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## **NOW WHAT?**

*By Fr. Paul Allick*

Since being called to be your Rector, I've been thinking about the Robert Redford movie, *The Candidate*. It is the story of a long-shot senate candidate who somehow wins, defeating a powerful incumbent. The film ends with the Redford character looking at his campaign manager and asking, "Now what?"

This was one of the central questions for me in discerning whether or not to accept the call to be the Rector of St. George's. What would it mean? What would change? What would be expected of me as Rector as opposed to a Priest in Charge? The liberation to accept the call came when I realized that nothing was going to change. If I was called here, it was because of what I was already doing, not what I was supposed to start doing.

What has changed is that we don't have to wonder anymore. Our discernment work in terms of making a "match" is done. Our Discernment Team worked very hard on establishing a profile of identity both of the parish and of the kind of priest you all wanted/needed. Now we can take a moment to just be together. We can be thankful and enjoy the fact that the first phase of our work is done.

Then what? Then we begin to live into the vision outlined by the Discernment Team and accepted by the Vestry. We will do this in a hundred different

ways I am sure. The important task is to keep focused on the two tenets of the profile: Hospitality and Worship. At every turn we ask, "How is this expressing our mission of hospitality or worship?"

I encourage you to read the parish profile more than once; try to get into your bones. Let it sink in and become part of every idea you have for St. George's. This is what I will be doing and asking the Vestry to do as well.

At the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we learn of how Jesus' identity is made manifest to the whole world. This is where we are as a parish, priest and staff: "Who are we now and who are we becoming?" We have good direction from our parish profile. Now we begin to manifest that identity by intentionally living into it.

## **WARDENS' CORNER**

*By Laura Harmon, Rector's Warden*

I write this at the end of 2009 thinking back on all that we've accomplished this past year.

Over the past year, the attendance in the Sunday school program has increased dramatically. The kids seem to be having a lot of fun learning about church life and their role in it. The Children's Chapel has now been in operation for a year and judging by the comments of our kids, it's a success. The youth have been meeting regularly and seem to

be forming some real bonds. And the adult education has enjoyed a steady attendance so far this year.

This last year we split the Finance and Personnel Committee into two separate committees—Finance and Personnel. Under the leadership of Lou Michelich, the Personnel Committee has pretty much accomplished their first task of updating letters of agreement for all church employees.

This last year we've also established a Newcomer's Committee who are diligently at work on a new parish brochure.

And now it's the beginning of a new year. As always there's plenty of work to do. So what do we want to accomplish in 2010?

In terms of children's education, we'd like to incorporate a music component to the Sunday school curriculum. Is there enough interest for a children's choir?

Last year saw the first confirmation class in a number of years. This was possible due to Father Paul establishing a partnership with other Episcopal churches in the area. And although we don't have any kids this year that are old enough for confirmation, we want to maintain the relationships that have been established with these other parishes.

The Personnel Committee will be finishing up letters of agreement for the parish staff. Then it's on to revising the Employee Handbook.

The Newcomer's Committee will be finishing up a new parish brochure and working on ways to incorporate new members into our parish family.

Yes, 2009 was indeed a busy year and the work never seems to end. I am excited about the vitality and energy I feel in our church right now and am looking forward to continuing the Lord's work in 2010.



## NEWS ABOUT YOUTH AND CHILDREN

*By Heather Whitesell*

### Sunday School :

We are continuing to await the coming of Jesus this Advent season. We have been talking about the messengers of God, particularly John the Baptist, as well as the ministers of God. We all have special talents to share with others.

### Children's Chapel

In chapel, the children have been discussing the Gospel of the day. We will also begin discussing prayer and practice reciting the Lord's Prayer and Apostle's Creed.



### Youth News

We are once again meeting at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Advent has been our topic this month. We are talking about the three aspects of Advent: Kingship, Repentance and Joy.

Youth had a great time at our Friday night Advent party. We ate oodles of noodles and then came back to Heather's house for our second annual White Elephant exchange. It got pretty hectic for a while! We also had a rousing game of cards before it was time for cookies and ice cream. Start saving those unwanted items for next year's bash!

