final plans for replacement of the gutters to this key part of St George's heritage.

This work was made possible through the generous bequest from Virginia Katt. Her gift allowed the vestry to start on a long, and growing, list of repairs to our buildings and grounds.

The vestry, understanding Virginia's interest, allocated 30 percent of

of her gift to support our food outreach program and another 10 percent to the Alpha-Omega Fund.

Junior Warden Brian Maves said over the next few years, we are faced with the growing need to invest in repair and maintenance of all our facilities. The chapel needs additional work on the exterior brick to ensure its integrity for years to come.

The office and church school building continues to experience problems with heating and air-conditioning systems that are years past their expected life span. The church school building's roof is, also, in need of replacement.

Fifteen years ago we were blessed with a new church and parish

hall. They continue to provide a beautiful, uplifting place to worship and a friendly area to hold parish functions. Many people don't realize that we have done little, if any, work to maintain this building. It needs work too.

Later this year, discussions will begin about a capital campaign. We need everyone to participate in the discussions and share their ideas.

Our Property Commission and a series of wardens have noted several areas that must be addressed if we are going maintain our fine facilities.

There are other areas of interest. We need your thoughts about where we should invest, maintain, and improve our parish.

'Blessed Are You' —

Kerygma study continues during summer Adult Forum

Kerygma Bible Study, off to a resounding start post-Easter with a seven-week course about God's saving acts in history, continues this summer with a six-week series on the Beatitudes, offered during the Adult Forum hour at 9:15 Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall.

Titled "Blessed Are You: the Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life," the study will examine Old and New Testament passages illustrating these powerful verses and explore their contemporary implications. The study begins June 7, skips the parish picnic Sunday, June 14, and resumes June 21.

Week by week, the course will examine the blessings God promises to the poor in spirit, the mourners and the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and those who yearn for righteousness.

Each Kerygma course uses a study book, which participants purchase. However, since the course is being presented during Adult Forum it will be taught in such a way that those without the book, even those able to attend only a class or two, can participate and gain from it.

The book cost for "Blessed Are You" is \$13, payable by June 7. Scholarship are available. Because we must order these books in advance,

please preregister by filling out the form below and sending it to the church office or call or email the church office.

Because this course will be offered during the Adult Forum, participants with books and who have done their homework ahead of class will undoubtedly derive more insight and understanding. For more information, contact Marilynn Belleville, 398-6208, or Vicki Hall, 566-4310.

Twenty-nine people are enrolled in the current course. They are sharing a wonderful experience - exploring, learning and laughing! "Blessed Are You" is another great opportunity. Please join us!

Kerygma Registration

Yes, I/we would like to enroll in the Kerygma course "Blessed Are You," scheduled for six Sundays in June and July.

Name _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Please order: ___ 1 book for me/us ___ 2 books for us

Two Issues In One Dragon June & July

Do things slow down in the summer? Is the schedule a little less hectic? Is there time for a vacation? Well, maybe all of the above.

Blame it on a new editor. Blame it on a slow summer. Blame it on kicking back and relaxing.

In any case the St. George's Dragon is slowing down to one issue for June and July. Hopefully we haven't missed anything. Hopefully you'll be able to get along without us for one month.

Keep the news reports coming. We'll be back in August! Happy Summer!!!!

Stdragon@gmail.com is the dragon's new email address or you can send it to the church's email address.

**Everything works better
when you keep your pledge
current during the summer.**

Chelsea Meyer Wins Martin Scholarship

Chelsea Meyer has been named winner of the 2009 Florence Martin Scholarship. The prize is worth \$1,500. The St. George's Scholarship Committee made its recommendation to the vestry at the May vestry meeting. Ed Parsons said the vestry endorsed their findings and awarded the scholarship to Chelsea. Chelsea is the daughter of Steve and Dana Meyer.

Chelsea is entering her second year of studies at Southwestern Illinois Community College and will complete her associate's degree summer 2010. She has a 3.5 GPA. She was elected for membership in Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society for Junior Colleges. Following SWIC, she plans on attending Patricia Stevens College in St. Louis to study interior design.

Chelsea is active in Happening, EYC, and is a Sunday school teacher. She served as Master Acolyte.

Scholarship spokesman, Margaret Blistain said applicants must be members of St. George's. They are evaluated on their involvement with the church and must complete and submit an application by the assigned due date. The application requires two references – one from a teacher and one personal reference; a personal essay; and a school transcript.

