



St. George's Episcopal Church

June 26, 2016

Sunday, June 26

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II/Baptism
- 12:30 p.m. St. George's Consort Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Sanctifica Rehearsal
- 3:00 p.m. More than a meal
- 3:30 p.m. Schola Choir
- 8:05 p.m. Compline

Lectionary: http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearC/RCL/Pentecost/CProp6_RCL.html

Music for June 26, 2016

Psalm 77: 1, 2, 11-20 Voce mea ad Dominum Spoken
 Offertory Christ is made the sure foundation Dale Wood
 Communion Josh "Make me pure" G.P. Telemann
 Compline, (BCP service)

COMING EVENTS

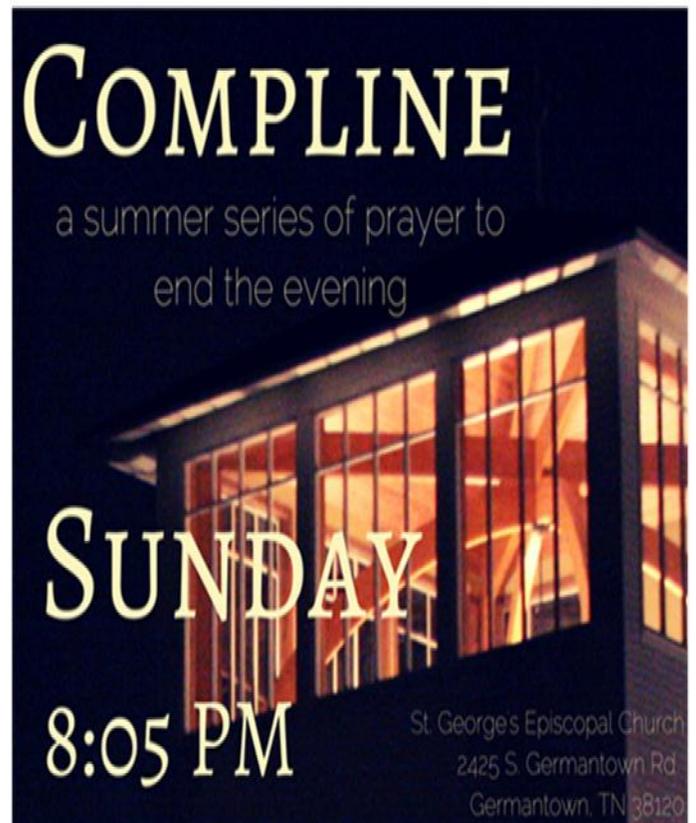
- June 26 More than a Meal (3 p.m.)
Compline 8:05 p.m.
- July 3 Operation Backpack Kickoff
Ice Cream Social during Coffee Hour
Compline (8:05 p.m.)
- July 4 Office Closed
No Young Adult Trivia
- July 8 Lancers (6:30 p.m.)
- July 9 Trivia Contest (6:30 p.m.)
- July 10 Daughters of the King
Music Committee Meeting
Compline (8:05 p.m.)
- July 16 Ghost River Canoe Trip
- July 17 Compline (8:05 p.m.)
- July 24 Healing Prayers (12 p.m.)
More than a Meal (3 p.m.)
Compline (8:05 p.m.)

The Adult Education Offering for the Summer is "Music of Our Lives" Adult Christian Education: "Music of Our Lives"

In "Music of Our Lives" (our summer Adult Education offering), each week we listen to a particular song and

have a conversation about how it might relate to life's questions. The song for Sunday, June 26, asks the question "What's Going On" - a very appropriate plea for a time when life presents us with the prospects of continuing violence, lingering overseas warfare, a contentious political environment, the potential for Britain divorcing Europe, and the ongoing challenges of making our way in the world.

Join us in the Activity Center on Sunday mornings at 9:30 for "Music of Our Lives" - this Sunday, listening to Marvin Gaye's song "What's Going On" - and then discussing how we might respond to that question.



This Sunday is our More Than A Meal Sunday!

Every 4th Sunday is St. George's time to serve at Grace-St. Luke's More Than a Meal. This Christian outreach invites the homeless and hungry to be served hot meal and, in addition, provides



the dignity of table service, fellowship, and a break from the invisibility that many of our guests live. Please join us at 3:00 p.m. at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church (1720 Peabody Ave.)

