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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 8:45 AM Breakfast
- 9:30 Christian Ed Class
(No Classes Easter Day)
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
- 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
(No 5:30 Eucharist Easter Day)

Nursery available for all services except the 5:30 PM service.

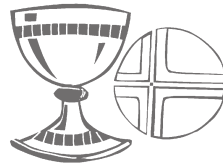
OFFICE HOURS

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

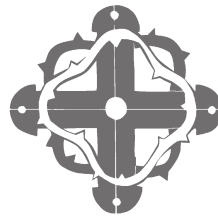
MESSENGER DEADLINE/ONLINE

The deadline for the May issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, **April 15!** Contact Lucy at 272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org with any questions. **If you would like to go green and receive your copy of *The Messenger* online, contact Lucy.**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



MAUNDY THURSDAY (APR. 21)
remembering the last meal Jesus had with his friends
The Washing of Feet and Eucharist
Stripping of the Altar
7:30 PM
Nursery provided



ALTAR OF REPOSE
The Chapel will be open for individual prayer and meditation on Maundy Thursday following the evening service until 10:30 PM and from 8:30 to 11:30 AM on Good Friday.



GOOD FRIDAY (APR. 22)
remembering God's great gift of Jesus as Savior of the world
12:15 PM Liturgy of Good Friday with Communion,
Nursery provided

SATURDAY EVENING EASTER VIGIL & EUCHARIST (APR. 23)
remembering our commitment to Jesus through our baptism
Celebration of Light
Baptism
First Easter Eucharist
7:30 PM
Nursery provided



EASTER DAY EUCHARISTS (APR. 24)
remembering our belief in the new life Jesus gives to us
8:00 AM 10:30 AM (no 5:30 PM service)
Music with Choirs,
Brass, Organ 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Flowering of the Cross 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 AM
Nursery provided

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2011 VESTRY

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VESTRY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month in Trezevant Hall. The Executive Committee meets the Thursday before Vestry at 5:30 PM in the old school science lab on the 3rd floor of the Evans Building.

These meetings are open to the parish. Vestry members are also available to convey matters of importance from parishioners to the Vestry.

Email: vestry@gracestlukes.org

Thought on Giving

The Bible teaches that Christian giving ought to be cheerful giving. As Paul says "God loves a cheerful giver." This is a truly amazing assertion. Paul assures us here that the Lord takes a special delight in those who are joyful, energetic, merry givers. Is there joy in your heart as you give? Can you truly be characterized as a "cheerful giver?"

 **Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent, 5:30-6 PM**

Stations of the Cross is a brief service of prayer and meditation. This service dates back to the Middle Ages in which pilgrims went to Jerusalem to retrace the route that Jesus made. The important events on this route became known as "stations." These stations at GSL are marked by beautiful stone carvings which are set around the walls of the nave. Please enter on the west side of the church. Contact Lucy in the office if you need the door code, lucy@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425.

 **"It's All About Hospitality"**

These important words were spoken by our rector, Richard Lawson. So true! Great things are happening here at Grace-St. Luke's, and our members are telling others. The result is visitors coming to GSL every Sunday. It is crucial to offer hospitality to our visitors by speaking to them, exchanging names, engaging them in conversation, bringing them to coffee hour, and inviting them to return to worship. GSL wants to be known as the friendliest and most hospitable church in Memphis!

If you are interested in joining the Welcoming Committee and extending hospitality to visitors by serving as a greeter on Sundays, please contact Brenda Medling (bcmedling@gmail.com) or Julie Denman (julie@gracestlukes.org).

Coffee Hour is another occasion for hospitality. Each week the clergy extend an invitation to Coffee Hour in Trezevant Hall. Children and adults alike are enjoying the chance to talk with friends and meet our visitors and indulge in the wonderful snacks provided by volunteer hosts. You are encouraged to serve as a host any Sunday after Easter. Please contact Julie Denman and select a date (julie@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425).

 **Neighborhood Parties Nearing Completion**

Seventeen parties have been held to allow GSL members an opportunity to visit Richard and Katherine Lawson in a small home setting. The final four parties are scheduled during April and May. We want everyone to attend a group if possible. If you missed the group in your neighborhood or fear that your invitation was mishandled by the post office, please contact Julie Denman immediately (julie@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425).

 **Baptisms scheduled for April 23 and June 12**

The next date for baptisms is the evening of April 23 at the Easter Eve 7:30 PM service. On June 12, Pentecost, baptisms will be at the 10:30 AM service. For more information and to schedule a baptism, contact Julie Denman at 272-7425 or julie@gracestlukes.org.

