

# St. George's Journal

## PARISH ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 27

The annual parish meeting of St. George's Church will take place on Sunday, January 27 following the 9:30 AM Eucharist. It will be a time to hear the rector's reflections, to consider the parish budget for 2008, and to share our questions, concerns and hopes for our life together. We will be electing at least six members of the Vestry as well as Alternate Delegates to our Diocesan Convention. A **pot-luck dinner** will follow the meeting.

There will be **one service at 9:30AM** on this day. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share.

The present members of our Vestry are; Jane Boden, Senior Warden; Bruce Browne, Junior Warden; Jan Fluck, Clerk; Margie George, Joan Goodwin, Sue McGee, Tim Miller, Treasurer; and Kenda Riley. Jane Boden, Sue McGee, Jan Fluck and Kenda Riley are completing their terms and may not be re-elected. The rector will announce the appointment of a Nominating Committee.

## NEW HOPE CAMPAIGN PRAYER

The New Hope Campaign has now raised over \$2.9 million towards our goal of \$3.5 million, all in the first few months of this five-year effort. Two-thirds of the money will go to help rebuild our sister diocese of Kajo-Keji in the Sudan while the rest will be used to provide for the needs of poor and disadvantaged people here in northeast Pennsylvania. If every family in the diocese made a pledge of just \$5.00 a month for five years we could more than reach our goal. Information and pledge cards are available in the church entrance hall or from Ken Hasz or the rector.

Ignite our hearts, O Holy Spirit, with the love of Jesus. Let his compassion for the poor burn in us as we respond joyfully to his call to serve the least of his sisters and brothers.

Let our participation in the work of New Hope transform us as individuals and as a community. May our unity of purpose and love for you creatures witness to the world the truth you have revealed to us in Christ. Receive our work as praise for our creation, redemption, and the call you have given us; receive it as our response to your eternal love.

Amen.

## SHARING THE GOOD NEWS, MAKING DISCIPLES

The work of the Evangelism Committee continues. We urge you to **wear your nametags** as a way of welcoming the newcomer (and helping those of us who sometimes have “senior moments” or what someone called “rolling blackouts”.) In the near future we are hoping to mount a **parish photo gallery** with pictures of all our members—including those who are no longer able to attend church. Hank Baird has volunteered to take the pictures but we need someone who would be willing to create the labels, mount them on the board, and keep it updated. Hank Baird has also agreed to become our **webmaster** and finish and update our website.

Research shows that many people become Episcopalians just because someone invited them. All it took was saying, “Why don’t you come to church with me some Sunday? Why don’t I pick you up this coming Sunday?” That’s how it begins. Yet research also shows that the average member of our church invites someone once every 29 years! Would you like to improve your average? Start thinking and praying now about whom you will invite to come with you on **February 10** when we’re having a **“Bring a friend to Church Sunday”**.

### 100th Anniversary Capital Fund Still Growing

With a recent pledge from the Quilters and others the Capital Fund has grown to a total of \$40, 175 pledged, \$40,000 of which has already been received. Thanks to all who have participated and made possible what we have done so far (AC and new windows in the church and parish hall). We would like to move forward with renewing the kitchen and replacing more windows. There’s still time to become a part of this effort. Pledge materials are available in church. Again, thanks to all who have helped us get this far.

### TREASURER’S REPORT TO DATE

INCOME	Oct.	Year to Date	Budget to Date
Pledges & Plate	\$6,648	\$54,872	\$54,667
Offerings	1,313	13,011	9,917
Transfers	0	1,063	1,083
Building Use	1,650	8,700	10,417
Endowment Income	1,763	5,307	7,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,374</b>	<b>\$82,953</b>	<b>\$83,583</b>

#### EXPENSES/SPENDING

Operating	\$1,606	\$13,316	\$6,792
Property	1,643	19,774	24,250
Salaries & Benefits	3,291	36,851	39,196
Diocesan Assessment	813	8,128	8,128
Outreach	233	3,374	6,948
Parish Life	82	912	1,500
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$7,668</b>	<b>\$82,355</b>	<b>\$86,813</b>

**GIANT profits to date: \$1,057 included in INCOME above.**

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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, Janice Fluck, Margie George,  
Joan Goodwin, Kenda Riley,  
Sue McGee  
Tim Miller, Treasurer  
Karen Urbanowicz, Financial Secretary

*St. George's Vision*  
To see the world  
through Christ's eyes.

