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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 8:45 AM Breakfast
 9:30 Christian Ed Class
 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 - Friday

MESSENGER DEADLINE/ONLINE

The deadline for the February issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, **Jan. 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.**

Duty and Honor

by *Ellis Adams Keplinger*

Members of Boy Scout Troop 34, based at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, recently completed a community service project that was a great source of civic pride, for the scouts, as well as for the Memphis community.

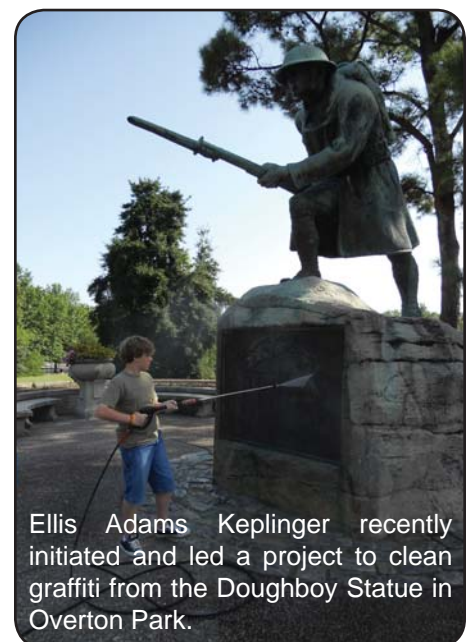
The project came into being this summer. While attending camp at the Memphis College of Art, I went to Overton Park to do some sketching and noticed that someone had spray-painted graffiti on the World War I memorial, The Doughboy. The base of that beautiful statue had been defaced with antiwar sentiments. It was so sad to see such an iconic memorial devalued and I wanted to do something about it. I called our Scout Master, Dan Eason, and asked if we could take on the clean-up of the statue as a Scout service project. He advised that we should go through the Parks Commission; first for approval and, secondly, for directions on how to safely clean the bronze statue. I contacted Director of Park Services Cynthia Buchanan with our request and she responded quickly, with both approval and directions.

So we "gathered our troops" and a group of Scouts from Troop 34 met at the Memorial Plaza in Overton Park to clean up the statue. We used a pressure washer and a lot of elbow grease to remove the graffiti, and after a morning of hard work, the statue had been restored to its former glory. Our group also picked up litter from the surrounding plaza, in an effort to leave the area in as neat a state as possible.

It was our duty, and an honor, to participate in this special community service project. And while I know that the First Amendment guarantees the "Freedom of Speech," and that everyone is entitled to their opinions, I don't believe that our founding fathers meant to imply that someone should deface public property with graffiti as a means of expressing their views—especially not when their words are designed to mar a memorial intended as a tribute to those who gave their lives for our country to protect our freedoms. Those soldiers did their duty, and we in turn, had a chance to do ours.

It is our hope that our community service project restored the dignity of those who deserved to be recognized with honor and our respect.

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Ellis Adams Keplinger recently initiated and led a project to clean graffiti from the Doughboy Statue in Overton Park.


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2011 VESTRY


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eNews, Pastoral Notices, Directory & eMessenger

 The eNews, which is sent out by email weekly, contains event reminders and first time announcements.

 Want to save money and trees? Sign up for the eMessenger. It's a .pdf version of *The Messenger*.

 Ever want a phone number, address or email and the office is closed? An up-to-date **online directory** is also stored online.

 We also email **pastoral notices** when a parishoner or loved one has died.

Contact lucy@gracestlukes.org with your email address & she'll get you added to the GSL eDatabase!

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Since the completion of this project, Ellis Adams Keplinger and the participating members of Boy Scout Troop 34 have been recognized with a Community Service Award by the National Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Hermitage NSDAR chapter of Memphis. This chapter was initially responsible for leading the campaign to have the Doughboy Statue placed in Overton Park, and one of the DAR members making the presentation recalled collecting pennies as a schoolchild to be melted down to make the bronze statue. Additionally, during the week of the nation's observation of Veterans Day (Nov. 11), Ellis and the other participating members of Boy Scout Troop 34 were given a proclamation by the Memphis City Council in honor of their civic pride and commitment to community service.



Members of Boy Scout Troop 34 (from left) Joseph Blankenship, Assistant Scout Master Ward Deaton, Daniel Reed, Alton Stovall, Pip Deaton, Ellis Adams Keplinger and Scout Master Dan Eason, recently cleaned up the Doughboy Statue in Overton Park after it had been defaced with spray paint by vandals. Troop 34 is based at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Midtown.

