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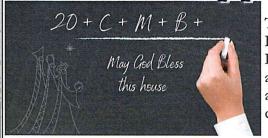
JANUARY 2024

SAINT GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

To Love and Serve the Lord, and Our Neighbors as Ourselves



Epiphany House Blessing



The blessing of homes with prayer and chalk at the feast of the Epiphany is a centuries-old tradition in the church, particularly in Europe, and has begun to spread in the United States. In what has affectionately been called "holy graffiti," it is an appropriate way of asking Christ to be our daily guest in the New Year, and to bless all our comings and goings.

The marking of homes has roots in the Old Testament, both at Passover and in the following passage from Deut. 6:4-9: "Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ... [W]rite them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Using chalk, the following mark is made over your front door, the porch entrance, or some other convenient location: 20 + C + M + B + 24

Between the numbers of the current "year of our Lord" are a series of crosses—the sign of our salvation—and the letters C, M, and B. The letters have a double meaning. They are reminders of the traditional names of the three wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. And they stand for the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*—"Christ bless this house."

The blessing may be simple or elaborate. Use the short liturgy below or create your own!

A Brief Liturgy for the Blessing of a Home at Epiphany

All gather outside at the entrance of the home. Any member of the family may serve as the Leader of the service.

Leader: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in;

All: From this time forth for evermore.

A psalm or passage of Scripture may be read. Suggestions include: Psalm 121, Psalm 128, Matthew 2:9-12

Then, using chalk, a member of the household writes the following over the door or on some other convenient, visible location: 20 + C + M + B + 24

The Lord's Prayer is then said.

The liturgy concludes as follows

Leader: The Lord be with you.

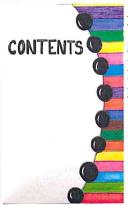
All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the nations and the Glory of your people, bless all who dwell in this house and those who visit. May it be for them a place of peace and health, that they may rejoice in the gifts and graces you have bestowed upon them and dedicate their talents for the good of those for whom your Christ came and gave his life, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.







Anticipation is making me wait ... See page 2-3 We come to see you ... See page 4 Still looking ... See page 5 Rising to the challenge ... See page 6 Be a link in the chain ... See page 7 What do you know? ... See page 9

But wait! There's more!!!



Evening Prayer

Join us for a service of Evening Prayer, Friday, January 5 at 5:30 pm in the chapel, officiated by our own licensed lay Worship Leaders. This brief service, born out of the Anglican tradition, offers an opportunity to break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays while we focus on our spiritual preparation

during this season of Advent. Please join us by closing out the end of the work week in glory to the one who brings light into the world.





Advent 2023 built anticipation for the arrival of Jesus with Advent wreath making, Christmas centerpiece making, a visit from St. Nicholas, and the Children's Christmas Pageant. Special thanks (in no particular order) to Kristie Ohlemeier, Nancy Buckley, Cindy Lynk, Mike Ellis, Judy Skaff, and everyone who helped make these special activities shine as bright as the Christmas Star!!









Yes, we make house-calls!

...and hospital calls. Your Order of St Luke (OSL) prayer ministers are blessed to come to homes and hospital rooms to pray with anyone that requests it. Often, the quiet of a home, or even a hospital room can afford the opportunity for more time than we have at Eucharists. We can pray at a comfortable pace, and listen for the Holy Spirit more attentively when we have more time. We've prayed with people before surgeries, while awaiting diagnosis, before and during extended treatments (like chemotherapy). The team has prayed in preparation for chemotherapy for more than five parishioners.

Some common questions:

Is this limited to St George parishioners? No, St George members, or clergy can request a visit for folks not members of our congregation. Of course, those folks need to be open to the visit.

So, how does it work? A call to Bob Vaughn, the local OSL convener, or to the church office, is all that is needed to get the ball rolling. We will arrange a mutually agreeable time for a small team (two to four) to visit. For hospitals and other care facilities, we will check for limits on the number of visitors. If there is a concern about spreading illness, like a cold, masks can be requested. The team will ask permission to lay hands on the patient. Depending on availability, prayers may be offered in conjunction with Eucharist.

