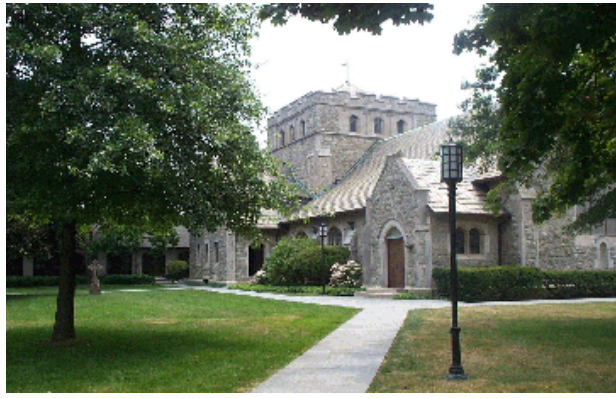


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September 2010

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. GEORGE'S-BY-THE-RIVER RUMSON, NEW JERSEY

From the Rector

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'follow me.' ...Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus, son of Joseph from Nazareth.'" Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'

"Come and see" is what our church hopes for – persons interested in coming to check out our worship, ministries, and people. But coming and seeing is only a starting point! What we truly long for and what Jesus longs for are those who are willing not only to come and see but as Rick Warren says, for those who are willing to "come and die." In other words, visiting church for an hour on Sunday is merely the beginning. The goal is a visitor who has been **transformed into a disciple**. This is true not only for newcomers but for all of us. Ask yourself: do you "visit" St. George's once a week or have you given your *life* to Christ?!?

This fall will bring opportunities for each to become Jesus' disciple or to grow in discipleship. I pray that we will find something that piques our interest and arouses our spirit, enabling us to grow into the likeness of Jesus. Why not peruse the pages of this newsletter with an eye to becoming more deeply involved in the life of Jesus here at St. George's-by-the-River? A good beginning point is to commit to memory St. George's mission statement:

Wherever you are on your life's journey,
St. George's-by-the-River
welcomes you to be a part of our family
as we endeavor to **seek, share, and serve:**
SEEK God and God's will for our lives;
SHARE our faith, knowledge, and gifts;
SERVE God, one another, and the world.

As is the case every summer, I look forward to being with all of you again this coming fall as we grow together.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Ophelia G. Laughlin, Rector

Curate's Corner

I very recently stumbled across the John Templeton Foundation webpage (<http://www.templeton.org/>). There is a tremendous amount of interesting information there, including facts about the organization's philanthropic endeavors, as well as Sir John Templeton's life story. The latter webpage documents Templeton's devotion during the second half of his life "to promoting the discovery of what he called "new spiritual information." (John Templeton Foundation, 2010, para. #5).

What I found most interesting though are two other Templeton Foundation initiatives. The first is the Foundation's "Big Questions Online" initiative. (<http://www.bigquestionsonline.com/>). There are numerous articles about matters concerning science, religion, markets, and morals that are assuredly worthy of a person's reading and reflection. Where else online can you read a review about the controversial book What Darwin Got Wrong as well as watch a video series seeking to answer the question: Does Moral Action Depend on Reasoning?

I imagine one could simply answer both of these questions without much further thought. That's not the case here though. The foundation seemingly has created a complex webspace filled with wisdom and information in an effort to fulfill Templeton's vision of stressing "the universality of the search for spiritual insight" and emphasizing "the historic contributions to human wisdom provided by the world's various religions and cultures." (John Templeton Foundation, 2010, para. #2). The website is terrific for Episcopalians who value Anglicanism's emphasis upon "Scripture, Tradition, and Reason" as the bases for living a righteous, holy, and proper Christian life. I especially commend this website to those of us who truly do wish to use our God-given reason as a means for understanding the world we live in as well as how to cope and confront the practical and spiritual complications of our times.

An extension of Templeton's "Big Questions Online" program is a "Big Questions" essay series wherein scholars, scientists, theologians, economists, and politicians provide their answers and rationale for such questions as: "Will Money Solve Africa's Development Problems?" and one that I found particularly interesting: "Does the Universe have a Purpose?" Twelve experts from a variety of disciplines answered

this question. Two of them said no. Five of them said yes (in one manner or another). The other five experts responded with answering ranging from "not sure" to "I hope so." What would your answer be and why?

