



The Dragon's Tale

June 2010

St. George's Episcopal
Church

912 Route 146
Clifton Park, NY

Rector's Remarks

Since St. George's is such a big parish with a lot going on, sometimes it's easy to not notice what it takes to keep it all going. Each weekend when we come to worship, we only see a small portion of the dedicated service and work which many people offer here. While the schedules for ministries are published in each Dragon's Tale, the tendency is to not look at them unless you need to find out "when you're on." So, how much work does it take from how many people?

The work of producing the bulletin each week and this monthly newsletter are just two things that occupy Sue's time in the office. Yet every week, the bulletin is out and ready when we walk in. The **ushers** distribute the bulletins and service booklets, bring up the bread and wine for the consecration and take the collection. The members of the **altar guild** prepare the sacred vessels for use, care for the linens and candles, arrange the altar flowers and make sure we have enough of everything we need for the liturgies. The **bread bakers** bake the altar bread each week for us to use in our celebration of the Eucharist. The **acolytes**, adult and youth, give their time to serve at the altar along with the **chalice administrators**. The **readers** lead us in the experience of engaging the living word of God. The **verggers** keep us all together. The **organist/choirmaster** rehearses music during the week, practicing preludes, postludes and anthems. The **choir** meets on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings to learn new music and give us the best of their ministry of music. During the liturgies, people who serve on the **healing team** regularly pray with those requesting healing prayers, using the side areas of the church for this ministry.

The volunteers who lead **Joyful Journey** ensure that our children age three to grade three have a time to worship God tailored just for them. The **nursery volunteers** care for the little ones so mom and dad can be present together in church for worship. The **Sunday School teachers** and **youth leaders** provide a great ministry of witness and service to the younger members of the parish, teaching them about God's love for them in Jesus Christ and encouraging a real relationship with God. The volunteers for the **coffee hours**, **Sunday bakers** and **kitchen crew** enable us all to enjoy some fellowship time after the Eucharist. The **flower delivery volunteers** take the altar flowers to the sick, shut-ins and people who may have something to celebrate. The **counters** who count the collection for deposit help us keep the money side of it all going. The **clergy** prepare for the liturgy during the week, the preacher working through the week on the sermon to make the living word of God accessible, powerful and joyful. The times of prayer and study taken in preparation of each celebration are a part of the lifestyle to which they are called.

In addition, the work of our **Sexton, Tim**, and **property chairman Dave**, is ongoing. They work with **property volunteers** to ensure that the physical plant here is ready to be an effective tool in engaging ministry for the sake of the Gospel. The **Wardens and Vestry members** are all a vital part of the parish's life on Sunday. They each wear a nametag and are ready to serve, answer questions, welcome the newcomer and assist the clergy in the work of the Gospel in this place. We are profoundly blessed as a parish with **each person** able to offer their gifts in ministries!

During the week, there are **other ministries** which stem from this place to reach out into the world, but more about them another time. It takes a lot to "do a Sunday" here.

Where are you being called to offer joyful service to God? The names of the people who make it happen are listed monthly in the Dragon's Tale. As you fine-tune your call to fulfill your baptismal ministry, the schedule sheets might be a good place to begin the discernment, even if your name is not there-yet. Remember to say your prayers.

Fr. Henry

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SonQuest Rainforest

June 28 - July 2, 2010

9 am to 12 pm

Prince of Peace

Prince of Peace is hosting this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) and the theme is "SonQuest Rainforest". VBS is scheduled for 6/28 - 7/2 from 9am-12pm. The cost is \$20 per child, which includes the days bible activities, crafts, snack and lots of friendly fun ! Sign up using the Registration form and drop it off in the church office. The deadline to register is 6/16/10.

We will be looking for donations again this year to help with the costs of supplies and food. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex indicating our need, and we would love your help!

We are also looking for volunteers (6th graders and up / adults) to help with the planning stages and the week's activities. Last year we had 70+ kids come for the experience. To be a successful week for them we need volunteers like you! If you are interested and can help out at VBS for that week, please contact Kelly Moen 727-9412 or jkmoel@msn.com.



