



THE GEORGIAN REPORT



St. George's Church Schenectady, NY

September 2014

STOCKADE ART SHOW

Finally the unthinkable happened: threatened by storms for September 6th, the Art Show committee opted for the Sunday rain date instead. This hasn't happened for many years and we didn't know what to expect. Kevin, Kim and Gerald worked through Mass setting up with everyone else joining afterward and rushing to prepare for the day. Dorothy Dever and Sandy Hughes dealt with hungry artists while we worked around them. Even though the show didn't start until noon, the grills fired up at 11:00.

Peter Braun and Jim Wingate grilled, Kim Furnish and Michelle Whitehead made French fries and fried dough, Nancy Angus and Judy DeLong took orders and served food, Johnnie Angus served drinks, Joan Bessarab and Marilyn Warner took money, Gene DeLong cleaned tables and relieved the grillers, James Whitehead had kitchen duty, Louisa Carr sold mums with Jeff Wengrovius and David Kennison, and Bob Moran did the heavy lifting. Having the deep fryer outside drew many happy customers to our Café and the sunny day produced a booming business in iced tea and lemonade.

Andrew's daylong recital series was a huge success, featuring organists Agnes Armstrong, Justan Foster, Jeff Wengrovius, and Don Ingram. Because of the rain date Robert Brown and Brian Hoffman were unable to participate. Judith Smith and Joyce Braun greeted visitors to the church, tallying 445 by the end of the show. Many people also stopped at the Shop, where Chris Henry and Paul Nooney (aided and abetted by their sales staff: Aileen Smith-Carusso, Ann Duff and Barbara Wengrovius) sold about \$600 in merchandise.

Every year Kevin Grace and Joan Pearson tweak the Café, this year adding French fries and mums, but there was no way to predict the success of a Sunday show. After expenses the mums and Café made about \$1680. Not competing with so many festivals helped, but the glorious weather is what made people want to be outside. About 1,000 people wandered the streets to see 70 displaying artists. It was our most successful Café yet, and we thank all our workers and those who donated food and money for supplies.



joan pearson

SALUTING ST. GEORGE'S VOLUNTEERS



Rembert Herbert takes volunteerism to a whole new plateau...driving 76 miles roundtrip from Middleburgh to support our St. Cecilia Choir. There are few Sundays and special occasion Masses that you don't hear his voice (tenor) from the choir loft. Committed to our choir, he praised music director Andrew Krystopolski as "...very open to bringing out the talent of the singers he works with." The only downside Rembert acknowledges is needing more sopranos.

"I consider Rembert a chant scholar," said Andrew. "He is the first musician I have met who has wrapped himself around the deepest spirituality found within the texts and tones. He has helped our choir improve with chanting. We learn how not to just *sing* chant, we learn how to *pray* it."

Rembert comes to us with a very impressive background...PhD in Literature with Associate Work in Music; ten years as Music Specialist at the Library of Congress; a year of post-graduate work in Gregorian chant at Yale; started a choir for Gregorian chant, performing with

and directing the Schola Cantorum of New York; published a book, "Entrances...Gregorian Chant in Daily Life" in 1999 (available through Amazon as well as Methodist Church Publishing); and English teacher (twenty-one years) at Hunter College High School, a secondary school on Manhattan's upper east side for intellectually gifted students.

Among Rembert's "famous" students are songwriter Bobby Lopez, Oscar winner (2014) for "Let It Go," Best Original Song from the Disney movie "Frozen," and composer/rapper/lyricist/actor Lin-Manuel Miranda, Tony winner (2008) for Best Original Score for the Broadway show "In the Heights," whose essay "Inspirational Teacher Rembert Herbert" reflects how his 8th grade teacher changed his life. Other not-so-"famous" student quotes: "...he gave me an eternal love for English," and "...he's awesome even though he teaches grammar."

A native South Carolinian from an old established Methodist family, Rembert was confirmed in 1976 at St. James Episcopal Church in DC and remained its member/cantor for ten years...until "Loved Walked In" (George Gershwin) and Rembert married Becky, relocating to New York where she taught at Dalton, a private school in Manhattan. Husband, father and grandfather, Rembert's hobbies are hunting in winter and woodworking year 'round.

Searching for an Anglo-Catholic church in the area several years ago, he initially found St. George's online and attended our church during summer breaks, becoming a Georgian (2012) after retiring from teaching. Although limiting church activity because of travel time, Rembert is currently revising the Propers each week to go along with the three-year Lectionary, and in October will lead one of three discussions (October 2th) on "What is Anglo-Catholicism."

