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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 8:45 AM Breakfast
 9:30 AM Christian Education
 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

MESSENGER DEADLINE/ONLINE

The deadline for the December issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, **November 10!** 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.**

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~

**Nov. 13: Bishop's Annual Visit
Confirmation at the 10:30 Service, Followed by a Reception**

**Nov. 20: Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Elections
9:15 AM in Trezevant Hall**

**Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day Service, 10:30 AM
Join us in giving thanks for all our many blessings**

**Let The Shopping
Begin**

**Join us for the 71st Grand Old Bazaar
Thursday, November 10th
10 AM to 2 PM
in Trezevant Hall
Delicious light lunch \$7.00
11 AM to 1 PM**

**Elegant Handmade Items Treasures
Books Baked Goods Artwork
Handmade & Costume Jewelry**

Come browse, buy, eat lunch & have a good time.

Support the ministry of the
Ladies of the Bazaar House
and help raise funds for
charitable organizations.

**THE GRAND OLD
Bazaar**
A MEMPHIS EVENT SINCE 1940

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2011 VESTRY

Sandy Baker, John Baur, Karen Clark, Ginger Collier, Ann Dillard, Jim Greer, Steven Hoover, Mike Jones, Candy Jefcoat, Bheki Khumalo, Stinson Liles, Lucius McGehee, Catherine Morehead, Linda Niell, Charles Pazar, Betty Peyton, Barney Rolfes, Pete Shearon, Doug Smith, Nicki Soulé, and Peggy Williamson

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.

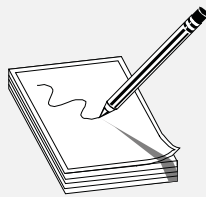
These meetings are open to the parish. Vestry members are also available to convey matters of importance from parishioners to the vestry.

Watch your eNews and eMessenger for the links to the **vestry minutes**. To be added to the eNews/eMessenger distribution lists, contact Lucy Owens, lucy@gracestlukes.org.

Vestry email: vestry@gracestlukes.org

**Thoughts on Giving**

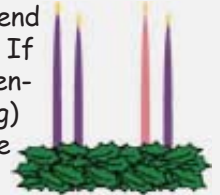
Some people give God a tenth—a tenth of what they ought to give.

**Take Note**

Bishop Johnson will lead the Rector's Forum on Sunday, Nov. 13 in Trezevant Hall.

Nov. 20 is Annual Parish Meeting Sunday. Adults and older youth gather in Trezevant Hall at 9:15. Children's classes continue as scheduled.

Join us for our annual Advent Wreath Making event which will take place during Christian Education on Sunday, Nov. 27. You will be able to purchase candles and wreath forms and you can spend some time constructing your family's Advent Wreath. If you have questions or you would like to help gather greenery, contact Harriet Roberts (harriet@gracestlukes.org) Miss Julie will be there, too, which means there will be lots of fun for the younger among us!

**Thanksgiving Day Eucharist**

Join us Thanksgiving morning as we worship together and give thanks for all of our many blessings. Thanksgiving Day also marks our "birthday" at GSL. Grace and St. Luke's Churches joined for our first combined service on Thanksgiving Day, 1940. Read more about our founding at www.gracestlukes.org/events/thanksgiving-day-service/.

Membership News

Faithful Departed Laura "Wade" Little, July 7, 1915–August 22, 2011

Jean Ahlemeyer Tuttle, August 9, 1927–October 18, 2011

Transfers Out Lorin & Libba Allen and Hannah McKean & Mary Louise to Church of the Holy Communion

Marriage Aimee Santucci and John Jolly, October 2, 2011

Lane Douglass and Charles Beaumont, October 22, 2011

Birth Campbell Boone Conaway, born October 20, 2011,

daughter of Gaines and Courtney and granddaughter of Dan and Nora

Grace Chapter, Daughters of the King

After much prayer and consideration we have decided that Grace Chapter can no longer be an active Daughters of the King Chapter. We met once a month on Fridays after the 39'ers luncheon. The members have been encouraged to visit DOK meetings at other churches or become a Daughter at Large.

Jean Williams, President, Grace Chapter, Daughters of the King

Christmas Eve Times: 5 and 9 PM

Wesley Emerson and I have changed the service time for the later Eucharist on Christmas Eve: it will be at 9:00 PM. The reason for the change is to attract more people to the service and support the choir, who enthusiastically prefer the earlier start. The 5:00 PM Eucharist remains the same. *The Rev. Richard Lawson*

Hospitality Policy on Sundays

The clergy want parishioners to be aware of Grace-St. Luke's Hospitality policy regarding Sunday morning requests by individuals for breakfast and/or monetary assistance. First, all are welcome to breakfast at Grace-St. Luke's, regardless of ability to pay. The clergy give a portion of their discretionary funds each month to the Crossmen, who offer breakfast without charge to anyone who cannot pay. Second, individuals requesting monetary assistance on Sundays should be encouraged to return to the church office during weekday work hours for screening for assistance.



From the Dir. of Christian Education

by *Harriet Roberts*

The Stewardship of Odd Questions

Lesley Hartney and I had a great meeting to talk about stewardship as it relates to children shortly after I started working at Grace-St. Luke's. And—in that conversation—she used a catchy phrase: 'Time, Treasure and Talent.'

That is just a great phrase!

Though I have thought a lot about stewardship and read a lot about stewardship, I had never heard that phrase before. I loved the simplicity of it. Your gifts can be in the form of your time, your money, or your unique abilities. Large or small does not enter into it. It so works for me. I even liked that all three of the words start with the same letter.

Very tidy indeed!

Then I started thinking about another form of stewardship because of something neat that happened to me this summer: The stewardship of odd questions.

Last Fall and quite by accident, my son, Matthew, told me that one of his goals was to go to a car show and take a camera. I had no idea that was something he wanted to do. It isn't that it surprised me, because he has always enjoyed wheeled things, but that it was on the very top of his wish list. Nope. I simply didn't see that coming. I didn't see it coming at all. I only found out about it because I asked him to write down a goal that was important to him.