What can I expect during prayer? We follow Jesus' example – even when the need is obvious (e.g., the blind man), Jesus often asked what the patient wanted—so we ask what the patient wants prayer for. We then take time to listen in silence for hints from the Holy Spirit to direct our

for. We then take time to listen in silence for hints from the Holy Spirit to direct our prayer. As they are led, team members take turns offering prayers. Some team members may just pray silently. The patient can add additional requests, or add their own prayers as they are led. If the patient gets uncomfortable, we pause praying until that need can be satisfied. We pray until the Holy Spirit shows we are done...that could be five minutes, or 20 minutes. We conclude by asking God's blessing on the patient.



Do I need to clean my house, and plan refreshments? No! We come to serve, not be served. We won't plan to stay long after prayer, so don't plan to entertain.

Contact Bob Vaughn at 618-593-7263. We are blessed to provide this ministry to make house-calls and hospital visits.



Order Wooden Ornaments

There are still wooden ornaments available in the Canterbury Room. Not just for Christmas, but lovely all year around. Wooden ornaments depicting our church building are available for the not-pre-order., not-pre-paid, you-snooze-you-looze price of \$10. Pay by honor system in container provided or see Diane 618-235-8823 or earhart500@aol.com (or in person).

These make a great gift!!!

100% of the profits will benefit the Chapel Organ Fund!!



Super Bowl Chili

Once again, St. George's famous white chili will be available for Super Bowl Sunday, February 11, 2024. For \$12, you can take home a quart to enjoy for your pre-game, post-game, or during the game enjoyment!

Having a party?? Order several quarts! Pre-order now for the discounted price of only \$11 per quart! Walk-ins on the day of the Big Game will pay \$12 per quart from noon until 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Available in HOT or MILD and available fresh or FROZEN!

Funds raised by this event support our St. George's and St. Mark Food Pantry. Place your orders with David Buckley 618-520-9333 or david_f_buckley@yahoo.com.

Please help spread the word about the Super Bowl Sunday White Chili Sale! Tell family, friends and coworkers.

A sheet to pre-order chili will be on the wall, near the south door, in the Parish Hall, or call the church office with your order.

Also please watch for a sign-up sheet to help cook the chicken, prepare the chili, and distribute it on game day.



St. George's is actively seeking a part-time paid Sunday School Coordinator.

The successful candidate will be responsible for organizing, coordinating and on-sight direction of the Christian Ed and Nursery program for the children and youth of St. George's Episcopal Church.

The position is for 5-8 hours per week, (including Sunday School Classes), with extra hours for special events, for a (renewable) twelve-month period. Full job description is available from Henry.

The Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator is the primary contact person for the teachers, caregivers, children and youth groups of the parish. It is a ministry of coordinating through service, support and direction, and also includes some administrative duties. The Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator should have a passion for children's care, Christian education, and the Christian faith. The Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator needs to be a good communicator with strong interpersonal skills, using discretion, sensitivity, and confidentiality. This position is part of our overall mission and ministry and as such, the Sunday School and Nursery Coordinator must respect our beliefs and practices. This person should be a local Episcopalian.

Please help spread the word and pray for God to guide the right person to apply.





Share the Warmth Challenge

In conjunction with the ongoing Prayer Shawl Ministry, St. George's, together with St. Mark, will be collecting blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, and other warming items for our needy neighbors, ongoing through January 31, 2024.

St. Mark project leader Sherri Foppi has reported this update for the Share the Warmth campaign.

The collection bin in the Narthex/Canterbury Room has overflowed three times already and we are almost at our 125 blanket goal!

As Dec 14 the following donations were received:

101 blankets

99 hats/ear covers

68 pairs of gloves

43 neck scarves/mufflers

72 pair socks

Donations have been distributed to:

St. George/St. Mark Food Pantry

Union United Methodist Church for their homeless program

Belleville Christian Center in Belleville

Moms on a Mission in Dupo

Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois in Belleville

Check your closets to see how many blankets/quilts gloves, hats, scarves you have that will help keep our homeless population a little warmer this winter!

How far can we surpass our goal??!!

Do you or someone you know have the talent of knitting and/or crocheting? FREE yarn is available to anyone (member or non-member) to make hats, mittens, gloves, scarves for this project. Contact Peggy Anderson 618 791-0992 for your FREE yarn.