 **Needed: Fire-resistant Insulated File Cabinet**

Grace-St. Luke's membership records and archives are important historical and legal documents, and the church is in need of additional protected storage. If you can donate such a file cabinet please call Julie Denman, 272-7425, ext. 15.



All Past Troop 34 Scouts:

**Help Us Celebrate
Our 90th Anniversary!**

GSL's Boy Scout Troop 34 will celebrate its 90th anniversary on **Saturday, April 2**, at 6 PM in Trezevant Hall, with tours of the newly renovated Scout Room. Tickets are \$34 at the door. You'll be treated to traditional dutch oven "scout" cooking, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine (for those 21 and older). For more information, contact Dan Eason at 481-4373 or troop34memphis@gmail.com. We are looking forward to hearing your memories.

You're invited to the 39'ers April Gathering

The next 39'ers luncheon meeting is **Friday, April 8**. The program is TBA. We will gather at 11:30 AM for wine and cheese and great conversation, with lunch at noon, followed by the program, all for only \$6. Reservations to Lucy by noon on **Wednesday, April 6**, at lucy@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425.

All are invited to attend whether 39 and holding or not. No one will be carded. Come and invite a friend and join in the fun. See you there! *Mary Virginia Rogers*

Save the date Save your soul Save your Sanity.

The annual GSL Men's Retreat is the weekend of **April 8-10** at St. Columba. This year's retreat will be led by our rector, Richard Lawson. This is a great weekend to get away, reflect, and be a guy. Grilling out, Friday night movie, bonfires, softball, golf pitching contest, and Sunday morning church on the lake. If you haven't been, it's a big boy sleep over in the woods and not to be missed! You can register AND pay online by going to <http://www.gracestlukes.org/events/gsl-mens-retreat/>. Contact Don McLemore (d.mcl@comcast.net) or John Huber (jdhuberii@gmail.com) with questions.

Looking towards Sunday Revised Common Lectionary Track 2 ✠ Year A



Fourth Sunday in Lent April 3

1 Samuel 16:1-13 • Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14 • John 9:1-41



Fifth Sunday in Lent April 10

Ezekiel 37:1-14 • Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11 • John 11:1-45



Palm Sunday April 17

At the Liturgy of the Palms

Matthew 21:1-11

At the Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 50:4-9a • Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11 • Matthew 26:14-27:66



Maundy Thursday April 21

Exodus 12:1-14 • Psalm 116:1, 10-17
1 Corinthians 11:23-26 • John 13:1-17, 31b-35



Good Friday April 22

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 • Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 • John 18:1-19:42



Easter Vigil April 23

The Vigil Lessons
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 • Isaiah 55:1-11

Ezekiel 36:24-28

At the Eucharist

Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 114 • Matthew 28:1-10



Easter Day April 24

Acts 10:34-43 • Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 • John 20:1-18



St. Clare Retreat for Women

A St. Clare Silent Retreat for women will be held on **Friday, April 1**, at St. Columba Conference Center beginning with coffee and introductions at 8:30 AM followed by a meditation offered by the Rev. Eyleen Farmer, Associate Rector of Calvary Episcopal Church, and former Pastoral Care Associate at GSL. Then we will maintain silence for a time of individual prayer and reflection until lunch is served at noon. The cost is \$20 which includes morning coffee and lunch. Reservations may be made with Dana Sue Percer at DSPercer@gmail.com or by calling 829-3251. Please make reservations ASAP.



Pictorial Directory We've added 2 new days!

Directory sign-ups exceeded our expectations. Due to demand we have increased photography sessions. We've added 2 new days—May 2 & 3. Sign up on Sunday, April 3, or call/email Linda Niell to sign up: llniell@att.net or 763-0148!

Information Needed for Pictorial Directory Roster and Church Database

We rely more and more on the use of email and cell phones since our last directory was published. Chances are we have incomplete and incorrect info about you in our records.

Please take a moment to update your contact information. Email lucy@gracestlukes.org or give her a call at 272-7425. Or better yet, if we do have your email address, you can log into our online directory and update your information yourself! Just go to <http://www.gracestlukes.org/member-central/online-directory/> and click "the password-protected directory" link. Don't know your password? There's a link to have it emailed to you (if we already have an email address on file for you).

The GSL pictorial directory is for member use only and not shared with those outside the GSL community. Thank you!

