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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

8:45 AM Breakfast

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

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

OFFICE HOURS

8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday–Thursday

8:30 AM–Noon Friday (summer months)

MESSENGER DEADLINE/ONLINE

The deadline for the September issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, **August 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.**

Summer Renovation: An Update from the Rector

The summer renovation has begun. After an extensive interview process, the parish has hired Montgomery Martin as our contractor. Montgomery Martin is the firm that built the Anchor Center at GSL School. They also oversaw the installation of the Tiffany windows in Trezevant several years ago. Jeff Emerson is one of our primary contacts at Montgomery, and he will be involved for the duration of the project. Jeff has served on the GSL School Board and the most recent Headmaster Search Committee, and he has a great relationship with the Headmaster and Staff at our school. Our architect is Derrick Choo, who is from the firm of Askew Nixon Ferguson. Derrick and Jeff have also worked together on a GSL School renovation.

The renovation will occur essentially in two stages. The first stage has already begun in PDO and the Atria downstairs. The sense of urgency for downstairs is that PDO will reopen for fall on **August 16**. For the summer session, PDO is using space at Miss Lee's. The nursery on Sundays is temporarily in the Primary building at GSL School across from the flag poles (with appropriate, clear signage). The second phase of the renovation will begin in a few weeks in Trezevant and adjoining spaces, including the hallway and both the circular drive entry (by Lucy's office) and the Lemaster entry. The goal is for that portion of the project to be completed by Sunday School kickoff on **September 11**. All groups that are affected by this renovation (from recovery groups to Food Pantry to More Than a Meal) have been contacted and alerted to the timeline. We have made arrangements for temporary locations for all groups; the only exception is that Food Pantry has chosen to take a temporary break once they need to move out of their space for a few weeks.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or thoughts regarding timeline or use of space, please contact Linda Stine (linda@gracestlukes.org); questions regarding contractors or subs or logistics should be directed to our maintenance supervisor, Patrick Payne (patrick@gracestlukes.org). Karen Clark is the chair of our Space Committee, which also includes the Senior Warden, Barney Rolfes. Rob Norcross (an architect himself) is also representing our Committee on the ground each week as he interacts with the contractor and architect. We are in good hands with all of these fine people who care so much about the mission of our parish in this new day. Do not hesitate to contact any of them, and please do thank them when you see them for their faithfulness and good work on this project.

The Reverend Richard Lawson

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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.

Minutes can now be downloaded from the GSL website at www.gracestlukes.org/vestry/minutes/.
Email: vestry@gracestlukes.org

**Thoughts on Giving**

The Greek word for grace—whether God's grace toward us or our grace expressed in our giving for the needs of others and the church—is one and the same: it's the word "charis" (pronounced "care-is"). That is the same word from which we get another important New Testament word, the word for "spiritual gift." A spiritual gift is a "charisma" (pronounced "care-is-ma").

**Sunday Nursery**

Due to the renovations in the Nursery area, our Sunday Nursery has moved temporarily from PDO to a classroom in the Primary building next to the church and across from the flagpoles. The classroom is also known as teacher Aimee Plumley's room. Please look for special signage. As soon as renovation is finished, we'll move back to our newly renovated space! Thank you.

**Baptisms scheduled for August 14**

On **August 14**, Holy Baptism is scheduled for the 10:30 AM service. For more information and to schedule a baptism, contact Richard Lawson at 272-7425 or richard@gracestlukes.org.

**Want to Read the Vestry Minutes**

Want to find out what's going with the GSL Vestry? Want to read committee reports? Clergy reports? Decisions made? Minutes will be uploaded after being approved at the next Vestry meeting. All you have to do is go to www.gracestlukes.org/vestry/minutes/. The minutes are a pdf file so you will need Adobe Reader (<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>) to open them. If you have any problems, please contact Lucy Owens in the office, lucy@gracestlukes.org.

**A Note about Christian Education Classes**

Christian Education classes will resume on **Sunday, September 11**.