*Service Schedule for Fall starting*  
*September 16th*  
Sunday 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.  
Holy Eucharist  
Christian Education 9:15 A.M.  
Adult Forum 10:45 A.M.

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## REMINDER!

**No**  
**E.C.W.**  
**In**  
**January**

## Worship Notes

On **December 30** there will be only **one service**, Lessons and Carols and Holy Eucharist at 9:30AM. The children will be presenting symbols for the Jesse tree.

This year the **Feast of the Epiphany, January 6** happily falls on a Sunday. On January 13, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord we will renew our own baptismal vows. At 2PM Thursday, January 17 Fr. Ray will be celebrating the Eucharist for the residents at Saucon Valley Manor as part of H.A.M.'s (Hellertown Area Ministerium) ministry to the community. Let Fr. Ray know if you would like to come along and read a lesson or serve as chalice-bearer.



We continue our search for an organist. We are happy to say that our own Annie Hasz will be with us for several Sundays in February.

Finally, just a reminder: please remember not to chat in church before services. Most of us have enough trouble quieting our inner distractions when praying. Creating silence for others to pray is a way of loving one another and caring for one another.

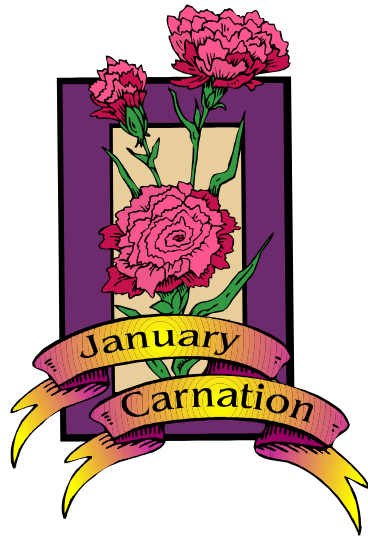
## OUR PARISH ADMIN ASSISTANT

As many of you have heard, Kat Lehman, our Parish Administrative Assistant will be leaving us mid-January to assume a full-time position on the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. We will miss her cheerful competence. True to form, she has put together an "Office Manual" for her replacement and has offered to train that person and to be available to answer questions in the future. If you're around the Parish Office on a Monday or Wednesday, please express your personal gratitude to her for her faithful service.

We have posted the position on the diocesan blog and will set up a Personnel Committee to interview candidates in the near future.



## 2008 Altar Flower Schedule



The **2008 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). The most dates are still open. It would be appreciated if you would send your offering for the flowers prior to the Sunday you have requested.

—Carol Sandrock



## THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptismal Anniversaries: Frank Rinker, Len Martin, George Cunningham, Bill Marshall, and Peggyann King, January 1st; Charles Raudenbush, January 2nd; Gloria Quier and Jonathan Scott, January 7th; Cheyene Gasdaska, January 9th; Christine Urbanowicz, January 11th; Noah Mauro, January 12th; Brent Rhoads, January 24th; Carol Bray, January 25th; Lori Marshall, January 26th; Rich Fluck, January 28th; and Jane Boden, January 30th.

## LIFE LINE SCREENING

St. George's Episcopal Church will once again be hosting a Life Line Screening for the community on Friday, January 18th. There are four different health screenings using Doppler ultrasound. The screenings available are Carotid Artery/Stroke screening for \$45.00; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening for \$45.00; Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening for \$45.00 and Osteoporosis Screening for \$35.00. A complete wellness package of all four tests is \$129.00 and the vascular package is \$119.00. These are completely painless, non-invasive, and are not part of typical routine physicals. Appointments start at 9:00 A.M. and you must pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851.

## THANKS!!!

To **Ed Chromczak**, our new **Property Monitor**, who will go over a checklist every month to make sure our buildings and grounds are in good working order.

To **Diane Doll**, our Sexton, who went above and beyond the call of duty and cleared all the late-falling leaves.

To **Margie George** for ironing all the costumes for the Christmas pageant and to all the parents who brought their children and helped with the pageant.

To the anonymous donor of the "Episcobears" give to the children on Christmas Eve.

