



THE MESSENGER

GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Volume 58, No. 9

September 2011

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Altar Flowers/Memorials	7
Athletics	5
Baptism Date.....	2
Calendar	11
Children's Choir.....	4
Christian Education.....	3-4
Exodus Info.....	3
EYC News	4
Fill the Freezer	8
Lay Schedule.....	10
Looking Towards Sunday	10
Member News.....	2
Memorials/Honoraria.....	10
Morning Prayer	2
News of Bygone Days	10
Outreach Ministry	8
Pastoral Care Corner	8
PDO News	4
Pet Blessing.....	7
Recovery Play	9
St. Clare Retreat.....	7
School News	6
Scouting News	6
Staff Member of the Month	5
Sunday Nursery.....	2
Support Groups	2
Vestry/Executive Committee	2
Vestry Minutes	2

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 8:45 AM Breakfast
 9:30 AM Christian Education begins 9/11
 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 October issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, **September 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.**



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. We plan to mix and mingle for lively conversation, libations, and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

An invite will be sent out as usual for the first fall FFF gathering (TBA); 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).

39'ers Sept. 9 is Kickoff Luncheon for 39'ers 2011-2012 Year

Mark your calendar now. Reserve the 2nd Friday of every month, September–June. The program committee has lined up outstanding programs for the coming year. I can guarantee that you will not be disappointed. Everyone is invited to join our group; we do not card anyone—all are welcome!

We will meet at 11:30 AM for social time and conversation (the best in town) with a little wine and cheese thrown in for good measure. A light lunch will be served at noon for only \$6. Who can beat that? The program will follow. We are privileged this month to have our own S.D. Brandon as our guest speaker. He is an excellent speaker and well versed in the arts and music. He is a volunteer at Brooks and will give us a memorable commentary of the available exhibits at Brooks.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. Reservations to Lucy by noon on **Wednesday, Sept. 7**, at lucy@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425. *Mary Virginia Rogers*



Simon Wadsworth Shares Path to Authorship at Sept. 15 Third Thursday Dinner

GSL's very own Simon Wadsworth launched a second career as an author and expert in REIT Preferreds after retiring as CFO of MAA (formerly Mid-America Apartment Communities), one of the most successful publicly traded REITs—or Real Estate Investment Trusts. Simon will explain why he thought to invest in REIT preferred shares to provide cash for his retirement, and why he decided to write about his experience in his new book, *Cash Is King: Investing in REIT Preferreds to Generate Long-Term Income*. He'll describe how this fits into a retirement investment plan, and describe some of his experiences in publishing his book.

(Third Thursday, continued on page 2)

STAFF

The Rev. Richard Lawson, Rector
ext 18, richard@gracestlukes.org
The Rev. Gayle McCarty, *Associate Rector*,
ext 19, gayle@gracestlukes.org
Christi Authement, *Activities and Athletics Dir.*,
ext 20, christi@gracestlukes.org
Beulah Boone, *Sexton*, ext 14
Lakisha Brown, *Sexton*, ext 14
Ann Burruss, *Youth Ministries Director*,
ann@gracestlukes.org
Beth Claybrook, *Financial Assistant*,
ext 26, beth@gracestlukes.org
Wesley Emerson, *Organist/Choirmaster*,
ext 16, wesley@gracestlukes.org
Holly Hawkins, *Parents' Day Out Director*,
278-2244, holly@gracestlukes.org
Connie Johns, *Membership & Newcomers*,
ext. 15, connie@gracestlukes.org
Eva Loftin, *Nursery Coordinator*
Lucy Owens, *Communications Administrator*,
ext 10, lucy@gracestlukes.org
Patrick Payne, *Maintenance Supervisor*,
ext 14, patrick@gracestlukes.org
Harriet Roberts, *Christian Education Director*
ext 12, harriet@gracestlukes.org
Linda Stine, *Financial Officer*
ext 17, linda@gracestlukes.org

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 Soule, 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.

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

**Thoughts on Giving**

"A rich man is not one who has much, but one who gives much. For what he gives away remains his forever."

-St John Chrysostom

(Third Thursday, continued from page 1)

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, Sept. 13**. 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/.

 **Membership News**
Marriage August 11, 2011

Mike Jones & Keith Carpenter, at The Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown, MA

Baptized August 14, 2011

Zachary Michael Moore, Jr., son of Zack and Mary Catherine Moore

Transfers In

James & Gena Diane Hannifin and Skylar Nathaniel Ashe Hannifin from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Cleveland, TN

Chilton S. E. Simmons from St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC

Rachael Kathryn Renken from St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church

Transfers Out

Elizabeth and Alexander Draper to Church of the Holy Communion

Death

Henry Wolseley Hathaway: Feb. 12, 1939–June 16, 2011

Support Groups at GSL

(Please note: locations listed below are post-renovation locations.)