**Thursday Morning Prayer Changes to Tuesday Mornings**

The Morning Prayer service, currently being held Thursdays at 8 AM in the Chapel, will change to Tuesday mornings at 7:30 AM once school begins on **August 16**.

**Membership News****Deaths**

Jim Smoot: July 21, 1946–July 12, 2011

Mary White Hutchison: January 26, 1925–July 6, 2011

Support Groups at GSL

Weight Watchers: Mondays, Weigh-in at noon, Meeting from 12:20-12:40

AA meetings: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM & 8 PM

Narcotics Anonymous: Saturdays, 10:00 AM, Sundays, 8 PM

AI Anon: Thursdays, 10:30 AM

Suicide Anonymous: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous: Mondays & Thursdays, 8 PM,
Saturdays, 4 PM



From the Fellowship Committee by Cheryl Crider

Join the Fellowship Committee in welcoming back our teachers and students on Episcopal School Sunday, **August 21**. We will serve light refreshments in the GSL Anchor Center cafeteria following the 10:30 service.

Stay tuned for future events the Fellowship Committee is cooking up for the next 5th Sunday Celebration on **October 30**.

Looking towards Sunday *Revised Common Lectionary* Track 2 ✠ Year A



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)

August 7

1 Kings 19:9-18 • Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15 • Matthew 14:22-33



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)

August 14

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 • Psalm 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 • Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16)

August 21

Isaiah 51:1-6 • Psalm 138

Romans 12:1-8 • Matthew 16:13-20



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)

August 28

Jeremiah 15:15-21 • Psalm 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21 • Matthew 16:21-28



Go to the link below to access Sunday lectionary readings online at your convenience, and then reflect and pray over them at any time. Also offered is an overview, scripture backgrounds, a reflection and prayer starter to enhance your worship experience.

<http://www.gracestlukes.org/spirituality-and-worship/preparing-for-sunday/>

WEEKEND EXODUS September 23-25, 2011

Grace-St. Luke's second annual Weekend Exodus is fast approaching! Have you made your reservations? It's not too late to get in on the fun.

Last year, many GSL singles, couples, and families gathered at Camp Bratton-Green near Canton, Mississippi, for a weekend of relaxation, great food, fun, and fellowship. The Weekend Exodus committee is again hard at work planning a fantastic weekend, and you don't want to miss it! By popular demand, to allow those with children under five to participate more fully, we will have child care available during the day on Saturday. Register now by following the link on the GSL website or, if you would rather pay by check, download the registration form and mail or bring it to the church office. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up today! Once we fill up, that's it!

www.gracestlukes.org/events/parish-weekend/



65th Annual Conference
Episcopal Churchmen
of Tennessee

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

August 12-14

DuBose Conference Center
Monteagle TN

Have you invited a friend?

It's not too late to sign up!

Don't miss this opportunity to attend the largest gathering of Episcopal men in the Anglican Communion! Come and bring a son, a friend, or a new communicant in your church!

Guest speakers: the Rev. Woody Bartlett, Bill Landry, the Rev. Fletcher Harper; and as always, the Bishops of all three Dioceses in the state of Tennessee will be present.

Activities include: BBQ cooking contest, bluegrass jam, choir, road cycling, mountain biking, golf, hiking, power napping, question and answer session, skeet shooting, swimming, tennis, and walks/runs.

Pick up a registration form at church or register online at www.episcopalchurchmen.net. For more information contact parish keyman, Don McLemore, at 272-3230 or d.mcl@comcast.net.



G S L
Church
Athletics
by *Christi Authement*

GSL is "GEARING UP" for fall soccer, flag and tackle football. Practices begin in August.

The Tackle Football Jamboree is **Saturday, August 20**, at Grace Evan Church. Time TBA.

Tackle football season begins on **Saturday, August 27**.

Soccer and flag football seasons begin **September 9 & 10**.