Take Note of these changes

First Friday Fellowship in April... is not happening the first Friday because of the Anchor Auction. Watch your eNews, Sunday announcements, GSL website and eVites for possible rescheduling.

Third Thursday... No gathering in April because of Maundy Thursday. See you in May!



Easter Flower Deadline April 10



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 10.

For your convenience, you can also pay online at <http://www.gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving/>.

A Thank-you From Wesley

Dear Grace-St. Luke's family,
Thank you many times over for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and dee-licious meals that have sustained me during the past few difficult months. Although I am gratefully back at the organ and in the office, the exercise of writing is still difficult, hence a big parish-wide expression of my appreciation for all you have done. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as there are still a couple of things to fix!

Lots of love, Wesley



How Do You Pray? Prayer in Recovery Friday, April 15, 6 PM

Come learn how other recovering people practice the 11th step in their lives and share your own experience, strength and hope. Read a passage from your favorite meditation book, share a spiritual practice that is meaningful to your recovery, bring a handheld labyrinth, cross or meditation tool...or simply bring yourself.

This is a free workshop, open to the public and led by members of the Addiction and Recovery Commission of the Diocese of West Tennessee.

You are invited to come early and participate in the GSL Stations of the Cross service at 5:30 PM in the Nave.

For more information contact: Shannon Tucker at 281-0785 or shannon.tucker@gmail.com or Lucy Owens at 272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org.



Christian Education for All Ages Sundays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Adult Christian Education

Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum is a thoughtful and creative class, with an eye toward encouraging everyone to make connections between scripture and the daily grind of ordinary life. Although the Rector teaches most of the classes, on occasion he hosts a guest speaker or presenter for a short series. All ages are welcome.

Apr. 3: Brief Video & Conversation: Rabbi Jonathan Sachs at Lambeth Conference

Apr. 10: A Jewish Understanding of Resurrection with Rabbi Micah Greenstein

Apr. 17: Introduction to Holy Week

Apr. 24: Easter Day, no Sunday School

Location: Trezevant Hall

Listening for God

The Listening for God class will pick back up the Sunday after Easter with a discussion of *The Welcome Table* by Alice Walker, led by Betsy Wilson. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Location: Peete Room **Class starts at 9:15 AM.**

Leaders: Charlie Pazar & others

Youth Sunday School

Jr. High

6th–8th grade class; Leaders: Donna and Jerry Sanders
Location: 3rd Floor Classroom (Morton Hall);

Sr. High

9th–12th grade class;

Location: Conference Room (old Science Lab) Evans Bldg;

Leaders: Grant Adams, the Rev. Gayle McCarty & Jim Greer

Nursery & Children's Sunday School

Nursery

Newborns to 18-month-olds; Nursery staff;

Location: Infant Room

Little Lambs

Two to very young three-year-olds; Nursery staff;

Location: Little Lamb Room–Nursery area

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Atrium 1; Three to six-year-olds; Amanda Robbins; Atrium 1 Room–Nursery area

Atrium 2; Six to nine-year-olds (second grade); Pete Shearon; Atrium 2 Room–Jackson Library (Evans Bldg)

Speak with Eva Loftin, Nursery Coordinator, on Sunday mornings if you have any questions or concerns regarding the classes in the nursery area.

Saints Sunday School

3rd–5th grade class; Room 212–across from McClure Hall (Evans Bldg)



Take Note About Easter Day

No Sunday School classes
for children or adults

At 9:45 AM there is an **EASTER EGG HUNT** for ages 10 and under—gather in Trezevant Hall. (Please drop off 1 dozen treat-filled eggs for the hunt by Noon on Friday, April 22. You can drop these in Lucy's office in a paper or plastic bag.)

Bring your **HOPE CHEST** for ERD and some flowers from home (or pick up a flower from the basket before entering the church) to **FLOWER THE CROSS** before both the 8:00 AM and the 10:30 AM Eucharists.

Noah's Art

Vacation Bible School

June 6–June 10

8:30 to 11:30

Registration fee: \$20

4 year-olds (rising JK)
to rising 5th graders



- Explore God's Word through Noah's Ark.
- Arts and Crafts galore!
- Yummy Snacks.
- Make new friends and have a great time.

If needed, childcare is available from 8 to 8:30 and 11:30 to noon.

If your child is attending afternoon GSL School camp, the VBS staff will take them to the Anchor Center at noon.

Volunteers needed in all areas.

Volunteers with children three and below can send their children to PDO for the week of VBS free of charge.

Jimpsie Ayres is coordinating the art portion of VBS.