You don't need the credentials of a Rembert Herbert to volunteer at St. George's. What you need is what Rembert has...a true love for our liturgy, our music, our church.

lynn paska

OUTREACH

Two familiar outreach activities occupied Georgian's attention this summer. From Monday, August 4th to Friday, August 8th Laura Davis and her family, Bob Moran, Diane Reed, Aileen Smith-Carusso, Dawn Tonneau, Dot Deaver and Alice Polumbo helped serve lunches at Wallingford Park in the annual SICM summer lunch program. It was gratifying that each day saw a different Georgian helping in this worthwhile program that provides over 50,000 nutritious meals to children throughout Schenectady in summer.



Beaucoup school supplies awaiting delivery to Things Of My Very Own.

With the arrival of back-to-school, Georgians thoughts once again turned to providing Things Of My Very Own backpacks to assist Schenectady County foster children in getting a solid start to school. Instead of specifically outfitting backpacks, this year a general collection of school supplies was undertaken. On August 22nd a very grateful Things Of My Very Own, received, in addition to 22 backpacks, countless school supplies that reflected the kind hearts and generous nature of our congregation.

Things Of My Very Own is moving and will be even closer to St George's. By September's end, the organization hopes to be fully relocated to the red building on Green Street, across from the newly renovated loft residences.



Dot Deaver pauses her pizza service to pose with SICM summer lunch patrons.

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Looking ahead to the fall, St George's will be renewing its relationship with the YWCA and the Salvation Army in the collection of winter HATS and GLOVES, the Salvation Army again in a five hour (9AM to 2PM) holiday bell ringing shift on Saturday, December 6th at the Eastern Parkway Price Chopper, and Things Of My Very Own in the creation of holiday gift bags for Schenectady County foster children.

alice polumbo

I have now been living and working in the USA for five years. Leaving behind as I did the good old Church of England, I often wondered in those first few months what kind of Church I had come to, not just St George's, but I mean the whole Episcopal Church. In many ways the life and style of the Episcopal Church is very different to that of the C of E.

Five years on I often reflect upon the Church I now belong to, and muse on the differences that make us different, yet I see and feel the common Anglican identity that unites us.

The Episcopal Church has a traditional set of beliefs as expressed in the creeds and the 39 Articles, but we know that whenever three or four Episcopalians gather together there will be a least five opinions on any topic. We do not expect everyone in our church to hold the exact same beliefs. Thankfully in most Dioceses of the Church EVERYONE is welcome! We do not demand that others agree with us. We acknowledge that what we hold to be true, may not be true or may not be the whole truth.

What holds Episcopalians together as a Christian family of God is WORSHIP rather than belief. We gather together, whether conservative or liberal, rich or poor, male or female, gay or straight, sure of ourselves or doubtful, old or young, in order to praise God, to sing, to pray, to hear the Scripture, and to receive the refreshment of the Holy Eucharist. Our most important moments of worship are Eucharist and Baptism.

This church does not offer easy answers to life's most pressing problems. We ask questions more often than we provide answers. We explore the paradoxes and contradictions found in the Scripture using all the resources at hand, current scholarship, reason, and our own experiences in life. We honor the tradition handed down to us from 2000 years of church history, but we also believe that the Holy Spirit is still active in our midst and may still lead us to new understandings of God's will for the world.

The Episcopal Church is a liturgical church, which means our worship is formalized. The worship leaders usually wear vestments; we use candles, art, music, prayer, and sometimes incense to enhance the worship experience. We use different colors for different seasons of the church year. We often do things in much the same way over and over — that is, our main worship service has a given form, but within that form great variety is possible.

What I have really come to love about our Church is that we are open and willing to learn about the new ways in which the living God speaks to us. One of my favorite little books about the Episcopal Church is called "101 Reasons to be Episcopalian", by Louie Crew. Here are a few snippets from the book that reminds me why I am an Episcopalian.

"We don't quiz you on your beliefs before worshiping with you."

"We have a faith not afraid to reason and reason not ashamed to adore."

"The Prayer Book bids us to come to God's table for strength and renewal, not for solace and pardon only."

"When asked if he was saved, an archbishop replied, "I have been saved, I am being saved, and I hope to be saved." That understanding of faith, hope, and humility reinforces me as an Episcopalian."