For more information please contact Christi at 825-7353, christi@gracestlukes.org, or go to www.gracestlukes.org/youth-sports/.

Flag Football

You wanted it, we got it! This is the first season GSL Church has offered 1st and 2nd grade flag football. Flag football is just like tackle football except you play it with flags. It is a non-contact sport where speed and agility are of foremost concern. Flag football is a sport for all ages and sizes. You can play flag football just about anywhere, but an open, marked football field is ideal. So, bring your chairs and enthusiasm and help cheer on our first flag football team to date!

Church Sports' Uniform Drop Box

There will be a Church Sport's Uniform Drop Box in front of the circle drive from **August 13 -21**. Please drop off any church baseball, softball, t-ball, football, basketball, and soccer uniforms. Only return jerseys, belts and pants for baseball, softball, and t-ball uniforms; you may keep the socks and hats!



Coach Randy Engel and Kim Appling's 1st/2nd grade softball team had an undefeated season. Go Team!!



Parents' Day Out News

by *Holly Hawkins*

Come play with us at PDO! We provide a fun and educational program for young children to grow cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally through play. Our caring teachers create experiences for success at every age in a family atmosphere filled with love and respect. Come see what makes us special at GSL PDO.

New Fall/Spring Start Date: August 16. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in our newly renovated space soon! If you are interested in registering for the 2011-2012 Fall/Spring Session, please contact Holly Hawkins at 278-2244 or holly@gracestlukes.org.



Eagle Scout Project Restores Bell Tower

Johnny Ney (age 14) of Boy Scout Troop 34 helped to repair and restore the eight-story bell tower at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 277 South 4th Str., as his Eagle Scout Project. St. Patrick's held a bake sale to help cover the cost of supplies and before the Troop began restoring the bell, pigeon poop and dead pigeons had to first be cleared out and rickety ladders reinforced. Then, Johnny Ney, with scouts and adults from Grace-St. Luke's Troop 34, worked to install and repair the screens at multiple levels to pigeon-proof the tower. The bell was oiled and the ability to ring this very large bell has been restored! The bell had not been rung for over 20 years and now the parishioners will once again enjoy bell ringing on Sunday mornings. In addition, the scouts built shelves for the St. Patrick's food pantry that serves many homeless people in the community. The new rope for the bell is Scout green!

Go to gracestlukes.org/scouting/ for info about GSL Scouting.



Go to commercialappeal.com and search for "johnny ney troop 34" to see the write-up in the Commercial Appeal!



EYC News & Events

by Ann Burruss

Wow! I can't believe summer has come to an end! Thank you to all of you who joined us for summer lunches! Now that summer is over, it's time to get back into the swing of things. Our EYC kickoff party will be **August 21**. If you are not on our mailing list and are a 6th–12th grader, please email me at ann@gracestlukes.org so that I can add you to our mailing list!

EYC August Calendar

July 31–August 2

The DYC rafting trip, "Just Add Water," is happening as you read this!

August 21

The EYC kickoff party is from 5-7 PM. We will start with ice cream Sundays in the Doan house and end with games in the Saints gym!

August 28

The DYC kickoff party is at St. Philip Church from 2-4 PM.



Children's Choir News

by Wesley Emerson

Children's Choirs at GSL start back on September 7!

We have an exciting year ahead for our young musicians. The choirs will be singing on Sundays throughout the year, plus we are planning a Christmas pageant for the early (4:30 PM) service on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays: Canterbury Choir (3rd-6th grade) from 5-5:50 PM, and St. Cecilia Choir (SK-2nd grade) from 6-6:40 PM. Please contact us with questions; we would love to welcome your children to our wonderful tradition of music!