VBS Registration Form

(one form per family)

\$20.00 per child

Children's Name(s)

Age(s)

Parents' Name(s):

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Cell: (_____) _____

Allergies or other medical conditions:

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home e-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Other information that would be helpful to your child's group leader: _____

Name of any friend(s) or family member(s) your child would like to be grouped with: _____

Name of your home church: _____

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO BE A VOLUNTEER HELPER AT VBS? _____

For the **WHOLE** week, or **PART** of the week

How would you like to help? (circle) **SETUP** **CRAFTS**
COUNSELOR **SNACKS** **OTHER**



Haiti – Faults and Faith

by Deacon Scott Underhill

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 52:7)

The week from April 22 through April 29, I spent traveling Haiti with Cindy Schmehl and Teresa Brobston (of To Love a Child) and Edge Bagg (St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany). We spent the first two days in Port-au-Prince, and then transitioned to the town of Lascahobas located on the plateau area of Haiti, where we travelled to two even more rural school/churches. During our visit, we brought supplies (medical, school, and toys) to an orphanage in Port-au-Prince that the organization To Love A Child (out of Ballston Lake) supports and to rural school/churches that are supported by churches in the Albany Episcopal Diocese.

During my stay I witnessed the blight and destruction of Port-au-Prince – crumbled buildings, lack of sanitation (drainage canals filled with garbage), tent cities and make-shift shanties everywhere (including in the road medians), and streets jammed with vehicles and people as everyone had someplace to go, but we could never figure out to where. I couldn't wait to leave Port-au-Prince.

The plateau region was much different. People still lived in squalor in Lascahobas, but the widely dispersed shacks in the rural areas seemed much more in place. I imagined Haiti to be similar to Africa. We were welcomed everywhere we went and never did I feel threatened (though we did not go out after dark in Port-au-Prince). Conditions in rural areas mimicked those campers can appreciate – no bathroom facilities (trees and bushes work well), bathing in a stream, meals cooked over fire, and walking. Transportation between sites was tough as many of us and our supplies were packed into the back of an overloaded Toyota small bed and drove over dusty, bumpy roads.

The people I met were hard working, trying for a better life. The strongest attributes I saw were their faith in God (Merce Jesus printed on many taxis or Tap-Taps) and strong sense of community. People were looking out for each other and sharing what little they had (though there were some exceptions). The young Haitians wanted to work and improve, but conditions (even before the earthquake) did not allow many to escape. Unemployment is at 70%. One young man at the age of 26 who acted as our guide in Port-au-Prince had no job and no girl friend. His pride would not allow him to date if he did not have a job. A girl age 16 to 18 in Lascahobas was staying in a small room with her younger sister away from her mother so she could attend the secondary school there. She woke at 4 AM to begin studying; school for her was from 12 Noon to 6 PM. She hopes to go to university to study nursing in two years. Hopefully there will be universities to study at by then.

The rural schools we visited had no supplies outside of four mason walls, benches, and dilapidated blackboards. Over 125 kids were squeezed into a room 30-ft by 15-ft and taught by age in four groups. Most kids couldn't pay the tuition of \$13US/year, so the teacher's salary of \$37.5US/month was paid irregularly. But the teachers taught, many walking 60 minutes to school each day and then returning home to work in the fields.

Haiti has its faults and faith. Haitians are hard working and hopeful. There is much work we at St. George's can do alongside our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Look for a presentation on Haiti in the upcoming weeks along with potential areas of outreach. If you are interested in discerning a call to assist Haiti, please contact me at 371-1614 or deaconscoottu@gmail.com.

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. (1 Cor 12:12-14)



News from the Property Committee

Hello from the property committee....

As the days get longer our weeks get busier with external projects dovetailing themselves into ongoing internal demands.

We have been quite busy tracking down contractors for projects including but not limited to the procurement of a new pest treatment company. (Where possible we are going with companies referred by the St George community.) Another project about to show progress is the "Trench Drain" construction. The drain is designed to better handle roof and courtyard runoff. The last item, replacement of the roof cap, should help prevent damage caused by a combination of winds and rain on the original roof ridge cap. Watch for H buildings - "Revenge of the Dust Bunnies" coming soon... scaffolding specialists being called to action once again!