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

Al Anon: Thursdays, 10:30 AM

Suicide Anonymous: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM

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

Fitness Classes at GSL

Fitness for Fun: Fridays at 9:30 AM in the choir room

Pilates Class: Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the old school cafeteria on Belvedere. Cost is \$12.00 per class (\$60 for 6 weeks). Bring your own mat.

Call instructor Traci Lee Moore at 603-4433 to reserve your spot.



From the Dir. of Christian Education

by Harriet Roberts

Much has been going on with regard to Christian Education in the past few weeks! Without further ado, I bring you the list of offerings for the Sunday Christian Education time. Know that throughout the year, other offerings will be added to the schedule.

Children and Youth

Nursery (0–24 months)

Eva Loftin, and the rest of Grace-St. Luke's professional (and wonderful) Nursery staff, provide care for our youngest parishioners. Little ones will enjoy some quality supervised playtime during the Sunday morning worship services; 8:00 and 10:30 AM. The newly renovated Nursery is located in the Parents' Day Out suite of the church, with the main entrance on Lemaster Avenue.

Little Lambs (24 months to young threes)

This developmentally appropriate curriculum, created by our own Molly Gooch, is a sweet, joyful introduction to Sunday school. The children will enjoy a brief Bible story followed by a related, short craft project. When they are finished crafting, they will enjoy supervised play with the Nursery staff.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Pre-Kindergarten–2nd Grade)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum is a highly-regarded, Montessori-based approach to children's formation. The children encounter scripture and liturgy in a specially designed and thoughtfully prepared space called an Atrium. By using beautiful, hand-made manipulatives, children are able to experience specific parables or narratives from the Bible. The Catechists who work with the children are able to gently guide and develop the child's natural curiosity about their relationship with God. We are fortunate to have two level I Atria and one level II Atrium

The Montessori environment is very different from a traditional educational setting. For example, those new to the Atrium will spend a lot of time on specifically sequenced Practical Life activities (sweeping, cleaning, pouring, and polishing). These activities are designed to help the child develop their sense of order, concentration, coordination, and independence. These skills are critical as the child moves on to the more involved lessons and materials in the Atrium. So, there really is a reason for those simple, Practical Life lessons. If you have questions about either the curriculum or the Atria, please let me (harriet@gracestlukes.org) know. I am a Level I Catechist and have my Early Childhood Credential with the American Montessori Society. I will be happy to answer any question you have.

For more information about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please visit www.cgsusa.org.

All Things New (3rd–5th Grade)

This developmentally appropriate, creative curriculum is lively and engaging, and yet, it also allows time for reflection and discussion. And, all this while acquainting the children with 78 of the most well-known Bible stories! For the first year of this two-year cycle, the class will study Genesis: Stories of Beginnings; Jesus: Stories of God's Kingdom; and Easter and Pentecost: Stories of the Church. During each session, the children will participate in a variety of movement, art and faith skills.

www.morehouseeducation.org/AllThingsNew/

Journey to Adulthood

Part I, Rite 13 (6th–8th Grade): In the first part of this curriculum, the Rite 13 course seeks to explore the individuality and creativity of each participant and it is geared specifically for those around the age of 13. The curriculum itself delves into many of the issues that press upon our adolescents. The year concludes with a moving, intergenerational ceremony which prayerfully acknowledges each of the participants at this exciting time in their life.

Part II, J2A (9th–12th Grade): In the second part of this curriculum the J2A teens come to understand the importance of the Christian community. They work together to develop critical thinking skills and learn about practical teamwork. The exciting culmination of this portion of the curriculum is a Pilgrimage. Next year, which will be a Pilgrimage year, we as a Parish will join together to help make this fabulous experience possible for this group of young people and their leaders.

<http://leaderresources.org/j2a>

Adults

Rector's Forum: 'The Holy Spirit in the New Testament and in our Lives'

The Reverend Richard Lawson will lead the Rector's Forum again. It promises to be a thoughtful and creative class, with an eye toward encouraging everyone to make meaningful connections between scripture and the daily grind of ordinary life.

Book Study: 'Something to Talk About'

"For the duration of a novel, we are experiencing another person's life . . . the creation of empathy for the theoretical stranger can cultivate peace. You can't bang anyone over the head with a stick and make peace; you only do so by convincing people that strangers' lives are valid and equal to their own; that's what literature does." Barbara Kingsolver, award winning author of *The Poisonwood Bible*.

During the Christian Education hour, all are welcome to join in what will no doubt be thought-provoking discussions of these two critically acclaimed works. *Their Eyes are Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston (September 11 & 18) and *Four Spirits* by Jeter Naslund (October 2, 16, 23 & 30)

(Christian Education, continued on page 4)

(Christian Education, continued from page 3)



Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four year, graduate level study and method of reflecting theologically on the events of daily life. EfM is an international, distance learning program affiliated with Sewanee. The group meets on Monday from 4:30–6:30 PM beginning in September and the group is filled for this year.