St. George's Celebrates Large Confirmation Class

The 4th Sunday in Easter, was an especially joyful day for us at St. George's. Bishop and Mrs. Peter Beckwith joined us to celebrate the 10:30 Confirmations of: Emily Althoff, Erin Kincaid, Jenna Maves, Nikki Overton, Ali Parsons, Kylie Walters plus Kylie's mother, Tammy and the receiving of Julie Herr into our communion

Father Dale reports the six youth were nearly the complete Junior High Class. In the past two years, we have now had 21 youth and adults confirmed or received. Julie Herr, one of the teachers of the Junior High Class, was received. She had been confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church.

In his sermon about Jesus being the Good Shepherd, the Bishop praised our youngsters for their knowledge and faith as Christians. The youth, who met with the Bishop a week before, were thoughtful and articulate about the Church. Father Dale said the class had a clear understanding of Confirmation as a reaffirmation of their Baptismal promises. They, also, understood and were strengthened in the Holy Spirit as the sacrament was administered by the successor to the Apostles, Bishop Beckwith. The Bishop commented the confirmands, in some cases, were better able to explain confirmation than some of his colleagues.

Father Dale said credit goes to the parents of our confirmands, our faith community which helped form our youngsters, and

the teachers of the Junior High: Tom Heiting, Joe Hooten, Brian Maves and Julie Herr. Several members of the class praised the Friday overnight led by Joe Hooten at Toddhall which focused on the Lord's Prayer.

"Our worship and music were glorious. We had many family members and friends as well as new folks visiting, and even Emily Althoff's god parents who came up to pray for her during the Bishop's Laying on of hands." Father Dale noted everyone survived the "slap"!

The Fellowship Commission offered a gala reception. Mrs. Beckwith had an enjoyable time visiting with members of the congregation. She said she was looking forward to her next visit.

Alas, Father learned by not quickly getting down to the reception the cake and other goodies had disappeared.

Whitsunday Offering

This year the offering for the Endowment of the Diocese of Springfield will be collected on Whitsunday, May 31st. This once-a-year opportunity allows each of us to contribute to the future growth of our portion of Christ's Church.

Your support of the Whitsunday offering is greatly appreciated.

Parish Picnic

Toddhall June 14

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but many others and certainly the kids might consider a towel and/or second set of clothing. This wild eruption of water balloons doesn't finish the day.

Tours of our terrific Toddhall will be available. We can mightily search for the Leovy Sward to set up a game or tournament of croquet. Even Wiffle ball and relaxing might find there way into the agenda.

An added treat will be the opportunity to meet Father Dale's daughters, who will be visiting from New Mexico. Will they get wet?

Toddhall is located approximately 13 miles from our parish. Google map offers directions. Leaving Belleville on Centerville Ave/ IL rte 158 cross under IL rte 15 and continue South on IL 158 for 10 miles through Millstadt. About 4 miles past Millstadt, a brown state marker sign will indicate Toddhall's entrance. Turn to the right, then less than a quarter mile later turn down the narrow drive entrance to Toddhall. If you reach the intersection with IL rte 3, you have gone too far. Google notes the driving time from church to Toddhall is 31 minutes.

WEDG SAYS OLE! DINNER - JUNE 24

**July WEDG Set Wednesday July 15
Bully's Smokehouse, Columbia**

Las Cabanas Restaurant in Lebanon has been selected as the location for the June WEDG event. The Women's Ecumenical Dinning Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 24. Yellowpages.com has received one five star review of the Mexican restaurant. Diane Laedlein says the review might just have come from Nancy Ypma, who regularly enjoys the tasty Mexican faire.

Las Cabanas Restaurant is located at 300 S. Madison St which is IL Rte 4. The restaurant is located on the west side of the street, just a few blocks north of where US rte 50 joins IL rte 4. There is limited parking. Side street parking is also available.

Organizer Diane Laedlein says Come for Good Fun, Good Food, and Good Conversation, but please give the church office a call (233-6320) for a head count and reservations. Ole!

The Las Cabanas's phone number is 537-9826. Maps will be at the back of the Canterbury Room.

The July WEDG will be held at Bully's Smokehouse on Wednesday, July 15 in Columbia.