John F. Haught, Senior Fellow of Science & Religion at Georgetown University's Woodstock Theological Center began his answer about the universe's meaningfulness in this way:

"The fact that we can ask such a question at all suggests an affirmative answer. The impassioned search for meaning, perhaps our species' most distinctive trait, is not a longing that lifts us out of the universe, or that takes place outside of nature. We are, after all, as much a part of nature as roaches and rivers. So too is our thirst for meaning." (Haught, 2010, para. #1).

His answer prompted me to consider the question of meaningfulness from a Christian perspective. St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon in late 2nd Century CE wrote (as translated in English) "*The glory of God is a human being that is fully alive.*" His thoughts echo a prevailing tenet of Eastern Orthodox Christianity as taught by St. Athanasius that "*God became man so that man might become a god.*"

We as Christians believe that God is the divinely creative force responsible for the universe's design and formation. It may be somewhat self-centered yet imaginative to likewise believe that God's deepest desire for us as well as for all creation is to live life to its fullest and best possibilities. The fullest incarnation of God's divinity and design into our experience is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. St. Irenaeus went on to write (as translated in English) "the Word of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who did, through his transcendent love, become what we are, that He might bring us to be even what He is Himself. (Irenaeus, n.d.). This sort of "ridiculous love" as Bishop Cancell preached about back in June when he was here at St. George's is really a "Big Question" that provokes me to think, pray, and act upon my Christian Faith in bold and curious ways.

What does it mean for me on daily and life long levels to put trust in the fact that God's Grace is so profound as to consider my well being and fullness of life as an integral part of God's creative design? How does such Grace shape my actions, morals, and relationships with God, the creation, my family, and friends? The meaningfulness of my life is important to God;

consequently, what are the steps I should take to give thanks back to God as I continue to be in awe of the universe's beauty and life's precious and fleeting qualities. What are the steps I should strive to achieve in order to become fully alive? How does my faith in Jesus the Christ's life, actions, death, and resurrection shape stimulate the life that I have because of Christ's presence in my body, mind, and soul.

A rabbinical approach to living the Christian life in our age means that we must wrestle with such challenging concepts. Finding answers to life's questions often requires asking even more questions and communing with God and God's people in order to gain answers and meaning. It's my hope as the incoming school year approaches and as we take leave from summer vacations and relaxation that we will approach the Lord's Work as a parish that is willing and ready to repond to the "Big Questions" we confront through study, worship, and discipleship. I pray that we are individually and personally willing to seek to best understand what God's intention for us as we strive as Christians and as The Church to become more "fully alive" in prayers and actions that mirror Jesus the Christ incarnation while enabling us to become the more fully divine human beings that God desires us to be.

Blessings Along The Way,
Jim+

Children/Youth at St. George's

St. George's New Youth Group Leader!

My name is Emily Mott and I am going to be the new Youth Coordinator at St. George's. I am excited to start working at the beginning of September. My plans for the Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups for this year are still being developed, but I do know some things that we will keep the same. Jim and I plan on continuing to meet with the Sr. High on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-8:00pm starting September 15. This gives everyone a chance to get used to his or her new place in school. We also want to keep the Jr. High meetings "event-based" (usually once a month) with one starting in September as a get to know one another. This will be great for me to get to know everyone in the group and them to get to know me! I am thinking September 23 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. I cannot wait to start and meet you all!

Another upcoming event that would be great to have the youth of all ages involved in is Cardboard Box City (see more details under Outreach) that is a way for Family Promise Monmouth County to raise money for homeless families. It is held September 24 starting at 5pm with setting up your cardboard house and has entertainment that lasts all night. Participants need to raise a minimum of \$100 and bring a cardboard box to spend the night in (youth must be accompanied by an adult). If there are any other questions or if you would like to participate please email myself, Emily Mott, at mott.emily@gmail.com and check out the website <http://familypromisemc.org/cardboardcity.html>.

