



# St. George's Journal

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - HELLERTOWN, PA

## FROM YOUR DEACON

Real estate agents know that location is one of the most important factors in the value of a property. People who buy tickets to sporting events, concerts and plays know the same thing. Your location in the stadium or theater determines what you can see. Lent began with the devil taking Jesus to the top of a high mountain—so high he could see all the kingdoms of the world-- and to the highest point atop the Temple in Jerusalem. But Jesus rejected those locations as places to get a view of humanity. He spent years walking the dusty roads through Galilee, Judea and Samaria and he talked with women, tax collectors, lepers, foreigners and others on the fringes of society. His final view was on a hill outside Jerusalem as he hung from a cross.

Church people know where the “good” seats are, too. If a family member is being married or baptized, the best seats are right up front. Otherwise, the further back and closer to the exit, the better. As we enter Holy Week, we have an opportunity to choose our location—physically and spiritually. We can watch from a distance. If we don't get caught up in the excitement of Jesus entrance into Jerusalem, we won't feel the disappointment of his arrest and trial. If we stand back far enough, we won't see the tears of the women at the foot of the cross, we will miss the bloody sweat on Jesus' brow, we won't feel the grief of his friends as he dies. And our joy on Easter morning will be subdued.

But, if we press in with the palm-waving crowd to get a better look, if we allow ourselves to share their hope, if we gather around the table with Jesus and his friends for one last supper together only to hear that one of us will betray him, if we walk with Peter into the palace courtyard and try to be brave despite our fears, if we accompany Jesus as he stumbles his way under the weight of his cross to the hill of Calvary, and if we are close enough to hear Jesus whisper the words of Psalm 22: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”, then the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection will have some of the same power for us that those first Christians felt.

**I invite you to all the Holy Week services:**  
**Palm Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 am**  
**Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 pm**  
**Good Friday, April 10 at 7:00 pm**  
**Easter Sunday, April 12 at 9:30 am**

Jesus invited the disciples he loved the most to come to the Garden of Gethsemane to watch with him for an hour and then to share his final hours. And now he wishes to show how much he loves us by inviting us to be witnesses—up close and personal—of his passion, death, and resurrection. Come and see.

Deacon Wayne

## OUTREACH

Trinity-Bethlehem,  
New Bethany Ministries and  
Victory House have asked for our help!

Clients need personal care items of all types, from shampoo to diapers. Please see the list posted in the church entry. Many of these items can be purchased at discount or dollar stores. Donations can be placed in the basket at the back of the church. If you have questions, please contact any member of the Outreach Committee.

## MARCH THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This will acknowledge and thank you for your kind support of the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. In a time when money is tight, your generosity is especially important. The world remains full of human need arising through natural or man-made disaster, and the Church's call to minister to people in the aftermath remains strong. Local needs are also pressing. So it is on my own behalf as well as on the behalf of those whose voices you cannot hear that I thank you for your Christian charity and wish you great joy in the Lord.

Faithfully yours,

+ John Palmer Croneberger  
Bishop

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Dear Members of St. George's,

Thank you for your donation of \$127.00 to help support the ongoing ministry of the Community Food Bank.

Please know that your generosity will reach members of our community who are in need. These donations are especially appreciated at this time of year when donations are sparse.

Thank you again for being a partner in this outreach to our community.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Tricia McMackin

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The Rev. Wayne Sherrer, Deacon

### *Vestry*

Bruce Browne, Senior Warden  
Margie George, Junior Warden  
Tim Miller, Diane Doll,  
Paula Martinko, Mike Salvaggio,  
Joan Goodwin, Polly Roberts,  
David Vandergast  
Tim Miller, Treasurer  
Karen Urbanowicz, Financial Secretary

### *St. George's Vision*

To see the world  
through Christ's eyes.