And, Introducing “A Moveable Feast”

Beginning this fall, the Reverend Richard Lawson will introduce us to some well known and some not so well known Christian figures whose roles were as varied as they were interesting. These services are geared towards our younger members, but all are, of course, welcome. We hope that children will gather at the front of Trezevant during the service and that interested parents—or other adults—will remain at the back of Trezevant so that the children can really enjoy and participate in this special service.

2011 St. Michael and All Angels: **Tuesday, Sept. 27**

C. S. Lewis: **Monday, Nov. 21**

St. Nicholas of Myra: **Tuesday, Dec. 6**

2012 St. Brigid of Ireland: **Wednesday, Feb. 1**

The Annunciation of Our Lord: **Monday, March 26**

St. Julian of Norwich: **Tuesday, May 8**

All services will be held in the Trezevant from 6:30–7:00 PM.

For questions, comments or thoughts about Christian Education, please feel free to contact Harriet Roberts at 278-7425, ext. 12, or harriet@gracestlukes.org.



Children's Choir News

by Wesley Emerson

When in our music God is glorified (from Hymn no. 420)

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!

Maggie Gill, Associate for Children's Choirs
maggie.e.gill@gmail.com, 662-544-3791

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



EYC News & Events

by Ann Burruss

EYC September Calendar

- **Sept. 4** Happening for 10th–12th graders; No EYC
- **Sept. 7** LIFT begins at St. John's for youth in grades 6–12. We meet for Evening Prayer and to discuss our week from 6:45–8 PM in the youth room above the gym at St. John's.
- **Sept. 11** Kickball in the Saints Gym (old gym); Jr. High from 5–6:30 PM, Sr. High from 6–7:30 PM
- **Sept. 14** LIFT from 6:45–8 PM
- **Sept. 18** Trivia at the Doan House; Jr. High from 5–6:30 PM, Sr. High from 6–7:30 PM
- **Sept. 21** LIFT from 6:45–8 PM
- **Sept. 23–25** is Exodus weekend; Jr. and Sr. High EYC will meet together from 5:00–7 PM at the Doan House for Friendship Bingo.
- **Sept. 28** LIFT from 6:45–8 PM

If you are interested in signing up for a date to provide dinner for our youth, sign up for the following dates (time of dinner is noted beside each date) by contacting Ann at ann@gracestlukes.org:

1. **Sept. 11** (6 PM Location TBD based on what the meal is)
2. **Sept. 18** (6 PM)
3. **Oct. 2** (6 PM)
4. **Oct. 16** (6 PM Location TBD based on what the meal is)
5. **Oct. 23** (6 PM)
6. **Oct. 30** (6 PM)
7. **Nov. 6** (6 PM Location TBD based on what the meal is)
8. **Nov. 13** (6 PM)
9. **Nov. 20** (Dinner at 5 PM; Movie night so pizza would be a good idea tonight)
10. **Dec. 4** (In Trezevant Hall, dinner at 6 PM)



Parents' Day Out News

by Holly Hawkins

PDO is off to a great start in our newly renovated space! A big thank you to the GSL Space Committee, Montgomery Martin, and Askew Nixon Ferguson for the beautiful renovations and, of course, to all of the GSL PDO families for being so flexible with us throughout the process.

We're looking forward to an exciting new year with a safe and nurturing environment to enhance the social, cognitive, physical, and emotional development for our youngest learners through play. Come see how we play with a purpose at PDO!

There are a limited number of openings still available; please contact Holly Hawkins, 278-2244 or holly@gracestlukes.org, for more information.



Basketball Registration 2011-2012

Cost \$90

G S L Church Athletics

by *Christi Authement*



TEAMS WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-PLACED BASIS! Please sign up early in order to avoid being placed on a waiting list.

Cost is \$90 and includes team pictures and trophies.

COACHES NEEDED: If interested, please contact Christi at 825-7353, 272-7425, ext. 20, or christi@gracestlukes.org.

Grace-St. Luke's Church sponsors the following teams:

- BANTAM GIRLS: 1st and 2nd grade
- BANTAM BOYS: 1st and 2nd grade
- LASSIE GIRLS: 3rd and 4th grade
- MIDGET BOYS: 3rd and 4th grade

REGISTRATION: Please turn in or mail the form below by **4:30 PM, Friday, Sept. 30, 2011**, to Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

BASKETBALL SKILL ASSESSMENTS will be held in the GSL Gym on **Saturday, Oct. 15**, and **Sunday, Oct. 16**. Additional Information available in October.

HARRY ARNOLD INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE:

5 & 6 year old boys and girls. This program will meet every Saturday morning in the GSL gym from 8-9 AM for approximately eight weeks, beginning the first Saturday in Dec. Cost is \$50. Deadline is **Friday, Sept. 30, 2011**, by **4:30 PM**.