Thoughts about Youth Programming for the coming School Year

Lovett Weems, Jr., Director of the Lewis Center for Leadership recently wrote: *"The stronger a congregation's distinctiveness and sense of direction, the more likely it is to be spiritually vital and growing."* There's a discovery for me as I discern the next steps we need to take here at St. George's as we seek to make our youth programming distinctive, with an "Anglican" sense of direction. The time is now for us as a congregation to make our High School, 6:8, and Communion Youth Groups even more spiritually vital and prospering than they presently are as we approach the 2010-2011 school year.

A group of REACH workcampers provided motivation to focus on as Emily and I along with the Parish Youth Council venture out to shape this year's youth programming. The campers said that:

1. They enjoy the youthful concept of the devotional they participate in at REACH. They like the singing, and upbeat nature of the worship. One of them was bold enough to indicate that many of the kids feel that the 10 am service is "old" or "traditional" and not directed at them. I agree; therefore, I want to brainstorm with Emily Mott and the teens about what we can do to fill their needs for enjoyable, spiritual, and thought-provoking worship. We will begin by using weekly youth group meetings that are responsive and work for them. I also want to maintain attention on "Eucharistic" activities because that's one thing that distinguishes us from other Christian groups at REACH and in the world.

2. The REACH workcampers enjoyed how the St. George's group took the time to take a deeper and more spiritual look at the concepts and talking points from the REACH program. I'd like to let them and you know that I, as their chaplain on that trip, had the time I needed to shape our youth group devotionals because of the excellent dedication and character of the chaperones and young people who traveled to Hurricane, WV. They freed me up to take the time I needed to consciously and prayerfully prepare for each night's devotional time. It was "awesome" because we worked with one another to boil down each day's topic and toss them around for input, discussion and interpretation from our distinctive Episcopalian point of reference.

It seems that our High School youth group members are ready to discuss matters of religious weight, if guided by Emily Mott and/or me. They like the ice breakers, but they want to focus on devotion and less on fun for the sake of fun.

Alrighty then! Thank you Jesus! We have a terrific departure point to embark on this pilgrimage from because the REACH kids came back with a list of distractions that take their attention off of God and on more secular things. I want us as a group to look into scripture, pray on, and discuss these topics with one another. I also intend to ensure that all of our youth group activities are both fun, and faithful. We'll see what we can find in terms of virtual resources and "live music" to make Wednesday nights more relevant and ridiculously worthwhile for the teenagers while also find the right balance between worship and enjoyable activities for our 6:8 and confirmation groups.

3. *"Kids are motivated to do more acts of service at this time and do not want to lose it."* Sweet! We've got Family Promise meals we can prepare as well as support Family Promise with their September "Cardboard Box City" fundraising and awareness event. We started something new with last year's "Garage Band Gig for Haiti" event. There's more than enough need in the local area and around the world for all of our youth groups to support. There are plentiful opportunities for them to create new relationships with people and Jesus the Christ.

That being said, it's important to ensure that our teens understand that there's a connection between prayer and acts of social justice. There's a reason that we follow our Lord in offering self-sacrificing compassion to other people. It's important to know how to nourish one's self in prayer just as it is important to know how to nourish someone with no food in their refrigerator.

4. We have a core group of leaders – ok, let's call them apostles ☺ who really want to lead these issues and drive a more successful youth year. John Ward, our REACH Workcamp Coordinator, as do many adults here at St. George's wants to encourage these devoted young adults to become leaders, to fail and learn.

It's absolutely true that youth groups flourish when they claim the group as their own. We're at the place where the St. George's youth can claim their own distinctive identity. We need to allow them to grow as young adults and let them act as shepherds for our younger youth (6:8 and confirmands) and youth from the community.

There is a kindling fire that has been lit, perhaps the sort of redemptive fire that Jesus taught to his disciples in the Gospel of Luke. Our mission before us as adults and mentors this year is to provide oxygen for the Holy Spirit's flames. There are diocesan programs at our disposal that we haven't taken full advantage of in the past. We are blessed to now have bright and creative energy with our new youth director, Emily Mott. Those factors don't mean that you can't help out in some way. You can serve as a mentor for one of our confirmands. You can serve as a chaperone for one of our 6:8 event trips to the Holiday Express warehouse. You can prepare meals for our High School youth group meetings or share your musical talents with them in a way that speaks to them that our traditional Sunday worship does not. For goodness sake, you might even want to lead a devotional, serve as a 6:8 group adult leader or teach a confirmation session. Let one of our kids, Emily Mott, Ross Richardson, or me know. I assure you that, with God's help, you will capture and be blessed by the sparks of the fire that is burning in the hearts, minds, and souls of our young people.