### *Service Schedule*

Sunday School 9:15  
Holy Eucharist  
9:30 AM

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

We will be doing some interesting projects in Sunday School and will be sharing them with the congregation in upcoming months. We encourage the children's participation and welcome the parents' support. Please have your children join us for Sunday School by 9:15 AM on Sundays. Look for updates on what we are planning!

Thank you, Margie George and Dianne Dalrymple

We are so excited to see Alesia Castillo as a new acolyte! Let's take the opportunity to let our youth know our appreciation for their participation in our ministries.

## WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

Walk Now for Autism is a 5K Awareness and Fundraising walk in Allentown on Lehigh Parkway on April 18, 2009. Deacon Wayne's son has Asperger's Syndrome (a form of autism) and his wife will be one of the walkers. Anyone interested in being a sponsor can go to [www.walknowforautism.org/lehighvalley](http://www.walknowforautism.org/lehighvalley) and click on donate and support a walker. Then put Mildred Sherrer in the blanks for the walker's name. The money raised is used for research into the causes and treatment of the disorder.



## THIS MONTH'S GREEN TIP

*Around St. George's....*

We encourage you to take your bulletins home and reference them for announcements and calendar information.

But don't forget to recycle them!

If you do choose to discard them at the church, please use our paper recycling bins. They are plastic milk crates located by the kitchen door and in the church office.

*Thank you!*



*You are invited...*



### ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 15th Annual Soup and Salad Dinner Gourmet Desserts

Friday, April 24th 2009 at 6:00 PM

Adults: \$7.00 Child 4-12 yrs: \$4.00 Child under 3 yrs: Free

*Please see Gloria Quier for tickets.*

Donations of desserts are welcome!

## DIRECTORY UPDATES REMINDER!

Don't forget to update your St. George's directory with the latest information.

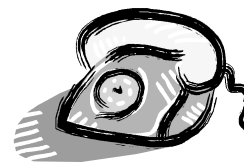
**2009 Vestry:** Bruce Browne, Senior Warden; Margie George, Junior Warden; Tim Miller, Treasurer; Members - Joan Goodwin, Polly Roberts, David Vandergast, Mike Salvaggio, Diane Doll, and Paula Martinko.

**Deacon:** The Rev. Wayne Sherrer, #908 339 7091.

**Staff should include Sexton:** Diane Doll

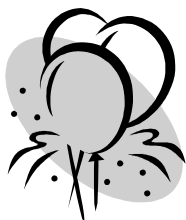
*(We apologize to Diane that she was not originally listed!)*

**Committees:** Cindy Reccek is no longer a Coffee Hour Chair.



## THE PARISH REGISTER

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Samuel Vandergast 4/1, Barbara Gustafson 4/1, Cynthia Hasz 4/1, Mark Davis 4/1, William Messics 4/2, William Messics, Jr. 4/2, Alicia Boden 4/6, Deborah Rinker 4/8, Nathaniel Iorio 4/10, Lillian Kovacs 4/15, Christine Hogan, 4/18, Tammy Davis 4/21, Luc Mauro 4/22, Betty Diehl 4/23, and Maynard Peffer 4/30.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mark Davis 4/2, Thomas Goodwin 4/2, Christina Stauffer 4/3, Michael Martinko 4/6, Christopher Salvaggio 4/7, Paige Poehler 4/10, Carl Schultz 4/12, Harold Clarke 4/17, and William Frey 4/28!

## 2009 ALTAR FLOWER SCHEDULE

The **NEW 2009 Altar Flower Schedule** is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you desire a certain date for flowers, please fill in the appropriate date. Please indicate for whom they should be "in honor of" or "in memory of" and for "silk arrangement" (cost is \$10.00) or "live flowers" (cost is \$35.00). Please give first and last names. All monies should be paid to St. George's.

**Upcoming available dates include: 5/31 and all Sundays in June**

As a reminder: if you are having live flowers on the altar, it is YOUR responsibility to take them or have someone remove them. A letter is submitted quarterly showing the dates on which live flowers are requested. If you have any questions please contact me (Carol Sandrock: 610-838-8114). It would be appreciated if you would send your offering for the flowers prior to the Sunday you have requested.

