



The Dragon's Tale

June 2022

"St. George's is a community of disciples joyfully reaching out in love to nurture, teach, and heal in Jesus' name"

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Healthy Congregations Workshop



Friday, June 10th and Saturday, June 11th

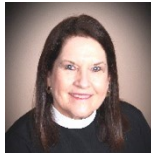
The second Healthy Congregations Workshop begins on Friday June 10th for all parishioners who would like to attend. You can read more about the workshop and register on this [webpage](#). Or contact the church office so we get you registered.

We'd like to have your voice as a part of this conversation for the well being and health of St. George's.



Photo from 1st Healthy Congregations Workshop in April

Mother's Musings



I was recently driving along the River Road in Stillwater headed to the diocesan office. It had rained earlier that morning and the fields were a lush green and the sun shining on the fields made it a beautiful sight. Right in the middle of the field was an equally lush patch of deep gold dandelions. The contrast of the deep gold surrounded by green was beautiful. The scene took me back to days when our children were very young. Young children cannot distinguish weeds that can trigger allergies from flowers.

As I drove on toward Greenwich, I began to think that this is a perfect analogy for sin. Sin is anything that separates us from God. Sin can appear beautiful from a distance but when you get closer you begin to suffer the maladies that it can trigger. Some never recognize that the sin in their lives is really ruining their lives.

Sin can take many forms. We are all capable of justifying our behavior to convince others, and perhaps ourselves, that our sinful behavior is justified.

We read in the Gospel of John that Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). When we love someone, truly love them, we do not want to stand in the way of that person's relationship with God. When we participate and encourage sinful behavior that is not showing love.

Christians are the Body of Christ. The Body is healthy when all members strive to follow Jesus' example and commandments. This is best done in community. When we pray, worship, study scripture, and participate in Christian community we have the best chance to support each other along the Christian journey. Jesus said that he is the Good Shepherd. He said, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:7-10 NRSV).

Sin may look attractive from afar but nothing is more attractive than a life where Jesus is first. That doesn't mean that we are perfect, we are far from perfect! It is a matter of the direction we are going. Are you daily moving closer to God through his Son Jesus the Christ, or are you moving a little further away each day?

Mrs. Elizabeth

Tour of a lifetime!

In October 2022, Fr. Tom and Mtr. Elizabeth are leading a tour to Israel. The tour is open to anyone who would like to participate. Details are included in the link below. If you are interested or have questions contact Mtr. Elizabeth. This is an experience of a life time.

<http://shoresh.mvti.net/stgeorges-2022>



June Anniversaries

Victor & Anita Knorowski,
George & Karen Malcolm,
Michael & Julie Pizziketti,
Joseph & Anne Bogdan,
Barry & Pam McCabe, Carl & Melinda Reed,
Jack & Martha Underhill, Brett & Pam Demler,
Charles & Linda Jewett, Maryellen & Steve Eyer,
Vance & Darelle Bryant, James & Ann Marie Clancy,
Dan & Stacey Shepard



June Birthdays

Misty Quail,
Douglas Chapman,
Charles Jewett,
Jennifer DeCuyper, Ann Marie Clancy, Karen Gazda,
Doris Guadron, Ruth Kuhne, Ed Morrison,
Sal Casano, Giusseppe Crannell, Amy Arnold, George
Malcolm, Jo Anne Robbins, James Clancy, Collins
Shepard, Kathleen Bee, Caleb DeCuyper, David Eyer,
Linda Wilson, Keegan Stockton



Women's Bible Study

From Cindy Hoetzer

Women's Monday Evening Bible Study recently concluded a six week study called I Still Believe based on the movie about Christian songwriter and singer Jeremy Camp and his wife Melissa.



St. George's owns this movie and the accompanying videos and the study guide can be purchased on Amazon.com or Lifeway.com.

This particular Bible Study can be done alone if you wish; contact the church office if you are interested in borrowing it.

This coming September we will resume study with the Book of Exodus with author and Bible Scholar Jen Wilkin.