School Supply Drive Set for July - August

The Community Service Commission is sponsoring its annual drive to collect school supplies for the children in the Franklin-Jefferson neighborhood. The drive will begin in late July and continue through early August.

Community Service chair-woman Nicki Massie said past efforts have been highly successful providing needed school gear for low income families. The supplies go to the children who are enrolled in the Franklin Jefferson Neighborhood Association tutoring program which is available for children both before and after normal school hours.

Nicki hopes you will keep this wonderful program in mind when

you see all the Back-to-School sales. The children greatly appreciate your generosity.

Supplies Needed

backpacks (tote bags)
E-Z writing tablets
—— (paper for younger kids)
wide-ruled notebooks
loose-leaf paper
three-ring binders
indexed dividers for binders
pocket folders with brads
note cards
scissors
school glue
glue sticks
writing pencils
colored pencils
pencil sharpeners
crayons
wide markers
thin markers
book covers
pencil boxes
flashcards

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.

Have a bulletin to share? Write your name on it and place it in folder marked "Dragon" in the wall file on the landing between classrooms & offices.

Sprint for a cure

Marathon for Life

By Tom Boschert

The St. George's effort for Relay for Life has begun. As last year, we are asking for the parishioners generous donations. The team members and supporters will assemble at the Belleville Township High School West field for the annual event at 7:00 pm July 11. We'll walk all night and finish up at 7:00 in the morning on July 11.

Cancer has touched many lives at St. George's. It's hard to find any person that hasn't suffered personally or had a family member or friend that has battled the disease. We have lost friends and loved ones. As we began last year's campaign we had just lost our good friend and dedicated parishioner Pat Reese. Yet we share stories of great hope.

Jack Elliott, who has fought stage 4 colon cancer for a decade, says "Cancer is a marathon, not a sprint." He told me that as I was beginning treatment for two different forms of cancer. This year we want to celebrate the marathon as Barb Slocomb has for nearly 20 years. We want to "Sprint for a cure" so everyone battling the disease can "Marathon for Life."

Jack and Sandra Elliott have been named honorary co-chairmen for our team. Becky and John Miller, team members from the start, are going to lead our effort. Last year, the St. George's team (all of us) won the

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"In the beginning" Begins July 26

The first eleven books of Genesis will be the subject of Father Dale's late summer adult form. The series of talks will cover all aspects of the book of Genesis.

What does Genesis say about God and creation? Why is there more than one creation story? How do its themes spell out sin and forgiveness? What are its similarities and differences from other creation myths found in the Middle East?

More and more questions relating to the beginning of the Bible, did Moses write it?

Evolution and design or evolution and design or creationism, Biblical interpretation hit the fan in the 1927 Scopes Monkey Trial in Dayton, TN. Learn about the play *Inherit the Wind* and its accuracy about the event and its antagonists Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan.

It should be an interesting, possibly controversial, stimulating and certainly not dull way to spend the 9 to 10 o'clock hour on Sunday mornings. It will begin on July 26 and run into September.

If your commission or group meets at church, be sure to appoint someone to lock the building after you meeting.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June

- 06/01 Stevi Price
- 06/04 Steven Bender
Katherine Kammann
- 06/05 Frank Cattaneo
Evan Tenpenny
- 06/08 Ann Dunn
Steven Meyer
Chris Buckley
- 06/10 Audrey Fouts
- 06/11 PK Johnson
Carolyn Phillips
- 06/14 Susan Reese
- 06/15 George Evans
- 06/18 Kim Christ
Aaron McNitt
- 06/20 Rebecca Rea
- 06/21 Amber White
- 06/22 Joe Hooten
- 06/23 Rick Parker
- 06/25 Pat Brock
- 06/27 Erin Kincaid
Rebecca Althoff
- 06/28 Jeanne Shepard
Brooklin Carroll
- 06/29 Gail Heiting
Susan Fellner
Stacie Mize
- 06/30 Dakota Lavelly