—Carol Sandrock



## EASTER FLOWER SIGN UP

The Easter Flower sign up sheet is now on the bulletin board at the front entrance of the church. We have 15 lilies reserved for us this year.

They are \$7.00 each (4-5 blooms). Checks should be made out to St. George's Episcopal Church. Please plan to take your flowers with you after the service on Easter Day.

If you have any questions, please see Carol Sandrock.

## OFFICE REMINDERS!

### Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Newsletter deadline is

**May 15th!**

PLEASE make sure to call the office if you are hospitalized. Hospitals won't always let the church office know under the new privacy laws. If you would like someone to visit, the best thing is to call or have a family member call so we don't miss you.

If you want something added to the calendar, please call or email (stgeorges@rcn.com) the office with ALL the details and we will be glad to put it on the Master Calendar in the office. We also WELCOME items for the newsletter and bulletin.

## ECW ANNUAL MEETING

Our diocesan Episcopal Church Women's annual meeting will take place at Kirby House, May 13. The program will be "One in Christ?" presented by The Rev. Maria Tjeltveit. Send reservation, \$12, to: Catherine Jeffery, 1839 Ulster Road, Allentown, by May 1. No reservations accepted after this deadline. *An early start: The diocesan ECW asks the help of all parishes for our project for Diocesan Convention October 9-10. We ask your help to collect sweat pants&shirts, undies and socks, size 5 to 16, for those in need in Northeast Pa.*

## A NOTE FROM TRINITY BETHLEHEM

Over the years, the people involved in the Crafting Your Prayers projects at TrinityBeth, with others from around the Diocese, have made dozens and dozens of elegant or silly, furry, funky, soft caps for cancer patients who have lost their hair through chemo or radiation. They come with a little tag that says, "Made with prayers for your comfort and health." Now they are extremely popular and very much needed.

### A Note From Mother Laura at Trinity:

We'd love to have you with us! The caps can be knitted/crocheted/quilted/sewn--anything that is nice and will cover a newly-bald head. Caps for men OR women are fine.

I am currently using this pattern for the funky "hairy" caps: <http://www.headhuggers.org/patterns/kpatt10.htm> which is what the cancer center in Denver asked for. But when I get tired of it, I use other patterns--especially for guys' hats. You can also find other patterns at <http://chemocaps.com/>. Some of these patterns were design by JoAnne, from Knitters Edge. All different kinds of yarns can be used, as long as they are washable/dryable, and super soft for sensitive newly bald heads.

If you have an interest in a group, we expect to start meeting Thursdays, 1-3, in April. First day will likely be April 16. And we will meet at The Knitter's Edge, a new knitting store in Bethlehem: 1601 W Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018. We also have a group that meets the third Thursday of the month at our coordinator's house in North Bethlehem. At 5:30 we gather for a pot-luck dinner and then people knit, crochet, make prayerbeads, whatever...until they get ready to go home. You can contact me at [laura@trinitybeth.org](mailto:laura@trinitybeth.org) for more information or to be added to an email list.

Bless you for your interest!

- Mother Laura

## LESSONS

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
<i>The Liturgy of the Palms</i>	
Mark 11:1-11	
<i>The Liturgy of the Word</i>	
Isaiah 50:4-9a	
Psalm 31:9-16	
Philippians 2:5-11	
Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)	
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	
Psalm 116:1, 10-17	
1 Corinthians 11:23-26	
John 13:1-17, 31b-35	
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
Isaiah 52:13-53:12	
Psalm 22	
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	
John 18:1-19:42	
<b>Easter</b>	<b>April 12</b>
Acts 10:34-43	
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	
1 Corinthians 15:1-11	
Mark 16:1-8	
<b>Easter 2</b>	<b>April 19</b>
Acts 4:32-35	
Psalm 133	
1 John 1:1-2:2	
John 20:19-31	
<b>Easter 3</b>	<b>April 26</b>
Acts 3:12-19	
Psalm 4	
1 John 3:1-7	
Luke 24:36b-48	