There will ONLY be one day for shooting for team pictures!

1. This form will not be accepted without a check. 2. Checks payable to Grace-St. Luke's Church

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ E-MAIL _____

SCHOOL _____ DOB _____ GRADE _____ CLOTHES SIZE _____ PARENT'S INITIALS _____

* Donations to the Grace-St. Luke's Athletic Fund are deductible and greatly appreciated. Please note "Athletic Fund" on your contribution. Registration fees are not deductible.



Staff Member of the Month

Eva Loftin
*Nursery Coordinator (Sun./Wed.)
PDO Senior Teacher*

I have been working for over eleven years with nursery school children in multiple capacities in a Christian learning environment at Grace-St. Luke's. As the mother of three boys, working in the nursery is a good fit for me. I started working in this position at first so that I would be able to be with my children and still have an income, and I soon developed a love for the challenges of providing a fun and educational environment for small children.

During Sunday morning services, GSL provides a nursery for newborns to six-year-old children so that their parents can attend Sunday morning services and activities knowing that their children are in good hands. This same nursery service is provided on Wednesday evenings. As Nursery Coordinator, I assist in overseeing the Nursery and I am available to answer any questions that parents have, as well as providing care for their children.

I enjoy being able to provide an environment for children that gives parents the comfort that their children are safe and learning new skills. It is always difficult for the little ones to separate from Mom and Dad and it is fun to see them learn to enjoy their time away from one another.

The Parents' Day Out (PDO) program is Tuesday through Friday and has over 60 children enrolled. The Nursery is available for all services with the exception of the 5:30 PM service. Anytime our parishioners need help or have questions about our nursery services, I am available. And, a heartfelt thanks goes to everyone for their support of our PDO and Nursery.

Contact information:
Eva Loftin; 278-2244; eva@gracestlukes.org



Photo from
June Pentecost
Baptism service.



News From GSL School by Thor Kvande

School has begun at GSL! We were off and running on August 16, and we are looking forward to a fantastic 2011–12 school year. I want to begin by saying farewell and good luck to Father Brian Ponder, who has so ably ministered to our students and staff during his time here at GSL. We will miss his thoughtful personality and calming presence in our hallways. Of course, there is also his light-hearted and mischievous wit! I think we will always remember our most recent Epiphany and All Saints' Day services; it is the rare priest who is courageous enough to let Middle School acolytes don Halloween masks during a chapel processional! We will miss Father Brian tremendously, and we wish him all the best in his new endeavors.

We also thank Father Richard and the clergy and staff at the church for helping us start the school year with an excellent Episcopal School Celebration service; that is always a very special and meaningful way for us to start the school year. Many thanks are due to the Fellowship Committee for the beautiful reception following the service.

Teachers and students are now settled in, and everyone is excited about showing their GSL school spirit at upcoming home volleyball games in the Anchor Center and home football games at Snowden Field. A full athletic schedule is available on our website at gslschool.org (under the Calendar tab) and we hope you will join us for some games this fall.

Other items in which we welcome your participation:

- The Parents' Association fall Wrapping Paper Fundraiser is under way. If you'd like to support that venture, please find any parent at GSL and inquire; I'm sure they will be happy to take your order!
- GSL's fall Middle School production will be *Broken Hearts*, a play based on several poignant short stories by Oscar Wilde and adapted by Gretta Berghammer and Rod Caspers. Each tale involves an exploration of selfless sacrifice.

Dates: Sept. 29, 7:30 PM; Sept. 30, 7:30 PM; Oct. 1, 7:30 PM, and Oct. 2 at 2:30 PM.

Tickets: \$10/person, on sale beginning Sept. 22.



5th Grade Boys/Girls
An important tradition in GSL's Middle School is for fifth grade students to come in the day before school starts to find their lockers, meet their teachers, and see where they will be meeting for classes in their first year in the Middle School building.

GSL Scouting for Boys



Troop 34 was well represented by 15 scouts and 2 adult leaders in week one of (Kia Kima) camp. They brought home the Duty to God and Honor Troop award and made us proud. On the Saturday between camp sessions we took our traditional family float trip. That cool spring water sure felt good. Afterwards a delicious dinner was had by all. The Troop also dedicated a plaque at the Mesera Outpost for the well and hand pump that Troop 34 donated. Week two had 17 scouts and 2 adult leaders including an extra scout from Troop 144. They were the kickball champions and also brought home the Honor Troop award. George Clarke has already secured reservations for camp & the family float trip 2012... the tradition continues! Above is a picture from the dedication of the plaque at Mesera. (*from Troop 34 Newsletter*)



Cub Scout Pack 34, sponsored by Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, has planned another great year of fun and adventure for boys in first grade through fifth grade or ages 7-10. At the end of August we had a Family Pool Party and Cook-Out at the Rhodes College pool. A meeting for new and prospective members and their parents will be **Thursday, Sept. 1**, at 6 PM in Trezevant Hall. We will welcome boys in grades 1–5 or ages 7–10 as part of our pack. Our first pack meeting and parents meeting will be **Sunday, Sept. 11**, from 5 to 6 PM in the Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church Scout Room.