Katherine Lawson is coordinating food. If you'd like to volunteer in either of those areas, please email them.

Jimpsie: painterela@yahoo.com

Katherine: l2wson@gmail.com

Registration forms available in the office and online at gracestlukes.org/events/vacation-bible-school/. You can print the registration form or sign up AND pay online!



News From GSL Parents' Day Out

Spring is in the air at PDO! We finished up a unit on Community Helpers with a visit from Fire Station #11! The firefighters came to teach us all about fire safety and show us how firefighters help us. They even brought two big fire trucks! This month, we'll be stomping around with a Dinosaur theme. Don't be surprised if you see some really big dinosaur tracks at PDO! In enrollment news, we are continuing to grow with 63 children currently in our program. We are also registering now for our Summer Session, **June 7–July 29**. Make a splash with us as we dive into our "Under the Sea" theme. Spots are filling up fast, so be sure to tell your friends! Come see what makes GSL PDO special. We provide a safe and nurturing environment for young children to explore, develop, and play with a purpose. Tuesdays–Fridays, 8:30–2:30. Ages 3 months to 3 years are welcome, along with 4 and 5 year olds during the summer session!

Check out our new Facebook page. Search for Grace-St. Luke's Parents' Day Out and click the "Like" button!



For more information, contact Holly Hawkins at 278-2244 or holly@gracestlukes.org.



Memphis firemen came to teach GSL Parents' Day Out children all about fire safety and talked about how firefighters help us.



EYC News and April Calendar

ECW Scholarship for High School Seniors

Good News for High School Seniors! You could qualify for one of two ECW \$1,000 scholarships to the college of your choice! Submit your transcript, recommendations and personal statement by **May 1, 2011**. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Madden, 324-3707, Betty Ebbers, 371-1133, or Ann Burruss, ann@gracestlukes.org. Applications available in the church office or with Ann.

Want to Join the Diocesan Youth Council?

The WTN DYC has begun the search process for new members. The Bishop has charged the DYC with the responsibility of developing the purpose of youth ministry in the Diocese, encouraging people to come to The Episcopal Church, and coordinating youth events for the Diocese. The DYC consists of 12 youth members, each serving a maximum of three years with terms ending at graduation from high school. Young people in grades 9–11 are invited to apply. Only completed applications with letters of recommendation and signed contract will be considered. Visit www.episwtn.org/youth_programs.html to download an application. Deadline **April 6**.

Youth Sunday & Senior Recognition Sunday

On **May 8**—Mother's Day—we will hold our annual celebration of Youth Sunday along with Senior Recognition Sunday at the 10:30 service. Please make plans to attend in support of our youth, youth programs and graduating seniors. Please inform Lucy in the parish office of names of graduating seniors, high school attended, expected date of graduation and just what any future plans may include (name of college/university attending or other plans.) Send information to lucy@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425 by May 1.

April EYC Calendar

- LIFT** LIFT, formerly known as Teen Group, meets on Wednesdays from 7-8 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3245 Central Ave.
- Apr. 3** JR High 5-6:30 and SR High from 6-7:30
Meet at the Doan House (1768 Peabody Ave.)
- Apr. 6** Applications for DYC are due.
- Apr. 10** EYC will go to the GSL play *Seussical Jr.* Tickets are purchased in advance so email Ann ASAP so we can purchase them before they sell out!!
- Apr. 17** JR High 5-6:30 and SR High from 6-7:30; Writing Prayers of the People for Youth Sunday (May 8):
Meet at the Doan House (1768 Peabody Ave.)
- Apr. 24** Easter Day, No EYC



G S L Church Athletics

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL & T-BALL

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2011: TOP 10 CHECK LIST



- 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** may begin as early as **Friday, April 1**, and are most often held at the GSL field. Your coach will contact you when he/she receives the team roster by late March. Coaches generally have one/two practices per week. Please contact Christi if you have not heard from your coach by **April 1**.
- 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 the parents and coaches. This will also be a time to go over team rules, etc.
- 5) The **SEASON BEGINS 1st or 2nd week in May**. There will be two games per week (Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday). Home games will be at the GSL field, located at 2233 Harbert, and away games will be at various church field locations. The season will end by the end of June or first week in July.
- 6) **TEAM PICTURES** are **May 22** at the GSL Field. Rain-out location will be the GSL Gym. 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 distribute pictures, trophies, and collect all uniforms!