Church School



*"Train up a child
in the way he
should go; even
when he is old he
will not depart
from it."*

(Prov. 22:6)

Crisp September days always feel more like the start of a new year to me than January 1st does. A refreshing optimism and energy infuse the air as the intense heat of summer gives way to cooler fall mornings. Yellow buses rumble along River Road, school yards ring with the voices of children, and the pews of St. George's will be crammed with families again.

Welcome to church school and, if you're new to St. George's, welcome to our wonderful church family. Plans are underway for an inspiring, fun-filled year, and we're blessed with a fantastic team of Sunday School teachers who are excited about sharing God's message of love and hope with our children.

Registration for pre-school through 8th grade children will take place at the coffee hour following the 10 a.m. service on September 12th. Classes will begin on September 19th at 10 a.m.

A registration form also is included in this newsletter and may be delivered or mailed to the church office. On-line registration is available on the church's website (drop-down menu: youth/church school/enroll my child).

The teachers and I look forward to welcoming your children to their new classes in a few short weeks. Until then, enjoy the last beautiful days of summer.

Kate Appezato, *Superintendent*

Musical Notes

Help Wanted: Adults and children with a spirit of service and fun; needed to assist in the leading of worship through their participation in the choir program at St. George's. Numerous openings available. Non-stipendiary, but good for the soul.

With this advertisement, I would like to invite each parishioner to prayerfully consider joining one of the musical ensembles detailed below.

- The **St. George's Choir** is comprised of wonderfully warm and inviting people and participates in leading weekly worship, as well as in evensongs and special services throughout the year. This dedicated group rehearses from 7:30 to 9:00 each Thursday evening. Although previous singing experience and the ability to read music is appreciated, it is not necessary for participation. **Rehearsals for the St. George's Choir begin on October 14th.**
- The **Choir of Boys & Girls** leads the worship on Sunday mornings (approximately every third Sunday), as well as at the Family Service on Christmas Eve and on Easter Day. Special consideration is given to the scheduling of this choir's participation so as not to conflict with school and vacation schedules. The only requirements for membership in this ensemble are a fluent reading ability, an enthusiasm for singing, and a willingness to learn and have fun. Rehearsals are held from 4:30 to 5:15 on most Thursday afternoons with pizza parties scheduled for the Thursday following each Sunday the choir sings. Additional group activities and outings are currently being planned for this ensemble for the 2010-11 choral year. **Rehearsals for the Choir of Boys & Girls begin on October 14th.**
- St. George's is fortunate to have one of only four authentic carillons in New Jersey and is in need of additional ringers to play this magnificent 27-bell instrument before services and for special occasions.

If you've always had the urge to play these bells and can read music, please consider becoming a member of this important team.

While a heartfelt commitment to either ensemble is expected, please note that we realize important events in one's personal schedule may require him/her to miss an occasional rehearsal and/or service. This is not an "all or nothing" proposition!

I would ask that each person consider participating in one of these ministries. I am confident that you and/or your children will find the experience musically, spiritually, and socially satisfying! If you are interested in participating, please see me after a Sunday service for additional details or email me at: pleininger@njsymphony.org.

In continued service –

Philip

Outreach: TO SEEK, SHARE, SERVE

August/Beginning of September

Wishing Well: We are collecting school supplies for donation to Foster and Adoptive Services. Any school supplies would be appreciated (backpacks, pencils, spiral notebooks, etc.). The wishing well is located in Ralph Hall. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, AT 8 OR 10AM, WHEN OUR DONATIONS WILL BE BLESSED AT THE ALTAR AND SENT OUT TO NEEDY CHILDREN IN NJ! WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS!!** Foster and Adoptive Services is headquartered in Monmouth Junction NJ. They are the leading statewide advocacy agency for foster and adoptive parents. Their mission is to provide support, training and advocacy to meet the special needs of foster, adoptive and kinship families, who provide safe, stable and nurturing homes for children in foster care. They provide: toll-free hotlines, advocacy/support services, liaison/mediation services, information resources, referral services, education/training, public awareness/recruitment, recreational fund, scholarship fund and community based support.

