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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Homily
8:45 AM Breakfast
9:15 AM Classes
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Homily
5:30 PM Holy Eucharist, Homily
Nursery available for all services except the 5:30 PM service.

THE DAILY OFFICE

7 AM *Friday* Morning Prayer/Eucharist
5:30 PM *Thursday* Evening Prayer
5:50-6:30 PM *Thursday* Centering Prayer

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday - Friday

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Holy Week and Easter



Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, April 5

Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist
8 and 10:30 AM, 5:30 PM
9:15 Children and Youth Classes
(nursery provided for 8 & 10:30 AM)



Maundy Thursday, April 9

7:30 PM Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing
and Stripping of the Altar
(nursery provided)

Good Friday, April 10

NOON Good Friday Liturgy with Communion
7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Communion
(nursery provided for noon & 7:30 PM services)



Holy Saturday, April 11

7:30 PM The Great Vigil of Easter
First Eucharist of Easter and Baptism
Celebration of Light
(nursery provided)



Easter Sunday, April 12

8 and 10:30 AM Eucharist of the Resurrection
9:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt, ages 10 and
under gather in Trezevant Hall.
Children are invited to Flower the Cross
before the 10:30 service. Bring flowers from
home or children can pick up a flower from
the basket before going into church.
5:30 PM Eucharist of the Resurrection
(nursery provided for 8 & 10:30 AM)

**The church office will be closed
Good Friday afternoon and Easter Monday.**

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Going Green



Beginning in June, you will have the option to get *The Messenger* by email. When it is available online, we will email you the link that will take you directly to the current issue. *The Messenger* has been available online for several years, but in order to reduce the budget and to keep in line with the “going green” ideas of our Creation Care Ministry, we are making this option available.

To receive *The Messenger* online, send an email to lucy@gslparish.org or go to www.gslparish.org/goinggreen.htm. Please include additional family members' emails who would also like to receive *The Messenger*.

If you do not have email and wish to continue receiving the paper copy, you need not do anything.

Lucy Owens
The Messenger Editor

Messenger Deadline

The deadline for the May issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, April 15! Please think ahead for the WHOLE month. Contact Lucy Owens at 272-7425 or lucy@gslparish.org with any questions. Thank you in advance for getting your articles in on time!

2009 VESTRY

Anne Ayres, Patrick Burnett, Karen Clark, Thad Cockrill, Ann Dillard, Eric Epperson, Gayle Evans, Lesley Hartney, Mike Jones, Ruthie Lentz, Lucy McLemore, Hal Morse, Andy Nix, Charles Pazar, Betty Peyton, Barney Rolfs, Paula Sappington, Jim Taylor, Jennie VanDeveer, Peggy Williamson, and Tom Wyatt

To know Christ and to make Christ known

We seek to serve God and our neighbor by welcoming into Grace-St. Luke's parish all people who seek to love God and participate in an open and supportive community based upon the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. Honoring the vows of our Baptismal Covenant, we respect the dignity of every human person by welcoming all regardless of physical appearance or ability, age, mental capacity, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, a sense of past or present personal sinfulness or financial circumstances. We seek to become more fully loving, and we welcome all who wish to join us in this journey.

Stations of the Cross

April 4 at 5:30 PM

Use the west entrance (circle drive & up the ramp).
If you need the code for the door, call the office before 4:30 Friday (272-7425).

Support Groups at GSL

Weight Watchers: Trezevant Hall, Monday; Weigh-in at noon; Meeting from 12:20-12:40.

AA meetings: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, 8 PM, both in the Lounge.

Narcotics Anonymous: Saturdays, 10 AM, Sundays, 8 PM, Trezevant Hall.

Al Anon: Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Lounge.

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous: Mondays & Thursdays, 8 PM, Saturdays, 4 PM, and a Women's meeting on Thursdays at 6:45 PM, all in the Lounge.

Fitness Classes at GSL

Pilates: Wednesdays at 12:05 (Scout Room), and 5:15 & 6:15 in the GSL Gym (childcare available @ 6:15)

Senior Fitness: Fridays at 9:30 AM in the choir room.