If I had not asked that odd, goal-related question, I would never have known.

Yet once I knew how important it was, an idea started to take shape. And, as a result, we started planning a marvelous and adventurous trip to the largest, most fantastic car show I could find on this Earth: The Goodwood Festival of Speed. In June we set off on our trip and headed to Goodwood. Once there, we hung our Grandstand passes around our necks (on a Scuderia-Ferrari lanyard), consulted our map and set off. We found ourselves smack in the middle of an all-you-can-eat buffet of cars. We saw old cars, new cars, big cars, small cars, red cars (lots of red cars), black cars, blue cars, electric cars, diesel cars, concept cars, loud cars, quiet cars, rally cars, Formula 1 cars, 4-wheel cars, 6-wheel cars, 3-wheel cars, American cars, expensive cars, fabulously expensive cars, mind-blowingly expensive cars, Italian cars, German cars, French cars, British cars, and cars with parachutes attached. I swear, even the parking lot at the car show was better than anything I had ever seen in my life (I am a car freak too). We wandered around for two days just talking, taking pictures, watching, and asking questions. It was really, really fun.

We even met and had a cool conversation with Jay Leno who was driving a vintage E-Type Jaguar at the car show and who was exceptionally gracious to us both. It was one of the most wonderful experiences I have ever had and it was so much fun to share it with Matthew. We stayed at the car show for two entire days. Matthew couldn't get enough. Me either (car freak, remember). Then, sitting on the train, on the way back to my best friend's house, we talked about—you guessed it—cars.



Matthew and Jay Leno at the car show

It was AWESOME!

We had that super cool experience because I happened to ask an out of the ordinary question.

And, that out of the ordinary question helped me be a better steward of a super important relationship. That out of the ordinary question caused me to take an out of the ordinary trip and have an extraordinary, once-in-a-lifetime adventure with Matthew.

So, certainly, be mindful of your time and your treasure and your talent. They are the amazing gifts that we all have and can choose at any time to give to anybody or any place we want!

But, I just can't say enough about asking odd questions.

You just never know where that odd question might lead you, or who will be right there at your side.

Sunday Morning Classes

9:30-10:15 AM

ADULTS

Rector's Forum—

'The Holy Spirit in the New Testament and in our Lives'

Location: Trezevant; *Leader:* The Rev. Richard Lawson

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Nursery: Birth–24 months

Location: Church Nursery

Little Lambs: 24 months–young three's

Location: Church Nursery

Atrium I: Pre–K, JK and SK

Location: Atrium IA

Atrium II: 1st and 2nd Grade

Location: Atrium II

All Things New: Grades 3–5

Location: McClure Hall

Rite 13: Grades 6–8

Location: Room 212

Journey to Adulthood (J2A): Grades 9–12

Location: The Lounge

See **"Take Note"**
on p. 2 for more
Sunday morning
happenings.



EYC News & Events

by Ann Burruss

EYC November Calendar

- **Nov. 6** EYC in the Saints' Gym
Jr. High from 5–6:30 PM, Sr. High from 6–7:30 PM
- **Nov. 9** LIFT @ St. John's from 7-8 PM (Jr. & Sr. High)
- **Nov. 13** EYC Prayer Beads at the Doan House
Jr. High from 5–6:30 PM, Sr. High from 6–7:30 PM
- **Nov. 16** LIFT @ St. John's from 7-8 PM (Jr. & Sr. High)
- **Nov. 20** Movie Madness Continues at the Doan House
Jr. and Sr. High from 5–7 PM
- **Nov. 27** Happy Thanksgiving—No EYC!

If you are not receiving the weekly emails and would like to be added to the list, please send email to ann@gracestlukes.org.



Parents' Day Out News

by Holly Hawkins

We've been having fun at PDO and enjoying this beautiful fall weather!

Our little ones have been busy with several Fall activities—collecting fall leaves, painting orange masterpieces, and examining many types of pumpkins and gourds—to name a few.

If you'd like more information about our program, please call 278-2244, or visit us on our website at www.gracestlukes.org/parents-day-out/. We have limited spaces still available for ages 3 months to 3 years for one or two day a week classes. We play with a purpose at PDO!



G S L Church Athletics

by Christi Authement

GSL CHURCH BASKETBALL WHAT TO EXPECT in 2011- 2012 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** could begin as early as **Saturday, Nov. 5**, and are held in the GSL "OLD" Gym. Your coach will contact you when he/she receives the team roster by **Nov. 1**. Coaches generally have one to two practices per week. Please contact Christi if you have not heard from your coach by **Nov.1**.
- 4) **COACHES EXPECTATIONS** may vary depending on the coach. As part of the commitment to play basketball this season, the coaches will expect that you make practices and games a priority and that you be at the practices and games on time. Playing for a team is not only an individual commitment, but it is also a team commitment!
- 5) The **SEASON BEGINS** on **Saturday, Dec. 3**. All games will be played on Saturday mornings or afternoons in the GSL "OLD" gym or in the opponent's gym location. The season will end mid January.
- 6) **TEAM PICTURES** will be on **Sunday, Jan. 8**, in the GSL Gym. Times TBA. Pictures will be distributed by the coaches at the end of the season.
- 7) **BASKETBALL UNIFORMS** are provided by GSL (jersey and shorts). We will now ensure that the uniforms will be distributed in a more timely fashion. The uniforms will be distributed by the coaches.
- 8) **GSL RECYCLES UNIFORMS** each year to keep the replacement costs low. Please turn in your uniform to your coach at the end of the season!
- 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!

* **BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION** will be **February 1–March 1**. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and does fill up quickly! After May 1 your child will be placed on a waiting list. Baseball Assessments are **Saturday, March 24**, and **Sunday, March 25**. Times TBA.

