



# THE MESSENGER

## GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Volume 56, No. 2

January 15, 2009

### 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

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Bazaar House News .....	2
Christian Education.....	5
Chuck Chapman Invitation .....	3
Correction to Jan. 1 Messenger.....	3
Enrich Your Marriage.....	2
First Friday Fellowship.....	3
Food Pantry Update .....	3
GSL School News.....	4
Jung Group Workshop .....	2
Member News.....	2
Message from Ron.....	6
Midtown Security Meeting .....	3
Radical Abundance .....	3
Senter's Last Sunday Pictures.....	2
Staff and Vestry .....	2
Support Groups at GSL.....	2
Third Thursday.....	3
Youth News.....	3

### Dear Children of God at Grace-St. Luke's,

There are no words adequate to express to you the grace and privilege it has been for me to serve God in Christ with you and among you. You have been a witness to me of God's love, in infinite ways – both large and small. I am humbled by your ministries, so many of which are quiet and unacknowledged. You have taught me much of what it means to be a priest, through the many ways in which you live out your own priesthood in Christ. Thank you for the enormous privilege of allowing me to be a part of that. I will always love you, and I give great thanks to God for having been allowed to serve with you and among you. May the blessing of our God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. *In Christ's love, Senter*



GSL Church Basketball teams enjoy playing ball!



**MESSENGER DEADLINES**  
Feb. 1 deadline is 9 AM, Jan. 15!  
Feb. 15 deadline is 9 AM, Feb. 1!

**\*\*\*Kuriah House Blessing\*\*\***  
GSL parishioners are invited to come and join Peter Kuriah and his family for a blessing of their new home at 458 Josephine on Saturday, January 17, at 3 PM. The Rev. Brian Ponder will officiate.



**STAFF**

The Rev. Dr. Ron DelBene, *Interim Rector*,  
ext 18, ron@gsparish.org  
The Rev. J. Brian Ponder, *Associate Rector*,  
ext 13, brian@gsparish.org  
The Rev. Eyleen Farmer, *Pastoral Care Associate*,  
ext 19, eyleen@gsparish.org  
Christi Autement, *Activities Director*,  
ext 22, christi@gsparish.org  
Beulah Boone, *Sexton*, ext 14  
Lakisha Brown, *Sexton*, ext 14  
Beth Claybrook, *Financial Assistant*,  
ext 26, beth@gsparish.org  
Julie Denman, *Rector's Administrative Assistant*,  
ext 15, julie@gsparish.org  
Hilary Dow-Ward, *Youth Director*,  
ext 20, hilary@gsparish.org  
Wesley Emerson, *Organist/Choirmaster*,  
ext 16, wesley@gsparish.org  
Fia Heffington, *Parents' Day Out Director*,  
278-2244, pdo@gsparish.org  
Lucy Owens, *Administrative Assistant*,  
ext 10, lucy@gsparish.org  
Debbie Smith, *Music Associate*,  
ext 27, debbie@gsparish.org  
Linda Stine, *Financial Officer*  
ext 17, linda@gsparish.org

**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 Rolves, 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.*

**Member News****Baptism on December 24, 2008**

Shelby Miller Rosato, son of Peter and Curry Rosato

**Baptisms on January 4, 2009**

Henry Allen Jennings, son of John Jennings and Erin Jennings  
Luke Emmel Roy, son of Adam and Sarah Roy

**Baptisms on January 11, 2009**

Chloe Olive Feinstone, daughter of Daniel and Kathryn Feinstone  
Paul Benjamin Cowan, son of Ben and Amelia Cowan  
Marlon Henry "Marley" White, son of Jeff and Kimberly White  
Harrison Maxwell "Max" White, son of Jeff and Kimberly White

**Bazaar House News**

Thanks for all your support for our Bazaar in November. Thanks to the Boy Scouts for moving us, the ladies for cooking and serving, Mr. Woo and Woody Berry for cashiering, the gift of your treasures for our sale.

We were able to gross \$4,000 and were able to distribute to organizations such as Memphis Union Mission, Emanuel Center, Boy Scouts, etc.

This has inspired us to "do it again" this year. (2nd Thursday in November).

And once again we are accepting your old Christmas cards and any treasures, fabrics, yarns, etc.

Drop by for lunch any Tuesday @ 11 for a visit - just bring your sandwich and a drink - or come work with us any Tuesday from 9 to 1. *Betty Underwood*

**Enrich Your Marriage**

Episcopal Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples of any age who desire to enrich their relationship. The weekend is not a counseling session, it is a time for husband & wife to focus on each other. The Weekend will take place March 27-29 at the Hampton Inn on Shady Grove in Memphis. An informational talk detailing the weekend, registration, schedule and cost will be offered on Wed., Jan. 21, at 6:30 PM at Holy Communion, Walnut Grove & Perkins. For more info, contact Kendra & Robert Propst at 682-7910.