39ers

April 3rd Meeting
11:30 AM

Due to the 2nd Friday falling on Good Friday, the 39er's meeting will be on the 1st Friday of the month.

The speaker will be the renowned Rev. Joseph (Joe) Bryan, Emeritus, from Lindenwood Christian Church. His topic will be his personally painted Ukrainian Eggs with an Easter theme. This is very appropriate for the upcoming Easter holiday and the kid in all of us, whether 39 and holding, looking for the prize egg or to that resurrection morning.

Social time 11:30 AM with a light lunch for \$6.00 and the program to follow. Reservation to Lucy by noon on Wednesday, April 1, at 272-7425 or lucy@gslparish.org. This is one you dont want to miss.

Also, please note that the May 39er's will be meeting on May 8th and the speaker will be from the Memphis in May Bureau. We have planned this informative program about the Memphis in May activities so that we might see what we want to be a part of this May. The June meeting TBA.

**3rd
Thursday**

**Wesley and Maggie Bring
Music to Third Thursday**
April 16th

Maggie Gill, soprano, Choral Scholar in the GSL Choir and rising senior at the University of Memphis, along with Wesley Emerson, piano, will present a program of vocal music ranging in repertoire from opera classics to spirituals to jazz standards for the April 16th Third Thursday dinner. There's a little something here for everyone: triumph and tragedy along with humor and heartache...a range of human experience as only a diva can convey it. Don't miss an evening of song with this up and coming star. Both Maggie and Wesley add immeasurably to life at GSL. Their program promises to be a treat!

Beginning at 6:30 with wine and conversation in Trezevant Hall, we'll have dinner at 7:00 with music to follow. Reserve your place now for this delightful evening with the empty nest set and these most gifted musicians. Please make your reservations by noon on Tuesday, April 14th. In keeping with church policy, your reservation is your agreement to pay for your meal. To reserve a place for this outstanding evening, call Lucy at 272-7425 or email her at lucy@gslparish.org.



**Interested in Connecting with
Other Young Adults at
Grace St. Luke's Church?**

First Friday Fellowship is a place where newcomers and newly involved parishioners can connect for fun and fellowship. We plan to mix and mingle for lively conversation, libations, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. For those needing childcare, the church nursery will be available from 6 - 10 pm for infants to age 9 at the affordable price of \$15 total for one child, \$17 for two, or \$20 for three or more (per family).

The April FFF will be held on Friday, April 17th, from 6-10pm at Cafe Ole. As there is a women's retreat the first weekend of April, we are moving our FFF get together back a couple of weeks this month.

If you are interested in receiving an Evite for our FFF events, please email Kate Garretson Morse at kategarretson@yahoo.com.

**Family Fun Walk/
Run on May 2**

You and your family can enjoy the walk/run and live entertainment and family activities in the Levitt Shell in Overton Park and help raise funds for children's motor neuron diseases. Registration begins at 2 PM.; walk begins at 3 PM. See flyer on bulletin board or visit www.sfmt.org/olivebranch. Proceeds will support The Olive Branch Fund; a Thisbe and Noah Scott Legacy.



GSL Women's Retreat April 3 - 5, 2009

To Go and Be with
God: Simplicity
Walk as a Child
of the Light

Leaders: The Rev. Eyleen Farmer
and Ellen Prewitt

Registration Forms available on
the GSL Website (gslparish.org)
and at Church.

It's not too late to sign up!!

SOUL MEN

TOGETHER
ON A JOURNEY

APRIL 24-26
FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Spend some time just "hanging out with the guys" and some time exploring how God may be calling you to new ways of reading the map of your soul.

THE MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Save the Date and Join the Men of GSL for the Annual Men's Retreat

*Don't Miss Our Featured Lunch Speaker -
The Rt. Rev. Don. E. Johnson, Bishop of WTN*

Friday, April 24, 2009 through April 26, 2009

**Beginning with Dinner Friday Night
Ending after Sunday Morning
Holy Eucharist by the Lake**

**Contact Patrick Burnett
pburnett@glankler.com or 576-1720
for more information.**

From the Heart of a King

The story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—from childhood through the Civil Rights Era—told through song, dance, speeches and poetry by one man, Phil Darius Wallace.