PLEASE LOOK AT OUR GSL ATHLETICS WEBSITE (UNDER YOUTH AND SPORTS) FOR CURRENT INFORMATION! WWW.GRACESTLUKES.ORG

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



News From GSL School

by Thor Kvande

This week will mark the end of the first trimester at GSL, and the start of the school year has flown by. We have enjoyed many fun events this fall. One of our best annual traditions for fifth grade—the 5th Grade Day of Service—was held in October.

This event was created by school chaplains at GSL and St. Mary's about 20 years ago to provide an opportunity for students in Episcopal schools to become acquainted. Some 100 students from GSL and St. Mary's partnered in this year's event, which was hosted for the first time at GSL. In addition to team building exercises that helped them get to know one another better, the students also worked together on a service project. This year, they partnered with MIFA's Handyman Project through GSL '01 alumnus and MIFA coordinator Patrick Howie. The students designed and painted large murals that will be installed at Lester Community Center and at the Jacob's Ladder Community Development Center. Additionally, students collected snacks and school supplies to support the efforts of these centers to anchor their neighborhoods through their after-school homework and tutoring sessions.

Coming up in November: we invite you to join us for GSL's Annual Book Fair at The Booksellers at Laurelwood on Sunday, November 13 from 5:00-8:00 PM. A percentage of proceeds from sales during the event will go to GSL School, so please come shop for the holidays!

We are also looking forward to hosting our annual Grandparents' Day event on **Tuesday, Nov. 22**. Grandparents of current students will receive invitations in the mail; we will have breakfast treats in the Anchor Center and end with a beautiful Thanksgiving Chapel service before dismissing at noon. We will remain closed from **Nov. 23-25**. Happy Thanksgiving!



Fifth grade teacher Jenna Cherry leads students through the human knot exercise.

From GSL Pack 34



Cub Scout Pack 34, sponsored by Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, began the month of October with a service project to help the church at the Blessing of the Pets. More than 30 Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos, and their families helped with this special service. New members of the pack have been learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake which qualifies them for their first rank—the Bobcat badge. Our Cub Scouts have been busy selling popcorn to help the pack deliver the promise of Scouting to over 90 young men in grades 1 through 5. If you'd like to help support the Cub Scouts by supporting this fundraiser, please contact Andy Surber at popcorn@memphis34.mypack.us. Even if you don't like popcorn, you can buy pretzels or support our troops by purchasing popcorn that will be sent to the men and women serving in our armed forces.

Sixty-nine Cub Scouts and members of their family participated in an overnight campout at Akela Cub Weekend at Camp Currier in Eudora, Mississippi. They experienced BB gun shooting, archery, Wrist Rockets, a climbing wall, and a fun campfire program. Cub Scout Pack 34 has lots more fun and adventure planned for the rest of the year. Thanks to everyone for supporting the Scout ministry at Grace-St. Luke's. For more information about Cub Scout Pack 34, please contact Cubmaster Jason Hood at Cubmaster@memphis34.mypack.us.



GSL Pack 34 Cub Scouts hand out leaflets and take up the offering for the Pet Blessing service.



GSL '01 alum Patrick Howie, Handyman Services Coordinator at MIFA; Walter Casey, Director, Lester Community Center; and Terry Howie, GSL fifth grade teacher.



First
Friday
Fellowship

*Interested in
connecting
with other young
adults at GSL?*

First Friday Fellowship is a place where newcomers and newly involved parishioners can connect for fun and fellowship. The next FFF will meet **Friday, Nov. 4, 6:30 PM**, at Cafe Society.

An evite will be sent out as usual; however, if you have not been on the list in the past and would like to be included, please email Kim Weiss at kimweiss@comcast.net to be added.

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).



Connecting for
Food & Fun

The 2nd meeting of our new fellowship group, 20-30@GSL, is just around the corner! Join us on **Sunday, Nov. 6**, at noon in the Peete Room to enjoy food, fun, and an opportunity to connect with other GSLers in the 20-30 age group. Sandwiches from Lenny's Subs and beverages will be provided.

A 20-30 email list is being compiled and an evite will be sent out each month. If you would like to be included on the evite list, please email lucy@gracestlukes.org to be added.

We plan to meet the 1st Sundays of the month, so mark your calendars and plan to join us!



Bishop's
Reception

The GSL Fellowship
Committee invites
you for light refreshments at
the Bishop's Reception on No-
vember 13 in Trezevant Hall
following the 10:30 service.



Join us Nov. 11 for
fellowship, lunch,
and program by Keith Wood

For our **Nov. 11** luncheon we are privileged to have a return engagement of our own Keith Wood. He is a history buff and his storytelling makes history come to life. This is a not-to-miss program.

Social time starts at 11:30 AM for wine and cheese. A light lunch will be served at noon for \$6.

Please make reservations with Lucy by noon on **Wednesday, Nov. 9**, at 272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org. See you there. *Mary Virginia Rogers*



Elaine Blanchard to
Speak at
November 17th
Third Thursday
Dinner

Writer, storyteller, actor, nurse and ordained minister Elaine Blanchard is the speaker for the **November 17th** Third Thursday dinner. The recipient of the 2011 Jefferson Award for Public Service, she facilitates a program at Shelby County's prison for women. Working twice weekly, a class of twelve participants builds trust, shares stories and creates a dramatic staged production for the entire prison population. Her work with these women led to Prison Stories performed at TheatreWorks as part of an effort to use writing, theatre and storytelling to move participants confidently into the future. According to Elaine, "Their stories are unique and valuable, dignified by the circle of trust they create for each other." She has also received an Upstander Award from Facing History and Ourselves.

If you are a new empty nester, we especially invite you to come. Third Thursday dinners are planned to build community and to help us get to know each other better as friends. They involve as little work as possible and a lot of fun times.

Our evenings always follow the same format: drinks, nibbles and conversation beginning at 6:30 PM in Trezevant Hall, dinner promptly at 7, and a speaker to follow. You'll be home by 8:30 having had a wonderful time for a most reasonable fee. We always are casual, so do join in. We have to let our hosts know how many people to prepare for, so please make reservations by contacting Lucy, 272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org, by **Tuesday, Nov. 15**. Our seating is limited, so don't wait! In keeping with church policy, your reservation is your agreement to pay. You may pay in advance online at www.gracestlukes.org/events/third-thursday/.

Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, Nov. 20
9:15 AM in
Trezevant Hall

In accordance with parish by-laws, your Vestry Nominating Committee is composed of members who will rotate off the vestry in December. Members include: Karen Clark, Ann Dillard, Mike Jones, Charlie Pazar, Betty Peyton, Barney Rolfes, and Peggy Williamson.

The committee has worked hard to inform the parish well in advance of the nomination process; solicit nominees starting in August, including self-nominations; and present a strong slate of candidates. The committee believes the nominees would be active vestry members with an eagerness to support the mission of Grace-St. Luke's.

Five members will be elected at the annual meeting on November 20 to serve on your vestry for a three-year term. The five (5) persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected; provided however, that if there is a tie vote for the fifth (5th) position, on a second vote the person receiving the most votes is declared the winner. (GSL By-laws Article II, Section 3.)

The by-laws do provide for nominations from the floor of persons to serve on the vestry. If you wish to nominate a member of the church for the vestry, please receive his/her permission before nominating. Your nominee should be present at the meeting to be introduced. To serve on the vestry, a person must be a confirmed Communicant in Good Standing, as defined by Title I, Canon 17 of the Episcopal Church, who in the preceding year has received communion at least three times and been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. In addition, one must be a member of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, eighteen years of age, a giver of record, and not employed by the Parish, Diocese or Grace- St. Luke's Episcopal School.

At the end of the three-year term for which elected, an incumbent shall become ineligible for re-election for three (3) years; provided however, said ineligibility in excess of one (1) year may be waived by a majority vote at the Annual Parish Meeting, and if for less than one (1) year, in addition to a majority vote at the Annual Meeting, a waiver from the Bishop must be obtained. GSL By-laws Article II, Section 3.

Please attend the annual meeting on **Sunday, Nov. 20**.

Vestry Members Remaining

Term ends 12/2012: Sandy Baker, John Baur, Jim Greer, Steven Hoover, Candy Jefcoat, Bheki Khumalo, and Lucius McGehee

Term ends 12/2013: Ginger Collier, Stinson Liles, Catherine Morehead, Linda Niell, Pete Shearon, Doug Smith, and Nicki Soulé

Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 20, 9:15 AM - Trezevant Hall



**Antoinette
Cheney**

I have been coming to Grace-St. Luke's since 2007. Since moving back from Denver, CO, I had been looking for a church to attend. I did not find a parish home until my sister, Ruth Patton, moved back to Memphis and I began attending with her family, which has been a joy. I immediately felt at home in the church. It reminded me in many ways of the church I grew up in in MS. As a cradle Episcopalian, finding the right church for me as an adult has been a journey and I'm glad that my travels brought me here.

Within months of starting to attend GSL, I transferred my letter and became a full time parishioner. It wasn't long before I joined the Fellowship Committee. I saw how much fun everyone had at the 5th Sunday events and decided I wanted and needed to be a part of the committee. Since then I have co-chaired the annual parish retreat twice with Nicki Soulé. This year I joined the Altar Guild and have started EfM. Each time I do something new at GSL, my attachment grows stronger to the church and people. I also have been an EYM advisor, a member of a women's guild, taught Sunday school, and was a vestry member at another church.

When I'm not at GSL, I'm spending time with friends and family, which includes my two wonderful nephews Bauer and Glover. During the work week I'm the managing coordinator with a regional law firm.

I am truly honored that I have been asked to run for the vestry. I feel that I have experience that could be put to good use as a vestry member. I know it is a huge responsibility to serve and I promise, if elected, that I will serve the parish faithfully and diligently.



Sidney Hickey

As a lifelong Episcopalian, young wife, new mother, and new Memphian in 1970, I felt it was important to find a church home. I hoped to find a church that could sustain my family and me for years. That church was Grace-St. Luke's.

My husband, David, and I have raised 2 children (Kacey and Jon-Paul) at Grace-St. Luke's, where they were baptized, confirmed, married, and students at Grace-St. Luke's School.

Through 41 years here, I have been an EYM advisor, Sunday school and Bible school teacher, chair of Barth Chapter, member of the original handbell choir, and Food Pantry volunteer. I am an EfM graduate. I served on the 50th Anniversary Committee, Finance Committee, Welcoming Committee, Liturgy Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee. I was chair of The Festival of Arts in Religion and the annual Bazaar and president of the ECW. I was especially honored to chair the Organist Search Committee that brought us Wesley Emerson.

Presently, I am a member of the Altar Guild, chair of the Oblation Bearers Committee, eucharistic minister, and head vergier. For over twenty years, I have been the church's wedding coordinator.

Outside of church, I was president of the Memphis-Shelby County Medical Society Alliance, regional vice president of the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance, and chair of the Shelby County Regional Health Council. Twice, I chaired the Remote Area Medical Clinic providing free health screening to more than 1000 patients.

Currently, I am training to walk my third St. Jude Half Marathon.

Grace-St. Luke's has provided me with friendship, joy, fulfillment, strength and support. Principally, it has given me the spiritual guidance for a Christian lifestyle. I would offer a strong set of organizational skills and a knowledgeable voice to the vestry and am most honored to be considered to serve this vibrant parish.



Allison King

When my husband, Steven, and I moved to Memphis in 2008, we began visiting churches in Midtown. Initially, we were attracted by GSL's location, walking distance from our home. After only one visit, though, we learned that there is much more to GSL than a great location. Over the past three years, we have been tremendously blessed by your hospitality, friendship, and service both inside the church and outside in the community.

I was raised in a Southern Baptist church in Searcy, AR. I began to explore my faith while in college at Ole Miss. As a student living independently for the first time, I began to question my beliefs. Now, 10 years later, Steven and I have found our home in the Episcopal church, specifically here at GSL. I have been blessed to work with our Pastoral Care teams and am currently chairperson of the Adult Christian Education Committee. My favorite GSL events are the Blessing of the Animals, the Maundy Thursday service, and La Posada.

