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Growing with You in God's Love and Service

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Rule of Life for St George's

Based on our spiritual values and practices, this is our commitment to each other.

We:

- *Nurture ourselves with the Bible and spiritual books*
- *Care deeply about each other, including in prayer.*
- *Fellowship together and have fun.*
- *Are grateful, glad and giving stewards of God's creation.*
- *Reach out to the world, living and spreading the Word.*

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Thoughts From Our PIC

(Priest in Charge)

Come, Holy Spirit!

On May 20th, we will celebrate the third major feast day of the church year – the Day of Pentecost. This is least known of the major feast days. Christmas and Easter are very well known, but many people have no idea about the meaning of Pentecost.

The Day of Pentecost is about the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the early followers of Jesus. According to the author of Luke and Acts, the disciples were in Jerusalem on the Jewish holiday of Pentecost, a spring harvest festival that is fifty days after Passover. As the disciples gathered together, there was a rush of wind that filled the house, tongues of fire rested on each of them, and the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were able to praise God in various other languages. People gathered around the house could hear them speaking in the native language of each one.

Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. The coming of the Spirit empowered the first disciples to do the mission of Jesus – to preach, teach, and heal as Jesus did in his ministry. The presence of the Holy Spirit is described in various ways in the New Testament. The common meaning is that God is present and active in our lives, not far off in a distant way, but within us in a very personal, intimate way. The Holy Spirit knows no boundaries. People in all cultures and nations can know God's presence through the Spirit.

Pentecost Sunday is a powerful reminder to us at St. George's that God is present with us, both as a Christian community and individually. The power and guidance of God is available to each of us. It makes all the difference for us as a parish to be open to the guidance, love, and power of the Holy Spirit.

I wish us all a powerful experience of the Spirit this Pentecost!

*In Jesus' love,
† Father Ray*

Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners,

May has arrived quickly and summer is almost here. This is a very busy time for me as a teacher as I prepare my 8th grade students for the high stakes standardized assessments, administer those assessments, and plan and organize their graduation ceremony and last field trip of the year. All this is quite stressful and can be discouraging given the fact that most students have "checked out" as they say and no longer wish to be in the classroom learning.

Thank goodness for my wonderful church and it's celebrations. We have four important feasts in the month of May 2018 - Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christy. Ascension is the 40th day after Easter and commemorates the day that Jesus ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:1-11) after spending forty days having appeared to his disciples after his resurrection. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus while Trinity Sunday honors the Holy Trinity (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) and serves as a reminder that we have been saved of our sins. Lastly, the Feast of Corpus Christi commemorates the institution of the Eucharist by Jesus on the night he was betrayed and arrested.

Focusing and being mindful of these feasts, help keep me grounded, and give me courage and strength to make it through to June. How can I or anyone be discouraged knowing that Christ is risen, his Holy Spirit is with us, and that we can be renewed through the gift of the Eucharist! Alleluia!

*Yours in Christ,
Sandra Crenshaw, Senior Warden*

WOMENS GUILD

Thank you to the many that helped to make the memorial service and reception for our Barbara Girard a wonderful occasion. Barbara was with us for a long time. Many of those years she served as our church secretary, answering phones and preparing the Sunday bulletins along with other office work that needed attention. She also served as President of the Women's Guild for several years. Her sense of humor made it easy to accept sometimes being nagged about something that she thought needed to be done around the church. She is missed.

It seems that at St. George's we are always looking for someone to fill one 'job' or another. This time we are looking for a Kitchen Steward. For a long time, keeping our kitchen stocked with essentials has been shared by a few individuals. It is time for a different someone or two to come forward to fill this position. This person would monitor the various supplies and either purchase needed items his/herself [and be reimbursed from Guild funds] or alert another volunteer to do the shopping. This is a job that can be done by anyone, working or retired, on their own time schedule. Anyone interested in taking on this position, please let me know. [Don't

be shy]

With Spring here and Summer approaching, it is time to consider picking a date for a luncheon get together. Look for a sign-up page during Sunday social time to indicate date, time, and location preferences.

*Carol Adkins
President, Women's Guild*



- 1—Aaron Downing
- 5—Mel Rose
- 16—Carol Adkins
- 16—Rose Clark
- 17—Genie Schavey
- 18—Carolyn Caye
- 21—Nick Wilcox
- 30—Natalie Saunders
- 31—Nathan Benbow

(If your name was not included, please let Sandy know so she can add your name.)



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

8-Peter & Diana Perparos



HOSPITALITY *Sunday*

Women's Guild Hospitality Sunday will be the 1st Sunday of each month, special offering envelopes are included in the bulletin. These are used by the Women's

Guild to provide weekly coffee hours, special receptions and other events for parish members. Please make checks payable to St. George's Church with a memo note in the left corner for HOSPITALITY.