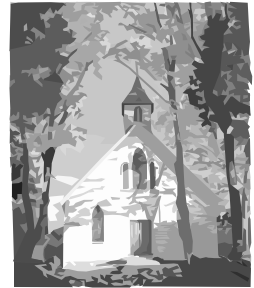
We attended the final meeting of the original prayer path committee this past month. Those of us who enjoy this serene setting know that we are constantly at odds with mother nature when we venture into the woods. High winds have destroyed many smaller trees and made leaning trees a health-hazard to hikers. We are hoping some folks can step forward to clear the trails and put down mulch as needed. Call or button-hole the author for details and or equipment needs.

We owe a dept of gratitude to many people who work quietly behind the leadership. Among those, Ken Bee

keeps rising to the fore with technical expertise and energy. Anyone know what a ballast is? No, its not that bag of sand which keeps a hot air balloon under control. Ken tells us it used to make dark lights bright in our building. We're very glad a guy with that level of knowledge and energy is there to keep our buildings bright. Thank you Ken.

The "cleanup" day of Sunday May 16 was a display of "volunteerism" important to our organization. About 20 people turned out to take on various projects found on the Ad Hoc Committee bulletin board (Narthex). The observer would see a "GLOVED" group washing windows, planting flowers, pulling weeds, grooming the grounds or trimming hedges. Every contribution helps keep our park-like setting looking pretty. Those who were unavailable Sunday are reminded that projects are perpetually outstanding. Contact the office or else Dave B to get your "piece of the action".

The Ad Hoc Property Committee needs volunteers regularly. When we take on projects, we meet new people, or reacquaint ourselves with those we have known for years. Working together to accomplish a goal builds relationships and pride in our surroundings among other things (ask the Boy Scouts). Feel free to speak to us any time.



Dave Blanchet

June Readings

June 6th
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:17-24
Psalm 30
Galatians 1: 11-24
Luke 7:11-17

June 13th
The Third Sunday after Pentecost
2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15
Psalm 32
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

June 20th
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:18-27
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 27th
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16: 1-11
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July 4th
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-8
Galatians 6:[1-6], 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20



Special Celebrations

June Birthdays

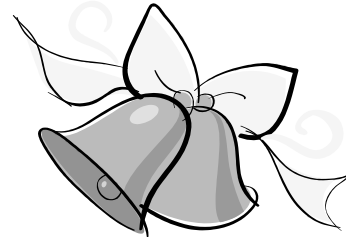
- 1 Misty Quail
- 2 Jesse Wolsey
- 3 Madison Alheim
Jessica D'Amelia
- 4 Kelsey Barbour
Jennifer DeCuyper
Luke Zink
- 5 Barbara Bird
Brian Testani
- 6 Andrew Cruikshank
- 7 Mark Callahan
- 8 Karen Gazda
- 9 Doris Guadron
Ruth Kuhne
Don Nelson
Bob Sovik
- 10 Norma Chrimes
Geoffrey Rogers
- 11 Benjamin Dorsey
Robert Kenworthy
Ed Morrison
- 13 Eileen Brucato
Tammy Cozzens
- 14 Sarah Keyes
Victor Vrigian
- 17 Donna Rogers
- 18 George Malcolm
Bob Richards
- 19 Karina Moen
Melinda Palmer
Zeb Robbins
- 20 Mike DiPersio
Elaine Kelly
- 21 Tom Bee
JoAnne Robbins
- 23 Kelli Smachlo
- 24 Julia Smachlo
- 25 Jason Collins
Emily Dingley
Molly Dingley
Jane Olsen
- 26 Joel DiPersio

- 28 Kathleen Bee
Louise Hatlee
Linda Wilson
- 30 Elizabeth Johnson

Anniversaries

- 2 Joe & Joan Corrigan
Joe & MaryAnn Gulyas
Victor & Anita Knorowski
- 5 Richard & Jeanette Hixon
- 8 George & Karen Malcolm
- 9 Bob & Bette Sovik
- 10 Scott & Kathleen Shepherd
- 14 Greg & Suzanne McIntyre
- 15 Michael & Julie Pizziketti
- 19 Jim & Louise Hatlee
- 20 Barry & Pam McCabe
Carl & Melinda Reed
Jack & Martha Underhill