Coming in October will be our popcorn sales fundraiser which makes our program possible. So, look for a Cub Scout from Pack 34 to buy some delicious popcorn (it makes a great gift).

For more information about Cub Scouts, please contact Cubmaster Jason Hood at cubmaster@memphis34.mypack.us.

Head of School Thor Kvande welcomes new families to GSL at student-parent orientation.



*Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of*

Tommy Plyler from Janet & Shep Tate
 Mary Hutchison from John & Ann Dillard and G. Randolph Turner
 The Rev. Al Gardner from Donna & Jerry Sanders and Burson & Pete Snyder

*Given to the Glory of God
and in Loving Honor of*

Julie Denman from Bettye Pittman and Carolyn Gardiner
 Linda Stine from Jerry & Donna Sanders
 Keith Carpenter & Mike Jones from Thad Cockrill

*The Altar Gifts in September are
offered in Loving Memory of*

September 4 Jack Fulbright, Alice Fulbright, and Paul Welsh
September 11 Sally McKay, Lee Baker, and Charles Grannis
September 18 Thomas Walker Harsh, Mary Read Harsh, Elder L. Shearon, Jr., Mary Harsh Shearon, and Louis Vernon Ritter, Jr.
September 25 Margaret King Strickland, Charles C. King, Jr., Lawrence Paul Busby, Jr., Mary Girard Busby, Wilbur Harrison Ogden, Ethel Garner Bourdlais, Ruth Mathews Ogden, Lawrence P. Busby, III, Tracy Plyler, Jane Ogden Busby, Anne Ogden Plyler, Thomas Mathews Plyler, Marion & Olive Guerard, Dollye & Wellford Dillard, and Hart Guerard Dillard



Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee
 65th Annual Conference
 August 12-14, 2011

We were well represented @ the Episcopal Men's Conference. It turned out to be a non-stop weekend and the weather would have been tough to beat anywhere. Sunday morning was a crisp 74 as we headed to All Saints' Chapel on the Sewanee campus for Holy Eucharist, closing ceremonies, and a moving homily by Bishop Johnson.

Next year I pass the key, as the keyman duties will be handled by Jim Beaty.

See you on the mountain next August.
 Don McLemore



The Blessing of
 the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 2,
 at 4:00 PM

Bring them one by one, or two by two!

We invite you to bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, lizards, fish, birds, snakes, and hedgehogs to Grace-St. Luke's Church for the Blessing of the Animals on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

We will all gather in the church for a service which will celebrate our pets and our love for them. During the service we celebrate the joy and love that animals bring into our lives and we pronounce the wonder of God's creation.

For everyone's comfort, we ask that all creatures be leashed, caged, or otherwise contained. Each animal will receive an individual blessing from the clergy and a certificate of that blessing. Following the service there will be a reception with refreshments for animals and their people.

From Fr. Brian's Last Sunday



Pastoral Care Corner

by the Rev. Gayle McCarty,
Associate Rector

Our beloved Book of Common Prayer is rich with wonderful prayers that are like familiar and faithful friends that bring us needed comfort and peace. Yet there are times our prayer lives are in need of enrichment or renewal. Often reading or hearing a prayer that is new to us can be the jump-start to a revived prayer life. Fresh words feed us. Newness nourishes us.

There are treasuries of prayers across all denominations, faiths, and time at our fingertips, ready to cross our lips, soothe our souls, and heal our hearts. One such prayer, new to me, was shared with me by parishioner, Bettie Welsh. The newness and the beauty of the words and imagery refreshed and inspired my personal prayer life. I eagerly share this prayer with you all in the hope that it also blesses you in your prayer lives. May we seek diversity of prayer to direct us into deeper relationship with Christ and one another.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, like a watchful shepherd, you care for us and provide us with your love and send people into our lives to help care for us, especially in time of sickness or pain.

I pray for healing for myself and for all who suffer because of illness or advanced age. I pray especially for _____.

In the midst of our pain and weakness strengthen our faith that we might be filled with hope in you. In the midst of our frustration and discouragement, give us patience that we might accept our own limitations. In the midst of our loneliness and fears, help us know we are not alone, that you walk with us each moment of our lives.

Be with us, Lord, in our time of need. Heal us in body, soul and spirit that we may rejoice in your grace and blessings in this world and come to enjoy the fullness of your presence in the life to come.

We make this prayer in your name, for you are our Risen Lord, Jesus. Amen.

