



# St. George's Journal

## PARISH ANNUAL MEETING 2009

The Annual Meeting of St. George's Church will be held following the 9:30 AM Eucharist on **Sunday, January 25**. It will be an especially important meeting. So plan now to attend.

We will elect two (or, if possible, four) new members of the Vestry. Two will be elected to serve for one year to fill out the unexpired terms of Jane Boden and Tom Kreichel who have recently found it necessary to resign from the vestry. (May we have that many who will give themselves willingly to serve the Lord and his people in this ministry.) Present members of the Vestry are; Bruce Browne (Junior Warden), Margie George, Joan Goodwin, Tim Miller, (Treasurer), Polly Roberts, and David Vandergast. We will elect two (or four) to maintain a tie-breaking odd number on the vestry. We will also be electing two alternate delegates to Diocesan Convention who will, according to the By-Laws, automatically become the delegates who will attend the 2010 convention.

The Wardens and Vestry are not only responsible for managing finances, maintaining the property, and working with the clergy but can shape the present and future life and mission of the parish. But they cannot do it without the support of and input from the entire parish. Please share your ideas and concerns with them, offer them your hands-on help when you can, and keep them in your prayers.

In addition to elections, the 2009 parish budget will be presented, the Rector will deliver an address, and we will have an opportunity to share our hopes, concerns, and questions. When the meeting is adjourned, we will share in a **Pot-luck Dinner**. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share.

-Father Ray

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - HELLERTOWN, PA



## WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, January 11 is the feast of the **Baptism of our Lord**. On that day at the 9:30AM Eucharist we will be celebrating the baptism of Ava Alexis Jefferson, daughter of Trevor Jefferson and Marsha Castillo. "Will you....do all in your power to support this child in her life in Christ?"

We are happy to welcome Trevor Jefferson to the ministry of Lector and Allesia Castillo to the ministry of acolyte. May they be blessed in serving the Lord as we will be blessed by their ministry.

Our thanks to our Organist, Phyllis Cragin, and her children Seth and Elizabeth for the wonderful special music at the Eucharist on Christmas Eve.

## OUTREACH UPDATE

St. George's Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who donated their time, talents and all that great food for the benefit of the men at Victory House. You donated pasta, sauce, cheese, bread, salad and some incredible desserts. As always, St. Georges' generosity of spirit was wonderfully apparent!

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving we met at church to prepare an Italian pasta meal, and then delivered and served a noodle and dessert feast to the residents at Victory House. House supervisor Raymond provided us with a tour of the residence and some interesting history. Did you know that our own Father John Coble was one of the founders of this wonderful program? He has made a significant contribution to the lives of many men since Victory House opened years ago, and his efforts are recognized with a plaque in the computer room at the House.

Some last minute contributions of wonderful dessert items helped to extend our service to the residents, who had sweets lovingly prepared by our congregation throughout the entire weekend.

Join us for our next Outreach Committee meeting after church on January 11th, where we will be discussing future fellowship with Victory House clients.

## THANKS FROM VICTORY HOUSE

Dear Rev. Harbort:

On behalf of the board, staff and clients of Victory House, I want to thank you for your generous donation of travel sized toiletries including soap, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Your support and that of the community will enable us to continue our mission of helping the homeless and less fortunate of the area.

Thank you again for your support of our programs that allow these men to receive counseling and training in life skills, drug and alcohol abuse support and job training.

Sincerely,

Jim Hogg,  
Operations Manager

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*A Parish of the Diocese of Bethlehem*  
The Rt. Rev. Paul Marshall, Bishop  
The Rev. Raymond Harbort, Priest

### *Vestry*

Jane Boden, Senior Warden  
Bruce Browne, Junior Warden  
Tim Miller, Tom Kriechelt,  
David Vandergast, Margie George,  
Joan Goodwin, Polly Roberts  
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  
Adult Forum 10:45

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## WEB SITE UPDATES!

Our new "Web Sexton", Wayne Sherrer, has been hard at work on updating our web site. We hope you will take the time to review it. If you have any content or suggestions, please contact the office.

[www.stgeorghellertown.org](http://www.stgeorghellertown.org)

## TWO REASONS FOR REJOICING

Word has been received that Wayne Sherrer, our Seminarian Intern, will be ordained deacon on Monday, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. (That's reason #1.) The service will be held at 7 PM at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and we're all invited. Reason #2 is that Bishop Paul has assigned Wayne to serve at St. George's for another six months. Deacon Wayne will serve for the first time as deacon of the Eucharist at St. George's on Sunday, February 8. Let's all be on hand to rejoice with him.

## MANY THANKS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thanks to all of you who were with us on December 21 to help me celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Thank you for your prayers and many kindnesses.