From the Heart of a King will be performed at St. Mary's Cathedral, 692 Poplar Ave., on Saturday, April 4, at 6 PM in the nave.

It is free, and the nursery will be available.

Upcoming Diocesan Opportunities for Women

St. Clare Retreats for April and May

There will be a St. Clare Retreat for Women on Friday, April 3, at St. Columba Conference Center. The morning begins at 8:30 AM with coffee and introductions. The Rev. Mimsy Jones will lead a meditation followed by a time of silence for private prayer. Our day ends with lunch at noon. The cost is \$20 which includes morning coffee and lunch. For reservations, please call Dana Sue Percer at 829-3251 or dspercerc@gmail.com. Please try to have reservations in ASAP.

The May St. Clare Retreat for Women will be Friday, May 1, at St. Columba Conference Center. Details the same as the April retreat. Please try to have reservations in by April 27.

Tennessee Episcopal Church Women Spring Meeting May 1st and 2nd This year in West Tennessee!

All of the women of the Diocese of West Tennessee are invited to the Annual Spring Meeting of the Tennessee Tri-Diocesan Episcopal Church Women on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd, 2009. This year we are excited that the meeting will be held in West Tennessee at the St. Columba Episcopal Conference Center in conjunction with our monthly St. Clare Women's Silent Retreat. We will also enjoy a service at St. Mary's Cathedral, a conversation with the Rt. Rev. Don Johnson, workshops and a keynote address by the Rev. Martha Holton Hedgpeth speaking on "Forgotten Women of the Bible: Desperate Housewives, Harlots and Heroines."

The Conference Registration Fee is \$37.50 for those who are not lodging at St. Columba plus fees for each activity or meal that you choose. For registration information, contact Laurie Monypeny, President, ECW of West Tennessee, (901) 452-0960, lmonypeny1@comcast.net or request a paper brochure by contacting Judy Phillips, (901) 753-0142, jphillips@churchoftheannunciation.com. Or you may check out www.ecwwtn.org. We will meet interesting women from all over Tennessee!

NEW LIFE FOR PASTORAL CARE



According to the Catechism in *The Book of Common Prayer*, “The ministers of the church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.” (p. 855) Another way to put it would be to say that caring for one another in the name of Christ is not a job for specialists. All of us are called to care for the other members of Christ’s body (i.e. the Church).

One way for that care to have hands and feet is through our Pastoral Care Ministry. Of course pastoral care at Grace-St. Luke’s is not new! Many volunteers have been giving their time, talent, love, and care to fellow parishioners for years. But now, through the work and commitment of several pastoral care leaders, new life is being breathed into this ministry. Disparate elements are being pulled together to create an organized whole in order to reach more people and make our caring more effective.

Sandy Baker will be the coordinator of the entire pastoral care program and will work closely with clergy and Team Captains to plan, organize, support, and maintain this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this very important and meaningful endeavor, please let us know by filling out the form below! Even if you are already a volunteer (you deliver flowers or prepare meals, etc.) it will be very helpful to hear from you that you want to continue. And if you have not been involved in pastoral care at GSL before, now is a great time!

Three training sessions will be held during the education hour on April 19, April 26, and May 3.

Please complete the form below and return it to the church, to one of the clergy, or to Sandy Baker. You may also simply call and tell us you want to participate. It is a privilege to journey with you as we all do our utmost to “represent Christ and his Church; (and) to bear witness to him wherever they may be.” (BCP, p. 855)

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS MINISTRY DESCRIPTION

Works closely with: Team Captain
 Length of term: One year (renewable)
 On call: One week every five (5) weeks
 Hours per month: About 2

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEMBERS SERVE BY (put an X by any that interest you)

- Arranging flowers
- Flower delivery
- Preparing meals
- Delivering meals
- Writing cards
- Making phone calls
- Driving someone to church
- Visiting someone in the hospital or nursing home
- Something else: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT

- Knitting ministry
- Parish nursing
- Eucharistic Visitor ministry

Your Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Home/Cell Number: _____

THE RECTOR SEARCH REPORT

As many of you know, the process for calling a new Rector has begun. The formation of your Parish Search Committee was announced in a letter to the Parish on February 17th, and the March 1st Parish Update presentation went into detail about how the committee was formed. This Parish Update presentation was repeated on Sunday, March 22, after the 10:30 AM service in McClure Hall. Your committee has placed communication with the Parish as one of its top priorities for this important search, and this monthly report is a key piece of that pledge.

