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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

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

THE DAILY OFFICE

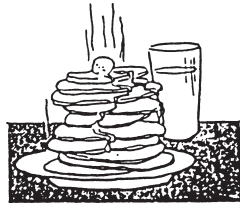
7 AM *Friday* Morning Prayer/Eucharist
5:30 PM *Thursday* Evening Prayer
5:50-6:30 PM *Thursday* Centering Prayer

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Crossmen's "Buzz Busby" SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPER

February 24!

4:30 - 7:00 PM; \$5.00

Bacon, sausage, toppings & all you can eat pancakes!
The Crossmen's chefs will be assisted by the youth.

How the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper came to be called the "Buzz Busby" Pancake Supper

For many years Lawrence P. "Buzz" Busby III was the coordinator of the Pancake Supper. This was Mr. Busby's biggest passion at GSL and he was one great promoter! Buzz started gathering volunteers to cook, wait tables, and cashier way before we started thinking about Christmas or Thanksgiving! He recruited children to make Pancake Supper posters in their art classes and in their Sunday School classes and you would see these adorable posters all over town. In the 80's and early 90's, it was not unusual on Shrove Tuesday to see people lined up outside the church and down the side aisle in the nave of the church waiting for the doors of Trezevant Hall to open.

Because of Mr. Busby's love of the Pancake Supper tradition here at GSL, a poem was written about him and on the cover of the March 15, 1992, *Messenger* and can be found at <http://www.gslparish.org/buzz.pdf>.

After Buzz died in 1998, his son Larry, Dan Eason and the Crossmen continued the tradition, with the help the EYC. And we still have the best sausage, bacon and pancakes in town!!

The money that is made from the pancake supper goes to support the youth of the parish through the scouting programs, athletics and EYC. Supporting the Pancake Supper, supports our children! See you on February 24!

Ash Wednesday Services February 25



Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist

7:00 and 8:05* AM; 12:15 and 6:00 PM

*This is the GSL School service and all are welcome,
although there is no Eucharist at this service.*

MESSENGER DEADLINES

Mar. 1 deadline is 9 AM, Feb. 15!
Mar. 15 deadline is 9 AM, Mar. 1!

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A RE-NEWING VISION FOR PASTORAL CARE AT GSL

You're invited.

Please join Ron and Eyleen in the parish hall on Sunday, February 22, following the 10:30 service to learn about some enhancing and exciting ideas for pastoral care.

Come if

- you've ever been the recipient of care from one of our pastoral care teams
- you're currently providing any kind of care to members of the parish
- you've been a pastoral care volunteer but are tired and thinking of quitting
- you've been thinking about volunteering but are afraid you'll get "stuck"
- you've never even considered being a pastoral care volunteer but think it's a good thing for someone to do
- you're curious
- you'd like to have some yummy cookies with your coffee.

There will be a brief power point presentation describing how pastoral care is done now, what is envisioned for the future, and how you can help even if you are not called to volunteer. This is an information-only event; you will not be asked to commit to anything! But you will leave hopeful, encouraged, and we hope, energized about the vision.

2009 VESTRY

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

To know Christ and to make Christ known

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

Upcoming Dates for Baptisms

The Great Vigil of Easter, a service held on Easter Eve, is a wonderful date for baptism of children or adults. This first service of Easter Day is also an ideal time for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. The date will be Saturday, April 11, at 7 PM.

Sunday, May 17, at the 10:30 service will be the next baptism date.

The Day of Pentecost, May 31, is also an opportunity for Baptism.

Please contact Julie Denman, julie@gsparish.org or 272-7425, to make plans.

Member News

Transfer Out

Lisa E Kellett to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Jonesboro, AR
 Ray Barfield, Micah and Alexandra Barfield to Church of the Advocate, Carrboro, NC
 Randall and Sandra Curtis, Olivia Curtis, to St. Margaret's, Little Rock, AR
 Edith James to Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis
 Mary Helen Aldridge to Chapel of the Cross, Madison, MS

More Than a Meal Request

MTAM needs volunteers especially for the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month.

Please join us around 3:30.
You'll be out by 5!

The 1st Sunday also needs a cook team.

Call Happy Jones at 276-2136 with any questions.