**STEWARDSHIP DRIVE:** Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge cards. If you have not made a pledge and still want to, contact the parish office for a pledge card. Thank you to Kathie Brown and Laura Harmon for working on this campaign.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Kuhfeld on the death of her mother, Maria Pulver, in mid-December.

### STEWARDSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

## AS OF DECEMBER 13, 2009

By Kathie Brown

Parish Warden and Finance Committee Chair

The fall stewardship drive was very successful. It is particularly encouraging in these economic times, and it reflects how we feel about the community of St. George's. The results were certainly helped by a decrease of almost \$11,000 in the Apportionment for the Common Good (ACG) that we pay the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, but the pledge results were also very encouraging. So far we have pledges from 81 families, and 11 of these are new pledges. Of the 70 pledges from families who pledged in 2009, 45 increased their pledge and most others kept their pledge the same. All of this more than made up for the pledges (one of them very large) that we lost due to death.

You may recall that in 2009 we budgeted a deficit of \$23,000. Right now, we are looking at a budgeted deficit of \$5,000 for 2010, and this may improve as a few more pledges come in. Now we have to live up to these pledges. This puts us in a very good position for the future. We can be very proud of what we have done with God's help.

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### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- Madeline Kerr
- 6 Jillian Zaun
- 5 Cindy Schall-Karwacki
- 9 Carole Leonard
- 10 Carol Morgan
- 18 Patti Wales
- 20 Jim Kimble  
Nancy Johnson
- 21 Robert Appelbaum
- 22 Kathy Eckstrom
- 23 Jim Burns
- 25 Myrt Glynn
- 26 Tom Zaun  
Alfred Tsang
- 30 Bruce Bauer  
Louise Gibbs
- 31 Katherine Cady

### S.T.E.P. NEWS

By Camille Schroeder

## SECOND SUNDAY/ SECOND OFFERING - January 10

Juice Sunday/ 2nd Offering, all-in-one



## AN "EVENING OF MUSIC" BENEFIT CONCERT FOR STEP Mark your calendars!

We are very excited to announce that ten congregations within the St. Louis Park faith community are sponsoring an "Evening of Music" concert to benefit STEP, The St. Louis Park Emergency Program and Food Shelf. This is a unique opportunity for us to show our support for our neighbors in need.

The evening will feature musicians Andrew Decker (pianist), Adam Gedde (vocalist), a woodwind trio, the Mahadren Klezmer band, the Yixie Chix and more!

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

Time: 7 P.M.

Place: St. Louis Park High School auditorium  
6425 W. 33rd Street

Be sure to invite your friends and family to be part of this special community event! All are welcome and the event is open to the public. There is a suggested donation of \$15.00 per adult. Hope to see you there.

### GOT NEWS?

By Carole Leonard

If you have news for the newsletter to share with our congregation, please contact either Patty Dittrich at the church office, 952-926-1646, or contact me at 952-544-4394 or e-mail me at [carole2hike@gmail.com](mailto:carole2hike@gmail.com). If you are announcing an upcoming event, we suggest giving enough lead time (at least a month in advance) so people can get it on their calendars. Deadline for articles is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### ST. GEORGE'S ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

## Winter 2010

### Sundays 9:15-10:00 AM (Parish Hall)

#### **January 3:** Youth and Children's Christmas Program

*Come and celebrate the season with our young people.*

#### **January 10:** Along Came Martin Luther King, Jr. The Impact of the Rev. Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement.

*Presented by Mr. Walter Cox*

#### **January 17:** Annual Meeting

*We will gather to review the year, hold elections, hear about the budget, and, of course, to eat!*

#### **January 24:** Yoga with Yosef

*A brief introduction to yoga with voluntary participation in gentle poses to enhance flexibility and reduce stress. This presentation is designed for those over 50 although everyone is invited to attend and participate.*

*Presented by the Rev. Yosef Hunter, a certified instructor*

#### **February 7 & 14:** Women in the Bible

*A survey of women's roles and experiences throughout Holy Scripture.*

*Presented by the Rev. Dr. Mildred Cox*

#### **February 21 – March 21:** Exploring the Catechism

*For the Season of Lent we will dig deep into the teachings of the Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer. In this exploration we will seek to find how the teachings of our faith play out in our everyday lives.*

*Presented by the Rev. Paul D. Allick*

**Please note:** The following classes will be offered at Adult Education on Sunday mornings and also on Wednesday evenings (7 p.m.)