Support Groups at GSL

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

AA meetings: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM & 8 PM, both in the Lounge

Narcotics Anonymous: Saturdays, 12:30 PM, Sundays, 8 PM, Trezevant Hall

AI Anon: Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Lounge

Suicide Anonymous: Wednesdays, 7:30 PM, Lounge

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous: Mondays & Thursdays, 8 PM,
Saturdays, 4 PM, all in the Lounge

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. Bring your own mat. Call instructor Traci Lee Moore at 598-7608 to reserve your spot.

Have questions about The Episcopal Church? Wonder about Confirmation? Inquirers' Classes Begin on January 5.

If you are ready to explore the The Episcopal Church in general and Grace-St. Luke's in particular, you are invited to come to the Inquirers' Classes on Wednesday evenings beginning on January 5 and continuing until January 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The class will gather in Trezevant Hall. Bring your inquiring mind and all your questions about the church.

In a small group setting with Richard Lawson, assisted by Brian Ponder and Gayle McCarty, you will examine *The Book of Common Prayer*, Scripture, Tradition and Reason, tour the church, learn about activities and programs, and have a chance to ask all of your questions.

The classes do not commit one to Confirmation but will serve as preparation for those interested in being confirmed at Bishop Johnson's visit to GSL on January 23. All are welcome to attend. Whether you are new to GSL or just interested in a refresher course in the Episcopal Church you are invited to come.

To assist in planning, please contact Julie Denman, julie@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425, to register and to request nursery care. Please be sure to make arrangements for child care in advance.



Christian Education for Adults, Youth & Children Sundays, 9:30-10:15 AM

Adult Christian Education

Rector's Forum

The Rector's Forum is a thoughtful and creative class, with an eye toward encouraging everyone to make connections between scripture and the daily grind of ordinary life. Although the Rector teaches most of the classes, on occasion he hosts a guest speaker or presenter for a short series. All ages are welcome.

Location: Trezevant Hall

Listening for God

The Listening for God class continues to read stories from the anthology *Faith: Stories*, edited by C. Michael Curtis. If you are interested in purchasing a book for \$10, please contact Janice at pazar@aol.com.

Location: Peete Room *Class starts at 9:15 AM.*

Leaders: Charlie Pazar & Preston Wilson

Youth Sunday School

Jr. High

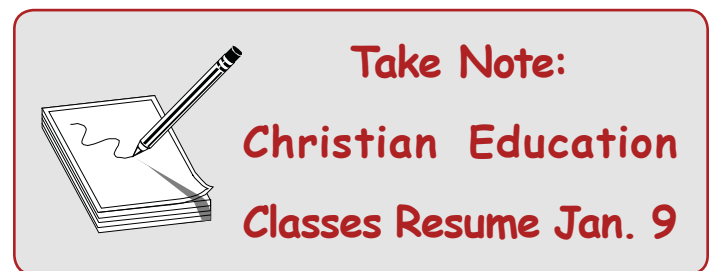
6th–8th grade class; Location: 3rd Floor Classroom (Morton Hall);

Leaders: Donna and Jerry Sanders

Sr. High

9th–12th grade class; Location: Conference Room (old Science Lab) Evans Building;

Leaders: Grant Adams, the Rev. Gayle McCarty & Jim Greer



Nursery & Children's Sunday School

Nursery

Newborns to 18-month-olds; Nursery staff;
Location: Infant Room

Little Lambs

Two to very young three-year-olds; Nursery staff;
Location: Little Lamb Room–Nursery area

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Atrium 1; Three to six-year-olds; Amanda Robbins;
Atrium 1 Room–Nursery area

Atrium 2; Six to nine-year-olds (second grade); Pete Shearon; Atrium 2 Room–Jackson Library (Evans Bldg)

Speak with Eva Loftin, Nursery Coordinator, on Sunday mornings if you have any questions or concerns regarding the classes in the nursery area.

Saints Sunday School

3rd–5th grade class; Room 212–across from McClure Hall (Evans Bldg)



First Friday Fellowship

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

The next FFF will meet on **Jan. 7** at Memphis Zoo on Ice. We will convene at 6:30 PM at the Teton Trek Lodge for food and drinks before heading over to the ice skating rink. An evite will be sent out as usual for the January FFF; 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.