EXPLORING LENT
 FIVE SUNDAY CLASSES
 FOCUSING ON THE
 GREAT CELEBRATIONS
 OF THE LENTEN SEASON



FEB 22 EYLEEN FARMER
 ASH WEDNESDAY



MARCH 8 BRIAN PONDER
 MAUNDY THURSDAY



MARCH 15 RON DELBENE
 GOOD FRIDAY



MAR 22 EYLEEN FARMER
 EASTER VIGIL AND DAY



MAR 29 BRIAN PONDER
 PALM SUNDAY



Christian
 Education

Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 4 through April 1)

5:30 Lenten Evening Prayer in the Nave
 5:50 Dinner served in Trezevant Hall
 6:30 Presentation in McClure

Wednesday nights will be very special this Lenten Season. We will start by worshipping together at 5:30 with Evening Prayer in the nave.

Next, the words "home-cooked dinner" take on a whole new meaning as volunteer chefs from GSL membership will wield wooden spoons and knives and whip up wonderful tasty meals for the low price of \$6.

After supper, one of GSL's favorite teachers, the Rev. Mitzi Minor of Memphis Theological Seminary will join us to teach a class. Mitzi will talk to us about "Joy and Self-Denial," two concepts that are not often mentioned in the same breath. She will draw on passages primarily from Corinthians.

Child care is available for the entire evening. (Please make reservations).

If you have children in choir, you can have a family meal here without the hassle of cooking. If you sing in the GSL adult choir, come early and enjoy the fellowship. Come for whole evening or for any part that fits your schedule.

Reservations are critical for both dinner and child care. Call the office, 272-7425, or email lucy@gslparish.org; deadline will be 9 AM on the Monday before. Your reservation is your guarantee to pay for dinner.

Interested in helping out with the meals? We would love to have you! Contact Julie Denman, julie@gslparish.org or 272-7425.

Sunday Morning Classes at 9:15 AM

Adult Classes*

**Listening for God Peete Room
 (January 11 - Palm Sunday)**

**Search Party The Lounge
 (February 8, 15 and 22)**

**Epiphany, Economics and Energy
 (Jan. 11 - Feb. 15) McClure Hall**

For a detailed description of these 3 classes, go to <http://www.gslparish.org/adult.htm> or see your Feb. 1 *Messenger*.

*See sidebar to your left for classes beginning in Lent.

Children and Youth

Little Lambs (two-to-young-three year olds) First floor, Parents Day Out area

Catechesis I and II (1st floor)
 Atrium I is designed for three-to-six-year olds

Atrium II is designed for six-to-nine year olds

3rd thru 6th grades (Room 212)

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

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

Third Thursday
 Don't Miss
Congressman Steve Cohen
 February 19th 6:30 PM
 \$10.00 dinner with wine
 Trezevant Hall
 Please make reservations
 272-7425 or lucy@gsparish.org

UP PARISH DATE

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 1** for a **Parish Update Presentation** in McClure Hall from 9:20 until 10:15. The UPdate will focus on the work of your Vestry regarding the 2009 budget and the preparation for the Search for a new Rector. This meeting is a continuing part of your Vestry's pledge to keep you informed.

Dear GSL Church Sports Parents,

A recent GSL Church Sports Survey conveyed that many of you strongly suggested offering on-line sports registration. We simply do not have the capability to offer this at this time, primarily due to the inability to receive electronic checks for registration fees. As you may recall, the policy is that registrations are not deemed accepted unless the fee check is with the registration. We will keep you informed when this technology will be available through GSL Church. We are looking into it, but it must be seen in terms of the overall needs of the church.

Thanks so much for your valuable feedback and I look forward to working with you and your children in the future.

Sincerely, Christi Authement, Athletic Director



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S CHURCH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, and T-BALL 2009



TEAMS

1. Co-ed T-Ball: Girls and Boys JK/SK. (Non co-ed teams if the numbers permit)
2. Girls Coach Pitch Softball: 1st/2nd grade
3. Boys Coach Pitch Baseball: 1st/2nd grade
4. Lassie Girls Softball: 3rd/4th grade
5. Midget Boys Baseball: 3rd/4th grade

VERY IMPORTANT

Children may only play on one team per season.

The season begins mid May and will end first of July. Please consider these dates when setting vacation and camp dates.

Upon request: 3rd/4th grade teams may be divided into recreation and commitment teams.

* After collecting all registraton forms we will have a very low-key skilles evaluation so taht we can properly balance the teams. **(This is not a tryout.)** The skill evaluation date will be in mid-March.

NOTE: <http://www.gslparish.org/sports.htm>

If interested in coaching, please call or email Christi Authement at 272-7425 or christi@gsparish.org.