In Christ's love,

Fr. Ray

## THANKS AGAIN.....

.....to the children, teacher and parents who brought us the gift of another Christmas Pageant.  
 .....to Ed Chromczak for setting up the outdoor manger scene and all the little maintenance jobs he does so quietly and efficiently.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

*The below are changes made this year, please note them in your copy of the Parish Directory.*



**Deceased:** Clara Fowler and Eleanor Snyder

**Married:** Karen Urbanowicz to Bill Chadwick

**Changes:**

**Dalrymple, Roseanne**

2016 Westgate Drive

Apt B1

Bethlehem, PA 18017

Phone: 610-703-0948

**Dalrymple, Dianne**

1721 31st St. SW

Allentown, PA 18103

**Additions:**

**Michael and Adele FaRannte**

1532 Island Drive

Bethlehem, PA 18015

Phone: 610-704-3595

Children: *Eva Marie and Michael*

**Additions continued...**

**Trevor Jefferson and Marsha Castillo**

35 East Saucon Street, Apt 2

Hellertown, PA 18055

Phone: 484-550-2464

Children: *Alesia Castillo and Ava Jefferson*

**William and Patti Lehr**

1642 Saucon Valley Rd.

Bethlehem, PA 18015

Phone: 610-882-9455

**Ryan and Christina Stauffer**

526 Spruce St.

Hellertown, PA 18055

Phone: 484-851-3215

Children: *Andrew, Sean and Maia*

## THE PARISH REGISTER

### Baptismal Anniversaries:

Caroline Houck and William Marshall, 1/1; Charles Raudenbush, 1/2; Gloria Quier, 1/7; Christine Urbanowicz, 1/11; Noah Mauro, 1/12; Jacob Kelly, 1/20; Lori Marshall, 1/26 and Jane Boden, 1/30

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kenneth Hasz, 1/4; Jane Boden and Alicia Boden, 1/8; Dorothy Hecker, 1/10; Maxwell Vandergast, 1/14; Karl Dalrymple, 1/18; Sumrit Kreichelt, 1/21; Betty Diehl, 1/23; Lillian Kovacs, 1/24; Shawn Kozak, 1/25; Marjorie George and Brian Mauro, 1/18.

## NEW 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.

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



## ANNUAL REPORTS DEADLINE

**Attention all ministry  
and committee heads!**

Reports are due to the office by **January 7th**.  
If possible, please **email** to [stgeorges@rcn.com](mailto:stgeorges@rcn.com)  
to avoid unnecessary retyping.

*Your Administrative Assistant thanks you!*

## OFFICE REMINDERS!

### Office Hours:

Monday and Wednesday  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Newsletter deadline is  
January 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 Fr. Ray 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](mailto: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.

## THIS MONTH'S GREEN TIP

Make a New Year's Resolution to be a "greener" person this year! It's the little ways we can change our day to day life that will make a difference in this year and the years to come.



## ADULT FORUMS IN JANUARY

In this month when we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we continue our study of "Christianity's Family Tree."

Adult Forum meets at 10:45 AM.

Jan. 4 Baptists

Jan. 11 Pentecostalism

Jan. 18 Methodism (concludes the series)

Jan. 25 No adult Forum – Annual Parish Meeting



## CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school classes resume at 9:15 AM on January 4. Debbi Pef-fer will continue teaching the Primary Grade, (Ages 4-6). Janet Bannon will serve as Aide during the first teaching block. Dianne Dal-rymple will be teaching the Intermediate Class (7 – 12). We are seeking someone to assist her as an Aide. Please contact Father Ray if you are interested.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM THE CATECHISM

**Q.** *What is the mission of the Church?*

**A.** The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

**Q.** *How does the Church pursue its mission?*

**A.** The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, pro-claims the Gospel, and promotes justice, Peace, and love.

**Q.** *Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?*

**A.** The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

**Q.** *Who are the ministers of the Church?*

**A.** The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

**Q.** *What is the ministry of the laity?*

**A.** The ministry of the laity is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they May be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

**Q.** *What is the duty of all Christians?*

**A.** The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

## LESSONS

**January 4th**

**2nd Sunday After Christmas**

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:1-18

**January 11th**

**Baptism of the Lord**

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

**January 18th**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

I Samuel 3:1-10

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

I Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

**January 25th**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm 62:5-12

I Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On February 1st we'll be watching football and noticing the creativity of the advertising community (Where do all those commercial ideas come from?) Our Sunday School will also be asking you to support those less fortunate by contributing to our SOUPER BOWL at the end of our service. Please bring any dollar bills that you can spare and place them in the children's soup pots. This year our SOUPER BOWL will benefit the Hellertown Area Ministerium (HAM) Crisis Fund.



## January Ministries Schedule - 2009

	Jan 4th	Jan 11th	Jan 18th	Jan 25th
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jane Boden	Corinne Martinko	David Vandergast	Mike Salvaggio
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Tom Boden	Jane Boden	Dianne Dalrymple	Debbie Rinker
<b>Counters</b>	Tom Kreichelt	Tom Kreichelt	Tom Kreichelt	Tom Kreichelt
	Tim Miller	Tim Miller	Tim Miller	Tim Miller
<b>Greeters</b>	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak
<b>Lectors</b>	John Hogan	Anna May Miller	Debbie Rinker	Shari Vandergast
	Trevor Jefferson	Karen Urbanowicz	Traci Braun	Hank Baird
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak	Ed and Jane Chromczak
<b>Refreshments</b>	Cindy and Bobby Reccek	Jane Boden and Carol Sandrock	Paula Martinko	Gloria Quier and Judy Salvaggio



# JANUARY 2009

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<i>Things in italic are on Fr. Ray's Schedule</i>				1	2	3 U.C.G.
4 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM Adult Forum 10:45	5 *NO ECW THIS MONTH	6 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	7 Quilters 9:00 AM  <b>ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE</b>	8	9	10 U.C.G.
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25 Sunday School 9:15 Holy Eucharist 9:30 AM  <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	26	27 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	28 Quilters 9:00 AM	29	30	31 U.C.G.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

## A Prayer For the Unity of the Church

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

- Book of Common Prayer, p. 255

