



By George!

Growing with You in God's Love and Service

November 2017

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)

THANKS FOR COMMUNITY!

On November 23, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. This year, I'm especially thankful for the gift of community. This summer, I experienced the community of St. George's Church in a new and deeper way. Our parish has always been a place of real community where we care for one another. My illness in July and August gave me the opportunity to be a receiver of this love.

As I'm sure that most of you know, I had brain surgery in mid-July for bleeding in my brain. This surgery and the following complications grounded me at home for quite a while. The people of St. George's surrounded me with love, sending dozens of cards, making phone calls, and visiting me at home. The vestry sent Deb and me a huge plant! I will be forever thankful for this love and caring.

This is the kind of community that God calls us to be. Jesus told his disciples, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) This is how the world around us will know that we are genuine, by the love we share with one another. I think that St. George's has a special gift for this kind of community. It is easy to say that we are a loving community, but it is a different thing to live this way. Our parish has the special ability to live out our love in community. We really do care for one another!

I encourage you to think about the ways you have experienced community in our parish and to give thanks to God for this. Of course, our parish is not perfect in the way we show love for each other, and we can talk about the ways we can grow more deeply in this kind of love. As for me, I am so thankful for the many ways I have been loved at St. George's. Thanks be to God for the community of our parish!

*In Jesus' love,
Father Ray*

Senior Warden

Dear St. George Parishioners,

Our Stewardship/Pledge Drive is in full swing. Thank you to all who made Pledge Drive Sunday on October 22nd a successful event from the wonderful Service, delicious, scrumptious food, exquisite vocal and musical entertainment, to your generous pledges. If you weren't able to attend or submit your pledge card yet, there is still time for prayerful reflection and discernment before filling out your card. Here's some food for thought: First you may wish to prayerfully reflect on applicable Bible verses such as from Mark chapter 12: 43-44. It reads, "I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the temple treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Next, perhaps reflect on God's unconditional generosity and the many blessings he has bestowed on you, your family, your community, and church. Most importantly, look no further than the cross to see the ultimate in sacrificial giving. Lastly, when ready and comfortable, please fill out and return your pledge card. May God continue to guide all of us to give according to his will and my God bless St. George abundantly. Yours in Christ,

Sandra Crenshaw, Senior Warden

WOMENS GUILD

It was nice to have so many attending St. George's the last two Sundays for the Animal Blessing and Stewardship Sunday. Now it is Fall and will soon be time to change our clocks and start thinking about Thanksgiving and then Christmas!

Some interest has been expressed in getting together for informal lunch meet ups or perhaps a day trip to San Francisco. Information gathering is being done and will be shared soon. Anyone with suggestions for lunch locations or group outing destinations, please speak up. We want to hear from you.

Please remember to sign up for a turn providing refreshments on a Sunday. The sign-up page is on the bulletin board to the right of the kitchen window.

*Carol Adkins
President, Women's Guild*



Young at Heart

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5—Barbara Cooper
5—Father Ray Hess
6—Rebecca Freie
8—Theresa Mangels
20—Barbara Girard
28—Patty Borgman

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

African Team Ministries

Items will be for sale following the Services November 26th and December 3rd

It's not too early to shop for Christmas!



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



**NOVEMBER
5th!!**

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

NOVEMBER 5th

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3

Psalm 34: 1-10, 22
Matthew 5:1-12

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Dave Allmuth
LECTORS: Aaron Adkins & Carol Adkins
ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & Wendy Nelson
USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

NOVEMBER 12th

23rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Psalm 78: 1-7
Matthew 25: 1-13

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Diane Perparos
LECTORS: Karen Lolmaugh & Becky Freie
ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & Joy Allmuth
USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

NOVEMBER 19th

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Judges 4: 1-7
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Psalm 123
Matthew 25:14-30

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Ryan Saunders
LECTORS: JoAnn Cookman & Carol Adkins
ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & JoAnn Cookman
USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

NOVEMBER 26th

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Ephesians 1: 15-23

Psalm 100
Matthew 25:3 1-46

CELEBRANT: † Susan Plucker
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins
LECTORS: Karen Lolmaugh & Randall Abbott
ALTAR GUILD: Joy Allmuth & Angela Saunders
USHER: Carol Adkins & friend

DECEMBER 3rd

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 64:1-9
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18
Mark 13: 24-37

CELEBRANT: † Anne McKeever
PREACHER: Mel Rose
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Karen Lolmaugh
LECTORS: Carol Adkins & JoAnn Cookman
ALTAR GUILD: Vicki Karsten & Wendy Nelson
USHER: Cathy Crosby & friend

DECEMBER 10th

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8- 13
Mark 1: 1-8

CELEBRANT: † Ray Hess
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Aaron Adkins
LECTORS: Karen Lolmaugh & JoAnn Cookman
ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Cooper & JoAnn Cookman
USHER: Conrad Cookman & friend

Lessons can be found on our website

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THANKS & GIVING



In the last few years I think I've looked forward more to Thanksgiving than Christmas, not for any great theological reasons, but simply that Thanksgiving just seems to be more low key. A time for reflection, family and friends, rather than advertising and stores jammed with Halloween and Christmas decoration. Oh, and I love turkey left overs to the point of getting a 20+ pound bird, even if it is just Jason, Sandy and I. Other than Black Friday sales, Thanksgiving seems to get by passed in the secular rush from Halloween to Christmas. With Christmas more and more becoming about things rather than Christ and love.

As my title for this month's article indicates I've been thinking of the two parts of "Thanksgiving," thanks and giving. We need to give thanks to God for all our blessings, but there are so many people that we also should be giving thanks to, even if it is only a prayer of thanks. On my list will be an old fellow in New Orleans who saved me from getting our car towed and explained how parking worked in the French Quarter. I'm guessing he didn't remember our conversation 15 minutes after our encounter, but whose kindness I remember months later. This year I'd ask you to remember those folks who have been kind to you this past year and give a little prayer of "Thanks" for them.

I'd also like you to consider some extra "Giving" this year. Between Hurricanes and Wildfires there are many of our brothers and sisters who's thanksgiving well be spent in motels, and shelters as they begin to rebuild their lives after losing everything.

About this time of year, I suggest folks think about donating to a charity in lieu of giving presents. This year it seems more appropriate than ever, for myself I feel very blessed and am thankful for that. And remembering those blessings I feel called upon to share with others.

Give Thanks and Thankfully Give.

Amen, Deacon Bob



**November 23rd
10 a.m.**



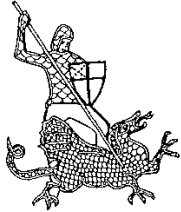
**Wednesdays @
10:45**



Vestry Meeting 2nd Wednesday
@ 6:45 pm




*Last
Monday
@ 11
a.m.*



2018 Pledge

Drop in plate or Mail to:

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As a responsible Christian Steward in gratitude for God's many gifts, my Pledge for the ongoing work of the Church is \$ _____ per week Month, starting January 1, 2018 and continuing until further notice.

Signature _____

Date _____ Phone # _____

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).

Articles are always welcome...**BUT KEEP it short!** The best way to submit an article is via my e-mail sandyolsen8070@gmail.com **m**, November 22nd will be the deadline for the November issue of the By George!



SUNDAY SERVICES

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