The Curate's Column



On Sunday morning, I preached at the 8AM service weaving together Jesus' trek opposite of Galilee and Paul's letter to the Galatians, all in the context of the tragic event of Sunday, June 12th in Orlando. What follows comes from that sermon:

"What is your name?" This is the question that Jesus asks after he has traveled into non-Jewish territory, opposite of Galilee in geographical terms, and also opposite of Galilee in the sense that it was completely foreign. Getting off the boat, Jesus is face to face with a man who for years has been naked, living in the tombs, and haunted by demons. The first thing that Jesus asks of this man is, "what is your name?"

The man's response--not actually his name. I am sure, I promise you, that this man had a name; but I am not sure of when was the last time anyone used it. Even in this story the man cannot even say his own name. So the response is not his name, but rather "legion." The man, or likely the demons that possessed him, answered with a word meaning a unit of up to 6,000 Roman soldiers. By answering the question with "legion," we are made aware of the many demons that have taken hold of this man; demons that in a way have stripped him of his identity and his name.

Some may argue that names don't matter. It was Juliet of Verona said, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet." But a rose does not have an identity. We do. And who we are matters. Names matter.

Last Sunday around this time, we were beginning to hear news of the shooting in Orlando at Pulse, a gay nightclub celebrating their weekly latin dance night. I first heard that there had been a shooting. Then I heard that 20 had been killed. By the end of the

morning, 49 people, each with their own identity, each with their own name, dead. And so a week later, I ask you to join me in remembering each of these people, personally unknown to me, likely unknown to you, but each created in the image of God. We may not know them, but we do know their names, names that matter:

Stanley	Luis	Juan	Drew	Eric	E
Amanda	Cory	Paul	Alejandro	Joel	S
Oscar	Tevin	Frankie	Brenda	Jean	I
Rodolfo	Deonka	Miguel	Gilberto	Enrique	J
Antonio	Simon	Javier	KJ	Jean	
Darryl	Leroy	Jason	Akyra	Xavier	
Angel	Mercedez	Eddie	Omar	Christopher	

Names matter.

Paul writes to the Galatians, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Some refer to this as the battle cry of this letter. Paul, frustrated with the divisions among the Christians within Galatia, is writing this letter out of necessity. The people have begun to act in a way in which the things that made them different caused them to not live together in community, the things that made them different caused them to fight.

We find ourselves reading this text a week after hundreds of people were attacked at a gay bar for being what some people might call different. And all week I have found myself struggling to understand what it means to say that there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female--when I don't know that I believe it. We live in a world where there is black and white; we live in a world where there is gay and straight; we live in a world where there is male and female; we live in a world where there is a spectrum between all of these binaries. And yet Paul tells us that in baptism, we are all one.

Does baptism wipe away our differences? In a sense does baptism call us to put on rose-colored glasses, glasses that take away the differences? I don't think so. While in the first century, the Christians needed

to acknowledge their similarities as they were forming a community; in the 21st century we must celebrate our differences to form our community.

If I were writing a letter to Christians today, I wouldn't quote Paul for I do not think it is what we need to hear. Instead I might write: there are Christian, Jewish and Muslim; there are gay, straight, bisexual; there are American born citizens, naturalized citizens, and illegal immigrants; there are republican, democrat, and independent; there are male, female and the gender scale in between; for all of us are one in God.

God created us. And God created us in his image. God named us before we were born and those names matter. They name us for who we are--a child of God, rather than naming us by the demons that live inside of us. God sees our differences and loves us, not in spite of them, but as part of who we are. God is able to see the differences and respond in love. I pray that we can try that as well.

-The Rev. Chandler Whitman

Summer Travels

Pilgrims Journey to Israel



The pilgrims journeyed to and from Israel with Flat St. George! In the picture on the left, Flat St. George joined them atop Mt. Carmel. On the right, you can see the pilgrims on the Mount of Olives, overlooking Jerusalem. As you travel

this summer, consider taking a FSG with you and sharing your pictures with us!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Flat Saint George is Back this Summer

Welcome Flat St. George back! Last summer, Flat St. Georges traveled up the East Coast, across the Atlantic, down to the Gulf, and even managed to have some good old Memphis fun! We hope that FSG can see even more this summer! During the summer months, we hope that you will consider taking a FSG with you and capturing the fun with pictures. Send pictures to the office so we can share them.

How do you get a hold of a Flat St. George?

Copies are available in the Parish Hall during breakfast and Coffee Hour. Decorate one in whatever way! If you would like him to be laminated, leave him with a staff member and we will get it back to you! If you'd rather make him at home, you can go to our Web site and print a copy.