**** SOCCER/FOOTBALL REGISTRATION is May 1–May 20.** It is on a first-come, first-served basis and will fill up quickly!

Please look at our GSL athletics webpage (under youth and sports) for current information! www.gracestlukes.org

If you have any questions please contact Christi Authement at 272-7425 ext. 20, 825-7353, or christi@gracestlukes.org.



Two Summer Camps your kids will LOVE

Camp Gailor Maxon

Pre-Camp: Thurs., June 2–Sun., June 5

Rising 1st, 2nd & 3rd graders with a parent

Camp I: Sat., June 11–Sat., June 18

Rising 10th, 11th, 12th & college freshmen

Camp II: Sun., June 19–Sat., June 25

Rising 7th, 8th & 9th graders

Camp III: Sun., June 26–Sat., July 2

Rising 4th, 5th and 6th graders

Questions? CGM@DuboseConferenceCenter.org.

Download applications at www.duboseconferencecenter.org/campgailormaxon.

Episcopal Day Camp @ St. Columba

RISING 1st-6th graders; 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Extended Care: 7:30 AM–5:30 PM

SESSION I July 11–July 14

SESSION II July 18–July 21

SESSION III July 25–July 28

Go to www.saintcolumbamemphis.org/camp/ for more information about Episcopal Day Camp.



Let's Get Ready To Rumble 3rd & 4th Grade Boys' Football Parent Meeting

When: Monday, April 18, from 6:30-7:30 PM

What: 3rd and 4th Grade Boys' Football Parent Meeting

Where: Trezevant Hall

Why: To inform the 3rd and 4th grade boys' parents about all of the "gains and losses" of participating in the 2011 football season.

So, bring your enthusiasm and thinking "helmets" and we'll "tackle" all of your questions and concerns. Please contact Christi at christi@gracestlukes.org for more information.





News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Mike Boyer as the next Head of Middle School at Grace-St. Luke's School. Mike is currently the Middle School Dean of Students at Providence Day School in Charlotte, NC. Providence is a PK through 12th grade school enrolling 1,500 students. In his current position, he is responsible for overseeing student life and discipline of the 400-student middle school division. He joined Providence in 2003, initially serving as a history teacher for grades 9–12. He received his bachelor's degree in history (cum laude) from Ursinus College and his master's in educational leadership and administration (cum laude) from George Washington University. He has experience coaching middle school soccer and baseball and high school football and baseball, so it is possible that he will even be pressed into service in the athletic department at GSL!

Mike comes to us highly recommended from Providence, where he is a well-liked and respected leader and teacher. Mike and his wife, Samantha, an elementary school teacher, have three children (Zachary, sixth grade; Michael, kindergarten; and Rylee, 3 years old; see photo below). They hope to take up residency early in late June. I know you all join me in welcoming Mike and his family to GSL, and I hope you will all get the chance to meet him once his family gets settled in Memphis.

We have several important events in April to which the church community is invited; please join us!

Seussical, Jr.

April 7 & 8 at 7:30; April 9 at 10 AM, 2 PM, and 7:30 PM; April 10 at 2:30 PM

McClure Hall at GSL

Tickets \$10 each

Get your tickets today at the school box office (the front office at 246 S. Belvedere, hours 7:30 AM–3:30 PM Mon.–Fri.) More than 40 fourth–eighth grade students appear in this musical extravaganza. It's a fun show for all ages featuring favorite Seuss characters including Horton, the Cat in the Hat, and of course, Jojo, the boy with the big imagination.

Stations of the Cross

Presented by the Third Grade

Maundy Thursday, April 21, from 8:05–9 AM, beginning at the ramp entrance to the church and continuing around the circle to the front lawn of the school office.

For more than 10 years, the third grade students at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School have dressed in costume and enacted the Stations of the Cross as a gift to the community in celebration of Easter. The Stations of the Cross are presented every five minutes and include Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, Jesus at the temple, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, Jesus' burial, and the Resurrection.

Lower School Family Reading Night

Thursday, April 28, 6–7:30 PM,

Anchor Center

An annual GSL tradition for both school and neighborhood families. Bring your children or grandchildren for cookies, milk, and storytime sessions with GSL teachers and the Head of Lower School. For children in grades SK–4 and their parents/grandparents.



Middle School students Livia and Augie will split one of the lead roles—the Cat in the Hat—in the upcoming production of Seussical, Jr., on stage at GSL Apr. 7-10.



Students performed excerpts from the play for the school community during GSL's recent Dr. Seuss/Read Across America day celebration.



Incoming Head of Middle School Mike Boyer & family: Rylee, Samantha, Zachary, & Michael.