"Where a woman's place is in the House of Bishops"



“Asking questions about our faith is expected. In the Episcopal Church, God doesn’t get upset if I wonder why some things are as they are. And God doesn’t get upset if I suggest that some things should not continue as they are.”

“Ours is the perfect church for people who are not perfect”

“We don’t have all the answers, and we welcome others who love the questions.”

“We leave neither our minds, nor our hearts, nor our bodies at the church door.”

“We find our unity in shared worship, not in enforced agreement.”

“God loves you, and there’s not a thing you can do to change that”

“Being an intelligent, strong woman is not a drawback in the Episcopal Church.”

“Where God’s unconditional love for all of us is celebrated every day”

“In the Episcopal Church doubt is so okay that we name some parishes “St. Thomas.”

“We welcome the faithful, the seeker, and the doubter.”

“Episcopalians try to love with the heart of Christ, think with the mind of Christ, and act as if we were the body of Christ.”

Your friend and priest, Fr Paul

This is the last THE RECTOR WRITES..... column by Fr. Paul, who has tendered his resignation to St. George’s effective the last day in November and has accepted a position at All Saints Episcopal Church in Redding, California. We wish Fr. Paul and Maggie well in their new endeavor and thank them for five years as our rector and rector’s wife.

PIPE ORGAN DEDICATION WEEKEND



September 19-20-21 was this gala weekend. The full story, with pictures, will be featured in the December issue of THE GEORGIAN REPORT including the rededication concert and organ master class, both featuring Mark Laubach, St. George’s gala dinner at The Stockade Inn, the blessing of the organ, and the final organ recital with guest organist Simone Stella..



ONE FAMILY'S MIRACLE



(Women L-R) Joan & Sara Pearson, Jacqueline LeRoy. (Men L-R) Jonathan & Jon Pearson.

Part of Pearson lore as Jon grew up was that Dad was shot down during the war and hidden by the French underground. He wrote a book, distributed to the family, detailing the time from when his B-17 bomber went down in Belgium on March 4, 1944, until he and radioman Tom Yankus left Senlis in early June. Paulette and Jacqueline, two brave members of the French underground in Senlis, brought them food, news, friendship, and kept prying eyes away. Their last task was passing the airmen along their route to Spain and then England (the Comet Line.) But the book ends with Jack and Tom joining some group in a forest, and he never wrote the end of the story.

Three years ago we met Jacqueline, no longer 19 but still lively, and heard stories about her adventures in the French underground. She was fearless. Had she been caught, she would have been shot or sent to a camp. She still showed nothing but contempt for “le Bosch” and she is living proof that World War II could have happened last year, the memories are so vivid. With her was Rene’, leader of the Senlis unit of the underground, whose stories would make a fine adventure movie. Our friend Ann Marie, daughter of Paulette, was our translator and driver. Her husband, Jack, never knew his father, who was murdered by the Nazis one week before his town was liberated by Allied troops.

In February 2014, Jon received a call from

Edouard Reniere in Belgium, asking if we wanted to be part of a 70th reunion of the airmen from Freteval Forest at the end of June. All along Jon knew that his dad had camped rough for a couple of months before “getting out” but this is the first he heard of Freteval Forest. Right away we wanted to go. Ann Marie was interested so we added a visit with Jacqueline, a trip to Senlis, and a day at Omaha Beach. We included our son and his wife, Jonathan and Sara, because the next generation must see what a war does to the countries it engulfs. And so our trip became a pilgrimage. I began reading up on D-Day and Freteval Forest.

We started in Paris on June 21st, doing touristy things until driving to Senlis on the 24th to meet Ann Marie at Jacqueline’s house. Jonathan looks just like his grandfather and earned a big smile and hug from Jacqueline. She fed us champagne and cookies, shared pictures of Dad and Tom, and told stories of the war and other airmen who hid in the same room as Jon’s father. She guided 19 soldiers. How can we thank this wonderful woman enough?

From her home we walked about a mile to the walled house that hid the airmen. It’s large and was used during the war as an office of National Health, similar to Red Cross. Since they provided clothing, food and basic supplies to families who were displaced by fighting or bombs, constant foot traffic was natural. However, German soldiers were everywhere in Senlis, and many people who needed cash were eager to report neighbors who hid Allied soldiers. Now the Mozens owned this beautiful house, and they have repaired but not changed it. They graciously allowed us to tour their yard, downstairs, and the upstairs room used by the airmen, a 10x10 space with a double bed and wardrobe. At least 11 airmen passed through here. We visited, talking about the war and how the Germans forced young French men to work in their arms factories. Many men would run away to avoid this but then have no ration cards for food. Again we felt that the war had just ended.