September – October 3rd ***Outerwear for Outreach***

We will be collecting up to 3 adult or child coats or parkas per family in September through October 3rd. Please have the coats cleaned and delivered in cleaner wrappers. The coats will be donated to Lunch Break and Project Paul. If we collect more coats than anticipated we will contact other agencies to determine their need. Coat racks will be set up in the back of the church as well as Ralph Hall.

Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Program of Family & Children's Services, Long Branch NJ

- **Medicare Savings Programs** - Family and Children's Service has been awarded a one-year grant to help seniors, individuals with disabilities and their caregivers apply for special assistance through Medicare. The grant will be used to help eligible individuals apply for programs that pay some or all their Medicare Parts B and D premium, deductible, coinsurance and/or co-pay costs. For information call Family & Children's Service at 732-728-1331.
- **Volunteers** are needed to provide respite services. Volunteers will engage clients/care recipients in reading, reminiscing, sharing a meal, assistance with light chores, taking walks, playing cards, etc. Volunteers will also provide a time of temporary relief for the caregiver. If you are interested please call Samantha White at 732-728-1331.
- **Reading Buddies Program** – Volunteers are needed to read to kindergarten through second grade students during school hours for one hour, once a week. They serve 18 public schools in Monmouth County. Substitute readers are also needed. Training is offered and books are supplied. Call Kate Kingsbury at 732-728-1331 for more information.
- **Reading Buddies Backpack Project** – are seeking monetary donations as well as backpacks, scissors, paper, pens, crayons, markers, folders and glue sticks, among other supplies, for Monmouth County elementary school students. Call Kate Kingsbury at 732-728-1331 for more information.

Request for Food - Lunch Break

Dear Friends of Lunch Break,

One of our most pressing and ongoing challenges here at Lunch Break is keeping our pantry shelves stocked with food. From our pantry we distribute emergency food provisions to working class poor families who are struggling to make ends meet. We are currently serving close to 200 families per month, up 200% from 2008! And we are finding it difficult to keep food on the shelves. Please consider donating any of the items listed below to help keep our shelves replenished.

We are currently in need of the following:

Soups, Macaroni & Cheese, Tuna, Gravy, Cereal, Grits, Canned Beans, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Italian Dressing, Bath soap, Mouthwash, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Grocery store gift cards

How to donate

- **Deliver at our back door** You can deliver your donations to the back door of Lunch Break anytime:
Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and
Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Donate during a food drive**
- **Drop off food in the bins in the Narthex or in Ralph Hall (outside the kitchen)**

Also, please share this email with your friends, family and Facebook contacts that might want to help. They can go on our website for more information about our services: www.lunchbreak.org We hope we can count on you for your help, as the community is counting on us.

Calling all students!

Are you looking for a great community service project for National Honor Society or for your college application? Family Promise can help. We are sponsoring a homeless awareness and fund raising event on **September 24, 2010**. Participants will sleep overnight in a cardboard box and dine from a soup line to let our community know that we really do have homeless families right here in Monmouth County.

Did you know that on any given day in Monmouth County there are 242 children who are homeless? A recent report by the National Center on Family Homelessness estimates that New Jersey is home to 7,557 homeless children.

What can you do? You can organize your friends, neighbors, team, youth group, club etc and participate

in the event! Everything you need to know is on our website, www.familypromisemc.org (click on events; then Cardboard Box City); we will be available to answer any questions you might have. Identify yourself as the group planner and we will be happy to 'sign off' on your service hours. (Be aware that an adult chaperone is required for every 5 students/youth). The money that you raise will help Family Promise continue to provide families with the following essential services:

- A safe place to shelter their family until permanent housing is found;
- Individual case management services to address their health, education, employment and housing needs;
- A home base, with access to showers and laundry facilities, and a home address for job and service applications;
- Telephone and voice mail services, allowing potential employers and landlords to contact them;
- Computer and Internet resources to study and do homework, as well as to look for jobs and housing;
- Transportation assistance to get them to school and work;

Participating in our event is a way to make a difference in the community AND get valuable service hours for your efforts. Should you decide to join us, please call us or send us an email so we know to expect you and can send you emails regarding the activities we have planned.