I am honored and humbled to stand for the vestry, especially during this exciting time in the life of our church. I approach this opportunity with commitment and an open mind, recognizing that it is a big responsibility. I see this as a chance to bless you as you have blessed me these past three years.

A Prayer for our Election

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose vestry members for this parish, that we may receive faithful leaders, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer p. 818

Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 20, 9:15 AM - Trezevant Hall



**Debbie
McCanless**

Hello, my name is Debbie McCanless, also previously known as Debbie

Dale, and I am honored to be standing for the vestry. My first introduction to Grace-St. Luke's was through my son, Peter Dale. Peter (who is currently 24) attended Grace-St. Luke's School from Miss Lee's through the eighth grade. As a parent I took the opportunity to participate in some of the groups and book offerings, such as Practical Wisdom and the book study of *The Powers that Be*. One day Peter asked me why we didn't go to his church.

After Peter's question, he and I visited Grace-St. Luke's one Sunday. Of course, Peter was familiar with the chapel services. I grew up in the Methodist tradition and attended a midtown Methodist Church so some things were familiar yet others quite different. I especially appreciated the weekly Eucharist. Due to the family weekend schedule, I started attending the 5:30 evening service. It felt like home to me. I like the intimacy and more contemplative nature of the service. But nothing beats the music on Sunday morning!

Attending regularly, I was confirmed May 29, 2003. I am a member of the altar guild, a lector at the 5:30 service and on other special occasions such as Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. I am a 2007 graduate of the EfM program and a team leader for a pastoral care team. Being part of the Pastoral Care ministry reveals how both myself and those I touch are connected by God's presence. Having spent more than 20 years as a clinical research nurse coordinator, I am currently working as a clinical research monitor at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I enjoy gardening, reading and experiencing God's grace in this wonderful place in Midtown.

If given the opportunity to serve on the vestry, I would take this responsibility seriously. I will strive to bring an open heart and mind and work with fellow parishioners as we continue to 'grow forth.'



Donna Sanders

Some of you may know me as the "Posada Lady," others as the "Cornbread Lady"

and if you are between the ages of 11 and 23 or so, Miss Donna, the "Sunday School Lady." Currently I am honored to be considered as a vestry candidate.

In 1985 my husband, Jerry, and I as newlyweds began the search for a Midtown church home. We didn't have to look far. After participating in confirmation classes in 1990 led by GSL ambassadors, Noel Schwartz and Billy Denman, my Southern Baptist roots were successfully transplanted in the fertile soil at 1720 Peabody. We treasure the many friendships of our extended spiritual family.

Jerry and I have a son, Christian, GSL class of 2009, who is currently a junior at MUS and continues to serve as an acolyte and occasional MTaM "chef's assistant." My godson, Jacob Horn, is in the 5th grade at GSL.

My church and school volunteer opportunities have included middle school and junior high Sunday school teacher the past 13 years, La Posada event coordinator six years, pastoral care flower delivery, EYC volunteer, Children's Christian Education, Youth Director Search and NaCoMe Planning Committees. In addition, I served as chaperone for the unforgettable Gulf Coast choir trips with Wesley during Father Moloney's tenure, have been a MTaM team member since the program's inception and 2008-09 co-chair of the school's Booster Club. Professionally, I am a registered nurse and, after years in critical care, management, and discharge planning, have spent the past 13 years with a busy cardiology practice, Memphis Heart Clinic.

After prayerful consideration, if called by the parish, I am prepared to serve.



Bev Trojan

Grace St. Luke's is wonderful! This parish is warm, inclusive and inviting. Our first visit

to GSL was the first Sunday of Lent in 2009 during that very heavy snow storm. Those in attendance could not have made us feel more comfortable. Having recently moved from Albany, Georgia, we were grateful for the warm welcome. We were immediately invited to join the 3rd Thursday group and again were warmly welcomed. God's presence was very real and we knew we were at home. GSL made such an impression on us as a wonderful neighborhood church that we limited our house hunting to the neighborhoods around GSL.

At GSL I am a member of the Welcoming and Adult Christian Education Committees. In Albany I was elected to the vestry and served as junior warden for 2 years. Following my term on the vestry, I chaired a once dormant finance committee, was heavily involved in a building project, served on the interim rector search committee, was a eucharistic minister and part of the pastoral care committee. My church work has allowed me to work with a wide variety of people whom I would otherwise never know. God's gentle whisper often speaks to me during these interactions and makes me a better person.

Memphis has been a good move for us. Terry finds his work at the dental school rewarding and satisfying and Memphis has allowed me to become involved in new and enjoyable activities. I have become a master gardener, am a docent at the Dixon and a weekly volunteer at St. Jude's. I truly enjoy working with the teenagers at St. Jude's. They are simply the best.

It is humbling to be asked to serve on the vestry. If you feel that my skills and background would benefit GSL, then I will be honored to serve

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**Bruce Williams**

Blessed to have been born into the Episcopal Church, it has greatly impacted my world-

view through good Christian folk who helped me become more open-minded than I might otherwise have been. GSL has been my home church since about 1998, but we have been a part of the GSL family since Jane and I married and put our three boys through GSL School. I depend on my GSL friends for their good sense and Christian response to change that will always be a part of living.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the vestry. I hope my experience may enable me to participate effectively. In the past (before coming to GSL), I have served as a lay eucharistic minister, lector, acolyte warden, teacher, vestry member, Executive Committee member, and chairman of Buildings and Grounds (at Calvary). I have spent 19 years as a GSL youth sports coach and serve on the GSL Church Athletic Committee. I am in the GSL choir, on the Pastoral Care Committee, a breakfast cook, and on the Men's Retreat Committee.

I enjoy reading history and spending time with Jane and son Daniel at home, but when not doing those, I am a partner in my law firm, graced by the character of sixteen other lawyers. I am a singer in The Memphis Men's Chorale, now affiliated with GSL. Jane is a teacher at GSL School, and we both enjoy and support the Third Thursday events at GSL.