Everything we take for granted is due to the success of D-Day. Our day at Omaha Beach and the American Cemetery was unexpectedly powerful. We walked on the sand of this sacred place: a beach, but not for recreation. The same strong serenity extends to the American Cemetery. We felt great sadness and gratitude for the immense sacrifice of the military and civilian lives that were lost.

The Allied invasion of D-Day would ultimately liberate Jon's father and the other 150 airmen in Freteval Forest. A Google search will reveal details of the camp, which held airmen when the escape route through Spain became too risky. Our trip brought us to a large reunion of families and one original airman from the group. A large tent showcased a display of artifacts, biographies, and newspaper articles. We walked to the site of the original camp and a reconstruction of the types of "tents" the men used as well as the mess tent. It was rough living, not far from a German ammunition depot, and the men had to stay quiet. Jon's dad was there from about June 9, 1944, until August 13, 1944, when Allied troops reached them. Then he was ill with mono for a couple of months. From the time he was shot down in March until he was liberated in August, his family didn't know if he was alive or dead. Every airman who waited in Freteval Forest was liberated safely, while many who tried to reach Spain were captured or shot.

We have much to be thankful for: Dad's survival of the crash, his time in Senlis, his good fortune to have Jacqueline and Paulette as friends, his survival in Freteval Forest. Our good fortune continues with Paulette's daughter Ann Marie and our friendship with her and her family. After seeing a sliver of the destruction caused by World War II, our lesson is that we must work toward peace. Such a war must never again be allowed to destroy so much, so many lives. Survival should not be the miracle.

joan pearson

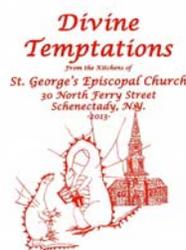
FOYERS DINNERS

The Foyers baton has been passed from Chris Henry (aka The Feastmeister) to Mike Bishop and Pauline Holmes. Chris initiated the Foyers group and headed it for three rounds....now Mike and Pauline have taken over starting with Round #4.

Foyers Dinners is a mixer for Georgians wanting to get better acquainted with their fellow parishioners via bring-a-dish suppers to each other's homes. Past groups have been extra-creative and taken picnics to SPAC, planned a restaurant meal out, or even supped sumptuously in The Great Hall. The groups (usually 5-8) are rotated after each "round."

There are five groups in Round #4. Group #1: Mike & Pauline, Bob & Lynn Paska, Diane Reed, Laure Thiessen, Andrew Krystopolski & Kevin Grace. Group #2: Keith & Christine Nelson, Don Ingram & Gene Tobey, Aileen Caruso & Joan Bessarab, Michael & Katherine Webber. Group #3: Rosemarie & Grant Jacquith, Jane & Bob Moran, Kimberley & Mark Furnish, Judith Smith. Group #4: Chris Henry, Ann Duff, Dawn & Ben Tonneau, Owen & Jean Greenspan, Jon & Joan Pearson. Group #5: Barb & Jeff Wengrovius, Fr. Paul & Maggie Blanch, Rosemary Pannone.

Great food, tons of laughter, evenings that don't want to end....that's what Foyers Dinners are all about. For more information, call Mike Bishop or Pauline Holmes at 384-0904 or email pholmes@nycap.rr.com.



"Divine Temptations," St. George's long-awaited and latest cookbook venue, is still available, now at the bargain price of just \$10 each. It's perfect for all occasions - from bridal showers to teacher gifts,

or for those who simply enjoy the art of cooking and adding new recipes to their collection. Call the church office (518) 374-3163 to reserve your copy, which includes 133 pages of gluten-free recipes and interesting commentaries, new and updated recipes from Georgians, their families and friends, as well as select recipes from your favorite local restaurants.

IN MEMORIAM



Ronald C. Edmonson

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"Rest in Peace"



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EPISCOPAL EDUCATION

Anglo-Catholicism

If we were to look at St George's from a distance, we'd see a wonderful Episcopal church, but do we see a church that could be called "Anglo-Catholic"? Look in the mirror – do you see an "Anglo-Catholic" person? We hear this term all the time but what does it really mean? Is it "high church" vs. "low church"? Does it just mean more ceremony, more nice vestments, more smells and bells? Or is it something more...