BOOK SALE

The women's Guild is happy to provide the book corner for your enjoyment. We appreciate the books you

all donate. However, I would like to remind you to bring fiction, non-fiction, historical or humorous books. Please NO self-help or study books. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

CDs...\$1

BOOKS...\$1

PAPERBACKS...50¢

Happy reading!

Janet Jenkins

✓Bishop Beisner has designated May 13, Seventh Sunday of Easter, as the Annual ECS Ascension Appeal day.

DESERT MOTHERS AND FATHERS MAY 19, 2018

10:00 – 11:30 AM

From the 3rd to the 5th centuries, women and men left the cities and towns for the desert in order to journey their way to union with God. These women and men became so well known to the people in the cities and towns, that they would search them out for spiritual advice. Many sayings of these ammas (mothers) and abbas (fathers) were written down. On May 19, we will spend time with some of these sayings to search for the message contained within them. Come and join us.

Lana Engler

Church Cleanup



**No experience necessary
10-noon, pizza to follow**

May 5th



What's Happening

Sundays—Sunday School @ 9 a.m.

Mondays—RoundTable last Monday @ 11 a.m.

Wednesday —Bible Study @ 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday—2nd Wednesday Vestry Meeting @ 6:45 p.m.

Saturdays—Choir Practice @ 2:30 p.m.

MAY/JUNE

MAY 6th

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10: 44-48

1 John 5:1-6

Psalm 98

John 15: 9-17

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh

LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Becky Freie

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & Joy Allmuth

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

MAY 13th

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

1 John 5: 9-13

Psalm 1

John 17: 6-19

CELEBRANT: † Ann McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Marsha Hutchison & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Wendy Nelson & Vicki Karsten

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

MAY 20th

DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2: 1-21

Romans 8: 22-27

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

CELEBRANT: † Ann McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth

LECTORS: JoAnn Cookman & Aaron Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: Angela Saunders & JoAnn Cookman

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

MAY 27th

1st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Romans 8: 12-17

Psalm 29

John 3: 1-17

CELEBRANT: † Bill Rontani

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Diane Perparos

LECTORS: Carol Adkins & Randall Abbott

ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & Barbara Cooper

USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

JUNE 3rd

2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, [11-20]

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

Mark 2: 23-3:6

CELEBRANT: † Ann McKeever

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders

LECTORS: Becky Freie & Karen Lolmaugh

ALTAR GUILD: TBA

USHER: Jenny Smith & friend

JUNE 10th

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

Psalm 20

Mark 4: 26-34

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins

LECTORS: Karen Lolmaugh & Carol Adkins

ALTAR GUILD: TBA

USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

Lessons can be found on our website

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I have a dream



Between the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death and the shooting of the young black man in Sacramento (Sandy and I read the Sacramento Bee on line while we travel) I had some time to think about the question - what happened to Dr. King's dream? ["I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal...a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.'"]

As an art student in the late 1960's, and liberal by nature, as all college kids seem to be, I may not have known as much about Dr. King as I should have, but I was familiar with his "I have a dream" speech. Being young and naïve I expected folks being judged on the content of their character was a dream that would come to pass with in years, not decades. I am still holding out for that dream to come to pass. Whether in personal or professional life, I've never found room for prejudging folks by their race, religion or who they date/marry. I guess it is possible that a person could get by with being bigoted in their personal life, only surrounding themselves with folks who think, and act like them. I guess I'm still naïve, but that seems like such a restricted way to live, walling yourself in with walls of hate and fear. Professionally, whether an employee or manager it doesn't take long to recognize someone's biases and how they negatively impact their work and the organization. It's possible that my management style was colored by having spent 20 years in the Army and while it has had it's problems the folks who mentored me and were my models as leaders didn't have any tolerance for bigotry; we were all green and needed to be able to depend on each other.

As usual when I think about how we treat each other I come to our baptismal vows, which boil down to Loving God and our Neighbors. But if that were easy, then Dr. King's dream would have come to pass by now. Over the years I've quoted an eclectic group of folks in my sermons and articles, but up until yesterday (I write this on April 27th) I never would have thought that the list would include Kanye West, but hearing one of his tweets on the radio, it seemed to fit with what I have been thinking this past couple of weeks. "We're really good at hating each other. We have to get good at loving each other." And to that I say Amen.

Deacon Bob

BOUNTY BAG

We're collecting dry goods, canned goods, dried cereals, soaps, toothpaste tooth brushes or any non-perishables,

We collect Bags ANYTIME!!
NO TIME TO SHOP a check to St. Georges with memo to River city Food Bank (everything is welcome).



SUNDAY SERVICES

Family Service	9 a.m.
Sunday School	9 a.m.
Traditional Service	10:30 a.m.

Articles are always welcome...BBUT KEEP it short! The best way to submit an article is via my e-mail sandyolsen8070@gmail.com. May 21st will be the deadline for the June issue of the By George

