

# #SERVE901 Serving our local community and our neighbors throughout the world

April 14, 2024

## Special opportunities to help our neighbors!

### Orion 5K to Benefit MIFA Meals on Wheels

Have you heard the good news? The Orion 5K will benefit MIFA for the third year in a row! Be a part of all the action and activities on Saturday, May 11 at 8:30 a.m. This year's event, which is part of the M-Town Race Series, features a 5K and a 1-mile Family Fun Run, followed by a street party with pickleball! See the church newsletter for the link to register.

MIFA also encourages you to participate in the **Plus 1 program**; you may elect to add \$1 or more to your MLGW monthly bill to help MIFA-vetted clients, with their utility bills.

## New Safe Church Policy and Training Schedule

In the fall, Bishop & Council approved a new Safe Church policy for our diocese that consolidates into one place all the model policies put forth by General Convention. It includes the policy for protecting children/youth, the policy for protecting vulnerable adults, and the working anti-harassment policy. You can find it on the Diocesan webpage. This consolidated policy now replaces all previous safeguarding and harassment-related policies.

The previous safeguarding training requirements continue:

- Clergy and church staff must attend an in-person training workshop with a diocesan-approved trainer.
- Volunteers are encouraged to attend an in-person training, but they may meet the training requirement by completing the requisite online modules offered through Praesidium Academy.
- Regardless of mode, all training must be repeated every three (3) years.

### Upcoming In-person Training Dates

Zoom sessions meet the "in-person" requirement.

For Volunteers:

- Tuesday, April 9, 6pm-7:30pm, Zoom
- Saturday, April 20, 9am-11am, St. George's Episcopal Church
- Wednesday, April 24, 6pm-7:30pm, Zoom
- Saturday, May 4, 9am-11am, St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Jackson)
- Registration is required

## How we serve and share together as a parish family!

### We will serve again at More Than a Meal on April 21! Join your St. George's friends (and make new ones,



too), at More Than a Meal and help make this season a hospitality-filled one for our neighbors. There are a number of roles for Sunday afternoons, from making nametags

for guests, to plating food in the kitchen, to serving guests. We'll start setting up at 3:00 p.m., and the meal will be served at 4:00 p.m.

### Cooking for More Than a Meal

It is St. George's delight and honor to lead the 3rd Sunday cooking team. If you enjoy making your way around a kitchen, and would love to have a hungry crowd to appreciate your cooking, here's your opportunity! Many thanks to PZ and Selby Horton for leading the cooking team. Please contact PZ Horton at [hortonpz@gmail.com](mailto:hortonpz@gmail.com) for more information about joining the cooking team.

## Other ways we can serve our neighbors

### Calvary Clothes Closet

*I needed clothes and you clothed me. -Matt. 25:36*

If you are cleaning out closets, please remember that Calvary Closet needs gently-used seasonal clothing, especially for men, in large and extra large sizes, shoes, and blankets/throws/sleeping bags are especially needed for those sleeping outside. Also desired are duffle bags and wheeled suitcases. Please see the list of items needed and place your bags in the donation tubs in the Narthex. Calvary's Clothes Closet is desperate for coats and jackets for adults – the bigger, the better, as our neighbors experiencing homelessness layer clothing all winter. You can also order from the Amazon wish list (search for "Calvary Memphis Outreach"), and they will be sent straight to Calvary! Other needed items include:

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| Backpacks                  | Umbrellas/rain ponchos |
| Rolling Suitcases          | Hoodies                |
| Elastic Waist Pants/Sweats | Blankets               |
| New Underwear              | Sleeping Bags          |
| Work Boots                 | Large/XL t-shirts      |
| Men's Belts                | Toothbrushes/          |
| Plastic grocery bags       | Toothpaste             |

Coats and Jackets  
Deodorant

Sneakers/Casual shoes

Europe to aid Ukrainian refugees. Please visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>.

### Carpenter Art Garden and Thistle & Bee!

A portion of the proceeds from sales in **The Gallery at St. George's** supports the work of **Carpenter Art Garden**, which brings the arts to the underserved Binghampton community. Check out The Gallery – and the works by talented artists that are available!



**The Bookshope** has gift items from **Thistle & Bee**, a ministry which help to support women as they recover from abuse, trafficking and prostitution, find hope and healing through a holistic residential and therapeutic clinical program and employment in a social enterprise. Honey, candles, candies and other items are available to allow us to support this ministry while purchasing useful gifts for ourselves and loved ones.

Thistle & Bee

### Relief and Support for neighbors in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Morocco, Libya, Maui, Turkey and Syria, and Ukraine

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) has developed a Middle East Fund to provide critical relief to those impacted by all-out war in the Middle East. In partnership with Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, Episcopal Relief & Development is procuring essential supplies like medicine, ICU equipment, fuel, food and psychological support for all people affected by the war. Please visit [EpiscopalRelief.org](http://EpiscopalRelief.org).

ERD has developed an International Crisis Response Fund following earthquakes in Morocco, Afghanistan, Turkey and Syria, and flooding that has struck Libya – leaving many thousands without shelter, resources or employment. Please visit [EpiscopalRelief.org](http://EpiscopalRelief.org) to support the International Crisis Response Fund.

ERD has also developed a Hawaii Response Fund to support our neighbors in Lahaina, Maui following devastating fires. Please visit [EpiscopalRelief.org](http://EpiscopalRelief.org) to support the Hawaii Relief effort.

Episcopal Relief & Development has developed a Hurricane Relief Fund to support those who are suffer from the effects of hurricanes. Please visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief/>.

Episcopal Relief & Development has also partnered with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in

### Responding to the Political Violence in Haiti

The West Tennessee Haiti Partnership (WTHP) has provided medical support to St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince since 2005. While the staff and residential children and adults of St. Vincent's are currently safe behind the gates of the school as political violence impacts Haiti, physicians supporting local hospitals and St. Vincent's are running out of medical supplies.

**If you would like to make a donation to WTHP that will go towards the purchase of medical supplies, please send a check to the West Tennessee Haiti Partnership c/o the Diocese of West Tennessee, 692 Poplar, Memphis, TN, 38105.**

### Serving St. George's Church

**THANK YOU** to all of our children/youth who will serve as acolytes! It's never too late to join in so please contact Acolyte Master Mary Margaret Freeman ([marymargaretfree@gmail.com](mailto:marymargaretfree@gmail.com)) for more information! If you are interested in serving as a LEM, please contact the church office or Andrew Proctor ([proctorandrew@hotmail.com](mailto:proctorandrew@hotmail.com)).

**St. George's music ensembles, now in rehearsal, invite you to join in music-making:**

**Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. – Coventry Choir:** Please contact Stephen Karr ([music@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesgermantown.org)).

**Thursdays – Exultemus, our folk guitar and vocal ensemble, rehearses at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.** Please contact Tom Fields ([tgfields1@hotmail.com](mailto:tgfields1@hotmail.com)).

**Sundays at 1:30 p.m. – Sanctifica Wind & Brass Ensemble** – Please contact Karen Moore (901-486-0417).