July

- 07/02 Anna Rauh
David Lavelly
Elizabeth Kammann
- 07/03 Hunter Dunn
Terri McCluskey
Andrew Gray
- 07/04 Jonathan Hall
- 07/05 Tom Heiting
- 07/06 Brian Kuehnl
- 07/08 Bette Givens
Pam Gaseor
Gary Rea
Gina Maves
- 07/09 Morgan Meise
- 07//10 Robert Clinton
Cathy Boehm
- 07/11 Betty Massey
- 07/12 Polly Hampton
- 07/13 Nicole Carroll
Margaret Ann Clinton
Toby Griggs
Stephen Korte
- 07/15 Jean Vaughn
- 07/17 Sarah Dunn
- 07/18 Karen McLean
Patrick Mannix
- 07/19 Katelynn LaMonte
- 07/22 Collette Parsons
Danny Massie
- 07/25 Elma Bevineau
Phil Isbell
- 07/27 Kris Althoff
- 07/30 Diane Johnson
- 07/31 Jenna Maves

Common Threads

Prayer Shawl Expands Ministry

St. George's prayer shawl ministry, Common Threads, has teamed up with St. Elizabeth's Hospital Pastoral Care in the effort to give prayer shawls to patients in the hospital as a tangible sign of prayer and God's endless love. The prayer shawl ministry is the foundation and inspiration for this expanded outreach mission.

St. Elizabeth's Pastoral Care is very excited and thankful for all the hard work the ladies of St. George's have done. Each prayer shawl or lap cover is now given with a brochure on the prayer shawl ministry. St. George's information printed in the brochure.

Lynette Schneider reports Common Threads has been an inspiration to others in the community. A member of the pastoral care team of St. Elizabeth's was approached by a group asking questions. St. George's was identified as the group that began the ministry in conjunction with their pastoral care program. The group is now becoming involved in this outreach.

Recently, Brian Maves's mother-in-law, Linda, asked about our prayer shawl ministry. Information was shared and she has now started a prayer shawl ministry in her church.

Prayer Shawls have been received by many, Father Dale told of how blessed his mother felt having received two prayer shawls from St. George's Common Threads. She was impressed that one was in Salvation Army colors.

One recipient said "I felt great peace and a renewed sense that I could get through this upcoming ordeal.." when the prayer shawl was placed around her shoulders.

Rarely a Sunday passes without one or two prayer shawls being blessed at the communion rail. The members of Common Threads want to thank everyone that is a part of our ministry. Lynette says "We are making a difference, one prayer shawl at a time. "

Thus far, Common Threads has given to St. Elizabeth's large bags of yarn and needles, baby afghans, prayer shawls and lap covers.

Toddhall Schedule June/July 2009

		No. of guests
Jun 02-07	Bits 'N' Pieces Quilters (Ballwin, Mo.)	16
Jun 07-11	Elderhostel	22
Jun 11-13	Heartland Quilters (Brighton, IL)	42
Jun 12-14	Creative Memories - Scrappers (Millstadt, IL)	14
Jun 14	St. George's Parish Picnic	
Jun 14-19	Diocese of Springfield Work Week	17
Jun 16-21	Royal School of Church Music (Kirkwood, MO)	35
Jun 22-25	Jan Copeland Quilters (Wood River, IL)	11
Jun 22-25	Educational Equity Consultants (St. Louis, MO)	35
Jun 26-28	Creative Memories Scrappers (St. Louis, MO)	18
Jun 26-28	Karen's Quilters (St. Louis, MO)	8
Jul 03-06	Edwards Family Reunion (Tulsa, OK)	15
Jul 03-04	Nendeni Presbyterian Comm. Church (St. Louis)	40
Jul 10-12	White Family Reunion (St. Louis, MO)	60
Jul 10-11	Unity Lutheran Church (St. Louis, MO)	10
Jul 10-11	Bible Way Baptist Church (St. Louis, MO)	15
Jul 16-19	Mystery Quilters (Kirkwood, MO)	8
Jul 16-19	Shelly's Quilters (Waterloo, IL)	8
Jul 17-18	New Beginnings Lutheran Church (Gray Summit, MO)	12
Jul 17-19	Hearts 'N' Hands Quilters (O'Fallon, IL)	20
Jul 20-24	Faith Lutheran Church (St. Louis, MO) "Discovering the Arts Day Camp"	40
Jul 23-26	Karen's Quilters (St. Louis, MO)	34
Jul 24-26	Creative Memories Scrappers (St. Charles, MO)	20
Jul 29-31	Missouri Province of Jesuits (St. Louis, MO)	15
Jul 31-Aug 1	First Presbyterian Church (Edwardsville, IL)	15
Jul 31-Aug 1	Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy (Maryville, IL)	16
Jul 31-Aug 1	Diocese of Belleville Deacons (Belleville, IL)	45