Report on Diocesan Convention

by Candy Jefcoat

The 30th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Tennessee was held March 3–5 at St George’s Church, Germantown. The delegates from GSL were Thad Cockrill, Candy Jefcoat, Jane Morse and Hal Morse. The theme of the Convention was “It’s Not Easy Being Green,” and the featured speaker was the Rev. Fletcher Harper. He is an Episcopal priest and the Executive Director of Green Faith, a foundation whose mission is “Inspiring, educating and mobilizing people of diverse religious backgrounds for environmental leadership.” (www.greenfaith.org)

Thursday’s session began with Evensong, followed by a reception in St. George’s parish hall. The procession of banners at the beginning of the service, one for each parish in our Diocese, was impressive! Each was carried by a delegate from the parish (Hal Morse carried ours), and each was unique. Each was placed in a holder around the nave, so that all were visible throughout the convention. The similarities and differences of the banners were outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace we all share as members of this Diocese, The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

The session on Friday morning included breakfast, reports from various boards officers, commissions and committees of the Diocese, a noontime prayer service, and lunch. Also in this session was a presentation from Father Harper about Green Faith. He cited passages in both the Old and New Testaments, referring to God’s love of all Creation, and our responsibility in protecting, maintaining and nurturing all animate and inanimate parts of that Creation. The afternoon session involved voting for clergy and lay members for different committees and boards. We had a mid-afternoon worship service, followed by meetings of the Budget and Resolutions Committees of the Convention. Hal Morse served on the Budget Committee and Candy Jefcoat served on the Resolutions Committee. That evening we had a lovely dinner, and a band played music for listening and dancing!

Saturday morning provided opportunities to attend workshops led by the Strategic Visioning Team of the Diocese.

These workshops were created from the responses to the questionnaires sent out to the parishes in the fall of 2010. The Team divided the responses into six distinct priorities:

- I. Know and proclaim our identity as Christians, building on common foundations that shape us as Episcopalians.
- II. Honor diverse expressions of our common mission.
- III. Promote the understanding that each parish and mission is the Diocese serving in their community.
- IV. Identify, develop and sustain lay and clergy leaders.
- V. Build and strengthen relationships through communication and collaboration.
- VI. Invite and include all people into community where all may be transformed by the Gospel.

The results of the elections on the previous day were announced. We voted on the Resolutions brought by the Committee and approved the Budget.

Bishop Johnson announced that the 31st Annual Convention would be held on **November 19, 2011**, at the Church of the Holy Communion. The final session ended with Holy Eucharist and a homily by Father Harper.

In the hallways between the nave and parish hall were many examples of the artistry in the Diocese. Each parish was invited to send one piece of artwork for display, and GSL was represented by a painting by Jimpsie Ayers!

The worship services were designed by a group of clergy led by our own Brian Ponder! And our parish’s name came up many times in reports and in workshops, due to our generous support of the Diocese. We are well-represented on the committees, offices and boards of the Diocese. Although we are no longer the largest parish in the Diocese, we seem to have tremendous influence for good.

This year’s delegates car-pooled to the Convention each day, in keeping with the theme. We had a wonderful time together driving back and forth, and felt very privileged and grateful to represent Grace-St. Luke’s parish. Thank you for these gifts!

News of Bygone Days (from past Messengers)

50 years ago (1961): *Easter Week Services:* We take this occasion to remind all of our people of the fact that as members of the Church each one is obligated to receive Communion during Eastertide. Our Clergy are always happy to visit and to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Divine Services at the Church.

25 years ago (1986): Friday, April 11th, is the date for the next 39ers meeting. A light lunch (\$1.50) will be served at 12:00 Noon followed by the film *The Old Forest*. Written by former Memphian Peter Taylor, filmed by Steven John Ross of the MSU Theatre Department, and acted by many Memphians, this film examines the values and attitudes of 1937 Memphis reflected in the romance and actions of three young people.

Membership News

Transfers In (Baptized & Confirmed)

Scot Oliver and Courtney Oliver from St. John's Church, Charlotte, NC

Stephen and Harriet Roberts and Matthew Roberts from Church of the Holy Communion

The Altar Gifts in April are offered in Loving Memory of

April 3 Gerald Michael Malmo, Gerald Michael Malmo, Jr., and Adeline Malmo

April 10 Matthew R. Moister, Sr., Frances Weaver Moister, Sallie Whitaker Denman, William Emmett Denman, Jr., Ethel Merrin Moss, and John Crutcher Moss

April 17 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, Allene H. Gordon, and William E. Wallace

April 24 The list of those in whose memory and honor the Easter flowers are given will be listed in your Easter Vigil and Easter Day leaflets.