- 22 Paul & Donna Rogers
- 25 Robert & Cheryl Kenworthy
- 27 Tommy & Sarah Keyes
- 28 Dave & Joy Blanchet
- 30 John & Margaret Newman



Milestones

Let us pray for the Baptisms of:

Jeremy Rosner Root and his son, Matthew William Root, also the son of Megan Root on May 16th
... *that the Lord's loving kindness be upon them.*

Let us pray for those being confirmed or received at the Regional confirmation Service on Saturday, May 8th at St. George's.

From St. George's:

Livia Annese, Mickey Annese, Jessica Baird, Jason Baird, Peter Bee, Ritchie Christine, Chris Crocker, Michael Danz, Joel DiPersio, Justin Dowd, Julia Ehler, Katie Evans, Jacob Evans, Hannah Ladd, Natalie Landau, Tyler Olney, Becca Pollard, Patty Pollard, Peggy Schrom, Amanda Underhill, Sarah Watson and Lynne Olney (received)

From St. Luke's, Catskill:

Merimon Hart, Nathaniel Hoffman, Timothy Hoffman, Jacqueline Monsell, Stacey Monsell, Dayton Rutkowski, Mariel Rutkowski, Kelsey Woods, Lelaina Worden

From Church of Our Saviour, Lebanon Springs:

Georgianna Raimer

From Grace Church, Waterford:

Ryan Christopher Greenhall, Regina Lee, Kelly Rae Lenegar, Gina Marie Thompson (received), Heath DeCelle (reaffirming)



Letters

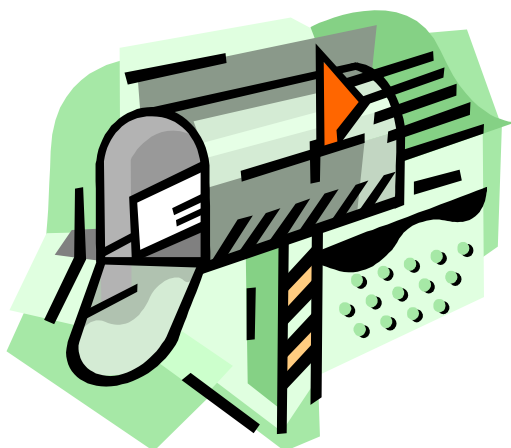
*To the people of St. George's Church:
Thank you very much for the lovely bouquet
of flowers which came from your altar last
April 25th. It was so thoughtful of you to
deliver it, and I certainly appreciate it. It
has now been almost two weeks since my
surgery, and I am well on the road to
recovery.*

*Thankfully,
Margo Close*

*Members and Friends of St. George's,
Thank you so much for the thoughtfulness
and lovely Easter flower.
Grace Krawiecki*

*To the Senior lunch cooks and servers,
All of our hungry ladies from Shen Village
can't thank you enough for all that you have
done for us.*

*We have been coming here once a month for
very delicious dinners for over 14 years.
Thank you again and again!
Shen Village*



To Love a Child

Dear Friends:

On behalf of our cookbook committee, you are cordially invited to become part of an exciting fundraiser that will benefit children in two of the poorest countries in the world, Zimbabwe and Haiti. Children in these two countries struggle to find food and clean water. They go without medical care and in many cases are forced to leave school because their families cannot afford the tuition that is required.

Participation in this project is easy and your involvement will allow us to create a cookbook filled with wonderful recipes from friends of To Love a Child. In turn, money raised from the sale of this cookbook will go directly to programs in Haiti and Zimbabwe that will make a difference in a child's life and give them a brighter future.