The Beginning – The Tractarians Without delving into details, we all know that the Anglican Church arose in 1534 via a schism from the Catholic Church in Rome. Catholic traditions were thus always deeply-rooted in Anglican worship. In the ensuing centuries, infighting and spiritual dry rot had infected the Church, causing a group of Oxford University clergy to preach and produce a set of tracts related to the teaching of the Christian faith as contained in the Creeds and the practice of the Church's sacramental life.



Tractarians - John Keble, Edward Pusey and John Henry Newman.



There is no mistaking the revival of Catholic ceremonial in an Anglo-Catholic church.

The Oxford Movement These efforts of these "tractarians" started a movement, which after about 50 years resulted in the revival of many ancient Catholic customs and ceremonies. They conceived of the Church as one of three branches of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church - visibly divine as founded by Christ, to carry forth his mission on earth until the end of time. You will remember this wording in the Nicene Creed. There also were alternate views of the church either as a public institution whose purpose was to foster morals, good works and public virtue or as an evangelical society. These three conflicting views gave rise to strong divisions as to how people regarded "their" church".

Roughly, this was the start of the high church and low church divergence, with high being more Catholic in its discipline and traditions (Anglo-Catholic) and low being evangelical or even public. Yet they all agreed on one Book of Common Prayer, one Apostolic ministry, the same sacraments, the same Creed, the same Bible.

Revival of Ritual and Apostolic Succession The Oxford Movement returned to the concept of apostolic succession - that Christ gave authority in the church to the apostles and their successors, the bishops, resulting in the threefold orders of bishop, priest and deacon. We enter the God's church by our baptism and maintain our faith by the sacraments. This means we are called to a life of spiritual discipline by regular worship, Holy Communion and prayer.

A more Protestant view of Anglicanism would say that this is all too papist and that the Church should revert to an earlier time with no vestments and little ritual, priests in a simple black cassock and surplice, standing at the north end of the altar. The pulpit - not the altar - would be the focus and Morning Prayer and Litany would dominate the weekly worship service, with the Holy Eucharist celebrated only several times each year. Gone would be the Anglo-Catholic emphasis on ceremony, altar frontals, incense, bells, holy water, genuflecting and crossing oneself. Even now, this is not uncommon.



The beginning of apostolic succession. The "Last Supper", Venetian artist Tintoretto, 1518-1594

Anglo-Catholicism Today You might think that Anglo-Catholics are becoming a rare breed. Out of 7,154 Episcopal churches in the US, only 86 are identified on the Wikipedia web site as Anglo-Catholic (St George's is one of them). It's not easy to be an Anglo-Catholic or even a Christian for that matter. God calls us to be strong in our faith, a participant in communal worship at least once a week and on holy days, belief in the sacraments of the Church as a sign of God's presence and grace, belief in the Incarnation and Resurrection of Christ, belief in apostolic succession in the Church and more. We are called to regain that sense of awe and wonder in God's majesty and in God's grace, freely given to us.

David Kennison

“ALL ON THE SAME PAGE” BOOK CLUB



“All on the Same Page” concluded their first season as a club on June 29th with a delightful English tea party hosted by Pauline Holmes. (L-R) Dawn Tonneau, Maggie Blanch, Meg Hughes, Nancy Angus, Pauline Holmes, Wendy Madelone, Judy DeLong, Sandee Hughes.

Meg Hughes has assumed leadership of All on the Same Page, the book club of St. George’s Church. With 8-10 regular members and occasional guests, the group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7PM in the Great Hall Library. The October selection is “Suite Francaise” by Irene Nemirovsky. All interested readers are welcome - women and men! - stop in, and enjoy the camaraderie and discussions with other book lovers.

WEDDING BELLS

Jon and Joan Pearson are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Christopher Michael, to Fei Liu, daughter of Jiyu and Ping Liu of Beijing, China, on July 12th. Afterward family and guests celebrated with the couple during a reception at the Pearson home.

Chris and Fei are making their new home in Seattle, Washington, where Chris will pursue his PdD in Asian Studies at the University of Washington. Fr. Paul officiated at the wedding ceremony, Andrew Krystopolski was the organist, with Paul Saunders Photography taking pictures of the joyful event.