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Ryan McCollough from Kelly Berryhill

John Baker from Ron & Susan Carlsson, Mr. and Mrs. James N. Clay III, Flo McGowin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hussey, Jr., Jean W. Pigott, Betsy Black, Mary E. Pearson, Wight Boggs, John and Ann Dillard, Candice and Marty Carr, John and Lori Netti, Claudia and Joe Porter, Joshua and Bethany Newman, George Menendez, Jackson National Life Insurance, Mrs. Wilhelmina C. Chase, Nancy and Rodgers Menzies, and Betsy and Preston Wilson

Merle Shouhrue from Betsy Black, Bob and Peggy Burch, and Mary Elizabeth Brown

Gloria McCord from Candice and Marty Carr and Claudia and Joe Porter

Jane McSpadden from Rusty McSpadden

James David Brown from Betty Kay Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. James N. Clay III

Hugh B. Chalmers from Mr. and Mrs. James N. Clay III

Robert Nelson Adrian, Sr. from Jay and Sarah Walne

Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for and in Honor of

Hunter Allyn Rowe from Grant Adams

Steve and Pam Taylor from Mike Jones and Keith Carpenter and The Wineaux Society

April Lay Service Schedule

April 3

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

Breakfast Cooks: P Wilson, C Kerwin, J Moore, B Foster, L Strickland, C Pazar, S King