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.

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).

You're invited to the 39'ers January Gathering

The 39'ers kick off their 2011 year on **Jan. 14**. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Major Wilson who is a retired History Professor at the University of Memphis. He comes to us highly recommended; we will not be disappointed. His subject is to be, Lincoln on the Gettysburg Address.

Join the 39'ers at 11:30 AM for wine and cheese, with lunch at noon, all for only \$6.00. The program will follow. Reservations to Lucy by noon on Wednesday, January 12, at lucy@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425.

To Go and Be with God

Women's Retreat 2011 February 25 - 27
St Columba Retreat Center
"Come, Partake of the Cup of Life"

You can download reservation form at:
www.gracestlukes.org/uploads/files/2011womensretreat.pdf

The cup symbolizes our inner journey - sometimes filled or empty, overflowing, broken or cracked. Come as you are and drink of Life.



This cup holds grief and balm
in equal measure light, darkness.
Who drinks from it must change.
May Sarton

Looking towards Sunday Revised Common Lectionary Track 2 ✠ Year A

Second Sunday after Christmas January 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14 • Psalm 84:1-8
Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a • Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord January 9

Isaiah 42:1-9 • Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43 • Matthew 3:13-17

Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 16

Isaiah 49:1-7 • Psalm 40:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 • John 1:29-42

Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 23

Isaiah 49:1-7 • Psalm 40:1-12
1 Corinthians 1:1-9 • John 1:29-42

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 30

Micah 6:1-8 • Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31 • Matthew 5:1-12

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/)

St. Clare Retreat for Women

The January St. Clare Retreat will be held on **Friday, Jan. 7**, at St. Columba Conference Center beginning at 8:30 AM and ending with lunch at noon. The Rev. Mimsy Jones will lead the meditation which is followed by a time of silence for individual contemplation. The cost is \$20 which includes morning coffee and lunch. Make reservations with Dana Sue Mercer at DSPercer@gmail.com or by calling 829-3251.

Heidi and Monica Update

For those who have been following the lives of Heidi and Monica, a recent letter that we received has posted to the GSL website at <http://www.gracestlukes.org/reaching-out/south-africa-missionaries/> and a copy on the bulletin board.

Bishop's Annual Visit
Sunday, January 23, 2011
Rector's Forum at 9:30
Confirmation at the 10:30 service
Reception following the service



Katie Smythe to
 Speak to January 20
 Third Thursday Group

Katie Smythe, CEO and Artistic Director of New Ballet Ensemble and School, is the speaker for the January 20 Third Thursday dinner group. Katie and New Ballet received national attention this year when they were selected as one of five organizations nationally to be spotlighted by the Today Show with a visit from Al Roker and a shower of gifts and equipment from a wide range of companies honoring their work. New Ballet is a community school of the arts as well as a professional performing ensemble. Quoting their website, "New Ballet provides opportunities to young aspiring artists from diverse backgrounds by providing the tools and training to those who seek excellence, regardless of the family's ability to pay." Graduating seniors have received impressive scholarships to continue their educations. The program includes a professional company, a school, public performances and community partnerships and provides instruction to scholarship students who would never have known dance, along with those whose parents pay full tuition. Their dancers present a number of programs throughout the year, as well as dancing in various productions by Opera Memphis.

Our evenings always follow the same format: drinks, nibbles and conversation beginning at 6:30 PM in Trezevant Hall, dinner promptly at 7:00, 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 do make reservations to Lucy at 272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org by **Tuesday, Jan. 18**. Our seating is limited, so don't wait! In keeping with church policy, your reservation is your agreement to pay.

Souly Soup
5th Sunday Celebration
Come warm your
body and soul
with homemade
soups and sides
after the 10:30 am
service on
Sunday, Jan. 30.

Neighborhood Parties Resume

Beginning in January, the neighborhood parties to meet Richard and Katherine Lawson will resume. Approximately 12 groups will meet during the winter/spring months, so please be patient with us as we go through the parish, and watch your mailbox for your invitation.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Denman, 272-7425 or julie@gracestlukes.org.

Seven New Vestry Members Elected November 21

On November 21, Grace-St. Luke's held its Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Election. A BIG thank-you goes out to all who allowed their names to be considered for election.

Those elected to a three-year term are Ginger Collier, Stinson Liles, Catherine Morehead, Linda Niell, Pete Shearon, Doug Smith and Nicki Soule.

