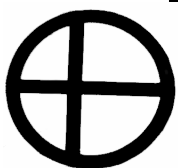


Spring Yard Sale

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The Wider Circle "Shape a circle ever wider and a people ever free"



SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 2011

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

SOMETHING FOR EVERY-
ONE!!

(even lunch for hungry shoppers from 11:00AM-
1:30PM)

Electronics.....

Household items.....

Baby clothes.....

Baked goods and so much more!

TREASURES GALORE!!!

**COME AND ENJOY A DAY AT ST. GEORGE'S! SHOP, EAT, AND
ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP!! TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS!! HANG FLYERS AT YOUR GROCERY STORE!!**

Sunday School Dates

The dates for Sunday School are
May 1 , May 15th,
June 5 and June 12.

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From the Rector

There is a yellow rose bush outside of St. George's that I walk by on my way into church every day. Over the years I have taken to calling it the "Holy Spirit Rose" because it reminds me of God's presence, and I always look for the blooms. It is always a surprise to my New Hampshire self that the roses bloom for so long and it is one of the things I love about Maryland!

The rose hasn't bloomed yet this spring, but it is getting ready to. This works out perfectly as we celebrate this Easter season with Jesus appearing to his

disciples after his resurrection, and his promising that he will not leave us comfortless, but will send us the Holy Spirit.

This May we have much to enjoy at St. George's, with the spring yard sale, Confirmation, and the parish meeting and ministry fair all coming up. Confirmation is May 14 at 10:00 at the National Cathedral, and Anne Rowe, Brad Rymph, and Milena Yang will be participating from St. George's. Come and support them with your presence and your prayers.

On Sunday May 15, following the 10:00 service, the vestry invites you to come and hear about their plan for broadening leadership at St. George's. The vestry is working on shifting how we coordinate ministries and use our volunteers. So come and learn about the plan, be a more informed St. Georgian, and sign up to participate in any variety of ministries that make the church work and help us fulfill our mission to share the good news of God's love!

Wishing you a wonderful Eastertide and all its blessings, Connie+

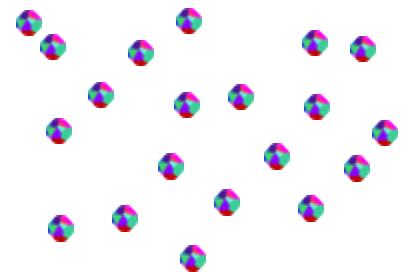
CAPITAL PRIDE JUNE 11-12 by Michael Mangiapane

The month of June brings our summer sun and parades as well. It's time for DC Pride, and the theme this year is Celebration and Opportunity: Paving the Way. St. Georges will be marching in the parade with St. Thomas, St. Margarets, and All-Souls as we have done in the past as part of our outreach to the larger community. This year should be an exciting year as Bishop Chane plans to ride with our contingent. Also the youth band Eleven Thirteen will be performing music as part of our contingent, which will make for excellent entertainment.

It's always a fun time of year, but in order to make it a success, we need you. If you're available in the evening of June 11, metro on down to Dupont Circle and meet up with us at St. Thomas, who should be holding their picnic (details pending), the parade itself will start at 5:30. We should have a few spots for folks to ride if they feel they can't walk the whole parade route. Whether you can or cannot attend, we could also use your financial support to cover the costs of pride, since the bouncy balls we like to bounce at the audience aren't free.

If you could donate, that would be wonderful, make sure to write "Pride" in the memo of your check.

So I hope you'll join us on June 11 to help pave the way for a fun evening. If you would like more information about the parade, you can speak with myself or Carol Thomas.



Vestry Notes

By Gene Ferrick, Jr. Warden

As we go about our days as St. Georgians I am always reminded just how wonderfully we work together. A few phrases come to mind: it takes a village, one for all and all for one, we've got your back, many hands make light work, and go team. There were so many preparations for Easter week. Groups of us tended to the grounds in good weather and in bad, cleaned the church, painted the hallway, cooked and dyed eggs, beautifully arranged the flowers, rehearsed chorus numbers, wrote reflections, cleaned the kitchen, polished the brass, and prepared soup. Together as a great team we celebrated the resurrection of our Savior.

I was honored this year by being asked to share a reflection for Easter Vigil. Despite what some people may think, I tend to get nervous when speaking before a crowd of people. Deciding the words that I would say based on a passage from Isaiah took me quite a long time. I think it is easier to make people laugh than to reflect upon a reading. I thought I would be nervous because I was trying to say something that had meaning for all of us at the vigil. When I had put together my talk, though, I did not feel at all nervous. I felt comfortable speaking to my friends from St. Georges. I feel that the calmness comes from the close-knit village that we have become. We truly do try to get to know one another and help each other as needed.

On May 15 we will gather after church to talk about our new concept for the ministries. In the April Wider Circle, Lee Rowe described how the vestry hopes to establish ministry teams to better organize the many ministries and guilds. I really think this can work well because as a team we can rally to meet the task. I hope you can join us for the Ministry Meeting. To continue to grow and better our small parish it will take the village that we have become.

The Trees Thank You

by John Rebstock

Phase I of the new tree planting around St. George's has been successfully completed, thanks to the work of many volunteers. Five spring-flowering understory trees are now happily growing in the cemetery along the narthex and Miller Hall.

First, Roy Peterson prepared the cemetery maps and helped determine tree placement. Margaret McHale recruited a coworker to help us analyze the site and recommend tree species, and then Margaret carried out the ordering of trees through a state program called Tree-mendous Maryland. Nell Sydavar provided valuable insights about placement and care for the new trees. Rosa Soliz rescued the trees when they were feeling abandoned at the nursery, and delivered them safely to St. George's. Terry Doyle helped dig holes and plant the trees. Connie Reinhardt participated at various steps along the way. Many thanks to all!

On the bulletin board in the narthex, check out the certificate we received from the state, along with financial estimates of the benefits of our new native trees, like reduced storm-water run-off.

We will implement Phase II in about 18 months, with the planting of several trees that will restore some of our large shade-tree canopy. And there are thoughts of a possible Phase III, to plant screening evergreens to improve our winter view through the woods behind the parking lot and cemetery.

St. George's Players will present the Stephen Soundheim musical



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August 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

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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.

Confirmation is Here!

St. George's has a big celebration coming up - on **Saturday May 14 at 10:00 am at the National Cathedral**, three members of St. George's will participate in the Service of Confirmation. Brad Rymph will be received and Milena Yang and Anne Rowe will be confirmed. The three of them have worked hard over the past four months of confirmation classes and the service on the 14th will be a wonderful celebration. All are invited and encouraged to come to the service the National Cathedral to support these three in this next step in their spiritual journey. If you are unable to come to the service, please pray for Anne, Brad, and Milena as they prepare for Confirmation and Reception.

Pancake Breakfast May 22

The youth will be hosting a pancake breakfast on May 22 following the 10:00AM service. All are invited.

Prayer Bead Making June 5

After the 10:00 service on the June the 5th we will be making prayer beads for our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. The prayer beads are delivered to soldiers in harm's way by contacts through the *On Beads of Prayer* ministry; recently they received a request for one thousand sets of prayer beads from the military chaplains. So come and make a set or two of beads! The materials are supplied and there is instruction provided – what we need from you is the willingness to make the prayers beads themselves. You may speak to Rosa Soliz with any questions.. Thank you for your support of this ministry!