- WARDEN REPORT -



As our summer winds to an end, there is still a lot of excitement going on. By the time you read this, we will have worked out our most productive fund-raiser of the year: the Stockade Art Show. This event adds to our annual income by serving the community during their annual art show. We will have fed hungry art shoppers in the infamous St. George's Cafe', given grand tours of our historic sacred space, complete with entertainment by our talented organists (past and present) performing on our newly restored Moller Pipe Organ, sold donated treasures from our ever-popular St. George's Shoppe and upstairs Rummage Rooms. We will again host the neighborhood during the Stockade Walkabout on Saturday, September 27th, throwing down the welcome mat by opening the church and St. George's House.

The Organ Gala-Thank You Weekend took place September 19-20-21. Three days of excitement with concerts from world-class organists and Gala Dinner at The Stockade Inn. A full review will be featured in the December Georgian Report.

The full calendar, for the coming year, is available on-line, including Back to Church Sunday and our Stewardship Kick-Off. Be sure to read about Fr. Paul's exciting program of 2nd Sunday events and this year's "God at the Movies." Round 4 of Foyers Dinners will also be in full swing.

My personal THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard to make these events truly special and so typically "Georgian."

yours, chris

- WARDEN REPORT -



The spotlight in front of the church was replaced with a 18.5 watt LED flood. This will save electricity and buying bulbs.

The tree outside of the office is on schedule to be cut down.

We have received the quote for our 2014-2015 snow removal for the parking lot. It is the same as last year with no increases which will be good for the budget.



Unfortunately the Art Show was canceled on Saturday, Sept 6th. It was rescheduled for Sunday. We decided to hold the rummage sale on Saturday in spite of the cancellation. We made \$125.00. Nice job, thanks to all.

We had a leak in a pipe which was the old galvanized pipe that feeds the boiler of the rectory. The leak was discovered by Father and Maggie before they went on vacation.

rick forshaw

CORPUS CHRISTI



The Feast of Corpus Christi, celebrated at St. George's on June 22nd, was a solemn liturgy celebrating belief in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. This great festival, common across Europe for many centuries, emphasizes the joy of the Eucharist for all communicants. The sacrament is carried in the Monstrance, a gilded container holding the consecrated bread for all to see. The word Monstrance literally means "showing forth."



PERKA POOL PARTY



The home of Ed and Karen Perka was the site of a parish-wide pool party and picnic on Saturday, August 9th. Good weather, good food, a good time for all who attended....Diane Reed was either in the pool or cooking her hamburgers "to order" so was unavailable for photographs.





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- VISITATIONS -

The two most frequently asked questions about Pastoral Care are: "How many people do you visit?" and "What do you do for people?" The answer to both questions is: we do what is needed. Most parishioners know that we make visits on a regular basis and are privileged to bring the

Blessed Sacrament to private homes and various care facilities. For many, these visits provide a much-needed sense of social and sacramental community. We are often told that it means so much that St. George's still cares about parishioners who can no longer attend church services. However, there are other needs that develop over time.

We can be a bridge with family members especially if distance makes visits a problem. The Rector and members of our committee have received calls from family checking on the conditions of their loved ones. If either the Rector or members of the committee sees a problem that needs addressing, the Rector will call the family. If the Rector is not available, the committee has arranged for - and even transported - other clergy for the administration of the Last Rites. And yes, members of our committee have been asked to participate in the funeral Mass.

Perhaps the best way to give a sense of how needs change over time is to look at a couple of examples. Many years ago we began visiting a family that had been parishioners of St. George's for decades. The wife's health made it impossible to leave the house so visitations began. Over time, the husband's strength and health deteriorated so we added food from our Casserole Ministry to our visits. Eventually the wife required nursing home care and we visited her first in Niskayuna and later in Troy. The husband still needed our home visits and casseroles. After the wife's death, we continued to visit the husband. Eventually he moved to a family member's home locally so we were able to visit him until his passing. Our service to this family lasted over a dozen years.

A second example involves a parishioner whose first contact with our committee came in a rehabilitation facility where she was recovering from a fall that broke a number of bones. Our visits continued when she returned home and did for a while include food. Her health returned and she was once again able to attend church services. Our visits were reduced to times when weather limited her ability to get out. Recently she had emergency surgery and we visited her a number of times in the hospital. Our visits continue as she rehabs in a local facility.

It is not possible in a short article to describe every need the committee has tried to meet. Hopefully, this article is a start. And, please remember that we need YOU to help us identify those in need of our help. If you think there is someone who could benefit from our services, please tell the Rector or a committee member.

jim wingate