A BIG thank-you also goes out to this year's nominating committee, composed of those whose term ended in Dec. 2010: Patrick Burnett, Thad Cockrill, Hal Morse, Andy Nix, Paula Sappington, Jennie Van Deveer and Tom Wyatt.

2010 VESTRY ELECTION RESULTS

LINDA NIELL	PETE SHEARON	DOUG SMITH
		NICKI SOULE




OUTREACH NEWS at Grace-St. Luke's

2010 Outreach Grants

Each year, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church makes a number of grants to charitable organizations to support their programs. For more information, contact the Outreach Committee Chairman, Murray McKay, at murraymckay@comcast.net.

For 2010, the grants were as follows:

<i>Organization</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Ministry</i>
Door of Hope	\$4,000.00	Housing the homeless
Peacemakers Youth Ministry at Caritas Village	\$800.00	After school program
Church Heath Center	\$5,000.00	Healthcare for poor
Memphis Child Advocacy Center	\$2,000.00	Fighting child abuse
MIFA	\$5,000.00	Emergency assistance
Dance Works	\$750.00	Dance scholarships for poor
Alzheimers Day Services	\$1,000.00	Art therapy
Exchange Club Family Center	\$3,000.00	Fighting domestic violence
West TN Haiti Partnership	\$2,000.00	Support for St. Paul's School in Montrious
Samaritan Counseling Center	\$2,000.00	Mental healthcare for poor
Hope House	\$1,000.00	Daycare for children affected by HIV
Emmanuel Episcopal Center	\$1,000.00	After school program
United Housing	\$4,000.00	Foreclosure counselling
Jacob's Ladder	\$3,000.00	Children & teen center
Caritas	\$1,000.00	Dance program for boys
More Than a Meal	\$4,290.00	Security guard
Porter-Leath	\$2,000.00	Meal for young children
Clergy Discretionary Fund	\$3,600.00	
Grant Total	<u>\$45,440.00</u>	
GSL Outreach Budget	\$43,923.00	
Donations from Outreach Committee	<u>\$1,517.00</u>	
GSL Outreach Grant funding	\$45,440.00	



ANGELS ABOUND AT GSL

Our first annual ANGEL Tree project had a divine start as you lovingly adopted every single ANGEL in record time! At the time of this writing, collection Sunday and the Christmas party have yet to happen. Check out the February issue of *The Messenger* for a complete story with a photo. In the meantime, we give our heartfelt thanks for your enthusiasm and generosity!

PASTORAL CARE CORNER

by The Rev. Gayle McCarty

Curate for Pastoral Care and Outreach

“Being a pastor is like being a stray dog at a whistler’s convention” *Anonymous*

Don’t we all feel like that at times? Life can be demanding as we juggle work, family, bills, home responsibilities, community involvement, ministry at church, etc. Add caregiving to the mix and life can be overwhelming.

My pastoral care message is to encourage us all to make care of self a top priority as we begin 2011. This has been



on my heart for a while—for myself and for all of you. To care for others, we must care for self.

I recently made this pledge to self—to get sufficient sleep, to stop and eat real meals, to exercise, to take more bubble baths, to watch more sunrises and sunsets, to read more for pleasure and to play more—a lot more.

Won’t you join me please? Take care and make that pledge to self to care for self.

Membership News

Transfer In Walker Edward Morris, Jr., Janie Morris and Walker Morris III

Baptism Nora Grace Eileen Hickey, daughter of Jon-Paul and Kathryn Hickey, on November 22, 2010.

Avenues Toward Membership at Grace-St. Luke's

We welcome all people whether a person is a member or a guest. However, membership does matter. Membership is about belonging: belonging to God and belonging to God's people in the Church.

The Rev. Richard Lawson says, "Membership is a way of saying, 'Grace-St. Luke's is where I belong. It is my spiritual home.' All people need to know where they belong, spiritually and physically."

Am I a member?

How do I change my church membership to Grace-St. Luke's?

Please direct your questions about membership and parish life to Julie Denman (julie@gracestlukes.org).

Newcomers! Please Help Us By Completing the Newcomer Survey

As part of a new focus on communicating to people who might become Grace-St. Luke's newcomers, the Communications Committee is seeking the input of our existing newcomers. To that end, we have posted an online newcomer survey that we are asking new members to complete. It can be taken in five minutes, and will have a big impact on the ways we plan to introduce our wonderful church to more and more people.