8:00 **Acolyte, Reader, Chalice:** McGehee, Busby, Busby, Hayes

10:30 **Acolytes:** K Rasberry, C Heiter, R Barnes, D McClew

Ushers: T Claybrook, M Crow, D McLemore, F Langford

April 10

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

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

8:00 **Acolyte, Reader, Chalice:** Edwards, Busby, Busby, Adams

10:30 **Acolytes:** R Gooch, G James, C Stovall, C Rasberry

Ushers: J Rasberry, J Dillard, H Medling, N Lukadi

April 17, Palm Sunday

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

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

8:00 **Acolyte, Reader, Chalice:** Rolfes, Whitlock, Brewer, Whitlock, Brewer

10:30 **Acolytes:** Z VanDeveer, E James, E Heiter, V Strother

Ushers: R Norcross, G Scott, G Burruss, D Douglass

April 21, Maundy Thursday

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

7:30 **Acolytes:** S Crow, S Collier

April 22, Good Friday

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

April 23, Easter Vigil

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

7:30 **Acolytes:** H Morehead, A Lawson, J McCall, H Morehead

April 24, Easter Day

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

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

8:00 **Acolyte, Reader, Chalice:** McGehee, Adams, Whitlock, Whitlock

10:30 **Acolytes:** C Rhea, A Garrett, R Waring, E Shearon

April 2011

For the most up-to-date GSL event info, go to gracestukes.org/events

	S	M	T	T	F	S
1	8	9	10	11	12	13
2	15	16	17	18	19	20
3	22	23	24	25	26	27
4	29	30	31			

May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists</p> <p>8:45am Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am Christian Ed</p> <p>11:45am Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:00pm MoreTAMeal</p> <p>5:00pm EYC @Doan House</p>	<p>10:30am Waffle Shop</p> <p>12:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p> <p>4:30pm EFM</p> <p>6:00pm AGO Dinner-Concert</p>	<p>9:00am Bazaar Ladies</p> <p>9:00am Staff meeting</p> <p>10:00am Clergy Mtg</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm Canterbury Ch.</p> <p>5:30pm Pilates</p> <p>5:30pm PC Team 1</p> <p>6:00pm St. Cecilia Ch.</p> <p>6:30pm Fellowship Mtg</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Teen Group</p>	<p>12 STEP MEETINGS</p> <p>Al Anon: Thurs 10:30am</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous: Tues 6:30 & 8pm</p> <p>Narcotics Anonymous: Sun 8pm, Sat 10:00pm</p> <p>Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous: Mon & Thurs at 8pm, Sat 4pm</p> <p>Suicide Anonymous: Wed 7:30pm</p>	<p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm Canterbury Ch.</p> <p>5:30pm Pilates</p> <p>5:30pm PC Team 2</p> <p>6:00pm St. Cecilia Ch.</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Teen Group</p>	<p>9:30am Fitness for Fun</p> <p>5:30pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>GSL Men's Retreat</p> <p>Easter Flower Deadline</p> <p>8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists</p> <p>8:45am Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am Christian Ed</p> <p>11:45am Coffee Hour</p> <p>2:30pm EYC @Seussical Jr</p> <p>4:00pm MoreTAMeal</p>	<p>10:30am Waffle Shop</p> <p>12:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p> <p>4:30pm EFM</p>	<p>9:00am Bazaar Ladies</p> <p>9:00am Staff meeting</p> <p>10:00am Clergy Mtg</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p> <p>5:30pm Finance</p>	<p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm Canterbury Ch.</p> <p>5:30pm Pilates</p> <p>5:30pm PC Team 2</p> <p>6:00pm St. Cecilia Ch.</p> <p>7:00pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7:00pm Teen Group</p>	<p>5:30pm Exec Mtg</p>	<p>9:00am Messenger Deadline</p> <p>9:30am Fitness for Fun</p> <p>5:30pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p>6:00pm Prayer in Recovery</p>	<p>10:15am Yoga</p>
<p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists</p> <p>8:45am Breakfast</p> <p>9:30am Christian Ed</p> <p>11:45am Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:00pm MoreTAMeal</p> <p>5:00pm EYC @Doan House</p>	<p>12:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p> <p>4:30pm EFM</p> <p>6:30pm Football Parent Mtg</p>	<p>9:00am Bazaar Ladies</p> <p>9:00am Staff meeting</p> <p>10:00am Clergy Mtg</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p> <p>6:00pm Vestry</p>	<p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm Canterbury Ch.</p> <p>5:30pm Pilates</p> <p>6:00pm St. Cecilia Ch.</p> <p>7:00pm Teen Group</p>	<p>7:30pm Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Office closes @noon</p> <p>12:15pm Good Friday</p>	<p>10:15am Yoga</p> <p>7:30pm Easter Eve</p>
<p>Easter Day</p> <p>No Christian Ed</p> <p>8:00am & 10:30am Eucharists</p> <p>8:45am Breakfast</p> <p>9:45am Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>11:45am Coffee Hour</p> <p>4:00pm MoreTAMeal</p> <p>No 5:30 HE today</p>	<p>Office Closed</p> <p>12:00pm Weight Watchers</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p> <p>4:30pm EFM</p>	<p>9:00am Bazaar Ladies</p> <p>9:00am Staff meeting</p> <p>10:00am Clergy Mtg</p> <p>1:00pm Food Pantry</p>	<p>7:30am Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:00pm Canterbury Ch.</p> <p>5:30pm Pilates</p> <p>5:30pm PC Team 4</p> <p>6:00pm St. Cecilia Ch.</p> <p>7:00pm Teen Group</p>	<p>9:30am Fitness for Fun</p>	<p>10:15am Yoga</p>	



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From the Full Moon to the Parking Lot

At the Council of Nicea in 325 C.E. it was decreed that Easter should be celebrated on the Sunday after the full moon occurring on or after the spring equinox, March 21. This decree means that Easter moves around (unlike Christmas); indeed, Easter Day can come as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. If you are interested in finding out when Easter will be in coming years, there is a table in the Prayer Book (pages 882-883) that lists all of the dates for Easter from 1900 through 2089. By the way, the Council of Nicea is the same council that gave us a form of what we call the Nicene Creed, which we recite (and sometimes sing) at the Holy Eucharist on Sundays and other major feasts. These catholic roots of the Christian faith provide order and stability even as the Episcopal Church seeks to live faithfully and creatively in the 21st century world.

Easter Day in 2011 is really late—April 24. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 17. The 8:00 AM Eucharist on Palm Sunday begins in church (like normal), but the 10:30 AM. Eucharist will begin outside with a Palm

procession. We will meet near the flag poles, that is, right outside the church in the parking lot on the western side of the church. It's good to start Palm Sunday outside for so many reasons, which I hope will be obvious to those who attend that particular liturgy. I find that kids (and the young at heart) really love Palm Sunday when it begins outside. Such a start to that liturgy reminds us to a degree of what the followers of Jesus must have felt in the open air during the first Holy Week.

The Maundy Thursday Liturgy begins at 7:30 PM. The Good Friday Liturgy begins at 12:15 PM. The Easter Vigil begins at 7:30 PM. Easter Day includes two Eucharists at the normal times (8:00 and 10:30 AM). People who regularly attend the 5:30 PM Eucharist on Sundays are encouraged to attend the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, which is the traditional Easter liturgy in the evening. Spread the Word!

The Reverend Richard Lawson