The Table takes a Break

Since so many of us will be on vacation, The Table will be on hiatus until Wednesday, August 10, when we'll have a big back-to-school kickoff! you then!!

There's Just a Few Places Left

...at St. George's Episcopal Preschool for next school year.

If you are interested in your child attending a fun, nurturing and active learning environment a few days a week, please take a look at our excellent Tennessee Three Star rated program - we'd love to see you. Children from 6 months through 5 years of age are welcome. Contact Sarah Bettendorf, Director for more information 901 757 2675.

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

Save the Date for July 9--Trivia Contest at St. George's

St. George's annual Trivia Contest is anything but trivial (adjective): having little value or importance. It raises money for our music program and provides a great evening of fun, laughter and learning. This year's theme

is animals, so gather your pack, herd, or group and grab a registration form from the Narthex.

Carpenter's Exhibit May through June Artists' Reception May 20



A beautiful exhibit by Wayne and Sherry Carpenter is now hanging in the St. Georges Art Gallery through June and there will be a **Reception with the Artists on May 20 at 6:30 p.m.** Artists Wayne and Sherry Carpenter are both native Mississippians, moving from Jackson Mississippi, to Germantown, in 2001. Wayne is retired from hospital pharmacy management and health care consulting. Both have been painting, as a hobby, for many years., Wayne paints with watercolor and acrylics and carves shore birds and duck decoys. Sherry enjoys photography and painting with watercolor and acrylics. Her photograph prints are signed with her full name, but her h\paintings have always been signed with her artist name "Shane". Wayne and Sherry are members of Memphis/Germantown Art League.

MUSIC NEWS

Summer Rehearsal Schedules Choirs

Children's Choirs

No Summer Rehearsals

Rehearsals resume September 7

Coventry Choir

Monthly Rehearsals (July 13, August 17) Weekly

Rehearsals resume August 31

Schola Cantorum

Weekly Rehearsals continue Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

Save the Date - Trivia Contest at St. George's - Saturday, July 9

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ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday noon Bible Study

Continues through the summer months.

Monday Evenings The Great Courses Series

Our current Great Course video is on the Dead Sea Scrolls. We gather on Monday evenings about 6:45 pm in the library and usually begin the video at 7:00 pm. We watch two lectures of 30 minutes each



with time for discussion between lectures. All are welcome, bring dinner or a snack if you like. It is a great time to learn in a relaxed atmosphere, with no study preparation or tests.

LOVE GOD, LOVER OTHERS, CHANGE THE WORLD

Operation Backpack: Donations Begin Sunday, July 3rd

Once again, we at St. George's are happy to provide support to Emmanuel Center's families through the Operation Backpack program. Together with St. Phillip, St. Andrew's, and Holy Apostles, we will help over 350 children at Emmanuel Center receive much-needed school supplies. During the month of July, we are asking parishioners to purchase one or more supply-filled backpacks, at an estimated cost of \$35 per backpack, to give students the tools that they need to be successful in the upcoming school year.



This year we are aiming to collect donations to purchase 100 Backpacks and school supplies to fill them. Starting on Sunday, July 3rd after each Sunday service, we will have outreach committee members asking for your support.

In addition, we are seeking people to help set up tables and supplies at Emmanuel Center on Friday, July 29 (9:00 a.m.- Noon), and to distribute the backpacks and school supplies to the children on Saturday, July 30 (8:15 a.m.-Noon). The goal is to organize the supplies in a store environment for the families so that the children can have the experience of shopping for their supplies. Fortunately, with our support, they will not actually pay for them. We will also be there to offer them our encouragement and love.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help Emmanuel Center continue its remarkable work in making a difference in the lives of children in our community! Should you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact Bob Matthews at 901-826-6537. Thank you!

Note: A very special thank you to Charlotte Hayes who has worked tirelessly to lead St. George's Operation Backpack over the past several years!

Did you know that St. George's has a Meals on Wheels Route?

Yes, we do...! And if you'd like to be part of this wonderful service to seniors in our community who need meals, you are cordially invited! Our coordinator, Bob White (quailawyer@aim.com, or 871-5291) would love to introduce more people to this wonderful and heart-warming way to serve. We deliver meals on the **4th Friday of each month**. Come, join the hundreds of others in the larger community who deliver Meals on Wheels! You'll be glad that you did!

PARISH NOTES



From the Bookshoppe Shelves...

Summer is officially here, and we're kicking it off with a bang! From now through July 3, come in and take 10% off any red, white or blue

item!