Your Vestry is finalizing an official “charge” to the search committee. This has been an extremely thoughtful and time-intensive process, which will also be explained at the March 22nd repeat of the Parish Update.

Your Search Committee met with Bishop Don Johnson on March 1st. The Bishop covered the important protocol that must be observed during a search and offered any assistance your committee needs.

Your Search Committee will develop a process for receiving and processing names in the next few weeks. This process will be developed in consultation with the Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary, the Rev. Canon Rene Somodevilla, who has assisted numerous parishes conduct successful searches.

Your Search Committee will also soon announce a way to submit comments and questions. A formalized procedure will ensure that all comments are forwarded and addressed.

Your Rector Search Committee has committed to working hard, communicating their progress, and listening intently for God throughout the process. Look forward to ongoing updates, and please keep our work in your thoughts and prayers.

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| Jim Berg | David Brown |
| Karen Clark | Sandra Ireland |
| Stinson Liles | Merilyn Mangum |
| Holley McGehee | Hal Morse |
| Michael Rowland, Chair | Nicki Soule |

Member News

Deaths
 John Hugh Moloney died March 18, 2009,
 burial March 26
 Anne Ogden Plyler died March 19, 2009,
 burial March 23

Easter Flower
 Deadline April 3, 9 AM



If you would like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one for Easter flowers, you may send a check to the church office listing the names of those you would like remembered. These names will be listed in the Easter leaflets if received before April 3 (The deadline has been extended 2 days!)

*The Altar Gifts in April
 are offered in loving memory of*

April 5 Gerald Michael Malmo, Gerald Michael Malmo, Jr., and Adeline Malmo

April 12 Matthew R. Moister, Sr. and Frances Weaver Moister

April 19 Allene Hodges Gordon, Walter Gaines Gordon, Barney O’Kane, Bernice W. O’Kane, Maude O’Kane Klyce, Jane Inez Gordon, Mary Ann Mathison, Gerald Wade, Sr., Margaret Stockard Wade, Winfred Price Killingsworth, and William E. Wallace

April 26 Loretta Roberts King, Monty Hope, John Paul Jones, Jr., Cecil Oliver , Hamilton Evrard Little, Nancy Levesque Oliver, Nancy Little Oliver, and Paul Nikolaus Welsh, Jr.

Memorials and Honoraria

Memorials

Beverly Alexander from Judy and Jack Powell

Honoraria

For Buddy Adams, Wesley Emerson, The Rev. Ron DelBene, Julie Denman and Sidney Hickey from Jan and Bliss Hicky, and Mary Elizabeth and Fletcher Maynard F. Grant Whittle from Danny and Nancy Whittle



Athletic News

MAY 5: Baseball, Softball and
T-ball season begins!

NEEDED

Softball sign-ups for 1st/2nd
and 3rd/4th girls teams.

Coaches for T-ball, Coach Pitch Girls
and Lassie Girls

GSL CHURCH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL & T-BALL WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2009 TOP 10 CHECK LIST

CALLING ALL ACOLYTES & ACOLYTE WANNABES!

An acolyte training session will be held Sunday, April 26, following the 10:30 AM service. All current acolytes and those interested in becoming acolytes should attend! Acolyting is an important ministry within the parish and is particularly appropriate for those in 4th grade or above. That's right! We're looking for those in 4th & 5th grades AND older!!! We'll use this training opportunity to refresh our memories and practices for Sunday worship services and special liturgies, introduce new students and their parents to this ministry and get fitted for server vestments. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Brian at 272-7425 ext. 13, brian@gslparish.org, or Grant Adams, head of acolytes, at 507-0083.