**SAVE THE DATE: February 6, 2009, 7 - 9 PM**

The Memphis Jung Group is presenting a workshop by Dr. Jerry Wright, Jungian Analyst, who offers lectures, workshops and retreats on topics/themes related to the integration of Jungian Psychology and spirituality. Dr. Wright practices in Flat Rock, NC, and Decatur, Georgia, and serves on the faculty of the Memphis Jung Seminar and the Haden Institute for Spiritual Direction and Dream Leader Training. His presentation is entitled "Seeking a God Sufficient for the Soul's Passion." *Earlybird* registration cost is \$15 and admission at the door will be \$20, with student admission at \$5. For more information call Anne Ayres, 458-2527, or Judy Beard, 726-1903.

**Senter's Last Sunday**

*Many people gathered on Sunday, December 28, to wish The Rev. Senter Crook farewell. To view a PhotoShow of pictures, go to the GSL homepage at gsparish.org and under "Announcements" select "PhotoShow of Senter's Last Sunday."*



## GSL Food Pantry Thank-you and Request!

The food pantry workers want to thank the kids, parents, and staff of the school for all the great canned goods they brought. We really appreciate all the hard work and generosity. We have vegetables and beans for months to come and that is a big help.

Also, thanks to all the food pantry workers who donate an hour or two a month to acquire, shelve, sack, and distribute all the food.

If anyone wants to contribute more to our food pantry, we always need paper bags, canned meats, dry milk, canned fruits, and hygiene products such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, etc. The number of people we have been serving lately has gone up amazingly and it has been hard to keep the shelves stocked. Grace-St Luke's has been helping to feed a lot of hungry people, many of them children, who are having a hard time. *Gayle Evans*

## Trinity Institute's 39th National Conference Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability

Join us on Feb. 6 & 7 as Leading Theologians and Grass-roots Activists Consider Radical Ideas About Abundance, Sustainability, & Well-being at St. John's United Methodist Church - 1207 Peabody Ave. Go to [gslparish.org/trinity.htm](http://gslparish.org/trinity.htm) for more information. *Noel Schwartz*

## You're invited!

Join us for the Midtown Security Community Meeting on Thurs, Jan. 22, 5:30-6:30 PM at the American Red Cross Building, 1400 Central. "Be part of the solution. Help keep Midtown a safe place to live, work, and worship." For more information contact Peggy Williamson at 272-9027 or [jfwncc@bellsouth.net](mailto:jfwncc@bellsouth.net) or go to [www.midtownsecuritycommunity.org](http://www.midtownsecuritycommunity.org).

## Fr. Chuck Chapman Instituted as 13th Rector of St. Mary's, El Dorado

The Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church cordially invite you to attend the Celebration of a New Ministry, at which The Rt. Rev. Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas, will institute The Rev. Charles T. Chapman, Jr., as XIII Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Tuesday, the twentieth of January, 2009, at 7:00 in the evening. St. Mary's is located at 512 Champagnolle Rd. in El Dorado, AR. (870) 863-7064.

Fr. Chuck served as Curate at St. Mary's from 1997 to 2007, and as Interim Rector from 2007 to 2008. He succeeds the Rev. Bob Allen, who served for over 16 years and who retired at the end of 2007.

Many of you may remember Fr. Chuck as the Rector's Assistant at Grace-St. Luke's Church and School Chaplain during the 80's.



## Youth News

Jan. 16-19 GSL Youth Trip

Jan. 21/28 Teen Group, 7 PM

Jan. 25 Sr. High EYC, 6:30 PM, Doan House

## 3rd Thursday Bill Haltom Speaks to the Third Thursday Dinner, Thursday January 15 in Trezevant Hall

6:30 Gather for Wine; 7:00 Dinner  
\$10.00 for everything!  
Don't Miss the Fun!



## Interested in connecting with other young adults at Grace St. Luke's Church?

First Friday Fellowship is a place where newcomers & newly involved parishioners can connect for fun and fellowship. We plan to mix and mingle on the first Friday of the month for lively conversation, libations, & heavy hors d'oeuvres. 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). The Feb. FFF will be held on Fri., Feb. 6th, at the home of Kate & Chris Morse. If you're interested in receiving an Evite for FFF, email Kate Garretson Morse at [kategarretson@yahoo.com](mailto:kategarretson@yahoo.com).



## Correction to January 1 Messenger...

Maura Sullivan's name was accidentally omitted.

Back row Pete Pospisil, Samantha Cicero, Chris Morse, Kurt Patton, and Alicia & Joe Wiggs

Front row Bishop Johnson, Ron DelBene, Stephen Spainhour, Maura Sullivan, Kelly Jo Graves, and Rachel Robinson

## News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

Happy New Year! It seems like the holidays went by very quickly! Students returned to school here on January 5, and we are already off and running with several upcoming community events.