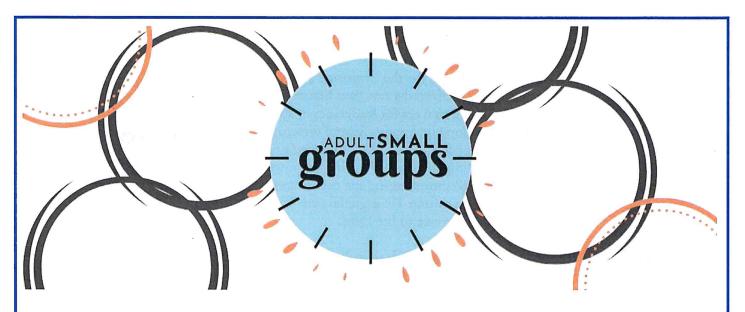
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this campaign; your generosity is overwhelming. Dawn Jung

Senior Warden

Dawn Jung is the St. George's coordinator for this project. 618-792-6035 or dawnjung@juno.com







Small Groups

Crafts Corps will meet January 13 and 27 at 11:30 in the Florence Martin Room. Bring any type of craft project you're working on to enjoy the company and/or advice and assistance of others. Coordinated by Cindy Lynk, 618-288-4439.



Women's Lunch Bunch will begin a six-week series on Women of the Bible on Jan 22 at 10:00 am at 4382 Shelfield Ct. Swansea 62226. Contact Judy Skaff: 407-967-2088 or jtskaff@aol.com

Men's Monday Moanin' group will begin a six-week study: David, Developing a Heart for God on Jan. 22 at: 8:00 am in the parish hall. Contact Tom Skaff: 810- 394-8203 or tskaff@aol.com



St. George's Book Club: The January Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 25. The book is *The Women of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson. Roz Holden will lead the discussion. Reservation required. RSVP to Sue Vaughn at 618-593-7213 bobsuevon@charter.net.

WEDG (Women's Episcopal Dining Group) will meet for January 15 for LUNCH, 11:30 am at Longhorn Steakhouse, 6115 North Illinois, Fairview Heights, 618-384-8540 and on February 9 for BRUNCH, 10:30 am at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, 3160 Greenmount Crossing Drive, 618-624-7226.





Agape Ambassadors Share God's word with others with an open heart through personal letters, phone calls, or visits. Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Contact Dawn Jung 618-792-6035 or dawnjung@juno.com



Prayer Shawl Ministry and Blanket Challenge

Participants in the Prayer Shawl Ministry offer the fruits of their knitted, crocheted, quilted, or other works on their own time. The items might be shawls, lap blankets, full afghans, quilts, or scarves, etc. Father Mark gives an individualized and directed blessing on each prayer item after it is completed. Items may be made for a

specific person or collected and distributed to someone with a future need. You may want to create a prayer item as part of Craft Corps or on your own. Diane Laedlein coordinates this ministry. (618-558-7398 or dclaidlein@hotmail.com) The Prayer Shawl ministry is working in conjunction with the Share the Warmth Challenge (see page 5).

Christmas Purse

Our staff has been presented offerings collected for the Christmas Purse. Checks and words of appreciation were personally delivered a few days before Christmas Eve. Over the years St. George's has offered prayers for leadership in spiritual guidance, office management, music directorship, Sunday School directors and facility caretaking. Our prayers, faith and patience have been rewarded over and over again. While we are still praying for a Sunday School Coordinator, we are blessed to have Nancy Buckley and Kate Welborn leading the curriculum for our youth. The Lord hears our prayers and, one by one, He is guiding us. We are blessed with a faithful staff reaching out in service to the Lord.



"Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude." (Col 2:6-7)

Blessings, Dawn Jung Senior Warden





Support STEM Programs and Mark Your Calendars for a Fun Night Out!

Who doesn't enjoy a fun evening out? Did you have fun at the Pancake Breakfast at Flight Park in Millstadt? Did you see my enthusiasm talking about my student pilot? You, too, can help support STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education and Youth Aviation Pilot Training Scholarships!!

Come Join me for Trivia Night

Saturday March 23, 2024 at the Millstadt VFW Post 7980 200 S Veterans Dr, Millstadt, IL 62260 (Look for the tank on Highway 158)

The questions will be general enough for non-aviation people to answer!

