



# St. George's Journal

## FROM YOUR INTERIM RECTOR

### Knowing Who We Are and Whose We Are

Did you know that Jesus likes to play golf? In fact, he fancies himself to be a pretty good golfer! And he likes to play the best courses. So recently he came down, with Moses, to Pebble Beach in California, and they ended up right behind a foursome that included Tiger Woods.

After a while, they came to a par-three hole on which you had to hit over a pond. Jesus asked Moses if he had seen what club Tiger had used. "A seven-iron," answered Moses. "But don't you think you should use something heavier?" "No," said Jesus, "if Tiger Woods can do it with a seven-iron, so can I." So Jesus hit the ball and it went "plop," right in the pond. He turned to Moses and said, "Can you help me out here?" So Moses parted the water and went out and retrieved Jesus' ball. Jesus teed up again, holding his seven-iron. Moses said, "You saw what happened; why don't you use something heavier?" And Jesus again said, "If Tiger Woods can do it with a seven-iron, so can I."

And again, Jesus hit his ball into the pond. Jesus said to Moses, "How about doing your thing again?" And Moses said, "Okay, but this is the last time!" So he parted the water and got the ball. Once again, Jesus addressed the ball with his seven-iron. "Haven't you learned anything?" Moses said. "I'm not going to help you again!" And again, Jesus said, "If Tiger Woods can do it with a seven-iron, so can I!"

So Jesus swings, and his ball goes "plop" again. He looks at Moses, who says, "I told you I'm not going to help you again!" So Jesus walks on the water and retrieves his ball. Now this has taken a fair amount of time, so the foursome behind them catches up with them. One of the golfers, taking in the scene, runs up to Moses and exclaims, "Hey, look, that guy thinks he's Jesus Christ!" Moses replies, "You don't understand, sir. He IS Jesus Christ. His problem is, he thinks he's Tiger Woods!"

The moral of the story is: Don't try to be someone you're not. BE YOURSELF! Part of the wonder of creation is that God made each one of us to be different. Can you imagine how boring life would be if we all looked alike, and talked alike, and acted alike? I'm not you, and you're not me. And none of us is Tiger Woods, not even Jesus! God gave each of us gifts and talents unique to us; and God calls us to use those gifts and talents for the betterment of God's Kingdom. By next month, we hope to announce to you an opportunity here at St. George's to discover what *your* particular spiritual gifts are.

In the meantime, let us remember not only "who" we are, but WHOSE we are. God also intends that each of the remarkable people he has created should live in a special relationship with God - - in Covenant. We are God's own children, redeemed by God's special Son. You may even wish to wear a tee shirt that proclaims that fact in a dignified manner. But the way that we best proclaim our covenant with God, our membership in God's Kingdom, is to live our lives in a way that shows forth that membership. And if someone asks you how or why you live and do things the way you do, then the Holy Spirit has given you an opportunity. Don't be afraid to gently respond by explaining "whose" you are. If you ask, the Holy Spirit will even give you the words; that's part of God's promise.. Your response could be as simple as something which I said in a recent sermon: "Jesus loves me, this I know." Or tell them the story about Jesus and Tiger Woods! (Or not...)

*-Father Ditterline*

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## SEARCH UPDATE PROFILE COMMITTEE COMPLETES PROFILE DESCRIPTIONS

The Profile Groups completed their drafts of descriptions of 1) the type of Rector that we want, 2) a description of the parish and 3) a description of the community. Fr. Ray also submitted his letter description of the parish. All of these items are required to form a sort of "brochure" of the parish in preparation of the search process.

The next step is: the three committee reports will be combined and edited for style, spelling and grammar (mainly clarity) and submitted first to the committees for review and then to Vestry for review and approval. The "brochure" with Fr. Ray's letter and reference to our web site will be submitted to the Bishop for information for the future candidates.

The committees did a great job. Initial reading by various members of the vestry resulted only in minor changes.

The next phase of the process is a collegial (as many of us as possible) filling out of a questionnaire which will indicate our attitudes and thinking in various church topics. This exercise will take place in mid to late August. The combined results of our questionnaires will be reviewed by the Vestry and submitted to the Bishop by the end of August.

A very similar questionnaire is filled out by all active priests (and Bishops). Our responses are compared to responses of potential and interested candidates. (Sort of like preliminaries to a dating service).

The Bishop will receive "matches" from the National Church Office and run them through his own "grape vine". He will then submit some candidates to us for interview—probably in late September or October.

During August and September, the Vestry will form a Search Committee for interviewing the candidates.

-Tim Miller

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### St. George's Vision

To see the world  
through Christ's eyes.