### Lisa Lassandrello 5K Remembrance Race at GSL Saturday, Jan. 24, at 9 AM; begins at the Gymnasium

I invite you all to join us for our Lisa Lassandrello 5K Remembrance Race. This is a great community event, and the race is an easy course that starts outside the church on Lemaster and winds around Midtown's beautiful Central Gardens. Lisa was a vital member of the Grace-St. Luke's school community, working in our administrative office for 19 years before her death in 2004 after a year-long battle with cancer. Her husband Jim Lassandrello also worked here for many years as the school's Athletic Director before leaving to fill that role at St. Agnes; Lassandrello Hall is named in his honor. Their three daughters attended GSL, as do their nieces and nephew today. This year's proceeds will benefit GSL, St. Agnes, and Wings Cancer Foundation. Please help us celebrate Lisa's legacy at our school and further the missions of three worthy organizations. Register online at [www.racesonline.com](http://www.racesonline.com) or pick up a brochure in the church hallway.



*Grace-St. Luke's School sent its first holiday card via email this year, with artwork by Vivi Gray (2nd from left) and a selection from our annual Christmas Around the World performance, which featured third grade soloists (l to r) Mackenzie Taylor Barnes, Alexander Carayiannis, Lucy Jones, and Emma Kate Hughes. To access the card, visit: <http://gslschool.org/arts.htm>.*

### Annual Book Swap January 26-29 in McClure Hall

Shop our Book Swap for great bargains on gently-used books (50-cent paperbacks and \$1.00 hardbacks), videotapes (\$1 each) and DVDs (\$2 each). Hours are 7:30 AM -3:30 PM on Mon. 26 and Tues. 27; 7:30-2:15 on Wed. 28; 7:30 AM-7:30 PM on Thurs. 29; and 8:00-noon on Fri. 30.

### 8th Grade Italian Dinner Thursday, January 29, 5-7 PM in Trezevant Hall

Why cook at home when you can eat with us and enjoy a long-time GSL tradition? Affordable Italian meals will be available for approximately \$10 each, and take-out is also available. Call 278-0200 for more info.

Admissions testing for the 2009-2010 school year is underway and will continue throughout January and early February. If you know a family whose child is entering school in the fall, please encourage them to call us for admissions information.



*GSL's eighth-grade girls looked festive on the last day of school in elf hats and accessories created by Lauren Bell and her mother, Kim. Front row l to r: Jules Smith, Kate Valk, Caela Rhea, Isabella Auchus, Zoe Van Deveer, Elizabeth Shearon, Lauren Bell, and Francie Saunders. Back row l to r: Hannah Jacuzzi, Samantha Rebholz, Hannah Jones, Abby Knight, Lillian Norcross, Mary Evans Wallace, and Callie Wallace.*



## Christian Education

### Adult Christian Education Winter 2009

Welcome to the Winter, 2009 semester of Adult Christian Education at Grace St. Luke's. We have a variety of courses being offered as we focus on our theme of "Living the Story." There will be sign-up sheets for several of the courses on the Adult Christian Education bulletin board.

#### Listening for God (January 11 through Palm Sunday)



Participants will read and discuss the stories from Listening for God, Volume 1, a collection of short stories by contemporary writers that provide unique views of the presence of God in daily life. A brief video synopsis of the assigned story is presented at the beginning of each discussion. After the first eight sessions, participants will choose another anthology to continue to the end of the winter term. Everyone is welcome. Books will be available to participants at a subsidized price. Please look for the sign-up sheet for this course.

#### Epiphany, Economics and Energy

(6 Sessions: January 11 through February 15)



In their Greek origin, these words, epiphania, economia and energia, mean something much more personal than we expect. They relate to the mind/soul/action connection of our daily living. During our sessions, we will both explore our inner growth in coming to know God and ourselves in new ways, and uncover ways of being attentive to God's Spirit in the midst of daily life. Ron DelBene will present these sessions.

#### Journaling (2 Sessions: January 11 and 18)



Mark your calendars for a special treat – a consideration of journaling as a personal discipline that could well be your New Year's Resolution or a special Christian discipline for Lent in 2009. John McQuiston II, a prominent Memphis lawyer and active parishioner at Holy Communion Episcopal Church, will share with us what the experience has meant to him and how he began writing and reflecting through his journal. He is now the author of several books including: Always We Begin Again: The Benedictine Way of Living, Finding Time for the Timeless: Spirituality in the Work Week, and Knowing Beyond Words: Reflections on the Inexpressible. Please look for the sign-up sheet and sign-up in advance for this course.