St. George's Knitters

Our knitters have continued knitting for the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) of NY & NJ working towards the "Christmas-at-Sea" program. I am pleased to report that to date this year a package was delivered to SCI containing 34 items of caps and scarves for their Christmas parcels. We are preparing to send a second UPS shipment in early September and so far have 23 pieces of knitting ready. Please let me know if you have more completed work to be included. In 2009 we were able to send over 100 items so let's endeavor to knit at least as many for Christmas 2010 – there will be another shipment in late October. Our KNITTING DROP OFF BOX in Ralph Hall appears to be missing at present

so catch me in church after 10 a.m. Sunday Service or call me at 732 747-8376 concerning finished work.

Thank you to all for your continuing service and ministry to the seamen. A note of thanks from the SCI is posted on the board in Ralph Hall. We welcome all new knitters. Please call me with any questions. You may also access the SCI web site for knitting patterns and to read about the Christmas-at-Sea program at the SCI website at:

<http://www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea>

Janet Whitman, (732) 747-8376 rwhitman@comcast.net

Please consider including St. George's-by-the-River in your Will.

Parish Prayer List

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- The sick: Lori Cuffari, Toni, Lily, Fred, Jere Cranmer, Nancy, Karl Rudiger, Jenna, Dottie, Janey, Sally Tully, John O'Leary, Nancy Kelly's family, John, Kari McBride, Roberta Cranmer, Charles Covert, Chuck Wagner, Thomas O'Brien, Tammy, and the people of Haiti.
(Prayer request names will be retained for two months unless the office receives further updates)
- Those serving in our Armed Forces Jon Erwin (son of Anne Marie & Don, Army, serving in Afghanistan) Kimberly Kane, David Zallo, Christopher Kane, Christopher Petrillo, Matt Guidone (friend of Robin & Chris Colman, Army, serving at Ft. Bragg, NC) Greg Bebout, (friend of Bonnie Covert), Jeff, Robert Coyle (friend of Joan & Al Pra Sisto, serving in Afghanistan), Justin Mayer (friend of Bonnie Covert, serving in Afghanistan), Jim Devlin (son of Christel & Bob, Navy, serving in Japan), Jake Pettit (grandson of Peggy Werber, Marines, Camp Lejeune), Ryan Murphy (son of Barbara & Mark, Army), Steven (brother of Danielle Reid, AF Reserves, med-evac group serving in Afghanistan) and all others.
- The families of the recently deceased: William Irving Riker, George Vernon Coe, III, Florence Mary Gilmour, Marilyn Jean Heinsius
- Thanksgiving for:
- Those recently Baptized: Carson Jane Del Priore, Nicos Adrian Feldmann, McKenzie Jay Kubassek, William Nolan Webb, James Joseph Whalen, III, Katherine Fairfax Olson, Neil Anthony DeSena, II, Emory Leigh Herbruck, Owen Edward Hughes, Amelia Jane Mullins, Noah Rielly Roth, Cooper Leigh Memmott
- The marriages of: Tiffani Maurer and Christopher Despo on July 30
Parker McCarter and William Engels on August 28
- The birth of: Katherine Anne on August 3 to Beatrix and Paul Patton

Fellowship

Beach Bash

Come one! Come all! St. George's-by-the-River is having their "Third Annual Parish-wide Beach Bash"!!!

Your entire family is invited! On: **Saturday, September 11th** Raindate: Sunday, September 12th Time: 4:30 p.m.

At: Sea Bright Public Beach Parking: Free! Kids and adults just want to have fun so join us for:

- Potato Sack Races
- Water Balloon Toss
- Tug of War-exciting!
- Squirmy Wormy Toss
- All New! Happy Meal & Going to Work Relays

Bring your own picnic, beach blanket, chairs, radios and drinks. We will provide POPSICLES!!!!