Please send us recipes from any of the following categories: Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Main Dishes, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Breads & Rolls, Desserts, or Cookies & Candy. **Recipes should be forwarded to director at TLC@aol.com or To Love a Child, PO Box 165, Clifton Park, NY 12065 no later than June 15th.** Emailed recipes are preferred. Also, please feel free to add a special vignette that may personalize your recipe! Each recipe you submit will have your name, title and place of employment noted. And, please don't forget to ask everyone in your office or organization to submit a recipe too.

Thank you in advance for your participation in "Recipes to Love" and we'll look forward to receiving your favorite recipes soon.

Sincerely,
Cindy Schmehl
Executive Director

(and mother of one of our parishioners—Heidi Brewer. Scott Underhill has also worked with her on projects for Zimbabwe and Haiti)



Date	Joyful Journey	Flower Delivery	8:00 Coffee	9:30 Coffee	Sunday Baker	Kitchen Crew	Nursery		
6/5 6/6	M. Chaplin	C. Van Der Veer	G. Heim B. Ross	J. Gulyas S. Brooks	S. Brooks S. Keyes B. Hartman		S. Westad		
6/12 6/13	H. Friedman	J. Harrington	B. Sovik	N. Henches L. Canistracci	L. Landau K. Quail J. Bailey	S. & D. Pitzer	H. Brewer		
6/19 6/20	J. Bailey	L. Gallagher	T. & N. Chrimes	G. Ehler J. Granger	J. Andrus R. Casale C. Fare		T. Manning		
6/26 6/27	S. Keyes	J. Gillespie	B. & J. Gillespie	L. Dominelli L. Underhill	D. Glaser N. Kruse B. Burns	L. Gallagher C. Wilcox	J. Andrus		
7/3 7/4	At Prince of Peace	B. Hartman	At Prince of Peace	At Prince of Peace	At Prince of Peace		At Prince of Peace		

A Prayer for St. George's Schools

*Almighty God, source of all wisdom,
we ask you to guide, direct, increase and
bless our ministry of discipleship
in education.*

*Empower and bless the students,
teachers, families and benefactors
of St. George's schools to be a
faithful and fruitful outreach ministry
of our parish and a living example
of Christian foundations
in nurture and education.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord in the power of the
Holy Spirit.
Amen*

Don't Forget

Saturday, July 3rd there will be a service here at St. George's at 4:30PM

July 4th we will join the congregation at Prince of Peace church for worship at 8 and 9:30AM (Prince of Peace is just down the road, Route 146, at the intersection with Moe Road and Northcrest Dr. They will be joining us here at St. George's for Labor Day.

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July/August Dtale editor is Sue Walthers stgeorge@ csdsl.net	Deadline is June 15th	1 7:30 DOK	2 8AM Men @ Snyder's 9:30 Healing Holy Eucharist 10:30 Women's Bible study	3 7:00PM Choir	4	5 4:30 Holy Eucharist
6 8 & 9:30 Holy Eucharist Daughters of the King @ 10:45	7	8 7PM Stephen Ministers	9 9:30 Healing Holy Eucharist 10:30 Women's Bible study 7pm Vestry	10 7:00PM Choir	11 St. Barnabas	12 4:30 Holy Eucharist
13 8 & 9:30 Holy Eucharist 11 Senior Lunch Last Sunday School & choir	14	15 6:30 Cursillo	16 8AM Men's Bible study 9:30 Healing Holy Eucharist 10:30 Women's Bible study	17	18	19 4:30 Holy Eucharist
20 8 & 9:30 Holy Eucharist 1 Order of St. Luke	21	22 7PM Stephen Ministers	23 9:30 Healing Holy Eucharist 10:30 Women's Bible study	24 Nativity of St. John the Bap- tist	25	26 4:30 Holy Eucharist
27 8 & 9:30 Holy Eucharist	28 Vacation Bible School 9-12 at Prince of Peace	29 St Peter & St. Paul VBS 9-12 at Prince of Peace	30 9:30 Healing Holy Eucharist 10:30 Women's Bible study VBS 9-12 at Prince of Peace	July 1st VBS 9-12 at Prince of Peace	July 2nd VBS 9-12 at Prince of Peace	July 3rd ser- vice at 4:30 @ St. George's. Sunday July 4th services at Prince of Peace at 8 & 9:30

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