#### Search Party (3 Sessions: February 8, 15 and 22)



Know the Nicene Creed? Sure you do. You say it every Sunday. Believe it? Want to reread it again to see if you truly believe it - every word and phrase? Everyone else is saying it at the same time. Surely they believe it. Otherwise they wouldn't be saying it. But wait. Do I truly believe it? Is the Nicene Creed an accurate statement of my own beliefs? Actually on our faith journey, we may find that we have come to a place different from the Church creeds. This will be an occasion where one can verbalize (perhaps for the first time) what one really believes about such issues as God, Jesus, The Bible, the Church, sin, heaven, hell, etc. Search Party asks two things of participants: first, a willingness to share one's faith truths, and second, complete confidentiality. Repeat nothing of what you hear in the session. Ray Berthiaume will facilitate the process. Please sign-up in advance for this course.



**SUNDAYS:** During Lent, there will be a special Sunday Morning Class exploring each of the special celebrations of the Lenten and Easter Time.

**WEDNESDAYS:** We are very pleased to announce a return engagement with the Rev. Mitzi Minor of the Memphis Theological Seminary. Mitzi has a special Lenten series planned for us on the five Wednesday nights of Lent between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday (March 4, 11, 18 and 25, and April 1). The presentations will be preceded by dinner and fellowship.

### 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

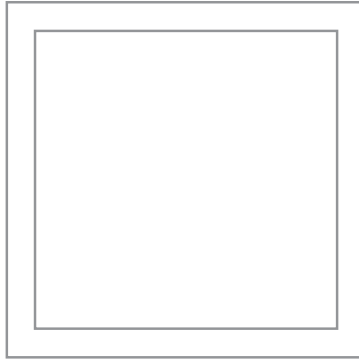
Atrium II is designed for six-to-nine year olds

*3rd thru 6th grades* (Room 212)

*Rite 13:* 7th and 8th grades

*J2A-YAC:* 9th - 12th grades

(Hilary's office, upstairs, 3rd floor)



**It was in the Fall of 1942, but I don't have a picture!** I was reminded of my blank picture the other day when a young nine-year-old friend was excitedly showing me a picture of his baptism. He told me about the church where they were living then, and how his baptism

had taken place at a Sunday Eucharist. He told me all about the baptismal gown he wore which had been in the family for generations and that his dad, and grandfather, and great-grandfather... and just about everybody had worn. He giggled when he told me that it really had a funny color to it and wasn't white anymore since it was so old and so many people had worn it.

Later on, I was reflecting on his excitement about his baptism. I was struck with his awareness of his connection to past generations. Perhaps he will also become more aware of those people after him who would wear the same gown. And my mind wandered back to my own baptism. I know that my aunt and uncle were my sponsors, and that my mother and father were there, but that's it. It was held in the back corner of the church (where many baptism fonts were kept in those days). I suspect it was after one of the morning services or often times baptisms were done later on Sunday after lunchtime. I wore no generational baptism gown.

**But the good news is:** It is our baptism, no matter where it took place – whether we were sprinkled, dipped, splashed, or dunked – no matter what we wore, no matter who was

there...it is our baptism which incorporates us into this vast family we call by the name Christian. It is more than the few or many people who stand with us around the water.

This New Year Season we have been experiencing many baptisms at the 10:30 service and many photos have been taken. We have been reminded again and again about our generational connections not only with families gathering at the baptisms, but also when we remember we are celebrating all the saints in this place over the years who have been part of this family.

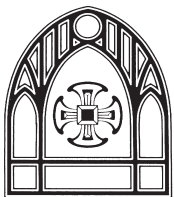
Each Sunday Eucharist provides another time to remember all the saints in our lives. And we remember them as a part of our lives because we are baptized into a family that goes far beyond those we know and see in the pictures. When we join, week after week, with the angels, archangels and all the company of heaven who sing *Holy, holy, holy*, we are reaffirming our baptism. Reaffirming that we are a part of this vast cloud of witnesses in this world and the next. And we all have committed ourselves to making Christ's transforming love known in the world.

I invite you to begin your thinking about the saints in your life by recalling your baptism, the baptisms of those you love, and the baptisms you've witnessed here and elsewhere. Open the albums, look at some pictures, and celebrate. I suspect some of you when reflecting on your baptisms have blank pictures like I did. It doesn't necessarily mean that the event was any less powerful or exciting. In my case it simply meant that we didn't have a camera.

---

*The Messenger* of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church (USPS 778-900)-published semimonthly by Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38104. POSTMASTER: send address changes to Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 1720 Peabody Avenue, Memphis, TN 38104, (901) 272-7425, e-mail [gsl@gsllparish.org](mailto:gsl@gsllparish.org). Lucy Owens, Editor.

---



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
1720 PEABODY AVENUE  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38104-6124  
901-272-7425, 901-272-9833 (FAX)  
[gsl@gsllparish.org](mailto:gsl@gsllparish.org)     [www.gsllparish.org](http://www.gsllparish.org)

Periodicals Postage Paid  
at Memphis, Tennessee