We have some great new summer merchandise, including jewelry that's just right for pool or beach gatherings, golf/gym towels and aprons personalized with St. George's name, and cute "happies" to tuck into a gift-including pewter angels, turtles with inspirational sayings on their shells and more.

For kids who might need a comfort buddy for long car or plane trips, how about a cute flat frog or elephant? These are big enough to snuggle with, but they fold up flat for easy packing in a suitcase or carryon bag.

And for your summer soundtracks, we have patriotic music collections to accompany a July 4th barbecue or patio party. We also have gorgeous new hanging mandalas to dress up a porch or outdoor area.

Come see us and save on our summer specials!

Coffee Hour Hosts for June and July

June 26	Ushers
July 3	Altar Guild
July 10	Choir
July 17	Bookshoppe/Knitting Ministry
July 24	Greeters
July 31	LEM B

Flower Memorials and Honorariums

We have several Sundays available for you to honor a special occasion or remember a loved one. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the office. All your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Pastoral Care at St. George's

Our pastoral care team continues to serve our community with home visits, cards, meal and flower delivery and much more. The clergy and the pastoral care team are best able to serve you when we know that there is a need. If you are in need of any pastoral care (sick, in the hospital, lost a loved one, etc.), please be in touch with the church office.

Looking to find a way to serve within our community? If you think that God may be calling you to serve as a part of the pastoral care team, please be in touch with Connie Douglass (901-484-8674 or cquilter@hotmail.com).

Sunday Ministries

Church services go on, even if you're unable to be here. If you are scheduled to serve on a Sunday (Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Acolyte, Usher/Greeter or other service) and won't be available, **please remember to identify a substitute** by emailing or phoning others in the group to ask for assistance. It is not the Sacristan's duty to find someone Sunday morning to fill in for you. The Monthly Ministries calendar can be found on the website, from the Worship pull-down menu or as a link from the Sunday Schedule. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please Label Foods Dropped Off in Kitchen

If you drop off foods in the kitchen for Coffee Hour, Receptions or other events, please, please label what the foods are for.

Join us for Breakfast & The Forum every Sunday

St. George's Breakfast Club

For \$3, enjoy a delicious breakfast, prepared by our Breakfast Crew, and help support St. George's ministry with Room In The Inn - helping to provide shelter and a hot meal to those who are without a

place to sleep in the winter! What a great way to start your Sunday!





Help Us Spread the "Good News"

Please SHARE us on your Social Media pages. Access the church facebook page at www.facebook.com/stgchurch. LIKE us so that our events and information will show up in your news feed. Then SHARE with your friends. Are you on Twitter or Instagram? RETWEET and SHARE us there too!

Weekly at St. George's

Sunday

St. George's Consort (Recorders) TBA
 Sanctifica (Wind & Brass), resumes June 19, 1:00 p.m.
 Schola Cantorum Rehearsal, 3:30 p.m. (resumes June 12)
 Compline (see schedule below) 8:05 p.m.

Monday

Great Courses Series, 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday

Coventry Choir (Adult), 7-9 p.m.
 Monthly Summer Rehearsals (June 15, July 13, Aug 17)

Thursday

Reflective Lectionary Bible Study, 12-2 p.m.

Donating to St. George's



Remember to Renew Your Community Support Sponsorship (St. George's) on Kroger Accounts

Your Kroger account Community Support Sponsorship for St. George's must be renewed annually for the donations to St. George's which begin in February. Kroger contributes 3-5% to St. George's on all your grocery and gas purchases. Go to www.kroger.com and select Community Rewards, then sign in or open an account. To register St. George's for your Community Reward use #80613 or put in the church name and then enroll to establish or renew your donation to St. George's.

Amazon Smile Community Support

This program also contributes 5% of your purchases to St. George's. You have to sign up through your Amazon account and then make your purchases by accessing the Amazon Smile portal.

Mind the Gap!

Mother Dorothy, the Vestry and the Staff all thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries here at St. George's. As a gentle reminder, please be

aware that the ministries of the church continue year-round. We appreciate your pledge and keeping it current. Thank you for your support!

It's never too late to make a pledge! Pledge cards are available on the table in the Narthex at the rear of the church.

