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7th Sunday of Easter

Bagel Sunday – 1st Sunday of each month
 8:15am Holy Eucharist – Church
 10:00am Holy Eucharist – Church
 11:00am Coffee and Refreshments – Narthex
 10:00am Wednesday Healing Service – Chapel
 7:00pm Thursday Healing Service – Chapel

Sun	Alcoholics Anonymous	6:30-9 pm
Mon	Interfaith Counseling	9:00 am
Mon	Maycourt	6:30 pm
Mon	K-W Singers	6:30 pm
Tues	Parish Council	7:30 pm
Wed	Camp Meet & Greet	6:00 pm
Thurs	Interfaith Counseling	9:00 am
Thurs	Junior Choir	7:00 pm
Thurs	Senior Choir	8:00 pm
Sat	Milk Bag Mat Workshop	2:00 pm
Sun	Pentecost Family Service	10:00 am

Inspired by Christ, we dedicate ourselves to grow together in faith through active stewardship and ministry to one another and our communities.

All people are welcome here!

Name Tags are a ministry of hospitality and respect.
We invite you to wear yours every Sunday.

Readings for Next Week

Acts 2:1-21

Ps 104:25-35

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27,16:4b-15

FIX-UP 2008/09 - FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

Total received to May 17 - \$7843.00

For background information on our campaign please refer to the church web-site at: www.stgeorgesofforesthill.com

Confirmation Class

Are you or a family member interested in attending confirmation class this year? We will be setting the date for the classes as soon as we know we have a date that one of the bishop's will be able to attend. Confirmation will take place after the Suffragan Bishop's consecration on June 6th. Please leave your name and phone number at the office and we will contact you.

53rd Weekend May 29-31/09

This is an inter-generational event that the entire family will enjoy. See the brochure in the Narthex for more information.

SMALL DONATIONS NEEDED

For the month of May, all food donations are going to the

Food Bank If everyone could pick up just one item when you are shopping, our donation bins would overflow and the Food Bank would be overjoyed with your kindness.

Many Thanks....Outreach Committee

LITTLE DRAGON SUMMER DAY CAMP!!

Check out our bulletin board in the Narthex and see what our camp is all about!

If you can help support our camp in any way, there are separate camp donation envelopes for your convenience. These envelopes can be used all summer to help the camp. If you use yours and would like another one, you will find some on the camp bulletin board along with a list of supplies that we will need this summer. All money donations are tax deductible!

Thank you for all your support.

Camp Committee

Milk Bag Mat Workshops

Are you interested in learning a new skill or giving a few hours of your time to help make someone else's life a bit more comfortable? We have an opportunity for you! The following opportunities are available: a person or persons interested in learning how to use the milk bag cutter to help speed our work along; people who will collect and cut bags into strips in their home and return them so others can crochet, people to crochet the mats, people to collect bags.

Please join us for the following workshops to participate in making milk bag mats for children and adults in South America and Africa. May 30th 2-4 in the Hall

For further details, speak to Laura or email her at alightf@uwo.ca

Youth Discussions

Please join Kyla Wiesner (our youth minister) in the fellowship hall and take part in discussing various topics about faith and life. Youth discussion is for students in grade 7-12, and will take place on the following Sundays during Sunday school: May 31st (previously May 24th), June 7th, and June 14th. See you there!

Calling all Garden Guild Members

and anyone who would enjoy doing a bit of gardening for St George's. We need your help to complete a schedule lasting from June 2 – Sept 15. You can work alone or in couples, bring your own tools or use those at the church and volunteer for as little as one hour of your own choosing. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. A detailed letter will come to all volunteers before June 2. Jan Melega and Jean Horne.

June 21st Celebration

We will be having our 10:00 service outdoors on June 21. Please bring a lawn chair. This will also be t-shirt Sunday with a BBQ after the service. All are welcome.

Youth Group Events

May 29th - May 31st: 53rd Weekend

“We are one communion with creation”

This all ages event takes place at Huron University College in London, ON. Youth will stay the weekend there and enjoy great music and excellent workshops that suit every interest!

Cost is \$100.00, bursary sponsorship is available. Electives to choose from can be found at:

<http://www.53rd.diohuron.org/2009/2009electives.htm>

June 27th: ‘Wonder Jam’ at Canada’s Wonderland

Come one, come all to our year-end youth event for St. George’s youth before we break for the summer! We will depart from the Church at 8:45AM sharp! Register by May 24th for \$39.99 which gives you access to all concerts, the water park and all roller-coasters. Bring a Friend! SIGN UP on the ‘youth board.’ Funding sponsorship is available. Parent drivers are needed.

All registration forms for these events are available on the ‘youth board’ near the fellowship hall. **Questions?** Call Kyla Wiesner at 519.743.6475

Parish Update Form Reminder!

If you haven't completed the Parish Update form yet, they are located on the shelf outside the church office. We would appreciate receiving them back at your earliest convenience.