- 1) **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS** are made according to an individual's school grade and ability, with an effort to make the teams as even as possible.
- 2) By tradition, recreational league coaches are **VOLUNTEER PARENT COACHES**. We make every effort to equip coaches with knowledge and assistance in order to provide quality coaching.
- 3) **PRACTICES** could begin as early as Wednesday April 1, and are most often held at the GSL field. Your coach will contact you when he/she receives the team roster by mid March. Coaches generally have one/two practices per week. Please contact Christi if you have not heard from your coach by mid March.
- 4) **COACHES EXPECTATIONS** may vary depending on the coach. As part of the commitment to play this season, the coaches will expect that you not only make practices and games a priority, but that you be at the practices and games in a timely fashion. Playing for a team is not only an individual commitment, but it is also a team commitment. The coaches will have a parent meeting at the beginning of the season to discuss expectations from parents and coaches. This will also be a time to go over team rules, etc.
- 5) The **SEASON BEGINS** May 5th. There will be 2 games per week (Mon/Thur or Tue/Fri). There will be home games (at the GSL field off of Harbert), as well as away games. The season will end at the end of June.
- 6) **TEAM PICTURES** TBA. Pictures will be distributed by the coaches at the end of the season.
- 7) **UNIFORMS** are provided by GSL. The uniforms will be distributed by the coaches in a timely fashion. Uniforms will be returned to the coaches at the end of the season, which will ensure that you receive your team trophies and pictures. Uniforms must be returned to the coaches at the end of the season!
- 8) **GSL RECYCLES UNIFORMS** each year to keep the replacement costs low.
- 9) **TROPHIES** will be provided by GSL. The coaches will distribute the trophies at the end of the season.
- 10) Many teams have an **END OF THE YEAR PARTY**, which is organized by the parents. This is a great opportunity for coaches to give out pictures, trophies and collect all uniforms!

*** **SOCCER REGISTRATION** will go out in May. It is on a first come first served basis and will fill up quickly!

If you have any questions, please contact Christi Authement at 272-7425 ext. 22, 825-7353 or e-mail to christi@gslparish.org.



Christian Education

Sunday Morning Adult Classes Spring Preview

Here is a preview of the Spring, 2009, semester of Adult Christian Education at Grace St. Luke's. You will find more details in the GSL E-NEWS messages and in posters in the Church. Look for sign-up sheets for several of the courses. Our theme for Spring continues to be "Telling the Story." Spring semester classes will start on Sunday, April 19, and continue through Sunday, May 24, and run from 9:20 to 10:15 AM.

Listening for God

This popular book study course will continue after Easter for six consecutive Sundays. On April 19, participants will discuss the last story in *Listening for God, Volume 1*. For the next five weeks, participants will read and discuss selected pieces from the anthology *God Stories*, a collection of short stories by contemporary writers that provide unique views of the presence of God in our lives. This book will be available to participants who need it at a subsidized price. This course meets in the Peete Room. Please sign up in advance for this course so we can order the appropriate number of books.

Current Issues in the Episcopal Church Series—The General Convention

Members of the Grace-St. Luke's clergy will lead six consecutive classes in which we will examine the purpose and issues of the upcoming General Convention of The Episcopal Church in America. Moving through basic questions such as "What is the General Convention?" to a more specific examination of the issues expected to be addressed, this course is designed to provide us with a broad understanding of the Convention just before it takes place this summer. This course meets in McClure Hall.



Youth News

Help Our Youth Raise Funds for Their Summer Mission Trip!!

NEXT FUND RAISER - April 6, 2009 from 3-8 PM

Where? Holiday Deli and Ham Co. in Midtown

How it Works! When members of GSL parish eat at Holiday Ham between 3-8 PM, 10% of the proceeds from the business earnings goes right to the GSL youth summer mission trip!

MISSION TRIP - The GSL Youth will be going to New Orleans on July 3-10, 2009, for a Youth Summer Mission Project. The cost is \$250 per person. The trip is sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana-Gulf Coast Disaster Relief. A deposit of \$50 was due March 15, 2009; balance due by June 15, 2009.

APRIL DATES

- 1- Teen Group 7 PM
- 5- Palm Sunday Junior High EYC at 5:30 PM, Senior High at 6:30 PM
- 8- No Teen Group
- 12- No EYC
- 15- Teen Group 7 PM-Youth Sunday Practice
- 19- Youth Sunday (10:30 service); No EYC
- 22- Teen Group 7 PM
- 26- EYC 6:30 PM
- 29- Teen Group 7 PM

Attention High School Seniors

\$1000 College Scholarships available from the Episcopal Church Women of West Tennessee. Applications are due May 1, 2009. Application forms available from Hilary Dow-Ward or from the Diocesan Office at 692 Poplar, 38105, 523-0026.