You'll find the link to the survey at www.gracestlukes.org/newcomersurvey.

The anonymous survey asks a series of simple questions about where respondents live, how they were introduced to Grace-St. Luke's, and what about our community most appealed to them. And as an added incentive, respondents who complete the survey by January 15 can choose to be entered in a drawing for Grace-St. Luke's sweatshirts and other prizes!

See p. 3 for information about the upcoming Inquirers' classes starting Jan. 5.

Trinity Institute's 41st Annual Theological Conference February 18-19 (Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday)

Local Partners: Memphis School of Servant Leadership, Memphis Theological Seminary, and St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral

Grace-St. Luke's is one of the parishes sponsoring this conference, and three parishioners may attend without charge (first-come, first-served). For others, the charge is just \$10 which includes meals. This is always a very informative and challenging conference. If you are interested in attending, please go to <http://servantleadership-memphis.org/EVENTS.html> for more information and an application form. Contact Noel Schwartz, nschwartz@aol.com or 274.3106, with questions or to ask for one of our free spots.

Please join us in exploring the question:

HOW DO WE READ SCRIPTURE?

This question is at the heart of this year's Trinity Institute. Walter Brueggemann, Mary Gordon, Teresa Okure and Gerald O. West will be the speakers as we explore the theme "Reading Scripture Through Other Eyes."

That scripture shapes our individual and communal lives is obvious. How we are reading these scriptures through a variety of lenses - through the eyes of our various cultures

- is not always as obvious. Learning to see and hear these texts through the eyes and experiences of others can help us to see and hear God in fresh ways that move us to deeper faithfulness.

- What concerns do scholars have when reading scriptures?
- What does an ordinary reader bring?
- How does our culture influence what truths we may find in scripture?
- How do we read scripture together?

"Reading Scripture through Other Eyes" will consider these questions and others in order to help us become more conscious of what we are looking for when we return to the Bible as a source of inspiration.

Imagine real dialogue on the nature, role and influence of scripture in our life together. Imagine hearing reflections on scripture. Imagine lay and clergy in small groups discussing the impact scripture has on their lives while also exploring scripture through "other eyes."

This is a replay of the actual "live" conference which is in January at Trinity Wall Street.



GSL Church Athletics

A huge THANKS goes out to all of the 2010 GSL Soccer Coaches!

Theresa Prather, Connor Homayouni, Posey Cochrane, Craig and Donald Hunt, Aaron Prather, Patrick Hough, Andy Surber, Thor Kvande, Phil Ryan, Shawn Sentilles, Alec McLean, Randy Engel, Waring Porter, Doug Daniels, Mitch James, Matt Heiter, Rick Neal, Jock Wright and Kim Jenkins.



The senior kindergarten play included a nativity scene, a visit from the three wise men, Santa and his reindeer, and a rousing rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," among other favorites!



News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

On behalf of the school community, I want to sincerely thank Chapman Morrow, the chair of the search committee, and committee members Richard Lawson, Jim Mercer, Clarence Wilbon, Patrick Burnett, Linda Niell, Cynthia Saatkamp, Mary Wright, and Jeff Emerson for all of their work to date on the search for the next Head of School. We will undoubtedly have a busy second half of the school year as we prepare to welcome a new leader to GSL.

In December we enjoyed a beautiful Christmas Chapel service before breaking for the holidays. Many thanks to Father Richard, Father Brian, and Rev. Gayle for all of their help.

In January, we have several events to remind you about—you are invited to all of them and we look forward to seeing you!

Lisa Lassandrello 5K Remembrance Race at GSL

Jan. 22 at 9:00 AM; starts and ends at the Anchor Center (250 Lemaster)

Held in memory of long-time GSL administrative assistant Lisa Lassandrello, who worked at GSL for 19 years until her death in 2004 after a year-long battle with cancer. Register today at www.racesonline.com or pick up a form at the school office. T-shirts guaranteed for first 800 registrants. This is a beautiful flat course through Central Gardens; it's fun for kids, parents, and grandparents! Please join us and help celebrate Lisa's legacy at GSL.

Book Swap

Jan. 24-27, McClure Hall

Great deals on gently used books, videos and DVDs. Stop by during school hours and shop the Swap!

