



## PARSONS TO PERSONS

*(An occasional Fridays letter from the clergy of St. George's)*

November 16, 2007

# THANKSGIVING 2007

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 8AM:  
LAST SUNDAY EUCHARIST IN THE CHAPEL  
(BUT SEE THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE FOR CHAPEL, FURTHER BELOW.)  
FURTHER BELOW: MOVING DATES SET NEXT WEEK FOR

Dear Friends, For many people Fall is the favorite time of year. Why? One's reaction to a particular season is due in part to how the seasons play out where you live. Where there's heavy snow, life slows down -- without our having to feel guilty. Wherever one lives, Fall has a similar effect -- hush, peace, calm-- all encased in rich, comfortable colors, flickering fireplaces, warm socks. Hard to feel rushed in the Fall, I think (even despite moving into a new church).

The Fall feast of Thanksgiving has little commercialism attached: stores leap over it, already focused on Christmas (since last September). Thanksgiving is a celebration in the eye of the storm -- the start of school is over, the round of Christmas parties and shopping is not yet begun. Knowing what is about to come, I take refuge in these several weeks of peace and quiet.

Poised thus, Thanksgiving is a time for reflection -- for Thanksgiving. It's an especially Christian holiday: the word Eucharist means "thanksgiving," characterizing our entire relationship with God as one of enjoying the company of the Giver of all good things. "*All good things around us, are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*" It's easier at this time than most, for me, to sense our "place" in the scheme of things: Jesus is Savior (we acknowledge the Christian world view that God is our Father and has sent his Son to befriend us), Jesus is Lord (his life and death make a claim upon us that orders our lives); he is present still in his Spirit. In this place of trust and faith, we are most thankful for the Giver, not primarily the Gifts.

Thanksgiving sets us up for Advent the next Sunday. We would do well to continue the lifestyle of Thanksgiving into the Season of Advent, keeping the Giver in sight, behind, below and above the Christmas shopping list. Important, especially, to help our children live into a world view where we continually, in Thanksgiving and eucharist, and throughout the Christmas countdown, worship the Giver and not the gifts. Advent helps us enjoy giving thanks as a style of life, far into the winter that approaches. May it be so for you.

Peace and joy, Gary

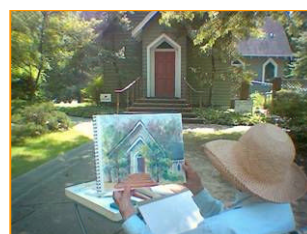


## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7pm  
Evening Prayer (1789 Prayer book)  
with Hymns

Thursday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day  
10am Morning Prayer (1789 Prayer Book),  
with Hymns

At Both Services:  
Canon EA Carmean,  
Officiating and Preaching



THANKSGIVING DAY, APPROPRIATELY, WILL BE THE LAST SERVICE HELD IN OUR CHAPEL.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING TO BENEFIT FEED THE HUNGRY AT ST. GEORGE'S KITCHEN

This year's Thanksgiving Offering, as last year's, will go to Feed the Hungry of San Miguel de Allende for their food warehouse and delivery operation which feeds 3,500 hungry school children daily in the San Miguel de Allende area of Mexico. St. George's sponsors one of the school kitchens. **If you would like to donate to this outreach project sponsored by St. George's, but will not be here on Thanksgiving, you may send your donations to the Church Office marked for the "Thanksgiving Offering."**



St. George's members Charlotte Hayes, Cyd Mosteller and Barbara Apperson visited with the cooks at the school kitchen sponsored by St. George's. St. George parishioner Carmen Moore was in San Miguel last week.

## MOVING DATES SET FOR NEXT WEEK!

By the end of the day, today, Friday, City inspectors have so far signed off on most of the contractors' work. We have the necessary permissions to move on the following schedule:

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ALL NEXT WEEK.**

**FOR ANY PASTORAL NEED DURING THAT TIME, PLEASE CALL THE RECTOR'S CELL PHONE: 901 201-0619.**

**MONDAY, Nov. 19:** Move Cooke Cottage. The Staff will be packing up the office over the weekend, and the movers arrive at 8am. Office Volunteers could use helping hands (yours?) to help.

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 21:** Move the Parish Hall. Helping hands of all strengths appreciated.

**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, Nov. 23, 24, 25:** Unpack PODs at new site. Ministry Group Chairs recruit helpers to put that groups things in the right places. We can work through to the day of consecration, December 1.

**HAVE QUESTIONS/NEED INFORMATION?** Call Move-in Coordinator Lise Van Stolk (901-753-6731) or email [lise@vanstolk.com](mailto:lise@vanstolk.com)