Watch the Dragon's Tale and weekly announcements for the beginning date. In the meantime, you can preview the upcoming Exodus Bible study by watching a video clip here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JYpJ7sNWqA>



[\(Click Here for Reservation\)](#)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

From Cindy Hoetzer



Do you knit or crochet? We need more knitters and crocheters who are willing to make prayer shawls which are always greatly appreciated, especially at this time of year. If you are willing to knit or crochet a shawl, please make one and bring it to church where it will be blessed at a Wednesday Holy Eucharist with anointing for healing service and then prepared for distribution to someone in need. There are many free patterns on-line and we have a binder with patterns here at church as well as some yarn and needles/hooks. Check out these patterns or search the web for one you like - the possibilities are endless and your gift is priceless!

Knitting patterns - <https://blog.nobleknits.com/blog/prayer-shawl-knitting-patterns-free>

Crochet patterns - <https://lovelifeyarn.com/crochet-prayer-shawl-patterns/>

We will meet again in the church library on Tuesday, June 14th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM - please consider sharing your talents and join us for some fellowship and shawl creation.

St. George's Mission and Outreach

Ongoing Ministries

From Jo Anne Robbins

Jonesville Helping Hands Food Pantry

We are continuing to collect and deliver shelf stable food and non-food items to the Jonesville Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Updated Helping Hands Food Pantry Needs List

We've received an updated "Items Needed List" from the Helping Hands Food Pantry that we partner with. The new updated list is:

- Rice
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Bar Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Cleaning Products
- Paper Towels
- Incontinence Products



Collection carts may be found inside the entrance to the narthex and another inside the parking lot entrance.

Loaves and Fishes



Loaves and Fishes is a feeding ministry based in the kitchen and parish hall of the St. Francis Mission church in Arbor Hill area of Albany. The ministry provides a hot, healthy meal every Saturday from 11:30am to 1pm to the people from this very needy neighborhood.

It is 100% run by volunteers from various churches in the Albany Diocese. St George's is committed to cooking at St. Francis the 4th Saturday of each month. Volunteers arrive at the kitchen at 9:00AM - hours before feeding to prepare the food then distribute the meal and clean up. It is eye opening and rewarding.

Middle School and High School students are welcome to come help cook and serve but must have a parent accompany them. If you would like to volunteer, please use the link below and sign up for a day, or more!

To volunteer, please follow link to [Sign-Up Genius](#)

Any questions, please contact Kathryn Pellett at: kathrynpellett@yahoo.com or 518-429-9334.



Community Dinner Series

The First Friday of Every Month

Adult - \$19.99 | Child (12 & Under) - \$13.99 | (2 & under are free)

[\(Click Here for Reservation\)](#)

Helping Our Wounded

Veterans

Sunday June 19th Donation
Deadline

A second Welcome Home Initiative (WHI) Retreat will be held at Christ the King center this June 20th - 22nd. This retreat focuses on men and women who have attended a previous WHI retreat. The wounds to the souls of our veterans are often quite deep such that their healing occurs in stages.

St George's will again be collecting items for the Welcome bags given to the vets. There is a [signup sheet](#) of the needed gift bag items on the St George website and a paper signup sheet in the church narthex. Donations need to be delivered to the church by noon on Sunday, June 19th.





Two Baptisms in May!

Celebrating the newest members of Christ's Body at St. George's. They are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.



The Light of Christ in the Catechesis atrium.



In-Person Worship Services

Sunday:

7:30 am Morning Prayer in library

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II with organ and choir

10:45 am Christian Formation for all ages

Wednesday:

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II with anointing for healing, with COVID-19 precautions

Saturday:

4:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II, with Praise Band

Weekly Virtual Worship Schedule

Sunday:

7:30 am Morning Prayer Rite II virtually through Zoom via St. George's Online web page at https://stgeorgescp.org/st_georges_online

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II virtually. Access via https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqGV25ahrgM9i8RQEOBjJmo2Fro8yRj_x

10:45 am Theological Reflection (TRs) on the Gospel reading for that day virtually through Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87182104399?>

Weekdays:

7:30 am Morning Prayer weekdays. On Zoom at https://stgeorgescp.org/st_georges_online

Reflection on the Bible Readings from the Daily Office lectionary via https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqGV25ahrgM_wqA08d_LU4zBnF4SVc-fN

See the St. George's Online web page at

https://stgeorgescp.org/st_georges_online for up to date information for online worship services and classes

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