### Summer Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist  
9:00 AM

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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

Father Ditterline has called a meeting of the Worship Committee for **Monday, August 17, at 7:00 P.M.** This will give us an opportunity to go over things before the new program year begins (Sept. 13). A representative of each of the many ministries that contribute to our worship experience should try to be present. We realize that this is still "vacation" season. Anyone who is interested in this committee is welcome to attend!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We will begin Youth Sundays again starting October 4th. We will need volunteers to be readers and share the usher duties including carrying the elements, collecting the offerings, ringing the bell and handing out bulletins. I will be calling the children the week before so that they may pick out which ministry they would like to participate in.

Youth Sundays will continue through May and will be on the 1st Sunday of the month. I hope all of the children will take the opportunity to be a part of these services.

-Margie George



## FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR

**Summer Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings**

*Newsletter deadline is August 15th!*

- ⇒ Dana will be out of the office beginning August 12th returning August 25th. Father Ditterline will be on vacation from August 20 thru August 30. Please contact Father Ditterline or Bruce Browne during that time if you have any immediate administrative needs.
- ⇒ **Fall is coming and activities will be starting up again - Please keep your administrator informed of items for the calendar and newsletter!** 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. Church announcements for the bulletin should be turned in by Tuesday of each week.
- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ **HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?** Please contact the office and let us know!



## THIS MONTH'S GREEN TIP

### What is Environmental Stewardship?

The Episcopal Church is currently partnering with other faith-based groups to address caring for **ALL** of God's creation.

Read more on the Episcopal Church Website:  
[http://ecusa.anglican.org/1829\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://ecusa.anglican.org/1829_ENG_HTM.htm)

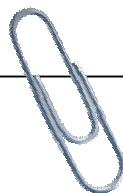
The site includes links to other groups and ideas for how we can positively impact and affect the environment that God made for us.

## HELLERTOWN COMMUNITY DAY AUGUST 22nd

It is time for your white elephant items. Items can be dropped off in the Sunday school room (St. James Atrium) across from the Rector's office at any time. We will not provide lunch this year but we will have a bake sale. So please think about donating an item to the bake sale.

We also need your help for the sidewalk sale. Our biggest need areas are setting up which begins at 7am and taking down which begins at 2:30/3:00. Please mark your calendars for a fun filled day!!

*-Jane Boden*



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

This summer we're again collecting school supplies for the children at Sheridan Elementary in Allentown. The school serves one of the most economically depressed neighborhoods in the city and the children and staff have been very grateful and appreciative for our gifts in the past. Pads, notebooks, pencils, crayons and paper, pencils and pens, and other school supplies are needed. Just bring them to the parish hall and put them in the box labeled "Sheridan Elementary."

## THE PARISH REGISTER

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Paige Poehler, 8/1; Christopher Salvaggio, 8/15; Brynn Alexa Messics, 8/17; Adam Kyle Marshall, 8/18; Cynthia Messics, 8/21; Gladys Peffer, 8/23; Paula Martinko, 8/26 and Brian Mauro, 8/31.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michelle Poehler, 8/1; William Messics, 8/3; Thomas Boden, 8/4; Gladys Peffer, 8/5; Anne Hasz, 8/10; Nancy Goodwin, 8/12; Kasandra Kelly, 8/12; Dashel Iorio, 8/16; Amber Hitchko, 8/17; Diane Doll, 8/25; Marie Rhoads, 8/26; Corinne Martinko, 8/28 and Noah Mauro, 8/29.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The **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: August 2nd and 16th**

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 to the florist 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

## LESSONS

### Pentecost 9 August 2

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-13  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### Pentecost 10 August 9

I Kings 19:4-8  
Psalm 130  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
John 6:35, 41-51

### Pentecost 11 August 16

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

### Pentecost 12 August 23

Joshua 24:1-2A, 14-18  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

### Pentecost 13 August 30

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9  
Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## PARISH VISIT BY BISHOP JACK ON DECEMBER 6

The Rt. Rev. Jack Croneberger, our assisting bishop, will be making a Parish Visitation to St. George's on Sunday, December 6. Any youth (about 13 years old or older) or adult who is interested in Confirmation at that time should speak to Father Ditterline **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, so that classes may be scheduled. Other Rites that are available at any bishop's visitation are: **RECEPTION** - - being Received into the Episcopal Church with a handshake by the bishop for those already Confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, most Lutheran churches, and, as of the recently completed General Convention, the Moravian Church!; or **REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**, whereby someone who has experienced a renewal of their faith may make a public affirmation of the same before a bishop. This is sometimes used by parents when their children are being Confirmed. These latter 2 options also require preparation classes. -Father Ditterline

## AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

"Happiness is not so much in having as sharing. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."  
– Norman McEwan

The parishioners of St. George's Church, Hellertown are accustomed to responding to the needs of their community and the greater Church. For the last several years, church members have traveled south with the Hellertown Area Ministerium to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina to rebuild. They have an active "inreach" effort to support church members who are experiencing difficulty, and are enthusiastic supporters of the Diocesan New Hope campaign.