MIND THE GAP: A REMINDER

Offerings received thru April 30	\$ 205,919
Budgeted	<u>\$ 225,091</u>
Shortfall	(\$ 19,172)

Sunday, July 3

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
- 11:30 a.m. Ice Cream at Coffee Hour
- 12:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Committee
- 12:30 p.m. St. George's Consort Rehearsal
- 1:00 p.m. Sanctifica Rehearsal
- 3:30 p.m. Schola Choir
- 8:05 p.m. Compline

DIOCESAN NEWS

The 70th Annual Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee will be August 19-21, 2016

Hopefully, you already received the registration flyer in the mail.

The theme of this year's conference is "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth." (Ps. 96:1). One of the things that I always enjoy about the Laymen's Conference is when we lift up our voices in the pavilion and in All Saints' Chapel on Sunday morning. I found three speakers--Gary Morris, Phil Madeira, and the Rev. Geoffrey Butcher--for whom music has been an integral part of their Christian faith and how music likewise has shaped us in our lives in Christ. As always, we will also have our famous rib-cooking contest Friday evening and our Saturday recreation time.

Register online at www.tnchurchmen.org -- we look forward to seeing our old friends, making new ones, and celebrating our common life in Christ.

News from St. Columba Retreat and Conference Center

MUD CAMP

registration is open. \$180, lunch included. Runs weekly from June 27 until July 29.

Visit <http://www.saintcolumbamemphis.org/camp/registration/> to sign up and learn more. Now featuring the ASCEND Challenge Course!

CAMP ABLE

If you have or know of a diversely-abled teen who would love a unique camp experience in June, we want to know! Please visit our registration page to sign up or learn more. St. Columba Center is also seeking donations for camperships to enable children to attend Camp Able who might otherwise not be able to.

Please Pray for Updated 6/22/16

Sylvia, Stuart Owen, George Spivey, The Rev Ronald Valentine, Elizabeth Mealey, Susan Gregory, Lee Bell, Rob Jones, Nadine Lyons, Roger and Kay Easson, Adasia Zinselmeyer, George and Nancy Mellios, Fr. Jim Marquis, Janna McCormack, Susan, Gay Bond, Mary Cifuni, Willie Dixon Jr, Bob Beighley, Jayde Pelt and Family, Betsy Etz, Don McGregor, Bonnie McKeever, John Lambert, Elizabeth Hall, Keegan Provost, David Trammell, Nell Newcomb, John Webb, Alice Saunders, Carol Payne, Joan Webb, Cornelia Baddeley, Renee Clark Guibao, Jim Posner, Allison Meredith, Pat Halprin, Diana Reid, Jean Peyton, Victor Robilio, Gadi Lum, Tori Johnson, Sharon Walker, Lauren, Jackie Gray, Billie Moore, Patricia Howard, Pete Pinckney, Linda Goodrich, Robert Wogan, Randy Shepard, Laura Shepard, Tommy Roberson, Laura Grubbs, Janice Doan, Peggy Nichols, Matilda Albertson, Ann Randolph, David Carsley, Kristine Ogilby and Family, Susan Austin Huff, Susan Harris, Samuel Schaumleffel, Charles White, Dennis Johnston, Katie Calvin Horton, LaRene Kithcart.

St. George's Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells, *Rector*

The Rev. Noble Walker, *Pastoral Associate*

The Rev. Chandler Whitman, *Curate*

The Rev. Peter W. Hawes, *Rector Emeritus*

Staff:

Eileen Fields, *Parish Administrator for Operations and Finance*

Angela Gill Saunders, D.M.A., *Director of Music*

Sarah Bettendorf, *St. George's Preschool Director*

Erin Brophy, *Communications Associate*

Rebecca Longcrier, *St. Cecilia Choir Director*

Kim Norment, *Children's and Family Ministry Coordinator*

Callie Smith, *Youth Coordinator*

Betty Greene, *Nursery Coordinator*

Volunteer Staff:

Kit Decker, *Communications;*

Peter and Denise Bloom, *Photographers;*

Don Cook, *Sacristan & Verger;*

Verlinda Henning, *Bookshoppe Manager;*

Caroline Brown, *Verger;*

Sarah Bettendorf, *Weddings;*

Tom Fields, *Exultemus Director;*

Billie Moore, *Sanctifica Director;*

Andrew Proctor, *Cantor*

The Vestry:

Lynn Shaw, *Senior Warden;* Rick Patterson, *Junior Warden;*

Tom McFadden, *Treasurer;**Nancy Ligon, *Clerk;*

Charlotte Albertson Lescinskis, Noma Anderson, Peter Bloom, Lucie Calvin, Leslie Darr, Connie Douglass, Erika Ewen,

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