We would also like to thank all of you who have already done so.
The Stewardship Committee

Episcopal Review Task Force

All lay people are invited to attend the Episcopal Review Task Force at St. James' Cambridge on June 16th at 7pm.

June 10 Potluck and Theatre

For those who ordered tickets as part of the ladies pot luck and theatre night on June 10th, the tickets are now available from June Matheson.

Prayer Quilts

In March of 2008 several women of our parish met to discuss the proposal of starting a prayer quilt ministry at St. Georges. We decided to call this initiative “Blessings and Blocks”. This endeavour is an outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Each knot on the quilt represents a prayer offered for someone in special need. Since March of 2008, Father Don has delivered 24 quilts to men, women and children who are experiencing a personal crisis. Another word for quilt is comforter and these quilts are meant to bring comfort to those receiving them. The important part of the quilt is the prayers that go into each one. One of our recipients, a young man, underwent a long treatment of cancer and has since died. We learned that he kept his quilt with him and even requested that the quilt be placed in his coffin. As members of this initiative we believe that the style and type of quilt doesn’t matter – the important part is the prayers that go into each one.

The Dragon Flyer - our parish newsletter.

Next issue - mid June

Do you know of a blessing or milestone that you would like to share with us? Got a question for Father Don, or an update from a parish event? Then send them to the Dragon Flyer at fh.dragonflyer@gmail.com, or in hard copy to the church office, by June 5. We'd love to hear from you!

Synergy Handbell Choir

would like to give any interested youth the opportunity to try their hand at handbell ringing. On Wednesday June 3 from 4-6 p.m. anyone aged 13-24 who would like to come and ring some bells is invited to come and play with Synergy. We'll be trying some new music and giving everyone a chance to ring different sizes of bells. Just come to our current rehearsal space - Christ Lutheran School, 146 Trafalgar Avenue, Kitchener. Our regular auditions occur in early September. For more information email synergyhandbells@gmail.com.

Financial Update

May 14, 2009

As of April 30, our financial situation is not quite as encouraging as we might hope, but not without several bright spots.

Our weekly givings are down about \$2500 from what our givings were at this time in 2008, but this is substantially less than the \$5000 difference that was reported a month ago – which is good news. Put another way, the impact of Easter was to 'catch up' by \$2500.

The overall picture is a bit of a concern, since we are \$18,600 behind in regular givings than we budgeted in January at Vestry. But this reflects the historical tendency at St. George's to be behind for much of the early part of the year, and then catch up in the fall prior to Christmas. We have been in a similar position in April in a number of previous years.

On the plus side, our donations for capital expenditures are up \$1,857. As has been indicated in other reports, our **Fix It** campaign continues to receive support – we have received roughly \$7800 for much-needed upgrades to our facility. The new sanctuary carpet will have been installed as of the publication of this update, and we are in the late stages of planning for the painting of the HVAC tube above the main aisle. Electrical upgrades have been made in the building, as well as some much appreciated painting by members of the Property Committee. In short, we are gradually sprucing up the church, as we can afford to do so.

Our miscellaneous revenue (e.g., from room or facility rentals) is up \$1,000 and our miscellaneous costs are down \$1900 – both positive numbers. Our property costs are slightly over budget for this point in the year – due to the cost of the carpet – but nevertheless \$7780 less than they were a year ago. Some of our other church expenses are up a bit, but most are on budget.

Overall, we had a net operating deficit at the end of April of \$5880. With your continued support, we think we can continue to stay close to or meet our financial goals for the year.

St. George's Executive

Taize Services

Sunday, **May 24** at 7:30pm. hosted by Preston Mennonite Church.,
791 Concession Rd. , Cambridge.

Sunday, **June 7** at 7:30pm hosted by St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 148
Madison Ave. South , Kitchener

Women's Book Club

June 17 Sweetness in the Belly by Camilla Gibb
Meet in the Fireside room at 7:30 pm. We will serve dessert.
For more information, contact Marg Ryrle 519-578-5913

Family Fish Fry & Silent Auction

Church of the Holy Trinity Thursday, June 4, 2009 5:00-7:00 pm
Adults \$13, Children (12 and under) \$7.
For more information, call 519-748-0340

Driftwood Student Nutrition Program

The Driftwood Student Nutrition Program is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join its dedicated team of people providing nutritious food choices to the students of Driftwood Park Elementary School. Tasks include meal preparation, attendance and promoting healthy food choices with children. This is an excellent opportunity to support children in this neighborhood and gain skills in food service, nutrition and team work. Training is available in safe food handling and first aid. The nutrition program runs currently every Thursday morning and we would like to expand it to three days a week, if we have more volunteers. Time commitment is one or more hours per week. Please contact Brian Banks Community Development Worker at Nutrition for Learning 519-745-5745 or bbanks@nutritionforlearning.ca