Service is vital to my understanding of ministry. Each of us bears a responsibility to be a doer of the Word, as we understand it. I feel called to participate actively at GSL whether through coaching, singing or simply helping. I love the steady confidence here that whatever may come, we will faithfully respond in kindness and fairness.

**Rinnie Wood**

Simply put, Grace-St. Luke's is at the center of my life, the place where I feel most complete.

It is as much home as the place in which my husband Keith and I live. Growing up in Memphis, I attended GSL Church and School, was married here, and both of our daughters were baptized here. Upon returning from New Orleans in 1987, our girls attended Grace-St. Luke's School & Church. The opportunity to run for the Grace- St. Luke's vestry during this current time of growth, positive challenge and change, is an honor.

I have served as a member of the vestry, and on the Marketing, Education, Pastoral Care and Greeters' Committees. Teaching fitness at GSL School, working as a marketing director for a non-profit organization, acting as a personal trainer, and now as fitness director at a retirement community have all offered a wonderfully unique window on the connection of mind, body and spirit. Hopefully, we can build upon this connection as we continue our solid future at Grace-St. Luke's. These elements are so vital in seeking a satisfying and hopeful existence!

The addition of the Reverend Richard Lawson to our wonderful staff, plus the changing view of more visitors and members on Sundays, is an inspiration to serve in new and creative ways. With my family obligations shifting, this is the perfect time to give time and focus to Grace-St. Luke's. While our family still has 3 generations of GSL members, our daughters Jenna (age 29) and Margaux (age 23) are living away now, and my mother has moved to Trezevant. The opportunity to explore the diverse needs and direction of our congregation is an exciting one now. I would truly love to be a part of the unfolding future of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

**Hal Wright**

I am honored to be nominated to serve on the vestry of Grace- Saint Luke's church.

From the very first Sunday that I walked through the doors in 2004, I sincerely felt the friendliness, the caring nature, and welcoming spirit of this parish. I knew immediately that this was to be my church home for a lifetime.

Soon after confirmation, I joined the Greeting/Welcoming Committee, and have enjoyed working with such an important and dedicated group. Understanding how vital it is that we continue to grow as a parish, I strive in conveying the same positive experience to newcomers that I myself enjoyed. In addition, I have assisted with the Stewardship Committee, and usher regularly at the 10:30 AM service. Also, I have been active in Foyer groups yearly since I became a parishioner. These groups are such a great way to get to know people that we might not otherwise have had the opportunity to meet. The Foyer groups have been so helpful in getting me "plugged in," and I have continued to nurture the friendships created, and appreciate the reassuring sense of community and connection that they create for us.

Professionally, I am a physician and partner at Memphis Eye & Cataract Associates (MECA). I am motivated by the close interaction with my patients and their families, and I strive daily to listen carefully, to assess, and to determine the appropriate and best treatment. I would use this same approach on the vestry if elected.

I look forward to my continued spiritual journey at GSL and the many great things that God has planned for our parish.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING November 12

All of the women of the diocese are invited to the Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of West Tennessee on **Saturday, Nov. 12**. This year we are excited to again meet at St. Mary's Cathedral. Registration will begin at 9:45 AM followed by a short business meeting to include the election of 2012 officers. Our speaker will be the Rev. Laura Foster Gettys, the Canon Pastor for Parish Life at St. Mary's. We will also enjoy Eucharist with Bishop Johnson and a luncheon. Cost for the day is \$15. Your check made payable to "ECW West Tennessee" can be mailed to Merrill Ann Cole, 120 S. Mendenhall Rd., Memphis, TN 38117. Checks must be received by **Wednesday, Nov. 9**.

We are collecting Multi-Vitamins with Iron, Ibuprofen, and Tylenol for the St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children in Haiti.

For more information contact Agnes Gordon, President, ECW of West Tennessee (278-5027 or jefferds@aol.com) or go to www.ecwwtn.org.

We look forward to seeing you on November 12th!

St. Clare Silent Retreat for Women November 4

A St. Clare Silent Retreat for women will be held on **Friday, Nov. 4**, 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. Come and be in awe of God's gift of the changing seasons as you meander the beautiful grounds. Lunch is served at noon. All women are welcome. 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. George's Annual Antiques Arcade November 10-13

2425 S. Germantown Rd
Preview Party & Silent Auction, Thursday, Nov. 10
Friday and Saturday, 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday, noon-5 PM
Tickets \$10
Proceeds benefit Bridge Builders

For more information
www.antiquesarcade.org or 754-7282



The Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
invite your prayers and presence for

The Renewal of Ministry
with the
Welcoming of a New Minister

at which

The Rev. James Brian Ponder
will be instituted as its sixteenth Rector by
The Rt. Rev. Duncan Montgomery Gray, III
Bishop of Mississippi

Sunday, the thirteenth day of November,
two thousand eleven
at half past six o'clock in the evening

The Parish Church of Saint Paul
1116 Twenty-third Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi



Reception following
Clergy: choir dress, white stoles

A Thank You From Fr. Brian Ponder

Dear Friends in Christ:

Please know how very grateful I am for your friendship and support shown me over my almost three years at Grace-St. Luke's. I was particularly touched by the many ways in which we rounded our time together—the wonderful celebration with you on my last Sunday, the meals and conversations shared with a good number of you during my final weeks in Memphis, the many gifts and "happies" with which you showered me (many quite hilarious, mind you!), and the generous monetary purse with which you have honored me.

Thanks to one and all, particularly those on the Fellowship Committee and among the worship leaders, eucharistic ministers, vergers and more who prepared food and made my going-away reception so special.

I consider myself greatly blessed by our time together, by our shared ministries, and by each and every one of you. May God richly bless you in the journey ahead. I look forward to the day when our paths will again bring us together.

Faithfully,

The Rev. J. Brian Ponder



Second Annual Angel Tree

Angels Among Us

It's almost time! Our annual Angel Tree benefitting the children in the Peacemakers Youth Ministry Program at Caritas Village is near!

