

# The Wider Circle

St. George's Episcopal Church  
Glenn Dale Parish, Maryland

"Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free."

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## Search Committee Report

*Donna Haselton, Co-Chair,  
Search Committee*

The search process for a new rector continues this month and next as the Search Committee finalizes the Parish Profile. The Profile is a booklet that attempts to describe in some detail, through narrative, pictures, and charts, just who we are at St. George's: our history, culture, and values. The Profile will also describe our vision for the future of the parish and our future goals, as well as the qualities and skills we seek in our next rector in order to help us achieve those goals. The Profile reflects the results of the focus groups held earlier this spring, and the parish survey. Once completed, the Profile must be approved by the vestry and the Bishop. We hope to complete this process by mid- to late July. The Profile will then be printed for dissemination to potential rector candidates.

At the same time we will be completing the Church Deployment Office (CDO) Parish Search Request form, which the national church will use in order to generate a list of potential candidates for us to consider, sort of like computer dating!

The Search Committee welcomes Jeanette Greaney and Kim Newman, and thanks Ann Package for her contributions. With Ann's departure, Donna Haselton will now serve as co-chair.

We thank you all for your input during this initial phase of the search process, and for your continued prayers as we work through the next phases of the process this summer and on into the fall.

## Keeping Up

*Lee Rowe, Senior Warden*

Please keep up with your pledge offerings when you are on vacation. Perhaps you could deliver it early or mail it in so that St. George's can continue its ministries.

Just as important, please keep up with your prayer offerings for St. George's as we continue our transition time.

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to volunteer your gifts to a ministry at St. George's, don't be afraid to talk to a Vestry member or to someone who is already engaged in a particular ministry that you are interested in.

## Social Action Committee Update

*Marcia Weeks, Chair,  
Social Action Committee*

Though summer is coming fast, the social action committee is hard at work. Recent events such as the very successful Clean Up Day, encouraging results of the Parish survey for the rector search validating the high priority for social action, and new and renewed members that signed up at the Ministry Fair, have energized us to move our ministry forward.

We are looking for volunteer opportunities to help Gaywood School for the last few weeks of the school year and are planning for the next Health Fair, scheduled for September 24. There will be plenty of activities leading up to that event, as well as the need for help during the Fair. Regina Lanning is leading this effort, and will be providing more information through the summer.

In the meantime, give us your ideas for Social Action. We would love to hear from you!

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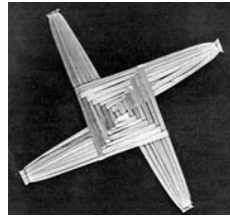
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## Women's Spiritual Enrichment Opportunity

### A Pilgrimage with Brigid of Kildare

Led by Thelma Smullen+

St. George's Church, Tuesday evenings in July



**Purpose:** To reflect on our lives and our relationships in order to better discern God's presence and God's calling.

Summer presents a wonderful opportunity for devoting time to our own spiritual enrichment. Thus, during my 21 years of ordained ministry I have often designed and led summer programs for spiritual growth. This summer I invite the women of St. George's (and your friends) to join in a pilgrimage with Brigid of Kildare during the four Tuesday evenings in July.

No preparation is required and each session stands on its own (to accommodate vacations). The program will begin promptly at 7:30 pm and finish by 9:00 pm. You can come earlier and stay later to socialize. Each week I ask volunteers to bring light refreshments as well as flowers from your gardens to beautify the sanctuary where we will meet.

For planning purposes, it would be helpful to know how many are coming. You can add your name to the list in the narthex, leave a message on my voice mail (301-262-3285) or send an email to [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org).

*Men of St. George's:* I would be glad to help you **plan** a similar program using Patrick or one of the other Celtic saints. Of course, one of you would have to be the facilitator.

## EDOW at the Nationals

The Episcopal Diocese of Washington invites St. George's parishioners to join hundreds of other Episcopalians at RFK Stadium as the Washington Nationals take on the Atlanta Braves on Friday, September 9 at 7:05 pm. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Seats will be in the infield upper reserve (sections 507 through 525).

To join the fun, sign up on the sheet on the narthex bulletin board no later than Sunday, June 19 (or call the church office). As of this writing, 29 people have signed up, so it should be an opportunity for some great fellowship!

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### Mission Statement

The mission of St. George's is to build a Christian community of love and support that actively seeks and includes all people.

We commit ourselves to spiritual growth through worship and education that empowers us to follow Christ's example in the world.

## Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow...

Thelma Smullen+

This summer we will be saying "goodbye" to a number of St. George's parishioners who are moving out of the area.

The Nebel family (Deb, Ron and Tim) is already in the process of moving to southwest Virginia where they have purchased a home with enough property for Deb to pursue her love of growing, arranging and selling flowers.

The Moore family (Dan, Deb, Jeffrey and Trevor) will be leaving in June for northern Virginia as a result of Deb's promotion in her company.

Jill Joseph and Joanne Natale will be moving to Sacramento, California to be near family and to pursue new positions at the University of California, Davis Medical Center.

Stephen and Lisa Trever will be moving to the Boston area. Lisa has received a 5-year doctoral grant from Harvard to pursue her love of South American Art History.

Anne Package will be moving to northern Virginia to be closer to her family as she continues her law career in DC.

Serena Wyckoff will be moving to the Florida Gulf coast to begin a new stage of her life with her partner Cathy Graham.

The loss to St. George's is great. We have come to know and love these people as family. It seems impossible to think that by the end of the summer they will no longer be occupying their seats in our sanctuary.

It also means that we have to find other people to continue the many important ministries to which these people have dedicated their time and talent and treasure. So, please, if we ask you to step into the breach, say "yes."

Meanwhile, pray for our sisters and brothers as they move forward, and pray for St. George's as we move forward without them.

God be with you. And please visit us from time to time.

## Congratulations Graduates!

Jordan Palmer is graduating from high school and going to Prince George's Community College in the fall.

Owen DePriest is completing middle school and will enter Palotti High School in the fall.

## Shop to Support St. George's

You've got to shop, right? So why not participate in one or more of the following programs that earn money for St. George's? It's easy to do and helps our church.

### Giant Food and Shoppers Food Warehouse Gift Cards/Certificates

These are available for purchase each Sunday in the church office. Use them to pay for your groceries or give as gifts.

### Safeway Card and eScrip

Safeway will contribute a percentage of your shopping bill to St. George's when you use your Safeway card. To find out how to register online, pick up an instruction sheet from the Resource Table.

### Amazon.com

When you go to the Amazon.com website via the link on St. George's home page ([www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)), our church earns 4% of your purchase amount. If we increase the total number of purchases, the return rate could go up to 7%. For the first five months of this year, there were 96 purchases made, with a total donation of \$89.44.

Remember, Amazon.com sells more than just books. They also offer furniture, computers, gourmet food, office products, housewares, toys and games, beauty supplies, apparel and shoes, cameras, and more.

Please check with Joan Dickson if you have questions about any of these programs.



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