**Sun., Feb. 21/Wed., Feb. 24:** Holy Scripture

**Sun., Feb 28/Wed., March 3:** Sin and Redemption

**Sun., March 7/Wed., March 10:** The Creeds

**Sun., March 14/Wed., March 17:** The Church

**Sun., March 21/Wed., March 24:** The Christian Hope

### **WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

Please join us for Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in Lent. This liturgy will precede the Catechism course at 7 p.m.

### **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 – 7:00 P.M.**

Join us on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Light refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the service.



### **OUTREACH DONATIONS FOR 2009**

Your Outreach Committee decided on the following charitable donations from the \$1,500 Outreach budget for 2009:

\* STEP (St. Louis Park Emergency Program) - \$500

\*University (of Minnesota) Episcopal Community - \$500

\*Dinner at Your Door - \$250

\*Episcopal Relief & Development - \$250

Your pledge and other donations to the church make these gifts possible. Thank you!

Also, St. George's gave \$5,000 to the STEP capital fund drive for their new building.



## THANK YOU TO:

- Mary Kuhfeld for the beautiful crèche that we have in the Narthex; take the time to look at it. Each week there is something new and exciting about it.
- The wonderful Monday-morning counters – always willing to go above and beyond: Nancy Becker, Ron Holbach, Bob Miller and Carol Morgan. Your thoroughness and attention to detail is greatly appreciated.
- Everyone who stayed after the service on December 20<sup>th</sup> to “green” the church. It looks beautiful.
- John Hagerman for arranging the concert of Monroe Crossing at St. George’s and taking care of all the details it entailed.
- Altar Guild who always comes through doing things behind the scenes that make our worship services so meaningful – thank you.
- Betty Bauer for hosting the St. Mary’s Christmas luncheon – her Christmas decorating is amazing.
- Patti Wales for hosting the tea for altar guild members. It is always a pleasant afternoon of conversation and wonderful food.
- Bill Stromberg for coming over and doing “chores” around St. George’s.
- Dave Dittrich for coming in for about the 10<sup>th</sup> year and putting up the aisle candles for the Christmas Eve services.
- Camille Schroeder for again arranging a successful toy and food drive for STEP.
- Carole Leonard for her attention to detail in proofreading the bulletin every week and for taking over the task of the newsletter. A big thank you!
- Praise Group for providing beautiful music for the 4:00 p.m. Family Service on Christmas Eve.
- Randy Egan and the choir for their extra special music during the Advent Season and for the wonderful job on Christmas Eve. Bravo!
- Heather Whitesell for arranging a fun activity for the children on Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – fun was had by all.
- Harry Kelley and Bill Stromberg for cleaning out one of the classrooms in the Christian Education Building and disposing of an old heavy wooden desk.

## ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 – 9 A.M. SERVICE

The Annual Meeting of St. George’s Church is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2010. There will be one service at 9 a.m. followed by a potluck brunch and the Annual Meeting. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like to bring a dish to share. Ovens will be on if you need to keep something warm.

## AND BABY MAKES THREE



Congratulations to Dawn Bacon and Ryan Anderson on the birth of their daughter, Laura Noel Anderson. Laura was born on December 14, 2009, weighed 8 lb 12 oz and was 21 inches long. Mom tells us baby is doing well and she is a good sleeper.

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# Calendar of Events – January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Fr. Allick's day off	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>  8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 9:15 am – Christmas Pageant 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	<b>6</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)  7:00 p.m. – Feast of the Epiphany Holy Eucharist	<b>7</b>  6:30 pm – AA(LL)	<b>8</b>  Fr. Allick's day off  7 pm Supper Club at Schroeder's  6:30 pm Youth Group	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 am – Choir 9:15 am – Adult Education, Sunday School, & Youth 10:15 am – HE, Rite II	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  6:00 pm Personnel Committee  7:00 pm – Finance Committee	<b>13</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	<b>14</b>  6:30 pm – AA(LL)	<b>15</b>  Fr. Allick's day off  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>  6:30 pm – Youth Group	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  9:00 a.m. – HE, Rite II 10:15 a.m. – Potluck brunch 11:15 a.m. – <b>Annual Meeting</b>	<b>18</b>  12 noon St. Mary's Circle	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	<b>21</b>  6:30 pm – AA (LL)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>  8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 am – HE, Rite II  <b>31</b>  8:00 am – HE, Rite 1 8:30 am – HE, Rite II	<b>25</b>  7 pm Buildings & Grounds	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  11:00 a.m. Gospel Based Discipleship (CEB)	<b>28</b>  6:30 pm AA (LL)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