Look for the Angel tree in the southeast corner of Trezevant Hall with four choices of Angels; an Angel per child with three wishes for gifts, an Angel per child for a stocking filled with goodies, Angels for books, and Angels for Christmas party food.

Angel adoption dates are **Nov. 27** and **Dec. 4**, 30 minutes before and after each service. A volunteer will record your name, phone number, and the name of the Angel or food item chosen. Please do not take an Angel without having the adoption recorded; we do not want any lost Angels. No monetary donations please.

Collection date is one Sunday only, **Dec. 11**, 30 minutes before and after each service. All are welcome to the Christmas party, **Thursday, Dec 15**, 3:30 to 5:30 PM at the Caritas Village located at 2509 Harvard Avenue.

For more information, please call
Debbie McCanless: 490-3988
or Sandra Ireland: 274-3099



Outreach Ministries

*The Rev. Gayle McCarty,
Associate Rector*

Outreach Grants

Grace-St. Luke's supports a number of local charities through donations made by the Outreach Committee. At this time of year, we are evaluating grant applications for 2011. If you are involved with a local charity, and would like them to be considered for a grant, please contact the Outreach Committee chair, Murray McKay, at murraymckay@comcast.net or 277-8867. The application deadline is **Nov. 15**.

Jazz & Pasta Party

Featuring Music by Di Anne Price
and Her Boyfriends
Silent and Life Auctions
Benefiting The Samaritan
Counseling Centers
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 5-8 PM
Memphis Botanic Garden

The Samaritan Counseling Center is a ministry which for 30 years has made excellent pastoral and psychological care available throughout the Memphis community.

For reservations call 729-3900.

GSL RACES FOR GRACE

By Patti Newsom

GSL races for grace for the Church Health Center, one of our Outreach ministries, **Saturday, Nov. 5**, at Shady Grove Presbyterian Church.

Register online at www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com. (Please make sure to indicate you are part of the GSL "Angels" team.) On the day of the race, look for other GSL friends in a grassy area at the corner of Yates and Shady Grove. We will gather for a group photo and get our team halo!

If you have questions, you may contact our team captains, Patti Newsom, pattinewsom@gmail.com or 581-4393 or Josh Shipley at 486-4888.



2011 Walk to End

Alzheimer's

Where: AutoZone Park **When:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m. **Length:** 2.5 miles
Contact: Renee Jolly at 565-0011 or renee.jolly@alz.org
Join me as we walk on behalf of all afflicted and affected by this disease.

The Rev. Gayle McCarty



Staff Member of the Month

LaKisha Brown
Sexton

What do I do? I provide janitorial services, room set-up and breakdown, and special events set-up for church facilities. I assist the Sexton Supervisor in providing hands-on service in the cleaning and set-up of functions. I perform under the direct supervision of the Sexton Supervisor. I also interact with parishioners and provide support and assistance as needed. Also, I inspect, clean, dust, and vacuum the Parents' Day Out area daily. I open and close buildings except when other persons are authorized to do so. I work five days a week which includes Sundays and after hours as needed for various church functions.

What I love most about my job? I love the people with whom I work and the members of the Church, most of all the elderly and Charles Rowland. I would like the Parish to know that I'm most grateful for my job and it has been wonderful serving everyone.

Contact information: 272-7425, ext. 14

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Dianne Hill from Mona Claire Bradburn

Wade Little from Bettye Pittman, Rhoda Phelps, the Grace-St. Luke's Bazaar Ladies, and Grace-St. Luke's ECW

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Honor of

Betty & George Johnson for their anniversary from Paul and Debbie Padawer

Betty Peyton from Jim Hartley

Carolyn Gardiner from Jim Hartley

The Altar Gifts in October are offered in Loving Memory of

November 6 Beverly Powers Alexander, Alice M. Armstrong, and Pearl Rice Connally

November 13 Millicent Peyton, John Peyton, Claude Thompson, and Rick Long

November 20 James F. Humphreys, Sara W. Humphreys, and Eleanor Humphreys Grandjean

November 27 Laura Lane Heathcott, Christine Harrell Stauber, Harvey Victor Stauber, Patricia Mary Hardy, Helen Price Boone, Harvey Victor Stauber, Jr., William Parker Halliday, Caroline Wilkinson Halliday, Charles B. Allen, Jr., Dorothy Reeve Allen, Charles B. Allen III, Joann Lockard Allen, Anne Pillow Halliday, William Parker Halliday, Jr., and Chris Williams. The Advent Candles and Wreath are given in memory of Thomas Hogan Sr., F. M. Hogan, Thomas Hogan, Jr., and Wendell Pigg.

News of Bygone Days (from past Messengers)

50 years ago (1961): It is with pleasure that Grace-St. Luke's welcomes as new members the Paul Preston Wilsons. Paul, Jr. was an outstanding student last year in the 6th grade of our Day School and on several occasions has read the Lesson beautifully at special services. Their daughter, Corinnie, is in the second grade this year at our Day School. They come to our Church by transfer from Church of the Holy Communion and their address is 1430 Goodbar.

25 years ago (1986): On Thanksgiving Day there will be a Thanksgiving Day Dinner for the GSL church family and their friends. Immediately after the 10:00 AM service we will go to Trezevant Hall for a social hour and catered turkey dinner with all the trimmings. It will be a festive time to celebrate with your church family. Janet Tate, dinner chairman, would love help with decorations and serving of the meal.



Pastoral Care Corner

*by the Rev. Gayle McCarty,
Associate Rector*

Thanksgiving Day, Every Day

As Thanksgiving Day nears, many begin to make plans for family gatherings with turkey and dressing and all the fixin's. It is a time we pause to reflect upon the blessings of our lives and to give God thanks and praise. Yet, many among us are struggling and hurting with all sorts of problems and conditions such as unemployment, poor health, loss of a loved one, estranged relationships, addiction, disappointment and more. Many wonder how one can have a heart of gratitude when it feels so very heavy or broken.