Fun – Trophy – Cash Prizes - 50/50 – Fun

\$15 per-person / \$110 for a table of 8

Doors Open at 6 p.m., Game Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Register at: EAACh64Secretary@gmail.com

Or phone @ 618-239-9359 (leave a message)

Food and snacks welcomed, but drinks MUST be purchased on-site (Cash Only; ATM available onsite)

Please help spread the word. For every full St. George's or St. Mark table, I'll give someone at the table a free flight lesson or sightseeing flight.

~~Diane Earhart

Financial Information

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Income & Expenses for the Eleven Months ended November 30, 2023

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	Budget	Actual	Actual
	2023	2023	2022
3		Year to Date	Year to Date
Pledges and Plate	220,000	209,891	197,312
Other Income	16,010	16,758	17,511
Total Income	236,010	226,649	214,823
Total Outside Parish	35,402	33,997	28,703
Total Parish Programs	3,700	2,803	2,109
Total Salary/Related	173,510	165,338	172,644
Total Administration	44,869	43,822	46,325
Total Expenses	257,481	245,960	249,781
Net Income (Loss)	(21,471)	(19,311)	(34,958)
Beginning Fund Balance		(171,628)	
Ending Fund Balance		(190,939)	
Checking Account Balance		(4,022)	

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Endowment Fund Transactions

Endowment Fund Transactions	
January 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023	
2023 Funding from Endowment	30,000
Expenses	
Salary - Choristers Director	2,114
Salary - Nursery	1,351
Salary - Clergy	17,701
Salary - Clergy Coaching	3,500
Christian Education	18
Children's Worship Guides	100
Textbooks & Study Guides	929
Gift Cards for Sunday School Coordinators	200
Vacation Bible School	
Choristers	
Choristers - Annual fee for Royal School of Music	
Scholarships	3,750
Void Check from March, 2020 for speaker never cashed	(200)
Total Expenses	29,463
Net Funding	537
Fund Balance - January 1, 2023	4,554
Fund Balance - November 30, 2023	5,091

We pray for:

Parishioners: Joan Barnes, Liz Briesacher, Joe Bono, Marilyn Boschert, Margaret Brown, Mickey Cattaneo, Barbara Gates, Marilyn Gillen, Nolan Haefner, Susan Fellner, Mary Vivian Gillispie, Ken Gottschall, Bradley Harmon, Heather Holden, Judy Jacobs, Kevin Korte, Charles Laedlein, Mike Ledden, Betty Massey, Mary Mohrman, Kathy Parsons, Frank Rogers, The Rev. Cindy Sever, Jim Stelling, Liz Stelling, Elaine Thebus, Duffy Walters, David Welch, Claudia Zimmermann;

Family & Friends: The Auth Family, P.J. Barnett, Helen Blackburn, Jena Breckon, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Father Gary Dalmasso, Alex Dieterle, Hunter Dunn, Mike Gross, The Very Rev. Andrew S. Hook, Jennifer Huggins, Adam Jones, Robert Laedlein, Brenda Lee LaMonte, Kim Levick, Diane Lordan, Ann Lowe, Carol Ludwick, Evelyn Marquardt, Jean O'Neal, Mary Ann Steinkamp, Charles Szarafinski, Sue Tarbell, Anita Thomas, Sharon Underwood, Darrell Weigand, Jane Williams, Anne, Jessica, Kim;

For the people of Israel and all victims of terrorism;

For those in service of our country. Joshua A rbogast, Sean Arbogast, Neal Ballas, Jeff Boschert, Douglas DiCenso, Steven Gates, Daniel Gearhart, Kenneth Gearhart, Dustin Kelley, Dan Kitchell, Eric Lunan, Jacob Marler, Ryan Marler, David Moses, Creighton Worley;

We pray for:

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January Ditti	aurys
6	Cindy Lynk
1	Virnal Buckley
8	Charles Wilson
10	Matthew Cantonwine
11	Sammy Parsons
_	David J. Lavely
	Jackson Jarvis
13	Evangeline Jarvis
16	Julie Herr
17	Wayne Jung
18	Bonnie Flach
21	Mickey Cattaneo
22	Becky Miller
25	Chris Treadwell
30	Don Carroll

We pray for:

January Anniversaries

10	David & Sheri Welch
15	Bob & Bonnie Flach
28	Dan & Pat Duncan
30	Patrick & Tammy Wal

Congratulations to: Please send your achievements and good news to earhart500@aol.com or the church office. Your church family wants to acknowledge your accomplishments.