Wednesday evening, April 1

- 5:30 Lenten Evening Prayer in the Nave
- 5:50 Dinner served in Trezevant Hall (\$6)
- 6:30 Presentation in McClure (Mitzi Minor)

Although the deadline will have passed for dinner and childcare reservations by the time you get this in the mail, you are invited to come hear Mitzi's last talk!!

Children and Youth Sundays at 9:15

Little Lambs

(2-to-young-3 year olds)
1st floor, Parents Day Out area

Catechesis I and II (1st floor)
Atrium I, three-to-six-year olds
Atrium II, six-to-nine year olds

3rd thru 6th grades
(Room 212)

Rite 13: 7th & 8th grades
(Doan House, 1768 Peabody)

J2A-YAC: 9th - 12th grades
(Hilary's office, upstairs, 3rd floor)

News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

As I'm sure you have noticed, construction site work is in progress for Grace-St. Luke's School's new multi-purpose building that will go up at the corner of Lemaster and Linden. We have been hard at work for the past two years raising money to make this happen, as we believe new facilities are essential for the school to remain sustainable, viable, and competitive in the future. This new building will be a beautiful addition to the Central Gardens landscape, and we expect it to be finished by next spring. Many, many thanks are due to the ECW and EYC for their graciousness and flexibility in adapting to new quarters at the Doan House next to Miss Lee's. We are truly grateful for your willingness to help our project move forward.

I also want to let you know that we are now accepting registration forms for our Summer Fest 2009 summer camps. We have a wide variety of weekly camps scheduled that will be lots of fun, and they are open to all students entering junior kindergarten through 8th grade. So please tell your friends and neighbors! Camp brochures are available at the church, or you can download registration forms on our website at www.gslschool.org.

Following are April events to which you are all invited. We hope you will be able to join us.

Annie Jr.

Thursday, April 2 – Sunday, April 5 in McClure Hall
Our spring production features 38 middle school students in two casts, with Mary Allison Pritchard and Katie Fisher McHugh alternating as Annie. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale now for \$10; please call 278-0200 to order. Show times: Thursday and Friday at 7:30 PM; Saturday at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:30 PM; and Sunday at 2:30 PM.

Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 8:05 to 9:00 AM

Third-grade students present the Stations of the Cross at GSL, beginning just outside the church entrance on Peabody and winding around to the school office on Belvedere. Students will dress in costume and narrate scriptures about the last week of Jesus' life, while classmates act out scenes. The third grade's Stations of the Cross are presented every five minutes from 8:05 to 9:00 AM, and include Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, Jesus at the temple, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, Jesus' burial, and the Resurrection. Please stop by and enjoy this annual presentation.



Lower School Family Reading Night Tuesday, April 21, 6:15 to 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria, Library, and McClure Hall

If you have children in senior kindergarten through 4th grade, this event is for you! Please let your child put on pajamas and come join us for three great storytelling sessions. Groups will rotate through the cafeteria, library, and McClure Hall.



Fourth graders recently held their 2nd Annual Citizenship Breakfast, which is part of their character education coursework at Grace-St. Luke's School. Dr. G. Scott Morris, executive director of the Church Health Center, was the keynote speaker (pictured above with 4th grade teachers Stephanie Anderson, Jane Williams, and Pat Gray).



Judge Larry Potter was the guest of 4th grade student Conner Rasberry at the 2nd Annual Citizenship Breakfast.