Prayer Teams

June Schedule

8:00

7 th	Gail & Tom
14 th	Gail & Margaret
21 st	Becky & Margaret
28 th	Gail & Margaret

10:30

Vicki & Kevin
Picnic
Bob & Gail
Susan & Bob

June Meeting will be on the 8th @ 7:00

July Schedule

8:00

5 th	Becky & Tom
12 th	Kevin & Margaret
19 th	Becky & Margaret
26 th	Kevin & Margaret

10:30

Susan & Bob
Vicki & Gail
Susan & Vicki
Bob & Gail

July Meeting will be on the 13th @ 7:00

1, 2, 3 Strikes Against Hunger

Food Pantry Is Stocked for Needy

The St. George's – St. Mark Food Pantry was richly blessed by the generosity of the citizens of Belleville and the hard work of the children of Belleville Elementary School District 118, Southwestern Illinois College and the Letter carriers “Stamp Out Hunger” food drive.

George Evans, food pantry coordinator, said in a short span of time major donations from the three organizations have filled our Food Pantry. Nearly 175 cases of food were donated. Volunteers divided, sorted and boxed the mountain of canned and boxed food.

A yellow school bus arrived at our door with six members of the student council and their advisor from Abraham

Lincoln Elementary School in Belleville. The children were delivering a school bus full of food collected by the children of District 118. Earlier in the day 10 school buses paraded past all the Belleville elementary schools showing the children what they could accomplish. Each bus was filled with food for the needy and was delivered to an area food pantry. Our pantry received 41 cases of food.

Then Community Activities Office at SWIC offered additional food from their college food drive. Evans said the food came at the right time. The requests for food are increased over this time last year but have been lower than in the fall.

The final food drive by The Letters Carriers

filled our cupboards. This annual event is a major source of food donations to all the area food pantries. Evans said May 9th the food started to arrive early before 2:00 at the post office. Volunteers from our churches began initial sorting and loading onto pickup trucks. A rotating cadre of volunteers filled boxes and moved them to storage areas. Everything was wrapped up by 6:30 Saturday evening.

The food pantry is a volunteer effort. The people of Belleville have responded marvelously. Our regular givers are always faithful. Our volunteers that meet the customers; handle and bag the food make this important outreach program possible. Evans said, each deserve a big thank you.

Happy Anniversary

JUNE

- 06/03 Wil & Nancy Mog
06/09 Charles & Sue McConnell
Charles & Shirley Todd
06/11 Guy & Susan Cantonwine
Ross & Lana Kincaid
06/12 George & Christine Holt
Frank & Mickey Cattaneo
06/13 Mike & Pat Ledden
06/21 Wil & Ariana Hunter
06/22 Barney & Joan Barnes
06/24 Chris & Lisa Treadwell
Dan & Patty Gillen
06/26 Robert & Robin Howard

JULY

- 07/01 John & Brenda LaMonte
07/02 Michael & Debra Harres
07/03 Ted & Lore Cook
07/04 Lumley & Elma Bevineau
07/07 Wayne & Dawn Jung
Diane Earhart & Stephen King
07/11 Steven & Dana Meyer
07/13 Jim & Kris Althoff
07/14 Lou Grubbs & Keeliey O'Hara
07/18 Vincent & Laureen Torigian
07/20 Bill & Madeline Couch
07/22 Frank & Betsy Rogers
07/24 Sam & Amber White
07/25 Rick & Wendy Parker
07/29 Ed & Kathy Parsons
07/30 Bob & Sue Vaughn

"Paseo Con Cristo"

Cursillo Set for Oct 29 at Toddhall Center

Following the National Episcopal Cursillo Program, the St. Louis based "Paseo Con Cristo" community is offering a cursillo weekend at Toddhall from Oct 29 through Nov 1, 2009.

Spokesman Dick Corbett says the program is different from the normal setting of cursillo because it is co-ed and multi-denominational.

The weekend includes – the Stations of the Cross, Candlelight Walk, Agape Meal, Rule of Life, the Chain and much more and "many more surprises." The weekend has four Spiritual Directors, two Episcopalians and probably two Presbyterians.