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Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Spoken) 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Sung)

Office Hours —105 East D Street

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm stgeorgeoffice@sbcglobal.net 618-233-6320

Saint George's Episcopal Church

Head of the Church

Jesus, the Christ

Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield

The Rt. Rev. Brian K. Burgess

Priest-in-Charge

The Very Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier

Senior Warden

Dawn Jung

Junior Warden

Joe Hooten

Treasurer

Brian Maves

Music Director

Nancy S. Ypma, D.Mus.

Parish Administrator

Henry Evans

Sexton

Gary Huffman

Nursery Attendant

Kendra Hargan

Sunday School Coordinator

vacant

Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Canon Elliot H. Blackburn

Vestry

Class of 2024
David Buckley
Vicki Hall
Dawn Jung

Class of 2025

Sarah Bender Ken Gottschall Angela Kammann

Class of 2026

Maryann Fernandez Joe Hooten Craig Jesenick

Diane Earhart, Clerk

After Hours Emergencies

Father Mark: 785-220-5528

SAINT GEORGE'S CALENDAR	GE'S CALENT	7AR		רו	January 2024	2024
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,	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm OSL	3 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 am Joint Use Comm.	4	5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel	6 The Epiphany Of Our lord 9:00 am Food Pantry 6:00 pm SHINE
7 Epiphany 1 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	8 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	9 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6:30 pm Vestry	8:30 am Meals on Wheels 3:00 pm Cursillo Reunion 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	11	12 5:30 pm Evening Prayer (Chapel	13 9:00 am Food Pantry 11:30 am Crafts Corps
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28 Epiphany 4 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Christian Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist followed by lunch & the Annual Meeting	29 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	30 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 7:00 pm Liturgical Comm.	8:30 am Meals on Wheels 3:00 pm Cursillo Reunion 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal			

January 2024

Ministry Schedule

January 7 Epiphany 1		January 14 Epiphany 2		January 21 Epiphany 3		January 28 Epiphany 4	
Readings Genesis 1:1-5 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11 Psalm 29		Readings 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20) 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	(11-20) 12-20 :2-17	Readings Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20 Psalm 62:6-14	29-31	Readings Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28 Psalm 111	8:15-20
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Lector Prayers of the People	Dradley riarmon Diane Earhart	Prayers of the People	Joe Bono	Prayers of the People	Duffy Walters	Prayers of the People	Steve King
Chalice Bearers Joe Bono	Joe Bono	Chalice Bearers	Joe Bono David Buckley	Chalice Bearers	Joe Bono Duffy Walters	Chalice Bearers	Joe Bono Diane Earhart
eam	Bradley Harmon Becky Korte	Prayer Team	Becky Korte	Prayer Team Acolyte	Becky Korte Joe Bono	Prayer Team	Becky Korte
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10:30 a.m. Lectors	Kim Miller (OT) Marti Evans (NT)	10:30 a.m. Lectors	Vicki Hall (OT) Gene Hart (NT)	Lectors Pravers of	Dawn Jung (OT) Angela Kammann(NT) Brian Mayes	10:30 a.m. Lectors	Kristie Ohlemeier (OT) Lisa Yearian (NT)
Prayers of the People	Cindy Lynk	Prayers of the People	Craig Jesenick	rers		Prayers of the People	Gene Hart
arers	Gene Hart Betsy Rogers	Chalice Bearers Marti Evans Brian Maves	Marti Evans Brian Maves	Draver Team	Cindy Lynk	Chalice Bearers Brian Maves Claudia Zim	Brian Maves Claudia Zimmermann
Prayer Team Acolyte	TBD Katie & Elin Vomman	Prayer Team Acolyte	TBD Noa &	Acolyte	Walker Skaff Finn Hart	Prayer Team Acolyte	TBD Abby, Sam, Claire Skaff
Altar Guild	Team 1	Altar Guild Counters	Team 2 Nolan Haefner	Altar Guild Counters	Team 3 Sarah Bender Ken Gortschall	Altar Guild Counters	Team 4 Maryann Fernandez Vicki Hall
Counters Coffee Hour	Steve King TBA Elizabeth Winchester	Coffee Hour	Duffy Walters Sarah Bender	Coffee Hour	Vicki Hall Craig Jesenick	Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour Annual Meeting
Nursery	TBD		Nolan Haetner	Nursery		Nursery	

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