April Schedule

April 5, Palm Sunday

Altar Guild: M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace

Flower Delivery: B & L Roper, A Ayres, S Prewitt, B & J Moore

Breakfast Cooks: M Herr, C Mercer, M Crow, D McLemore,
C Hooser, B Williams

Lay Service Participants 8:00 Rolfes, Busby, Hayes

10:30 *Acolytes:* T Morehead, C Sanders, R Gooch

Ushers: E Taylor, D Douglass, M Billions, P Burnett

April 9, Maundy Thursday

Altar Guild: M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace

10:30 *Acolytes:* G Adams, D Conaway, B Bruce

April 10, Good Friday

Altar Guild: M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace

April 11, Easter Vigil

Altar Guild: M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace

10:30 *Acolytes:* H Morehead

April 12, Easter Day

Altar Guild: M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace

Flower Delivery: B Black, L Strickland, R Berthiaume, J Self

Breakfast Cooks: H Morse, T Claybrook, J Mercer, W Ayres, B Morse,
I Hendry, D Douglass

Lay Service Participants 8:00 Rolfes, Adams, Whitlock

Ushers: R Norcross plus regular Sunday Gentlemen

10:30 *Acolytes:* M Cline, E Shearon, Z Vandever

Ushers: T Claybrook, J Rasberry, M Tyler, T Mitchell, T Speake

April 19

Altar Guild: L Tual, C Jefcoat, L McLemore, L Niell, V Rowland

Flower Delivery: B High, M McKay, C & B Adrian, L Niell, N & D
Conaway

Breakfast Cooks: T Bolding, J Rasberry, G Simonton, C Johnson,
M Pleasants, M Tyler, J Woo

Lay Service Participants 8:00 Edwards Whitlock, Brewer

10:30 *Acolytes:* R Mercer, L Robbins, D McClew

Ushers: R Norcross, R Clark, H Medling, B Tual

April 26

Altar Guild: L Tual, C Jefcoat, L McLemore, L Niell, V Rowland

Flower Delivery: S Baker, J & D Douglass, V Rowland

Breakfast Cooks: J McCalla, L Allen, P Burnett, D Brown, A Nix,
L Wardlaw, S Moore, J Hartney, C Lunsford

Lay Service Participants 8:00 Berg, Adams, Smith

10:30 *Acolytes:* M Wyatt, K Ayres, M Hayes

Ushers: J Rasberry, P Pospisil, C Nauert, M Crow

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In January 2005 Grace-St. Luke's joined with Calvary Church, St. Mary's Cathedral and Church of the Holy Communion to send two Anglican missionary nuns to South Africa. Monica & Heidi are living in a small village outside Grahamstown simply being with and attending to the needs of children who have lost their parents to AIDS. This letter received in February is the first update we've had since last July. Additional information, letters and pictures are available at gslparish.org/heidiandmonica.htm.

Dear friends,

It's been some time since a letter from us. Christmas has come and gone with a few parties, many food parcels given to those who would have little to nothing, and some clothes distributed to those in most need, all as the Incarnation of Love's presence embraces us.

As we delve into ordinary time in our liturgical year, the needs of the ordinary emerge among the people we journey with. The need for toilets becomes very apparent when there aren't any, as well as shelter from the scorching summer sun. As we witnessed the kids watering the grass in the middle of the park and dozens of children squeezed under the slide (the only foot of shade in sight) we thought this a worthy priority. So, 2 pit toilets and a shaded area are being built as I write this in the 2 satellite parks in Alice, Tyali and Phumlani.

Isibindi Alice has also been chosen to be filmed for a local TV program called Masupatsela (Trailblazers), for SABC 2 to be aired some time in March. It will focus on the Isibindi model, the child and youth care workers, and how 2 families have been transformed by them.

We are also excited about piloting a new project with the NACCW in Alice involving Early Childhood Development whereby a partnering with the safe parks will utilize more trained child and youth care workers to use the space in the mornings, targeting the preschool aged children, offering this space and service to the local communities. In the afternoons the space will be used for the school-aged children. A safe place for development and supervised play all day! What next? Watch this space.

Pumi and Nosimilo took a group of girls for an outing to the local game reserve, where they saw animals, and had a private tour from the park guide, topped off by a picnic lunch. (They were NOT the picnic lunch!)

In Ilinge and Ezibeleni the highlight of the summer holiday was the marimba teacher who taught 8 teens and 5 child care workers to play traditional Xhosa music as well as some jive and gospel music. There is now a long queue in both sites of children waiting to learn some songs. It caused quite a buzz among everyone and the self-confidence and esteem boosts was amazing to witness. They learned over 13 songs and can play them really well, as well as learned how to compose their own tunes. However, now whenever we call the sites in the afternoons we have to shout and listen very intently in order to hear over the marimba practice.