Saucon Valley Alumni Association and Lower Saucon Historical Society announce

### “Dinner and Vintage Fashion Show”

Friday, April 24th, 2009

Silver Creek Country Club 700 Linden St. Hellertown, PA

Doors open: 6:00 P.M. Buffet dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Fashion Show display sponsored by Blair Custom Homes, Inc. Bethlehem, PA

Silent Auction and Raffle benefits our Community and Educational Projects \$38/per person (cash bar)

Tickets can be purchased at Saucon Valley Sporting Goods, 37 W. Water St.  
or see St. George's "Our Community" bulletin board for more details.

## April Ministries Schedule - 2009

	April 5 (Palm Sunday)	April 9 (Maundy Thursday)	April 10 (Good Friday)	April 12 (Easter)	April 19	April 26
<b>Acolytes</b>	Corinne Martinko	Jane Boden	Jane Boden	Mike Salvaggio	David Vandergast	Alesia Castillo
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Paula and Corinne Martinko	Paula and Corinne Martinko	Paula and Corinne Martinko	Paula and Corinne Martinko	Paula and Corinne Martinko	Paula and Corinne Martinko
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Corinne Martinko	Tom Boden	Jane Boden	Debbie Rinker	David Vandergast	Joan Goodwin
<b>Counters</b>	Tom Boden	-	-	Tom Boden	David Vandergast	David Vandergast
	Jane Boden	-	-	Jane Boden	Shari Vandergast	Shari Vandergast
<b>Greeters</b>	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz
<b>Lectors</b>	Trevor Jefferson	Karen Urbanowicz	Anna May Miller	Trevor Jefferson	Anna May Miller	Shari Vandergast
	Anna May Miller	Debbie Rinker	Shari Vandergast	Karen Urbanowicz	Debbie Rinker	Roseanne Dalrymple
<b>Ushers</b>	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz	Carl and Shirley Schultz
<b>Refreshments</b>	The Vandergast Family	-	-	Jane Boden and Carol Sandrock	Paula Martinko	Gloria Quier and Judy Salvaggio



# APRIL 2009

Sun

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Thu

Fri

Sat

			1 Quilters 9:00 AM  Lenten Devotional 7:00 PM	2	3	4  U.C.G.
5 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM	6 E.C.W. 7:00 PM	7 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	8 Quilters 9:00 AM	9 U.C.G. 1-6 PM  <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Service 7:00 PM	10 <b>Good Friday</b> Service 7:00 PM	11 U.C.G.
12 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt	13 VFW Aux. 3094 1:30 PM	14 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	15 Quilters 9:00 AM  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	16	17	18 U.C.G. 4:00 PM "42nd St." @ Bucks County Playhouse
19 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM	20	21 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	22 Quilters 9:00 AM	23	24 ECW Soup, Salad and Elegant Dessert Night 6:00 PM	25 U.C.G. 9 AM - 12 PM Clean Up Day
26 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Christian Education Meeting following service	27 Vestry 7:00 P.M.	28 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	29 Quilters 9:00 AM	30		

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*Please join us for...*

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Palm Sunday, April 5th 9:30 A.M.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 9th 7:00 P.M.**

**Good Friday, April 10th 7:00 P.M.**

**Easter Sunday, April 12th 9:30 A.M.**

*Egg Hunt to follow the Easter Sunday service*

*We welcome Father Ditterline as our Celebrant!*



*No matter what the weather looks like, **SPRING IS COMING!***

*It is time for St. George's...*

## **SPRING CLEAN UP DAY!**

**Saturday, April 25th**

**9:00 AM - Noon**

**All helpful hands are welcome - Please sign up in the church entrance!**