From the *2011 Daily Companion*
by Sacred Heart Southern Missions
Walls, MS

Outreach Ministries

by the Rev. Gayle McCarty,
Associate Rector

OUTREACH ACCOLADES!

“Well done, good and faithful servants!” On the second Sunday of each month since April 2002, Keith Carpenter and Mike Jones faithfully served as cooks for Grace-St. Luke’s More Than a Meal second Sunday team. Active since the inception of the ministry at Grace-St. Luke’s, August 14, 2011 marked their final Sunday. While the mathematically inclined can count the number of Sundays Keith and Mike served, the number of lives they touched is absolutely incalculable. What an amazing ten years of service!

Libba Allen and Debbie Sweeney, second Sunday team captains, had high praise for their teammates, sharing that Keith and Mike were committed to providing a health conscious menu by “taking extra effort to minister to the health of our More Than a Meal guests, not just their hunger . . . and were dedicated month in, month out, making it happen.”

Awed by their faithfulness, I asked what motivated their committed and lengthy service to this ministry. Their responses: “One of the primary commandments of the Bible is to feed God’s sheep” and “I would never want to deny a person a bite of food and a warm place to come.” They shared stories of guests who were not simply served but also served in return—helping with clean up or with name tags—sharing the ministry. They witnessed More Than a Meal “provide guests a sense of belonging we all yearn for.”

Thank you Keith and Mike for your servant leadership! Rest up though, because the next part of the Bible verse with which this article began (Matthew 25:23) reads, “. . . you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things . . .” May you both rest in our love and heartfelt thanks.

* This special Thank You replaces the regular feature of highlighting a GSL Outreach ministry in each issue of *The Messenger*. That feature will continue with the October issue.



Calling all cooks to FILL THE FREEZER Sunday, Sept. 18

Long to help but short on time? Help GSL Pastoral Care teams fill the freezer!

What? Fill the Freezer is a great opportunity to help GSL Pastoral Care teams fill the freezer full of tasty meals for parishioners who are sick, recovering from surgery, or have new babies.

Who? Everyone

When? **Sunday, Sept. 18**, before all 3 services

How? Make your favorite entrée, side, soup, or dessert and package it in a disposable, freezer-safe container. We need meals of all sizes: individual, for 2, and family size. We will collect donations in Trezevant before each service.

What If I don't cook? Donate a gift certificate to Holiday Ham, and meals will be purchased on your behalf.

Look for free containers and recipe ideas at our table in Trezevant on **Sunday, Sept. 11**.



Recovery Musical Play By Recovery Repertory Theater September 9, 7:00 PM

Grace-St. Luke's Church, McClure Hall
Followed by a Reception in Trezevant Hall

Join us for what has become an annual event for the Addiction and Recovery Ministry, Grace-St. Luke's Church and Recovery Repertory Theater. We'll be treated to recovery songs, jokes, and a good 12-step message in this production which will give us new ways to connect to recovery and laugh at ourselves. This year's show, entitled "603," is a musical comedy about a country musician wannabe who needs to be in rehab but won't go, so the doctor processes a 603 (involuntary commitment) on his guitar, because they know that wherever the guitar goes, he goes! We will end the evening with a reception to honor the cast and allow the audience to interact and meet the stars of the evening.

Sponsored by The West Tennessee Episcopal Addiction and Recovery Commission. Contacts: Lauren Beyer (428-4023), Mary Honey (412-0044), and Lucy Owens (272-7425, lucy@gracestlukes.org).

Community News

Have fun and do justice this Labor Day!

You're invited to celebrate the true meaning of Labor Day with Workers Interfaith Network (WIN) at the Faith and Labor Picnic. The picnic is the "ultimate party with a purpose" according to one of last year's participants. Join us **Monday, Sept. 5**, from 11 AM to 2 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church in Midtown, 1738 Galloway Ave. near the Memphis Zoo. Workers Interfaith Network brings together low-wage workers and people of faith to take action for justice. Your support helps workers uphold their rights to living wages and fair working conditions. For more information: <http://workersinterfaithnetwork.org/index/donate/picnic.htm>.

St. Clare Silent Retreat for Women October 7

A St. Clare Silent Retreat for women will be held on **Friday, Oct. 7**, 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.

Diocesan Picnic

Sunday, October 16; 1-5 PM
St. Columba Conference Center

The annual Diocesan Picnic will be held **Sunday, Oct. 16**, from 1-5 PM at St. Columba again this year. Join us for food, fun and games for all ages! Rain date is scheduled for Oct. 23.

Won't you help Old Trinity Church?