To **Dianne Dalrymple** for organizing our Christmas Pageant and to all the parents and children who helped it happen.

To **Catherine Doll** for her many years of faithful service as chalice bearer.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY...



Ken Hasz, January 4th; Richard Jenkins, January 5th; Jane and Alicia Boden, January 8th; Dorothy Hecker, January 10th; Max Vandergast, January 14th; John Townsend and Dorothy Cherkos, January 17th; Karl Dalrymple, January 18th; Sumrit Kreichelt, January 21st; Betty Diehl, January 23rd; Lillian Kovacs, January 24th; Shawn Kozak, January 25th; Alexandra Houck, January 26th, Marjorie George, Andrew Gallagher, and Brian Mauro, January 28th.

## OFFICE REMINDERS!

Newsletter articles are due NO LATER than the 15th.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
SCHEDULED Office hours for FALL are Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM to noon.

The office will be closed January 31st, New Year's Eve.



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 Kat with ALL the details and she will be glad to put it on the Master Calendar in the office. This avoids having calendars in many places and also avoids scheduling conflicts.

## Mission Endowment Funds Candidates

The interest from St. George's Mission Endowment Fund is split 3 ways each year. One third goes into a scholarship fund and the remaining two thirds are split between two charities voted on at the Annual Meeting. These charities are selected from a group of 4 developed by the Outreach Committee. This year's candidates are:

-The transportation fund of the Hellertown Area Ministerium (**H.A.M.**) that pays the air fare of volunteers who travel to the Gulf Coast of Mississippi to continue to repair the destruction from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This year over 50 volunteers made the trip including Father Ray, Diane Doll and our church secretary Kat Lehman. We have recently collected \$223 for this fund, but that is only enough to pay for one person's air fare.

-The ministry of **Rev. Joel Atkinson**. He is based at the Cathedral in Bethlehem and works with many local social outreach programs. He will talk about his work in our area at the adult forum on January 6th.

-**Heifer International** is an organization that works to improve the lives of people in developing countries by supplying them with the animals and know how to improve their lives and become self-sufficient. We will show one of their videos at an upcoming adult forum.

-The **Hellertown Library Elevator Fund**. The library plans to build an elevator so that the entire collection is available to children and adults with disabilities.

## Quilt Winners

1st place: John Townsend, 2nd place, Brenda Raudenbush, and 3rd place, Gloria Quier. Congratulations to our winners!

## Fat Tuesday on Friday

Mardi Gras (or French for "fat Tuesday"), the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten fast is a day for one last party until the party after the Great Vigil of Easter. Join us at St. George's at 8:00 P.M. on February 1 for **FAT TUESDAY ON FRIDAY**. Bring snack food or dessert to share and your favorite beverage. Wear a costume, a silly hat, or (at the very least) a mask. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the church entrance hall. See Fr. Ray if you would be willing to help organize set-up, decorations, and games.

## Adult Forums in January

Jan. 6 – Street Ministry: The Rev. Canon Joel Atkinson, Canon Missioner, Diocese of Bethlehem.

Jan. 13 – It's not easy being green? Ways we can care for God's creation

Jan. 20 – The Heifer Project

Jan. 27 – Annual meeting (No Forum) Please join us 10:45 – 11:30AM for lively discussion and sharing.

## Lessons

**Epiphany** January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

**Baptism of the Lord** Jan. 13

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

**2nd Epiphany** Jan. 20

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
I Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

**3rd Epiphany** Jan. 27

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
I Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

**Transfiguration** Feb. 3

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99  
II Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

**Ash Wednesday** Feb. 6

Isaiah 58:1-12  
Psalm 51:1-17  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**1st Lent** Feb. 10