This summer we also had 2 groups of teens that could not go anywhere for the holiday for an overnight in Bolotwa, where they climbed mountains, played football, read magazines, played cards, and ate and ate until they collapsed in their own beds, and talked through the night as teens do. They received a small package of underwear, toiletries and sweets which were received with great joy.

The child care workers also organized day trips on the bright yellow bicycles through the quiet dirt roads in the townships, which caused great excitement. Andile often led this trip to his delight, taking groups of boys and girls every week, all clad in safety helmets. Good on ya, Andile!

In the midst of all of this, we have had deaths of relatives, new orphans, a number of rape and abuse cases, and a suicide attempt of a 16 year old girl among the sites as well.

My heart is heavy. So many wounded....I need to be creative and persistent in order to be God's love in the world... the feet that move into to the margins where the other is...the eyes that see the unseeable...the hands that touch the untouchable... the heart that embraces the broken...

In the heart of God, Heidi and Monica

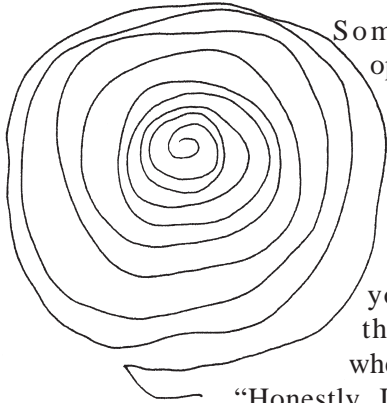
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WHICH WAY AM I GOING?



Sometimes life is like an optical illusion! Am I falling down into the spiral – *going down the tube?* Or, am I coming out of the spiral – *rising out of the deep?*

Maybe, like me, you find yourself sometimes saying things like: “I don’t know whether I’m coming or going.”

“Honestly, I don’t know which way is up!” “I feel like I’m just going around in circles.” Well, the one fact I can share with you is that we are not alone. Most of us have experiences of feeling overwhelmed. The other day, someone said to me “I am overwhelmed with all of this.” Many of you know that I am entranced by the history of words, so it’s not surprising to learn that I then began to wonder where the word overwhelm came from. The root word from Old English and Old German is helm, meaning the handle on the rudder of a sailing vessel. So it means that this way of guiding the ship is turned over or upside down, making the rudder useless.

These upcoming days of Holy Week and Easter are times to remember what it means to be overwhelmed. The disciples were certainly feeling these same feelings years ago. But not to fear! These are all appropriate Easter feelings! If you remember, the first words Jesus said to his friends after the resurrection was, “Don’t be afraid!” So let’s take him at his word. Let’s not be afraid when we are aware we are no longer

in control, or do not have all the answers, or are unable to fix it ourselves.

THE FIRST EASTER WAS NOT AN ALLELUIA DAY! They did not burst into song with the hymn “Welcome, Happy Morning.” For the followers of Jesus, those fifty days from Easter until Pentecost were days of not knowing where they were going, or what it all meant. Remember how the disciples *locked themselves in* because they were afraid? And it appears in the Scripture stories that at least some of that confusion lasted until that famous day when the Spirit gave them the grace to understand what it was really all about. We’re not much different than they were.

I know that there have been times when I have *locked myself in* because I was afraid. But looking back on those times, I also know that each time I have either been moved to unlock the door or someone just came right through it with good news for me. And sometimes even the good news was unbelievable and took me a time to absorb. Like Thomas, I had to really touch the truth and experience it for myself (no one else’s word would be convincing) before I could believe it.

So I invite you to join me in celebrating these fifty days of Easter by reflecting on times in our lives when we have been like a rudderless child on the sea of life, when we might have *locked ourselves in* with fear, or felt like just giving up. The Good News is that even as we go down the tube, we will also rise out of the deep. That is the Easter Promise. The Good News is that the wind is coming to blow away the clouds of fear, and like the sun, we’re gonna’ rise tomorrow. Tomorrow, tomorrow – it’s only a Pentecost Day away.

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