Old Trinity Church, built in 1845, is one of the few remaining antebellum structures in Tipton County and the fifth-oldest church still in use in the Diocese of West Tennessee. This quaint chapel served leading planter families in the area, many of them having migrated from Virginia, and communicants including Claibornes, Colliers, Hunts, Jetts, Peetes, Taylors, Tarrys, and Whitleys, some of whom were ancestors of Grace-St. Luke's families. Of historical significance is the fact that more than three hundred enslaved people were baptized in the church, which eventually led to the establishment in the 1870s of St. Paul's, Mason, an African-American parish.

Abandoned except for use as a burial ground, the old church became the site of an annual pilgrimage on Trinity Sunday, organized in the early 1920s by Judge John Y. Peete and others. Faithful descendants—black and white—still observe this ninety-year tradition that includes a service followed by dinner on the grounds. Today, however, this historic shrine (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) stands in perilous condition, having been declared structurally unsound. A committee has been organized to help save this diocesan treasure and hopes to raise a minimum of \$20,000 for the necessary repairs. Donations can be made to the Old Trinity Fund and sent to Friends for the Preservation of Old Trinity, P.O. Box 99, Mason, TN 38049.

Won't you please join us in our efforts?

Looking towards Sunday
Revised Common Lectionary
Track 2 ✕ Year A



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18)
September 4

Ezekiel 33:7-11 • Psalm 119:33-40
 Romans 13:8-14 • Matthew 18:15-20



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19)
September 11

Genesis 50:15-21 • Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
 Romans 14:1-12 • Matthew 18:21-35



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)
September 18

Jonah 3:10-4:11 • Psalm 145:1-8
 Philippians 1:21-30 • Matthew 20:1-16



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)
September 25

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 • Psalm 25: 1-8
 Philippians 2:1-13 • Matthew 21:23-32



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/](http://www.gracestlukes.org/spirituality-and-worship/preparing-for-sunday/)

September
Lay Service Schedule

September 4

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

Breakfast Cooks: Herr, C Mercer, M Crow,

D McLemore, B Williams, K Batton, T Brabyn

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

10:30 **Acolytes:** C Sanders, M Cline, S Crow, E Shearon

September 11

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

Breakfast Cooks: H Morse, T Claybrook, J Mercer, W Ayres,

B Morse, I Hendry, D Douglass

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

10:30 **Acolytes:** H Morehead, R Liles, C Raspberry, V Strother

September 18

Altar Guild: M V Rogers, S Barnett, D McCanless,

L Trotter, C Wallace

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

M Pleasants, M Tyler, J Woo

8:00 **Acolyte, Reader, Chalice:** McGehee, Adams, Edwards, Smith, Smith

10:30 **Acolytes:** K Raspberry, C Martin, A Garrett, R Waring

September 25

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:** Edwards, Whitlock,

M Brewer, Whitlock, Brewer

10:30 **Acolytes:** D McClew, C Stovall, S Collier,

A Hartney

News of Bygone Days (from past Messengers)

50 years ago (1961): Pete Shearon, the President of the Episcopal Young Churchmen of Grace-St. Luke's, would like to remind all the members of the E. Y. C. of the annual District meeting at Camp West Tenn, Sardis, Mississippi, September 15-17.

25 years ago (1986): YOUR ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOU—Maybe you didn't realize that the members of the Altar Guild are responsible for all of the linens, silver, brass, crystal, and candles used in all services. They see that all are clean, polished, and in place for each service. The Guild orders and pays for flowers, the communion wine and bread, and festival decorations. The Altar Guild has never been funded by the church budget; memorial donations are its only source of income. We do need two more teams. Give your name to one of the clergy or to Corinne Wilson (726-1887).