There is a non refundable \$25 deposit fee for the weekend and then an additional \$140 is due at the beginning of the weekend. The \$25 deposit fee can be applied to a later weekend if a person has to cancel.

"Paseo Con Cristo" translated means "A Walk With Christ". It is a program of Spiritual renewal for both

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Elliot Meyer

Completes Eagle Project

On May 16, Elliot Meyer and 20 friends gathered at the church to begin work on replacing the planter around the tree between the circle of the church and the Nelson and Nelson parking lot.

The project was designed by Elliott Meyer for his Eagle Scout Award. Work began at 8:00 and with a lot of hard work and sweat the physical labor was completed by 2:30.

The area now looks much more inviting with a new stone planter that replaces the falling apart wood. There are also new perennial plants and mulch which gives the area a finished look.

The good weather and a large number of helpers allowed Elliot's project to be completed much sooner than originally planned. This is just another example of how God's hand is in all that we do. His grace is all around us.

MEN May Not Meet This Summer

MEN (Manly Episcopalian Night, formerly known as Male Episcopalian Drinking Guinness) will not be meeting in June or August. We are looking at having a gathering at a Grizzlies game in July. Enjoy the summer.

Graduates

Kayla Hoff has graduated with the class of 2009 from Althoff Catholic High School. Kayla is the daughter of Todd Hoff and Kim DeHoyos and the granddaughter of Carolyn Luggee.

While at Althoff, Kayla was a member of the Mixed Chorus. She has been involved with the Girl Scouts of America for eight years and is an Ambassador. She has won the Girl Scout Silver Award completing a community service project and accomplishing 40 hours of community service work.

Kayla is planning on attending Southwestern Illinois College where she will prepare for a career in social work.

Matt Cantonwine, a graduating member of the 2009 O'Fallon High School, is actually a member of the class of December 2008. Matt finished high school classes early and has been attending Southwestern Illinois College. He is the son of Guy and Sue Cantonwine and the grandson of Lucy Cantonwine.

Matt is taking general education courses at SWIC. He is uncertain about career plans.

Matt has studied the organ under the direction of Dr. Ypma for six years. He has performed at St. George's. Matt is, also, a Master Acolyte.

At OTHS, he was a member of the varsity baseball team and is currently playing catcher and infielder for the American Legion team.

Cursillo Set for Oct 29

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laypersons and clergy.

The program was initially begun in the St. Louis Area as a Cursillo Community in 1979. It was known then as the Gateway Cursillo Community and some St. George's members attended the weekends. Twenty years later, the program changed to "Paseo Con Cristo" to reflect the multiple-denominational nature of the community. Some weekends have three, four, or even five denominations participating.

Each weekend incorporates a series of talks, music, instruction, worship, daily communion, prayer, and interaction among participants.

For more information please contact Dick Corbett at 636-778-0271 or email: dick.c.mail@gmail.com.

Violence Prevention Center Says Thanks

St. George's has received a thank you letter from Jessica Brandon, Executive Director of the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois (VPC).

Ms. Brandon said the VPC "would like to express our sincerest thanks for your donation of cleaning supplies. The women & children residing in the temporary emergency shelter appreciate your generosity....Your contribution provides our clients with items that they cannot always afford to buy themselves."

Noting that domestic violence continues to plague our community, our continued assistance is crucial.

Robin Howard and Marti Evans delivered a large supply of supplies to the center March 23rd.

Sprint for a cure

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Silver Award. Including luminaries, we raised \$5,352 up over \$900 from the 2007 effort.

Our team had 19 members last year with most returning to battle and we welcome everyone interested to join our band. There will be announcements at church and in the bulletin. We'll be selling luminaries and

Marathon for Cure

gratefully accepting donations. We'll be introducing the team. Want to join up? Need to know more? Call John & Becky Miller at 239-9517 or Tom Boschert at 222-9051.

Cancer has touched us all. For this annual event, "Let's sprint for a cure. And, Marathon for Life!"

A double feature

Western & Detective Thriller

On the Radio In Parish Hall

Rated 5 Stars

Come experience an evening of murder, fraud, and intrigue – and I don't mean attend a Vestry meeting. The Community Players are presenting another radio play on Thurs. June 4th and Fri. June 5th in the Parish Hall. Performances will be at 7:30p.m.