Many years ago at a difficult time in my life, a dear friend gave me a great gift—*Simple Abundance: A Daybook of Comfort and Joy*, and the companion book, *The Simple Abundance Journal of Gratitude*, both by Sarah Ban Breathnach. One book guides you with a daily reading and the other challenges you each night before going to bed to write five things for which you are grateful that day. The results were amazing for me and true to the words of the author, "Gratitude is the most passionate transformative force in the cosmos. When we offer thanks to God or to another human being, gratitude gifts us with renewal, reflection, reconnection. Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life . . . and the world . . . How we conduct our daily round, how we celebrate it, cherish it and consecrate it is how we express our thankfulness to the Giver of all good."

Whether life is bumpy or smooth, I invite you to join me in pledging to make Thanksgiving Day, every day. Visit http://www.simpleabundance.com/gratitude_journal.html and begin your own daily gratitude journal. I promise that you will find that simple abundance abounds.

Full Freezer—Over Flowing Hearts

Thank you, GSL family, for your generous support of Fill the Freezer! Your time, energy, and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. We received a freezer full of delicious meals and look forward to delivering them soon. Thanks again for making this event a great success.

*Allison King and Juli Hurdle
Fill-the-Freezer Coordinators*



Rector Invited to CREDO Conference

I am very happy to report that I have been invited to a CREDO conference for clergy this fall: **October 31-November 7**. I will be at the Lake Logan Episcopal Conference Center in North Carolina, right in the middle of the Blue Ridge mountains. CREDO is a wonderful benefit of the Church Pension Fund. CREDO is also based in Memphis and overseen by Bill Craddock, a good friend of many at GSL. Bill is known far and wide in the Episcopal Church for his innovative, practical approach to clergy wellness and, by extension, parish vitality. Through CREDO, clergy are invited to reflect upon four significant areas of their lives—spiritual, vocational, health, and financial. One result of CREDO is that we leave with a plan for ongoing transformation in these four areas. I thank you for your support and prayers for me during this conference. *The Reverend Richard Lawson, Rector*

Looking towards Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary

Track 2 ✠ Year A



Proper for All Saints' Day

November 6

Revelation 7:9-17 • Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3 • Matthew 5:1-12



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)

November 13

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 • Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 • Matthew 25:14-30



Last Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29)

Christ the King

November 20

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 • Psalm 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23 • Matthew 25:31-46



Thanksgiving Day

November 24

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 • Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 • Luke 17:11-19



The First Sunday of Advent

November 27

Isaiah 64:1-9 • Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 • Mark 13:24-37



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/>

Lay Service Schedule

November 6

Altar Guild: K Harper, R Martin, J Tate, C Wills

Breakfast Cooks: T Bolding, J Rasberry, G Simonton,

M Pleasants, M Tyler, J Woo

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

10:30 **Acolytes:** K Rasberry, C Martin, S Crow, C Rhea

10:30 **Ushers:** T Claybrook, K Ayres, S Clark, R Clark

November 13

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

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:** Rolfes, Adams, D Whitlock

10:30 **Acolytes:** E Shearon, R Liles, A Garrett, V Strother

10:30 **Ushers:** M Crow, C Pazar, J Pazar, P Williamson

November 20

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

Breakfast Cooks: J Clay, A Nave, E Taylor, R Norcross,

W Wimbish, K Self, R Clark

8:00 **Acolyte, Reader, Chalice:** McGehee, L Busby, S Brewer, S Busby

10:30 **Acolytes:** K Ayres, S Collier, J McCall, C Sanders

10:30 **Ushers:** D McLemore, M Billions, W Brown, P Burnett

Thanksgiving, November 24

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

10:30 **Acolytes:** TBA

10:30 **Ushers:** TBA

November 27

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

Breakfast Cooks: D Conaway, S Liles, M Rowland, J Fields,

B Bland, D Sappington, J Sullivan

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

10:30 **Acolytes:** H Morehead, K Kellett, C Rasberry, Z VanDeveer

10:30 **Ushers:** M Tyler, D Brown, S Hoover, J Dillard

November 2011

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

December 2011

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From the Rector: The Bishop's Annual Visitation on November 13 at GSL

The term 'Episcopal' comes from the Greek term for bishops. This term in Greek is actually fascinating because it has to do with vision and oversight more so than mere hierarchy and pointed hats—not that there is anything wrong with pointed hats (technically, mitres). 'Oversight' implies that the bishop (and by extension the diocese) can see the big picture. To be a member of the Episcopal Church, then, is to have bishops and, just as importantly, to have vision.

Our diocese has a succinct vision statement: "The Episcopal Church in West Tennessee is a welcoming community of believers with many voices, yet one faith in Jesus Christ, united in the Book of Common Prayer, nurtured by the sacraments and empowered by the Word of God for our ministry in the world." These words are thoughtful and bring to mind the need for self-awareness as we reach out in hope to the world. Specifically, our Episcopal identity is rooted in the Bible and sacraments as they are interpreted reasonably and—on our better days, at least—celebrated gracefully. The attempt to reach out to the world can be misguided and even

manipulative if we are not aware of who we are. One of my mentors used to say, "We cannot be all things to all people." This saying is as true for churches as it is for individuals.

Bishop Johnson will celebrate and preach at Grace-St. Luke's on **Sunday, November 13**, at the 8:00 and 10:30 AM liturgies. We will have confirmations, receptions, and the reaffirmation of the faith at 10:30. The choir has prepared one of our favorite anthems, "Never weather-beaten sail." The Bishop will also speak in the Rector's Forum at 9:30 AM on the Sunday of his visitation in what I am calling a theological Q & A. The questions posed to him will be based upon some of the great mysteries of our faith: saints, angels, judgment, truth, and heaven. Our bishop is both thoughtful and humorous. I know it will be a delight for all of us with him to think through some of these more mysterious aspects of our identity as Anglican Christians. The morning concludes with a reception in Trezevant Hall hosted by the Fellowship Committee. All are welcome.

The Reverend Richard Lawson