Save the Date – September 18th

Newcomer "Meet and Greet" Reception (FREE) followed immediately by the Annual Crabcake Fest Reception & Dinner . . . and Raffle Drawing

Please plan to be a part of this entertaining parish event – with chances to meet some of the many newcomers we've attracted, chances to gather with our not-so-new comers and chances to win prizes.

Funds collected from the Dinner and Raffle will be used to support all parish activities including our Outreach and Youth Programs. We are very proud of our Outreach funding, especially in these difficult times. We're also adding to our Youth Program with the hiring of Emily Mott as Youth Coordinator. If you heard the Reach Camp volunteers talk about their experiences last week, you know how rewarding it can be for us all to find ways to support the spiritual development of our youth.

Tickets for the Reception/Dinner are \$50 per person (partially tax deductible) and the comraderie is priceless. **There is no charge for the "Meet and Greet" reception.** The band, Familiar Faces, featuring our own Pam Minson and Mark Murphy will entertain us.

As you've all seen in the letter & tickets that were mailed to all parishioners, this year's Raffle will feature 3 significant prizes:

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| 1 st Winner | Winner's Choice of a 10 day
Mediterranean Cruise for two, |
| OR | |
| | 5 days, 4 Nights at Disney World for two
families (4 Adults-4 children) |
| 2 nd Winner | 46" LED TV in 3D |
| 3 rd Winner | Dinner for 4 at Nicholas Restaurant in
Red Bank |

Please return these tickets as soon as possible, hopefully sold. The purchase of a St. George's raffle ticket is more than a chance to win a great prize. It is a wonderful way to give back to others in need, to draw closer to others in our parish, and have some fun doing both. See you there !

Thank you & Warm Regards,
Finance Committee

September 15: Deadline for articles for the October/November Dragon Pause

Sacraments

Baptism

The next date for **baptism** is **November 7th**. Please call the church if you are or have a candidate for baptism. The date for prebaptismal instruction for all parents and godparents will be November 6th at 9:30 a.m. (please do not bring infants and small children). Membership and active participation in the life of the church are expected of candidates and sponsors.

The “Village Eucharist:” an Opportunity for Celebration and Thanksgiving!

Our service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays, 6pm, (the “Village Eucharist”) resumes on Wednesday September 15th. This year we want to especially incorporate birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, new jobs, and any/ all blessings. Come beginning on the 15th if you have a September event or milestone to share and/or for which to give thanks! Bring your friends and family to share in a prayerful time together.

Naturally this service is “open” whether you want to celebrate or complain to God, or simply worship. Come for any reason and bring a friend!

A Word about Funeral/Memorial Service Planning

Although no one wants to think about it, much less plan for it, it is very important to plan appropriately for your own and/or for your loved ones’ funerals. Without your wishes in writing, your family is likely to be at a loss as to know how best to conduct your funeral, memorial service and/or burial. Why not take a moment, therefore, and fill out this form, which may then be kept on file here at St. George’s? More detailed information can be found on our website at www.stgeorgesrumson.org; (Click on the “About Us” tab on the menu at the top of the page and then on the “FAQ’S and Downloads” tab). Mark your calendars now for a **funeral and estate planning workshop** at St. George’s on Sunday, **November 14, ’10**, following the 10am service in Ralph Hall.

St. George's-by-the-River
7 Lincoln Ave
Rumson, New Jersey 07760

Funeral/Burial Planning Form

(Further information may be found in the St. George's Christian Burial Booklet or online at www.stgeorgesrumson.org under "FAQ's and downloads")

Name of Deceased (as you would like it on the service bulletin): _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____

Family Contact _____ Relationship to deceased _____

Contact Info. _____

Funeral Home (Name/Address/Telephone): _____

(Please note that a "viewing" in a funeral home is not necessary, but if desired, body may rest "in state" in Chapel of the Resurrection at St. George's with visitation by family as desired).