Recently, members were searching for a way to become more personally involved in meeting community needs, and were grateful to be accepted as volunteers at Victory House, a long-term shelter located in Bethlehem that helps men rebuild their lives. St. George's members now develop a menu, prepare and serve a weekend dinner to Victory House's residents, sharing both food and fellowship.

After a long stretch of rainy weather here in the Lehigh Valley, members of St. George's Outreach Committee decided to celebrate the emergence of the sun with an outdoor barbecue for the men at Victory House. They shared a wonderful evening together, talking about, among other things, the Phillies' great year and the Eagles' prospects for next season.

Sam Elmer White is a photographer and Victory House resident. He captured the moment by taking pictures of the members of St. George's at the barbecue, and summarized his thoughts about the fellowship in an email to all the parishioners. *"Thank you all so much for coming down and putting in all that work for a cookout meal...It amazes us that people like you take precious time, especially your weekend time and do all that for us."*

St. George's next visit to Victory House will be in September and we are looking forward to another great meal with our new friends there. If you are interested in helping the residents of Victory House, you can find them on the web at [www.victoryhouselv.org](http://www.victoryhouselv.org), or may contact Victory House at 610 - 691-3373.

-Shari VanderGast



*Volunteers gather at Victory House for the cookout.*

## BISHOP'S SCHOOL

The focus of Bishop's School is to prepare vocational deacons and locally licensed priests. The curriculum is designed to meet the canonical requirements for those ministries. The classes rotate on a four-year cycle so participants may enter at the beginning of any semester and continue through the four-year program.

### Fall 2009

The courses for this fall are:

Book of Common Prayer, taught by Bishop Paul (morning session)

Theology - taught by The Rev. John Francis (afternoon session)

Dates: Septemer 19 & 26, October 17, 24 & 31, November 7, 14 & 28, December 5 & 12,

(Snow Date - December 19)

Although the focus is on preparation for ordination, anyone is welcome to register and attend any or all of the courses. More information is on the Diocesan website: [http://www.diobeth.org/Ministries/Bishop's School/BishopsSchool.html](http://www.diobeth.org/Ministries/Bishop's%20School/BishopsSchool.html)

# August Ministries Schedule - 2009

	August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th	August 23rd	August 30th
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mike Salvaggio	Philip Sherrer	Alesia Castillo	Jane Boden	David Vandergast
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Boden and Polly Roberts	Jane Boden and Polly Roberts	Jane Boden and Polly Roberts	Jane Boden and Polly Roberts	Jane Boden and Polly Roberts
<b>Altar Flowers (Given By)</b>	-	The Goodwin Family	-	Gladys and Maynard Peffer	Mike and Paula Martinko
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Dianne Dalrymple	Jane Boden	Tom Boden	Jane Boden	Dianne Dalrymple
<b>Counters</b>	Mike Salvaggio	Mike Salvaggio	Mike Salvaggio	Bruce Browne	Bruce Browne
	Tom Kreichelt	Tom Kreichelt	Tom Kreichelt	Sue Browne	Sue Browne
<b>Greeters</b>	Dianne Dalrymple	Dianne Dalrymple	Dianne Dalrymple	Dianne Dalrymple	Dianne Dalrymple
<b>Lectors</b>	Trevor Jefferson	Anna May Miller	Shari Vandergast	Christina Stauffer	Trevor Jefferson
	Christina Stauffer	Debbie Rinker	Roseanne Dalrymple	John Hogan	Karen Urbanowicz
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom and Jane Boden	Tom and Jane Boden	Tom and Jane Boden	Tom and Jane Boden	Tom and Jane Boden
<b>Vestry Person of the Week</b>	Polly Roberts	Mike Salvaggio	David Vandergast	Bruce Browne, Sr. Warden	Margie George, Jr. Warden



# AUGUST 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 UCG
2 Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM	3	4 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	5 Quilters 9:00 AM	6	7	8 UCG
9 Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM	10 V.F.W. Aux 1:30 PM	11 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	12 Quilters 9:00 AM	13	14	15 UCG <i>Bishop's Day for Kids at the Cathedral</i>
				<i>Dana on vacation</i>		
16 Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM	17 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	18 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	19 Quilters 9:00 AM Vestry 7:00 PM	20	21	22 <b>Hellertown Community Day!</b>
				<i>Father Dick on vacation</i>		
<i>Dana on vacation</i>						
23 Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM	24	25 Weight Watchers 7:00 PM	26 Quilters 9:00 AM	27	28	29 UCG
<i>Dana on vacation</i>						
<i>Father Dick on vacation</i>						
30 Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM	31					
<i>Father Dick on vacation</i>						

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

**SUMMER IS NOT OVER YET...  
BUT MAKE SURE YOU MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
OUR FALL KICK OFF!**

On September 13th at 9:30 AM we will have our outdoor Holy Eucharist with the Annual Church Picnic with covered dish to follow. We hope everyone will plan to attend.  
Watch for more details to come in the Sunday bulletin!