REGISTRATION

1. The form below
2. A check for \$85.00 (payable to Grace-St. Luke's Church) WHICH WILL INCLUDE END OF YEAR TROPHY AND TEAM PICTURES. **There will be a One Day Shooting scheduled for all team pictures.**
3. A copy of your child's birth certificate if signing up for Midget Boys.
4. ALL UNIFORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO COACHES AT THE END OF EACH SEASON.

DEADLINE Fri., Mar. 6, 2009 Payment must accompany the form. Anyone signing up late will be allowed to play only if space is available.

*** Mail to: Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody, 38104 ***

If interested in coaching, please call or email Christi Authement at 272-7425 or christi@gsparish.org.

Child's name _____ Birthday _____
 Email _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 School _____ Grade _____
 Team _____ Size _____
 Parent signature _____

Donations to the Grace-St. Athletic Fund are deductible and greatly appreciated. Please note "Athletic Fund" on your contribution. (Registration fees are not deductible.)

News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley



Grace-St. Luke's School students will have a special Ash Wednesday service during chapel at 8:05 am on February 25. We appreciate Father Ron and the church staff for always making this a meaningful service for our students. We cordially invite you to join us if you'd like to attend.

I also want to share some news that I know will be interesting to you, since it concerns long-time GSL church member Bettye Pittman. As you know, we have been at work for more than a year now on our Anchoring the Future capital campaign. We recently received a gift of \$100,000 from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. This gift was made in honor of Bettye Pittman, to recognize her work as an artist and art teacher, and the impact she had on the donor's life. We are so grateful to this campaign contributor and to Bettye Pittman. It is inspiring to all of us as faculty members at Grace-St. Luke's School to be reminded of how one teacher can make a difference in someone's life.

Following are additional upcoming events at the school; we hope you will join us!

Annual Anchor Auction

Friday, March 27 at 6:30 PM,

Holiday Inn at University of Memphis

This is the Parents' Association's largest fundraiser every year, and it's a lot of fun. The theme this year is A Night in New Orleans, and we'll have artwork, jewelry, vacation weekends, a children's dollhouse, and much more up for bid during the silent and live auctions. For ticket info or to donate an item to the auction, please contact semerson@gslschool.org or call 278-0200.

Jenifer Fox, Author of Your Child's Strengths:

Discover Them, Develop Them, Use Them

Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 PM in the Church;

free and open to the public

Please bring a friend and join us for what is sure to be an informative presentation on helping children discover and follow their strengths so they can experience greater success and satisfaction in life.

Middle School Production of Annie Jr.

April 2-5, McClure Hall

The show runs Thursday and Friday nights at 7:30 PM; Saturday at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM; Sunday at 2:30 PM. Tickets go on sale March 2; \$10/person; call 278-0200 for info.



Youth News

Sr. High EYC will meet on Sunday at 6:30 PM, February 22 (Doan House, 1768 Peabody)

Teen Group will meet on Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm and will attend the Ash Wednesday service, February 25, at 6 PM.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 24

Happening #45 is Feb. 13-15 for Grades 10-12



You might remember that we recently had snow in Memphis, but brave Grace-St. Luke's School stayed open! So the kindergarten students—who weren't too happy about this—asked Mr. Beazley to step outside for a good, old-fashioned snowball fight.



As part of their look-ahead to first grade, GSL senior kindergartners tried on uniforms, visited first grade classrooms, and most important—got to eat lunch with the big kids! Pictured here in the school cafeteria are Cecilia Hartney (SK), Margaret Apperson (3rd grade), and Frances Cates (SK).

Community Events

The Spiritual Journey Video Program With Fr. Thomas Keating

Presented by Contemplative Outreach of W TN at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The Spiritual Journey video program presented by Fr. Thomas Keating describes the faith journey to which we have been called, so that we understand it with our intellect and listen with the ear of the heart. There will be time to share our understanding of the content of the presentation by Fr. Thomas as well as our own experiences.

When: Feb. 23, Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Apr. 6

Where: Conference Room in Marian Hall at IC

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

The cost of the program is \$10. A professionally bound transcript of the sessions that includes resource material may be purchased for \$15. Highly recommended. If you have any questions or to register, please call Sr. Joann Mascari, OP at 274-2914.