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

**2nd Lent** Feb. 17

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

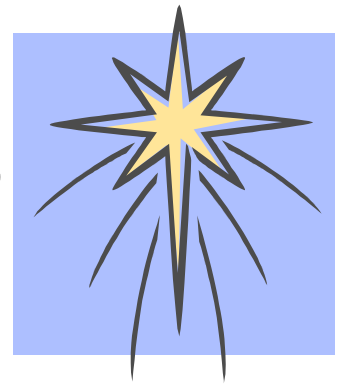
**3rd Lent** Feb. 24

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

# January Ministries Schedule - 2008

	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
<b>Acolytes</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Altar Guild</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Catherine Doll	David Vandergast	Tom Boden	Jane Boden
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Cindy Reccek	Jane Boden	Paula Martinko	Gloria Quier
	Bobby Reccek	Carol Sandrock		Judy Salvaggio
<b>Counters</b>	Anna May Miller	Tim Miller	Mike Salvaggio	Mike Salvaggio
	Margie George	Tom Kreichelt	Ken Hasz	Ken Hasz
<b>Greeter</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>Lectors</b>	Hank Baird	Ken Hasz	Anna May Miller	Karen Urbanowicz
	Roseanne Dalrymple	John Hogan	Deb Peffer	Debbie Rinker
<b>Ushers</b>	Jane Chromczak	Jane Chromczak	Jane Chromczak	Jane Chromczak
	Ed Chromczak	Ed Chromczak	Ed Chromczak	Ed Chromczak

# JANUARY 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Things in italic are on Fr. Ray's Schedule</i>		1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY!</b>	2 Quilters 9:00 A.M.	3	4	5 U.C.G.
6 Holy Eucharist 8 & 9:30 A.M. Church School 9:15 A.M. Adult Forum 10:45 A.M. 	7 <i>Fr. Ray's Day Off</i>  <b>DEADLINE For ANNUAL REPORTS</b>	8 Weight Watchers 7:00 P.M.  <b>Fr. Ray Away until Thursday morning</b>	9 Quilters 9:00 A.M.	10	11	12 U.C.G.
13 Holy Eucharist 8 & 9:30 A.M. Church School 9:15 A.M. Adult Forum 10:45 A.M.	14 <i>Fr. Ray's Day Off</i>	15 Weight Watchers 7:00 P.M. <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	16 Quilters 9:00 A.M.  Vestry 7:00 P.M.	17 <i>Saucon Valley Service</i> 2:00 P.M.	18	19 U.C.G.
20 Holy Eucharist 8 & 9:30 A.M. Church School 9:15 A.M. Adult Forum 10:45 A.M.	21 <i>Fr. Ray's Day Off</i>	22 Weight Watchers 7:00 P.M.	23 Quilters 9:00 A.M.  Evangelism 7:00 P.M.	24	25	26 U.C.G.
27 Holy Eucharist 9:30 A.M. <b>ANNUAL MEETING</b>	28 <i>Fr. Ray's Day Off</i>	29 Weight Watchers 7:00 P.M.	30 Quilters 9:00 A.M.  <i>H.A.M.</i> 9:00 A.M.	31		

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

*The following appeared in the Biloxi Sun-Herald newspaper on Tuesday, November 20, 2007. It is a letter to the editor from a grateful Gulf Coast resident.*

**They came, and we are humbly thankful**

When the wind died and the water receded, we were on our knees in prayer and despair — broken people with broken lives but thankful to be here still. Would we ever be able to rise again? So much work; too much work; where to begin?

Then they came out of their broken homes. Hand in hand, they came with chainsaws and trucks and chains and removed the barriers to our streets. Maybe we could, we thought, with help.

Then darkness fell again, so dark, so quiet, only questions and the sound of generators and helicopters. Sounds of life. Did anyone know of our plight? Would help come? They came.

They came by the hundreds, then the thousands. God had heard and we were thankful. They came — firefighters, military, police officers, doctors and nurses, linemen and engineers, truck drivers and preachers. They knew. They came. They all came.

The whole world came and we were thankful. They came and suffered with us. They came and lived in tents, slept on the ground, but they came and we were thankful. They clothed us and fed us. They sheltered us and tended our wounds.

They lifted our hearts and we were thankful. They came with full hearts and open hands. They sweated and cried with us, not knowing where tears ended and sweat began, and we were thankful. They lifted our spirits and helped us to our feet, and we were thankful.

They came — teachers and students and lawyers, craftsmen and laborers with strong backs and hammers and saws and brick and mortar. They came. They built our homes, our schools, our churches, our lives. Praise God, they came. They became us and we became them, as one.

With our wounds deep, our fears and memories fresh, they came. And as we heal, they come, still . . . still. With a full heart, I am thankful, we are thankful. Still. They came.

RITA DUFFUS, Gulfport