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Wesley Emerson, Organist/Choirmaster
wesley@gracestlukes.org, 272-7425 ext.16

Staff Member of the Month **Ann Burruss,** **Director of Youth Ministries**



As Director of Youth Ministries I plan activities and community service opportunities with the purpose of bringing our youth in grades 6–12 together in community and fellowship. On Sunday nights we meet for EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) where we play games, have dinner, and get to know one another. We also have opportunities to build fellowship with other EYCs on Wednesday nights where we meet with Holy Communion, St. John's and Calvary for evening prayer and fellowship. Wednesday nights used to be called Teen Group but now we call it LIFT. Once a week during the summer, I go out to lunch with our youth to continue building and supporting our community and fellowship. This August, I will be going rafting with some of our youth on the DYC (Diocesan Youth Council) rafting trip. We also have other weekend trips and overnights offered during the year through DYC! If you are in 6th–12th grade and not coming to EYC, please come join us and check out the fun!

Working with our youth definitely keeps me on my toes and keeps me young. I get to play games and get to know them on a different level. EYC allows me to see a side of our youth that other parents and adults don't get to see. I do strive to maintain a careful balance between leader and friend. They are brilliant, funny, caring, and so much fun to work with. I am very blessed.

One of the important aspects of EYC is that our Jr. and Sr. High groups eat dinner together every week. This is important because it helps foster fellowship that spreads across the grades. Everyone is eating together! Our Jr. High youth get to know our Sr. High youth and vice versa. Over dinner, the conversations are more relaxed and it's when we start to see each other for who we are. EYC depends on volunteers to provide these weekly dinners. We ask parents to help with this, but it would also be very helpful to have other parishioners help provide dinners.

Also, I am grateful for the two AMAZING volunteer advisors who join us every week; however, other advisors would be helpful as our numbers grow. If you have graduated from college and would be interested in committing to spending your Sunday nights with us, please contact me.

Contact information:

Ann Burruss
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From the Dir. of Christian Education

by Harriet Roberts

Really, from the moment my family and I started coming to Grace-St. Luke's this winter, I have felt both welcomed and included. That is a great way to feel at any new place!

I am very excited about this opportunity and I am spending a lot of time reading and talking and sorting through material so that I can acquaint myself with my new position.

Right away—though—I am struck by a few things I would like to share.

First, I am so impressed with the enthusiasm and energy here.

Second, I loved some of the very simple ideas I have come across during my initial exploration. One such idea was a challenge issued by the Vestry: The Vestry encouraged all parishioners to call as many of the children in the parish by name. Simple. Thoughtful. Wonderful. That is a great way to make a person (large or small) feel like they belong! It certainly worked for me.

Finally, while I do have the title of Director of Christian Education, I am very mindful of the crucial and complex role parents (and other significant adults) play in the spiritual life of their child or children. I look forward to learning from you as you each approach this challenge in your own unique way.

But, when you encounter one of those marvelous, complicated, completely disarming, faith-related questions that only a child can ask, please let me know. I cannot promise that I will be able to immediately help with an answer, but I really do love hearing those questions!

More later, but I am so glad to be here and I look forward to getting to know each of you!



Pastoral Care Corner

by the Rev. Gayle McCarty,
Curate for Pastoral Care and Outreach

Many of us or our loved ones live daily with illness. At times, prayer can become dry and feel rote. If you find yourself in such a desert place; here are two suggested resources.

The Book of Common Prayer is full and rich with offerings of prayers for all sorts of conditions and occasions. I commend to you the following, *Prayer for Use by a Sick Person in the Morning*, page 461

“This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give me the spirit of Jesus. Amen.”

Another wonderful resource is a book entitled *Days of Grace: Meditations and Practices for Living with Illness* by Mary C. Earle. Mary is an Episcopal priest, accomplished author, well respected spiritual director and was my professor in seminary. But her greatest credential for writing on this topic is that she wrote this book as a fellow sufferer when she was living with illness. Her book offers 30 meditations consisting of a line from a psalm, reflection, short prayer, and spiritual practice. She does not sugar-coat living with illness, nor does she pretend to provide answers. Instead, she invites the reader on a guided journey rich with opportunities to experience God's abundant love and abiding mercy in the midst of illness.