September 2011

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

October 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				September 1	2	3
				Basketball Reg. All Month 6:00pm Cub Scout Meeting	Happening #50 @ Calvary, Sept 2-4 10:00am Fitness for Fun	
 <p>GSL Basketball 5 year-olds thru 4th graders REGISTER & PAY NOW www.gracestlukes.org/youthbasketball/</p>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists 4:00pm MoreTAMeal	Labor Day/Office Closed	7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Bazaar House 9:00am Staff Meeting	5:00pm Canterbury Choir 5:30pm Pilates 5:30pm PC Team 3 6:00pm St. Cecilia 6:30pm Fellowship Mtg 6:45pm LIFT@ St. John's		7:45am Stewardship Mtg 10:00am Fitness for Fun 11:30am 39'ers 4:30pm Madeksho-Harmon Rehearse 7:00pm Recovery Repertory Theater	6:00pm Madeksho-Harmon Wedding
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am Christian Ed Resumes 11:45am Coffee Hour 11:45am Exodus Comm. 4:00pm MoreTAMeal 5:00pm Cub Pack Meeting 5:00pm Jr, 6 Sr EYC	12:00pm Weight Watchers 1:00pm Food Pantry 4:30pm EFM	7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Bazaar House 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Clergy Meeting 1:00pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Finance	5:00pm Canterbury Choir 5:30pm Pilates 5:30pm PC Team 4 6:00pm St. Cecilia 6:45pm LIFT@ St. John's 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:00am Messenger Deadline 5:30pm Exec Com 6:30pm Third Thursday	10:00am Fitness for Fun	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fill the Freezer 8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am Christian Ed 11:45am Coffee Hour 11:45am Exodus Comm. 12:00pm Adult Christ. Ed. 4:00pm MoreTAMeal 5:00pm Jr, 6 Sr EYC	12:00pm Weight Watchers 1:00pm Food Pantry 4:30pm EFM	7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Bazaar House 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Clergy Meeting 1:00pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Vestry	5:00pm Canterbury Choir 5:30pm Pilates 6:00pm St. Cecilia 6:45pm LIFT@ St. John's 7:00pm Chancel Choir	5:30pm PC Team 5	Exodus Weekend 10:00am Fitness for Fun GSL's second annual Weekend Exodus is fast approaching! Have you made your reservations? It's not too late to get in on the fun. REGISTER NOW gracestlukes.org/events/parish-weekend/	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Exodus Weekend No Christian Ed 8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists 8:45am Breakfast 11:45am Coffee Hour 4:00pm MoreTAMeal	12:00pm Weight Watchers 1:00pm Food Pantry 4:30pm EFM	7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Bazaar House 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Clergy Meeting 1:00pm Food Pantry 6:30pm Moveable Feast	5:00pm Canterbury Choir 5:30pm Pilates 5:30pm PC Team 1 6:00pm St. Cecilia 6:45pm LIFT@ St. John's 7:00pm Chancel Choir		10:00am Fitness for Fun 12 STEP MEETINGS Al Anon: Thurs 10:30am Alcoholics Anonymous: Tues 6:30 & 8pm Narcotics Anonymous: Sun 8pm, Sat 10:00pm Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous: Mon & Thurs at 8pm, Sat 4pm Suicide Anonymous: Wed 7:30pm	



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1720 PEABODY AVENUE

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38104-6124

901-272-7425, 901-272-9833 (FAX)

gsl@gracestlukes.org www.gracestlukes.org

The Messenger of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church (USPS 778-900)-published monthly by Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104. Periodicals postage paid at Memphis, TN. POSTMASTER: send address changes to Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104, (901) 272-7425, e-mail gsl@gracestlukes.org. Lucy Owens, Editor.

From the Rector: Parish Life & Learning

St. Benedict, the great layman who lived sometime between 480 and 540 CE and oversaw several monastic communities, described his community as a “school for the Lord’s service” in his Rule or guidelines for his monks. Benedict meant by this phrase that in words and actions his community would learn what it means to love God and neighbor. Their minds would be enlightened as if they were in a school, but so, too, would their hearts and hands be moved in adoration of God. Benedict was very realistic about the various kinds of learning that would happen in his community, although all would learn the basics of prayer and worship. Some needed, for example, to learn to man the cellar for the wine or maintain the buildings and property. Different skills and talents—from the sacred to the mundane—were needed. At the heart of all the ordinary work was a desire to glorify God. The Anglican Ester de Waal has written in one of her commentaries on Benedict that his great concern was to help the monks impose on all their work “such a structure and order (both external and internal) that they could make prayer the one essential priority, the central focus of everything else.”

Of course, Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church is certainly no monastery! We do have a thriving school for learning and service, but we are first and foremost a Church where all sorts and conditions of people gather as a community. Our Church in a sense; however, is a school for the Lord’s service like Benedict’s community, but there are no grades. There is no awards’ day, either.

The September issue of our newsletter is literally filled with opportunities for service and new learning. Above all, as one of your parish priests, I hope you will make a commitment to be with us on Sundays for the Holy Eucharist (8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, or 5:30 PM). Faithfulness to the Eucharist—in season and out of season, whether one feels like it or not—makes a difference. In this meal and gathering, God is faithful to us in God’s Word and in ancient gestures that communicate on a level deeper than words the mystery of divine love and mercy.

Additionally, please consider for yourself or your child or family member one of the many classes we offer for all ages. Our new Director of Christian Education, Harriet Roberts, has done a masterful job in organizing and describing our fall classes and programs in this issue. We have faithful, creative teachers and catechists for every class, too.

As I am prone to do, I will highlight my class, the Rector’s Forum, which meets in Trezevant Hall at 9:30 AM on Sundays in fall and spring. The subject for the fall is “The Holy Spirit in the New Testament and in Our Lives.” We will study and reflect upon one of the great mysteries of the Christian faith: the activity of God as life-giving Spirit in the Bible, in creation, and in our own souls and bodies. I cannot wait to reflect and converse with many of you as we seek to go deeper in our faith, learning through word and deed like Benedict and his monks as we live amidst the complexity and beauty of our own day and age. See you Sunday!

The Reverend Richard Lawson