The summer "broadcast" features a good ol western and a thrilling detective story. Act I will be *Sheriff Tess Hardy in Fool's Gold* and Act II will be the *Thin Man*. The cast is made up of members of St. George's, St.

Mark, and "Outsiders". It will be another evening of fun watching how radio programs used to be performed including the commercials.

Tickets for the show will be \$5.00 per person and will be available at the door on the evening of the performances. The Community Players will once again donate the profits from these performances to the St. George's/St. Mark Food Pantry. So please come enjoy the talents of your friends and support the Food Pantry.

Correction & addition – Thank you

In May we said thank you to the teachers and staff of our children's Sunday school; however, we missed some folks. I apologize for the oversight. Beth Hendrix co-taught with Steve Meyers and Tammy Walters in the 4, 5 and 6th grade class during the fall and winter. Several

people stepped in to be substitute teachers. Sharon Lavelly, Lisa Treadwell, Sarah Bender, Kim Christ, Maryann Fernandez and Jorge Fernandez cheerfully and capability taught our children Kevin Korte and Nancy Mog were ready but not called. Thank you for your help .

THANK YOU

...to Tom & Marilyn Boschert and their committee for their hard work on St. George's Day celebration. Thank you George & Lynette Schneider for the beautiful St. George's bookmarks..

.. everyone who helped with the Letter Carriers Food Drive on Saturday, May 9.

..Frank Rogers for organizing the Blood Drive on May 17. Thank you to all who donated blood and helped with the Blood Drive.

...to Nancy Ypma and Adult Choir, Joe Hooten and Folksingers, Nancy Ypma and Choristers for a year of great music. Ted Cook for organizing all the choir music and to Dawn Jung for helping with the Choristers.

To the Fellowship Commission, for a great reception following Confirmation and a tasty ice cream social following the joint Ascension Day service.

Youth Shepherds Lead the Way

New Beginnings Offers Fun & Reflection For Junior High Youth in August

Songs, games, skits, youth leaders presenting short talks about friends, siblings, parents, school, “What is Love?”, “Who is Jesus?”, and “The Church” mark the activities of a New Beginnings weekend. The Diocese of Springfield is sponsoring the special weekend for 7, 8 and 9th graders from Aug 14-17 at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp in Springfield.

Bob Vaughn, a New Beginnings sponsor, said the program begins on Friday night at 7:00 and ends on Sunday afternoon. The New Beginnings weekend proceeds in a building block fashion, so participants must plan to attend the entire weekend.

A pair of youth leaders, called Shepherds lead the entire weekend. These high school-aged young people guide the journey. The youth team is assisted by a married couple and spiritual director (clergy) and other adult leaders.

Youth are encouraged to attend more than one New Beginnings weekend. Relationships continually change. It’s good for young people to attend several weekends—there is no limit to the number of weekends a 7-9th grader can attend.

New Beginnings weekends are usually

held in a youth camp setting where young Christians can “retreat” from their ever- hectic world to consider some of the important relationships in their lives.—with parents, with siblings, with peers, and with their Lord.

The program is hosted in the Episcopal tradition, but the experience is for all Christian youth. Episcopal youth are encouraged to invite their Christian friends to the weekend. It is a great outing for an entire junior high youth group! Often, the weekend is the first opportunity for a young person to pause and reflect on their situation and their God. For applications and additional information please contact New Beginnings Coordinators Bob and Sue Vaughn, 618-624-1909.

Episcopal Church Summer Camp

Episcopal Church Camp is set to run from June 28 to July 4. It will be held at the East Bay Camp on Lake Bloomington, Hudson, IL

Children in grades two through eleven are eligible to attend. Adult and young adults might like to become camp counselors. If you have questions please talk with Joe Hooten.

Camp applications are available in the church Office.

THE EYC & YOUTH STAFF

Youth – Dip Your Paint Brush

Work Week Starts June 14

The Diocesan Youth Work Week runs from June 14 through 20. Youth and sponsors will be staying at Toddhall and working with various Metro-East not-for-profit agencies.

Open to all incoming freshmen through graduating seniors, youth from around the diocese will work each day on various projects in the Metro-East. In the evening they will drive to a nearby church for supper and to share their experiences.

St. George's is scheduled to host the Wednesday, June 17 potluck evening supper for Youth Work Week. It will begin at 6:30. After a hard work week the youth will enjoy a day at the Six Flags Theme Park.