If, however, you feel as if words fail—be they written or spoken in prayer—remember that scripture assures us that God knows the desires of our hearts. *Psalms 38:9* “O Lord, all my longing is known to you; my sighing is not hidden from you.”

God hears and is here – as we live with illness.

News of Bygone Days (from past Messengers)

50 years ago (1961): The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, August 20
Holy Communion followed by Holy Unction at 7:30 a.m.
Family Service-Second Office of Instruction & Sermon at 9:15 a.m.
First Office of Instruction and Sermon at 11:00 a.m.

25 years ago (1986):

School Acquires New Property: Grace-St. Luke's School is purchasing the facilities of Miss Lee's School at 1760 Peabody. The education tradition of that location will be continued as it will house some of the school's preschool program. Officers of the school's Board of Trustees for the coming year are: Bill Denman, president; Jim Beaty, vice-president; Polly Roberts, secretary; Bill Johnson, treasurer.



Outreach Ministries

by the Rev. Gayle McCarty, Curate
for Pastoral Care and Outreach

ALZHEIMER'S DAY SERVICES OF MEMPHIS, INC., is the first of the Grace-St. Luke's Outreach ministries to be highlighted in *The Messenger*. A grant of \$1,000 was made specifically for the Art Therapy Program for the participants at both the Louis E. Grashot Center and Dorothy's Place, the two locations serving those living with Alzheimer's in Memphis. Executive Director, Ruthann Shelton, and GSL parishioner and Alzheimer's Day Services board member, Kathryn Feinstone, made a moving and informative in-person presentation to the Outreach Committee last year, illustrating the many services provided and outlining the need for continued support of quality therapeutic art activities for their participants.

We all know the power of art to move us deeply. Through opportunities for artistic expression, the internal world of those living with Alzheimer's is made known—be it present feelings or past memories. Art therapy provides a new way—a needed way—to communicate and create.

Please visit www.alzheimersdayservices.org to learn more about this wonderful ministry, how they can help you and your loved ones, and how you can become involved. Be sure to check out their wish list and upcoming events.

Save the date for the 8th Annual Garage Band Reunion 2011
Saturday, September 24

The Warehouse | 36 East G.E. Patterson
Doors open at 6:30 PM; Bands begin at 7 PM
Tickets purchased on line (\$50)

Alzheimer's is a national epidemic. Most, if not all of us, know someone directly afflicted or affected by this cruel disease. According to the website of Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), "In the United States, an estimated 5.4 million people are living with Alzheimer's disease and someone develops the disease every 69 seconds." These are staggering statistics that call us to prayer and action. I am proud of GSL for their support of this Outreach ministry. If you feel called to spearhead GSL's participation in the Alzheimer's Day Services of Memphis, please contact me at gayle@gracestlukes.org.



From the Episcopal Community

St. Clare Silent Retreat for Women September 2

A St. Clare Silent Retreat for women will be held on **Friday, September 2**, at St. Columba Conference Center beginning with coffee and introductions at 8:30 AM followed by Eucharist and a meditation offered by the Ven. Mimsy Jones. Then we will maintain silence for a time of individual prayer and reflection. 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.

St. Clare Silent Retreat Weekend October 21-23

"Silence is golden, red, green, orange and all the other beautiful moments, our hearts & eyes & souls can take in, in just a split second." Quote from 2010 St. Clare Silent Retreat Weekend.

If you want to be a part of the 2011 retreat, please contact Debbie Balling, debbie.balling@gmail.com or 335-4001 for a registration form or for more information. The retreat will be at St. Columba Conference Center in Bartlett and the cost is \$200.

A Saturday Retreat at St. Mary's August 27

The ECW of St. Mary's Cathedral, 700 Poplar Ave., joyfully invites you to a retreat on **Saturday, August 27**, from 10 AM until 3 PM. Our retreat topic is Hildegard of Bingen (1098-1179), a Benedictine abbess, artist, composer, poet, and mystic.