Luna Nova Music Concert

Luna Nova Music (Belvedere Chamber Music Festival) presents a Benefit Concert for The House of Mews Cat Rescue Organization Sunday, March 1, 3:00 PM at the home of Ann Kendall Ray, 15 Belleair Dr. (across Poplar from Overton Park) The concert will feature whimsical chamber music for clarinet, bassoon, horn, and guitar. The program includes pieces for solo clarinet by Jenni Brandon based on Aesop's Fables, musical portraits of six cats in Robert Patterson's Cat Menagerie, Gymnopedie by Eric Satie, and more. The concert will last approximately an hour and will be followed by a reception. Guests are asked for a minimum \$20 donation. Seating is limited and we ask that reservation requests be sent to pgray@pgray.net. Donations can be made at the door. All proceeds go to the House of Mews.

St. Clare Retreat for Women

March 6 at St. Columba Conference Center

There will be a St. Clare Retreat for Women on Friday, March 6, at St. Columba Conference Center. The morning begins at 8:30 AM with coffee and introductions. Linda Douty, noted author and spiritual director, will lead a meditation followed by a time of silence when we pray, read or stroll through the beautiful grounds. Our day ends with lunch at noon. The cost is \$20 which includes morning coffee and lunch. For reservations, please call Dana Sue Percer at 829-3251 or dspencer@gmail.com Please try to have reservations in by March 1.

Haiti Partnership announces Mission Trip

The Haiti Partnership Committee announces an upcoming mission trip March 18 - 23. We welcome your continuous prayers for their safe journey and mission work as well as any donations for medical supplies, toiletries, and small gifts for the children. Please see the bulletin board for a complete list of items needed for the mission trip. For more information call Rev. Drew Woodruff at 336-1103 or Ruthie Lentz at 278-5361.

FROM THE CHURCH HEALTH CENTER

The Church Health Center will host a Family Fitness Open House from 8:30 AM to 2 PM on Saturday Jan. 24 at Hope & Healing, 1115 Union Ave. The event is free and open to the public and will include family exercise activities, weight-management information, recipes to take home and free giveaways. For more information, call (901) 259-HOPE (4673) or visit www.churchhealthcenter.org.

Want to learn how to start or strengthen a health ministry in your congregation? The Church Health Center's next free Congregational Health Promoter class begins March 3 and meets for eight consecutive Tuesdays from 6 to 8 PM For information or to sign up, call (901) 261-8833, e-mail fcm@churchhealthcenter.org or visit www.churchhealthcenter.org.

Good News from a Neighbor

HopeWorks is a faith-based organization located in the Midtown Church building at 1930 Union Avenue. For twenty years HopeWorks has provided life and employment skills to unemployed adults. Students who graduate from the 13-week full-day Personal and Career Development program are drug-free, employment-ready, and hopeful.

Of the 38 students who graduated from our program within the last year, 2 enrolled at Southwest and 11 enrolled in a GED class. In 2008 5 graduates passed the practice test and 2 earned their GED; seven graduates were hired by Express Connections. In these days of economic uncertainty, staff at HopeWorks are certain that we are in Memphis to bring hope to the hopeless.

HopeWorks is supported by the Women's Foundation of Greater Memphis, the Irvin Lansky Foundation and a number of local church and school faith communities. If you are interested in more information about HopeWorks, contact Susan Rubio (ext. 104) or Ron Wade (ext. 107) at 272-3700.

DOOR OF HOPE

COMMUNITY WRITERS RETREAT

COME AND WRITE IN COMMUNITY! The Door of Hope Writers Group will host a writing retreat Friday, February 27, from 11:00-3:00 with six half-hour writing workshops (\$10/workshop or \$50 for the day, including lunch.) Call 525-6199 or email Ellen Prewitt at prewitt@bellsouth.net to reserve a spot. The Door of Hope is a support center for men and women who have known homelessness, and those who still do.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

When you attend a good marriage seminar, you leave impressed with the speaker. When you attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend, you leave impressed with your spouse. If you'd like to know more about the upcoming Episcopal Marriage Encounter Weekend March 27 - 29, please join us for an information talk on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7:00 PM at Church of the Holy Communion. The registration deadline for the event is March 1. Got questions? Contact Robert and Kendra Propst at 682-7910 or rpropst@msn.com.