Sierra Gore notes

this is the second work week she has been able to participate in. "I am very excited. The Work Week team becomes very close, has tons of fun, learns to appreciate the power of manual work.

It is hard to remember which came first Diocesan Youth Work Week or the involvement of youth and sponsors from St. George's. Joe Hooten recalls his oldest daughter invited mom and dad to take part in work week. They never stopped. It's been 25 years.

Pictures of children, now adults, scraping, painting hammering, cleaning, climbing ladders, and maybe engaging in a little horse play. Lots of kids from all over the diocese have taken part. It's an important experience. The youth return home with warm heart, a smile on their face and a little paint in their hair.

Applications were due 22 May, but, if any incoming freshmen through outgoing seniors are interested, suggest they talk with Joe Hooten to see if there are any openings.

Elliot Says Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for supporting me during my Eagle Project. Without all of the support of my church family I would not have been able to complete the project.

Your financial help

allowed me to purchase all the supplies not donated. I hope you enjoy the new look. It was my pleasure to improve the landscaping of my church home.

Elliot Meyer

the EYC & YOUTH STAFF

The EYC Will Work Freebug Concert in the Park

St. George's Greater EYC will be working in the concession stand Father's Day evening, at Freeburg's concert in the park. The performers for the June 21st event will be the Gateway Quartet.

Concerts begin at 7:00 and run until approximately 9:00. Everyone is invited. The entertainment is free. The proceeds from the evening's concession stand sales will be donated to the youth fund.

Concerts are hosted by St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Freeburg each Sunday evening in June. They are always enjoyable and free for all to enjoy. —dm—

St. Michael's Offers Vacation Bible School

St. Michael's will host a vacation bible school for kids 4 through 10. The VBS will be July 27-31, from 5:30-8:30 PM, at St Michael's Episcopal Church in O'Fallon. The theme is "Wildwood Forest." To get more details or sign up to attend, contact St. Mike's office at 632-6168.

Teen and adult volunteers are needed.

Work Week 2 July 19-25 At Toddhall

The Greater St.. George's EYC are sponsoring a second work week this summer. From July 19-25 the youth will be spending their time working and playing at Toddhall Retreat and Conference Center.

They will be working on property improvement projects during the day and spend the nights at Tynedale House. Dana Meyer said last summer the youth did this for the first time and are interested in making it an annual event. She said the work week is open to anyone entering 6th graders to adults.

Dana said Todd Hall is a great place to spend time during the summer and the youth have found that working to maintain the property is a wonderful way to show their love of God and this community. They would love to have others enjoy the experience with them.

For more information please contact Dana Meyer at 539-3742 or Brian Maves at 624-8351.

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Take me out to the ball game

Grizzly Game July 26

St. George's EYC is sponsoring a trip to the minor league Gateway Grizzlies game against the Southern Illinois Miners on July 26th. The game begins at 3:15 pm.

The day is Christian Family Day at the Grizzly Stadium. The youth are planning to attend the 3:15 game which is being followed by a Christian Rock Concert featuring Sanctus Real. The game is WIBI Take Me Out To The Ballgame Faith Night presented by Greenville College.

Tickets are \$11.00 which includes a T-shirt. Everyone is invited to go. Please contact Dana Meyer at 539-3742 or Brian Maves at 624-8351 before June 15th. The final ticket order will be placed the 15th providing seats are still available. Dana believes this will be wonderful family outing.

Bulletin ...

Thanks to **Robbie, Stacie, Robert & Johnny Mize** for bringing the Easter service bulletin from St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church, Ft. Walton Beach, FL. They, also, brought a copy of St. Simon's welcome packet which offers valuable ideas as we design a new welcome packet for our newcomers.

Get a Little Wet Do a Float Trip With the Youth

The Greater St. George's EYC have planned their annual float trip for the 4th of July weekend. Plans are to leave on Friday and camp at Riverview Ranch in Bourbon, MO. The adventurers will float on Saturday and return home on Sunday.

All youth group members and their families are invited to attend. Dana Meyer said this is a wonderful weekend for fellowship and fun. Last year we discovered the river was almost completely empty on this weekend which is why we chose to go at this time. She said they saw only two other groups all day last year.)

For more information please contact Dana Meyer 539-3742 or Brian Maves 624-8351.

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