Our retreat leader is Dr. Carmen Acevedo Butcher, who has written several books on Hildegard. The cost is \$30, which includes lunch. Preregistration is required and payment will be made at the door. Please contact Elizabeth Wirls at the Episcopal Bookshop, 527-5684 or ebook@bellsouth.net. Coffee will be available during registration beginning at 9:15 AM.



News From GSL School by Thor Kvande

The start of school is just around the corner! We are delighted to welcome returning families and new families to GSL beginning **August 16**, the first day of school for Grades SK-8. (Our preschoolers start back on **August 17**.) It seems like the summer has flown by, as we have stayed very busy getting ready for another great school year.

We are pleased to announce that our enrollment in 6th grade has necessitated adding a third academic section. This gives us two grade levels in middle school with three sections each, for the first time in recent memory! There are several new faculty members to announce as well: Christina Nelson will join GSL to teach 6th grade Science and Social Studies, along with 8th grade Ethics. She is a veteran middle school teacher with prior teaching experience in Arkansas and Colorado. Our new 5th grade teacher is Jenna Cherry, who recently finished her master's degree in teaching at CBU. In 4th grade, we welcome GSL church parishioner Christina Alberson, who comes to us with five years of experience teaching in DeSoto County. JK assistant Meghan Money leaves us to be closer to family in Atlanta, and in her place Myrna Whitt will return to the classroom as the assistant teacher for the Playful Pups, reuniting with her former teaching partner Laura Lemly. Jill Beaumont has been hired to replace Mary Gusmus in the Brilliant Bugs classroom. She has her master's degree from the University of Memphis. Kelsey Beagle, a recent graduate of the University of Memphis, has been hired to work with Meg Comes and the Daring Dinosaurs.

We've spent a good part of the summer doing renovations and maintenance work at various spots on campus as well. At the Preschool, we have transformed the classroom across from the playground entrance into an atelier, or art room space. Using some elements of the Reggio Emilio approach, this space will be used to encourage broader and deeper art exploration for our preschool students. Jennifer Vest, Head of Preschool, will serve as atelierista, facilitating small group work with the children and specialized workshops with teachers.

In the Lower School, a generous gift from GSL parishioner Corinne Wilson and her family has enabled us to renovate the Science Lab. New flooring, cabinetry, plumbing, and electrical work provide the backdrop for a true 21st century classroom that includes wireless access and a SMARTBoard. Many thanks to the Wilson family, and also to GSL parent Derrick Choo for helping extensively with

these renovations. Three SMARTBoards are being installed in the fourth grade rooms, and we are adding six iPads to SK and a cart of iPads available for all classrooms to use.

In Middle School, we have replaced the ceiling tiles in the office in Lass Hall, and the floors in the hallways and McClure are receiving a deep cleaning. We have two SMARTBoards being installed in the Middle School this summer, another gift from the PA. Mike Boyer, our new Head of Middle School, joined us as of **July 1** and hit the ground running. He and his wife Samantha and their children Zachary (7th), Michael (1st) and Rylee (JK) are excited about joining the GSL community.

As always, we will be happy to reconnect with many of you at the annual Episcopal School Sunday service on **August 21**. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support as we prepare for another great year at GSL!



Seventh grade students Riggs and Emma earned service hours this summer by helping promote GSL School while volunteering at the cookie table at the Central Gardens 4th of July Parade. Seventh graders must earn service hours as part of their World Religions course requirement.

Vestry Nominations Due by August 14

The Vestry nominating committee has already convened this year in order to set the stage for accepting names to be considered for nomination for election to the Vestry for 2012. The nominating committee is composed of the following members of the current Vestry whose terms expire at the end of December 2011: Karen Clark, Ann Dillard, Mike Jones, Charles Pazar, Betty Peyton, Barney Rolfes, and Peggy Williamson.