Photos from Scout Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 34



Brownie Troop 283



Tiger Cubs



Shep Tate shows his Eagle Scout ring to Dan Eason and Ron DelBene



Cub Scout Pack 34

Calvary's 2009 Lenten Preaching Series

February 26 - April 3

Mondays-Fridays 12:05-12:40 PM, Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM

Waffle Shop: Mondays-Fridays 11:00 AM-1:30 PM

Feb 26-27 Dr. Marcus Borg, Hundere Professor of Religion & Culture, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Mar 2-3 John Dominic Crossan, Biblical Scholar and Author, Orlando, FL

Mar 4 The Rev. Dr. Scott Morris, Founder & Executive Director, Church Health Center, Memphis, TN

Mar 5 The Most Rev. Dr. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, USA

Mar 6 The Rev. Dr. Joyce Ann Mercer, Professor of Pastoral Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

Mar 9 The Rev. Sally Bingham, Environmental Minister & President of the Regeneration Project, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA

Mar 10 Phyllis Tickle, Author & Founding Editor of the Religion Department of Publishers Weekly

Mar 11-12 Sara Miles, Founder & Executive Director of St. Gregory's Food Pantry & Author of *Take This Bread*

Mar 13 The Rev. Dr. Craig Strickland, Founder & Senior Pastor, Hope Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN

Mar 16 The Rev. Dr. Steven R. Montgomery, Senior Pastor, Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN

Mar 17-18 The Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Senior Pastor, St. Paul Community Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY

Mar 19-20 The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Hampshire

Mar 23-24 Rabbi Micah Greenstein, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel, Memphis, TN

Mar 25 J.Terry Steib, S.V.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese, of Memphis, TN

Mar 26 The Rev. Dr. Stacy L. Spencer, Founder & Senior Pastor, New Direction Christian Church, Memphis TN

Mar 27 The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, Associate Rector of Pastoral Care & Social Outreach, Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, TN

Mar 30-31 The Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Matthews, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, NY

Apr 1 The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Robinson, Senior Pastor, St. Andrew's AME Church, Memphis, TN

Apr 2-3 Megan McKenna, Author, Theologian, Storyteller, & Lecturer

**Is there anyone you still need to forgive
or from whom you need to ask forgiveness?**

I remember the first time I asked that question. His name was Michael. It just seemed to be an appropriate question that popped into my mind. I was sitting by his bed in the hospital. He was more restless than usual. We had been talking about final arrangements in his life and he seemed to be continually distracted. The question just came out. It turned out to be one of those “show-stopper” questions. His eyes grew wider and he became still. He nodded his head slowly. . .yes. During Lent I always take time to remember those people in my life with whom I have had the honor and blessing to be a companion with them as they have moved into a new life through death.

Michael taught me how important it was to ask the question often. Over the years when I provided continuing education programs for those who work with the sick and dying, a session talking about forgiveness would always be included. Sometimes we caregivers have to be the ones to ask the hard questions of people. I have learned much by witnessing the reconciliation of people who finally at the end of their life set their pride and fear aside and “go for it!” After all, why hold on then when time is so short? And then, I was led to ask another question of myself and others. Why live your life as an angry person either holding it all in, or being a cloud of darkness to those with whom you live and work and play? Why not now?

Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive or from whom you need to ask forgiveness? If so, remember this. There are so many issues to deal with when you are facing death, take care of whatever you can now. . . and live without strings and chains.

It’s important to remember that in a strange way, forgiveness is really only a one-way street. Many people honestly tell someone they forgive them and hear the response, “I never did anything to you to be forgiven for.” I have seen the look when someone asks for forgiveness of another and the response is “No.” The only person we can be responsible for is ourselves. Asking for or giving forgiveness is about being free with whatever happens. We do it so that we are free and are no longer holding onto strings or chains that hold us back from a full life.

So, why in Lent do I remember those with whom I have shared about forgiveness? They remind me to prepare now. Lent is a time of preparation – for me, a time of preparing for a more full life. Every Ash Wednesday when I am reminded that I am dust and to dust I shall return, I renew my commitment to let go of those strings or chains that are hindering God’s invitations to me to enjoy a more full life. As the faces of those I have known over the years pass before me, like a slide show in my mind and heart, I take time to look and see and consider my relationships. And I ask myself the question.

As we prepare for these upcoming Lenten days, I invite you to mark February 25th, Ash Wednesday, on your calendar, come and share the service, receive the cross of ash on your forehead, hear the words, and also hear this question. **Is there anyone you still need to forgive or from whom you need to ask forgiveness?** Let’s do it now, and Easter and beyond will be more full.

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