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The Liturgy

Funeral with body/casket present _____ or Memorial Service (no casket present) _____

Rite I _____ Rite II _____

Holy Eucharist _____ if yes, chalice bearer _____

Bulletin needed: _____ yes, (if yes how many) _____, no _____

Scripture Readings: (see BCP pp 494-495 for suggestions): _____

Readers: _____

Remarks? If yes, who? (Name(s) for bulletin) _____
(No more than 3 persons @ 5 minutes each)

Hymns/Special Music: _____

Florist: Boxwood _____ OR Guaranteed _____

After the Service:

Reception: Yes _____ No _____ If Yes, Ralph Hall with St. George's Hospitality Committee _____ elsewhere _____

Burial Place: Memorial Garden _____ Columbarium _____ elsewhere _____ Clergy Required: Yes _____ No _____

Announcing an Exciting New Study Opportunity
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Religion and Science
Other Religions
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The God of the Old Testament
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The Sins of the Church
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* A donation is requested for Family Promise, a charity providing services for homeless families

Parish Miscellany

ARE YOU ON OUR LIST? CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS? Currently we have a major part of our members who receive weekly email messages from our Rector and Curate as well as other important information. If you are not on our list and would like to be included, please email Debbie Duffy (debbie@stgeorgesrumson.org) or call 732-842-0596 to add or update. All addresses will be strictly confidential. **Attention Earthlink users:** Earthlink considers all emails from St. George's as spam and so any email sent to Earthlink is returned to us. If you have given us your email address and are not receiving the weekly emails, please check your security settings. Many emails are returned to us as "message could not be delivered."

It is our aim always to be good financial stewards. We want you to be assured that we try to be very mindful of how your money is spent here at St. George's. We also aim to be good stewards of our environment, and so, as a way of reducing costs and paper waste, we encourage all parishioners to access the Dragon Pause by logging onto our website at www.stgeorgesrumson.org . ***If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact Debbie Duffy, our parish secretary (732-842-0596).*** (No need to call if you are already receiving a paper copy) Thanks for assisting us to be thoughtful users of the gifts God has given us!

The **Ministry Institute** offerings for Fall 2010 are now available online: <http://newjersey.anglican.org/MI>. If you like, you can also download a full catalogue in PDF. Registration can be done online, by email or by using the postal service.

Special Music at St. G.'s:

1. Sunday, September 26th, 10:00 a.m. our own Pam Minson
2. Sunday, October 3rd, 10:00 a.m.: Dorrian Parreot
3. Sunday, December 5th, 10:00a.m.: Matt Bolinger

Angel Food Ministries Given the economic woes and high unemployment rates, you might be one of many families experiencing difficulty in putting food on the table. If so, log onto www.angelfoodministries.com to find out how you can get a box of food for 4 for \$30. Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe. There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions, or applications. Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support throughout the United States.

TechnoTrash! No, it's not the name of the newest Garage Band but is something to notice. Old CD's, DVD's, diskettes, cell phones, mystery cables, tapes, ink cartridges, any and all of that stuff is really bad for our environment when discarded into landfill. Please join in our Stewardship effort to responsibly dispose of our trash. When you come across any "technotrash" bring it to church! We now have a receptacle to collect those items. The clearly labeled box is in Ralph Hall. When filled the box will be sent to a company that properly **recycles** all the components. For more information go to: <http://www.greendisk.com/> "Because good planets are hard to find."

PLEASE DON'T FORGET YOUR PLEDGE TO ST. GEORGE'S!

St. George's-by-the-River Church School Registration 2010 – 2011

Family Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Address: _____ Town: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

<u>Children's Names</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Male/Female</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please notify your child's teacher if your son or daughter has any food allergies as snack is often served.

Please Volunteer!

With just a few hours of your time (3 hours or less), we can offer many additional activities in the Church School classroom. We ask that each family volunteer for one activity throughout the year. Please volunteer by selecting from the following:

- _____ Christmas Pageant _____ Snack Cabinet _____ Classroom support
- _____ Art project support _____ Christmas Caroling at King James
- _____ Advent Wreath support _____ Classroom Textbook support _____ Other

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

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The Rev. James Strader, Curate
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WORSHIP AT ST. GEORGE'S

The heart of our parish life together is Sunday morning worship.
Our Sunday schedule is listed.

Every Wednesday throughout the year the Eucharist is celebrated
at 12:00 p.m. together with the Ministry of Healing. A Village Euchaist
is celebrated Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners interested in receiving the Sacrament of baptism,
confirmation, reconciliation of a penitent or matrimony, are asked
to call one of the clergy.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist/Healing
Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Village Eucharist

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