In November 2010, the Vestry voted, with parish support, to reduce the size of the Vestry from 21 members to 15 members by 2014; therefore, beginning with the November 2011 elections, five new members instead of seven will be elected to serve a three-year term at the annual parish meeting from the list of nominees selected by the nominating committee. At the annual meeting, nominees will also be accepted from the floor.

The nominating committee will begin accepting names of potential nominees from the parish at-large in August. Names will be accepted for a two-week period after which the nominating committee will seek acceptance from 10-12 of those received to have their names placed in nomination.

Prior to August, we ask that all parishioners begin considering names to submit to the nominating committee in August. In considering a potential nominee, the following guidelines should be followed:

1. The person must be a confirmed communicant of Grace-St. Luke's in good standing, not less than eighteen (18) years of age, a giver of record, and shall not be employed by Grace-St. Luke's Church, Grace-St. Luke's School, or the Diocese.
2. The person can be you.
3. The person submitting a name should have positive indication that the named person would agree to have his/her name placed in nomination if asked by the nominating committee.

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions, comments or suggestions. Below is a Vestry nomination form which should be completed and returned via email to Mike Jones at drcmjones@gmail.com or a hard copy given to Lucy Owens in the GSL office by **Sunday, Aug. 14**.

GSL Vestry 2012 Nomination Form

Nominations will be accepted from August 1-14, 2011.

Send completed form to Mike Jones (drcmjones@gmail.com) or

leave a completed hard copy with Lucy Owens in the GSL office by Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011.

Name of Vestry Nominee: _____

Occupation: _____

Email: _____ Phone(s): _____

Nominee has previously served on the GSL Vestry: Yes ___ No ___; Been an officer: Yes ___ No ___

Gifts this nominee would bring to the Vestry:

Nominee's areas of special interest at GSL:

Why I think this person would be a good Vestry member:

I have spoken with the nominee and he/she agreed to have his/her name placed in nomination if asked by the nominating committee. Yes ___

Signed,

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____ Date: _____

Mark your calendars for an Altar Guild ALL-CALL!

Preparing and maintaining the altars, their appointments, and vessels for worship is one of the most important and rewarding ministries of any church. It's also one of the most necessary, yet behind-the-scenes, ministries we have at GSL.

Join us **Saturday, August 13**, for a **Training Session for Current and New Altar Guild Members**. We invite ALL interested in serving in this vital ministry to make plans to attend. We'll begin at 9:00 AM and conclude by 12:30.

Have questions? Need more info? Contact Fr. Brian at 272.7425 ext. 13 or brian@gracestlukes.org.

The Altar Gifts in August are offered in Loving Memory of

August 7 William K. Pearson

August 14 Earl Edward Paul

August 21 Grace Ford Waring, Roane Waring, Mollie Strange Ford, Harriet Ford Berry, Grace Waring Hughey, Mary Elizabeth Waring Stone, Elisabeth B. Fauntleroy, and Lynn R. Strickland

August 28 Howard Emory Wilson, Nellie Pelter Wilson, Howard Emory Wilson, Jr., William Fitzhugh Murrah, Corinne Falls Murrah, Stewart Bethune Warren, John Fitzmaurice, John J. Wood, Linelle W. Wood, Mary Fitzmaurice, William Fitzhugh Murrah, Jr., and Paul P. Wilson

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Ailene Rogers from Cannon & Company, PC

Dorothy Boyd from Janet & Shep Tate, Betty Calandruccio, and Jean Tuttle

Margaret Preston Merrell Mayton from Minetry Crowley

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Honor of

Julie Denman from Bettye Pittman

HELP WANTED!

ACOLYTES needed for 10:30 service

All rising 4th graders and above who are interested in becoming acolytes, please contact Fr. Brian (brian@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425) or Grant Adams (527-0083 or grant.adams@suntrust.com).