PH = Parish Hall  
LL = Library Lounge  
CEB = Christian Education Building

# Ministers of the Eucharistic Assembly

## January 2010

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
<b>Readings</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 84 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 I Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 I Corinthians 12:12- 31a Luke 4:14-21	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
<b>Chalice</b>	Steve Harvala  Alan Poulsen John Hagerman	Karen Hurlbert  Laura Harmon Cyprian Troyer	ANNUAL MTG  Leslie O'Donnell Alan Poulsen	Maraline Keeling  Kathie Brown Eileen Harvala	Karen Hurlbert  Cyprian Troyer Laura Harmon
<b>Lectors</b>	Steve Harvala  Holden Hagerman Gale Winikoff	Carole Leonard Karen Hurlbert  Paul Schroeder Mary Weekes	ANNUAL MTG  Jeff Evans Marion Miller	Mary Kuhfeld Maraline Keeling  John Stonhouse Emma Eschweiler	Karen Hurlbert  Julian Mejia Caryl Eschweiler
<b>Greeters</b>	Barb Behrens Ron Zaltz	Brad, Margaret & Sophia Heil	Alan & Mary Poulsen	Lou & Rosie Michelich	John & Nancy Taylor
<b>Ushers</b> 8 a.m.	Bruce Becker Ron Holbach	Ron Holbach Bob Miller	Jane Jacobson Bob Jones	Ron Erickson Ron Holbach	Bob Miller Ron Erickson
10:15 a.m.	Kitty Reese Bill Stromberg	Tom Zaun Leon Vann		Lou Michelich Tom Zaun	Tom Zaun Bob Jones
<b>Lay Eucharistic Visitors</b>	Julie Milligan Eileen Harvala	Alan Poulsen Mary Kuhfeld		Laura Harmon Mary Poulsen	Steve Harvala Heather Whitesell
<b>Coffee Hour:</b> 8:00 a.m.	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert	Help needed	Parish staff 9 a.m. service	Carole Leonard, Geri Alberg	Ron Holbach Karen Hurlbert
10:15 a.m.	John & Jane Carlson	John & Sandy Stonhouse		Alan & Mary Poulsen	Bob & Bonnie Jones

## About St. George's

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### Parish staff:

Paul Allick, Rector  
Mildred Cox, Associate Priest  
Patty Dittrich, Parish Administrator  
Heather Whitesell, Children and Youth Coordinator  
Randy Egan, Organist/Choirmaster

### Wardens and Vestry:

Rector's Warden: Laura Harmon  
Parish Warden: Kathie Brown  
Vestry: John Carlson, John Hagerman, Harry Kelley,  
Mary Poulsen, Cyprian Troyer, Mary Weekes, Tom  
Zaun

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## SUPPER CLUB FRIDAY, JANUARY 8



The SUPPER CLUB will be meeting at the Schroeder's on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. This is a potluck dinner and some planning is necessary, so please call Camille or Paul at 952-470-5730 to let them know you're coming and what you will be bringing. Salads, main dishes, and desserts are needed. Also, we will be exchanging white elephant gifts. Check out your closets, curio cupboards, china cabinets, basements, and garages for that unique gift that you would like to share with someone else and bring it to the party to exchange for another gift. All are welcome; just let us know you'll be there.

See you then.

## TO GIVE AWAY:



There is a large older-style projection television in the Parish Hall that we have never used. It was donated to St. George's and the plan was to use it for showing movies, etc. If you are interested in having this in your home, please contact Patty in the office, 952-926-1646 and let her know when you can pick it up. If someone doesn't want it by the end of January, it will be taken to be recycled.