August Lay Service Schedule

August 7

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

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

8:00 Acolyte, Reader, Chalice: Edwards, Adams, N Edwards, Whitlock, Whitlock

10:30 Acolytes: V Strother, J McCall, C Stovall, C Rasberry

August 14

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

Breakfast Cooks: J Clay, A Nave, E Taylor, R Norcross, W Wimbish, K Self, R Clark

8:00 Acolyte, Reader, Chalice: Rolfes, Busby, Busby, Morris

10:30 Acolytes: D McClew, S Collier, A Garrett, K Rasberry

August 21

Altar Guild: A Crow, P Barnes, N Golden, S Hickey, B Peyton, M Robinson, T Sheppard, E Smith

Breakfast Cooks: D Conaway, S Liles, M Rowland, J Fields, B Bland, D Sappington, J Sullivan

8:00 Acolyte, Reader, Chalice: McGehee, Adams, Brewer, Speck

10:30 Acolytes: L Robbins, A Lawson, S Crow, A Hartney

August 28

Altar Guild: A Crow, P Barnes, N Golden, S Hickey, B Peyton, M Robinson, T Sheppard, E Smith

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

8:00 Acolyte, Reader, Chalice: Rolfes, Whitlock, M Brewer, S Speck, Speck, S Brewer

10:30 Acolytes: R Gooch, M Cline, R Barnes, K Ayres

August 2011

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

September 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 1	2	3	4	5	6
	EYC Rafting		5:30pm PC Team 3 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg	8:00am Morning Prayer		
	12:00pm Weight Watchers 1:00pm Food Pantry	9:00am Bazaar Ladies 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Clergy Mtg 1:00pm Food Pantry				
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Vestry Nominations Due	Uniform Drop Off (8/13-8/21)					
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Episcopal School Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 HE 8:45am Breakfast 11:45am ESS Reception 4:00pm MoreTAMeal 5:00pm EYC Kick-Off	12:00pm Weight Watchers 1:00pm Food Pantry	7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Bazaar Ladies 10:00am Clergy Mtg 1:00pm Food Pantry	5:30pm PC Team 1			3rd/4th Football Begins
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A Word from the Rector: Episcopal Theology from TN

On August 18, the Episcopal Church commemorates William Porcher DuBose on our Prayer Book calendar. DuBose was born in 1836. Raised in South Carolina, he attended The Citadel. Before his graduation from The Citadel, DuBose was thinking seriously about entering the ministry in the Episcopal Church. He then attended the University of Virginia, matriculating in the classical languages, before entering the diocesan seminary back in his home state. However, the Civil War interrupted seminary. DuBose was appointed adjutant of a legion, and was wounded twice at the Second Battle of Manassas.

After the war, DuBose was called to parish ministry. Eventually, he became the chaplain at the University of the South (Sewanee), being nominated to this post by the second Bishop of Tennessee, Charles Quintard. In addition to his duties as chaplain, DuBose established the School of Theology. He published several books, and is remembered by several historians as the most creative theologian that our Church has produced. Indeed, his words still speak to the complexity of creation and the mystery of the Triune God. Interestingly for GSL Church, DuBose's name shows

up in our parish history: the Rector of Grace Church from 1933-1938 was William DuBose Bratton (son of the MS Bishop for whom Camp Bratton-Green is named). Bratton's grandmother was DuBose's sister.

More importantly, I love the following quote from DuBose: ". . . Jesus Christ is to me, not a name, nor a memory or tradition, nor an idea or sentiment, nor a personification, but a living and personal reality, presence and power. He is God for me, to me, in me, and myself in God." As we remember DuBose, I pray that we remember the personal dimension of the faith every time we gather as a parish. If faith is to have meaning and depth, faith must become personal and living. Please do not let the formality of our church and worship fool you. At its heart, the structure of our tradition is there in order to open our hearts and minds to the personal dimension of the faith. The structure (such as the Eucharist and hymnody) provides stability so that our souls may be free in order to experience God with imagination and honesty. See you Sunday!

The Reverend Richard Lawson