Italian Dinner Presented by the 8th Grade

Thursday, Jan. 27, 5:30-7:30 PM in Trezevant Hall

This fundraiser for the 8th grade is an annual GSL tradition; proceeds help defray the cost of the students' year-end class trip. Come by and enjoy a delicious Italian dinner with your school family and friends. Take-out also available; tickets on sale later this month.

Seventh grade acolytes Will, Aynsley, and Rainey process into church with their class banner at the annual Thanksgiving Day service on Grandparents Day.





E Y C January News

January Teen Group meets on Wednesdays from 7-8 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church.

No EYC on Jan. 2

Jan 9 Feast of Lights for grades 6-12 at St. Mary's Cathedral

No EYC on Jan 16 (MLK Weekend)

Jan 23 Priest on a hot seat with Fr. Richard
Jr. High 5-6:30, Sr. High 6-7:30, Doan House,
1768 Peabody

Jan 30 Jr. High 5-6:30, Sr. High 6-7:30, Doan House,
1768 Peabody

Calling all cooks! Interested in providing dinner for EYC? Please email Ann Burruss at ann@gracestlukes.org. Dinner is needed on Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 27, Mar. 6, Mar. 20, Mar. 27, Apr. 3, Apr. 10, and Apr. 17.

It is also time to start thinking about and planning for the end of the year. We are looking for hosts for our end of the year party for 6th-12th grades. Please email Ann with your BEST offer!

EYC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

If you are not receiving our email updates about EYC and would like to receive them, please email Ann and let her know and she will be happy to add you!

Happening Applications Applications for Happening #49, February 11-13, 2011, are available on the diocesan website (www.episwtn.org) and are due **Friday, Jan. 12**.



FEAST OF LIGHTS

WHO:

Young people in grades 6-12 & their leaders

WHAT:

A time for young people in the Diocese of West Tennessee to gather, play, pray, eat, & worship together to celebrate Epiphany

WHEN:

4:00-7:00pm on Sunday, January 9, 2011

WHERE:

St. Mary's Cathedral at 692 Poplar Ave, 38105

BRING:

A pair of gloves or socks
to donate to the Emmanuel Episcopal Center

**The Feast of Lights service
at St. Mary's starts at 6:00 PM.
All are invited to attend.**

**Lisa Lassandrello
5K Remembrance Race at GSL
Jan. 22 at 9:00 am
Starts & ends at the Anchor Center (250 Lemaster)
Form at the school office or register at
www.racesonline.com
T-shirts guaranteed for first 800 registrants**

The Altar Gifts in January are offered in Loving Memory of

January 2 Florence Boyce Battle, Walter Preston Battle, and James McGowin Rowland

January 9 Robert Couch, Jr., Cecil R. Whitlock, Mary Ruth Whitlock, John Wesley Long, Florence Rose Long, Delbert Spurlock, Meacy Spurlock, James W. Whitlock, William T. Reid, Charles P. Reid, Cravens Hollenberg Reid, Tannen Reid Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Carson Rollins, Charles P. Reid III, and Kit Reid

January 16 Deborah Conn, Arliss Hederick Tuttle, Carl Sale Page, Ida Seabrook Page, Katharine Carroll Page, Geraldine Sembower McMahan, Asher Reid McMahan, Nancy McMahan Reynolds, Jeanne McMahan Schadt, Carlisle Sale Page, Jr., and Nelle McMahan Smith

January 23 Edith Washington Bailey, Ernest Eugene Bailey, Mary Chunn Wilkinson, Charles Locke Wilkinson, Edith Bailey Wilkinson, William Neilson Wilkinson, Ernest Bailey Wilkinson, Chunn Wilkinson Babendreer, James Sprague Washington, Ella Washington Schaefer, and William Neilson Wilkinson, Jr.

January 30 John Ethridge McCall and Ensley Shelby Oxley

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Marge Kellum from Bob and Babs Ducklo

Ben Emerson from Lucy Owens and Helen Saino

Martha Guess Farmer from Lucy Owens

Given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for and in Honor of

Nora Grace Hickey from Jon-Paul and Kathryn Hickey

Alec McLean and Randy Engel (Soccer Coaches) from Players on the Girls Soccer Team

News of Bygone Days (from past Messengers)

50 years ago (1961): The Wardens and Vestry for the year 1961 will be officially installed by the Rector at the 11:00 A.M. service this Sunday (1/22/61) ...If you cannot be present, remember these men in your prayers.

25 years ago (1986): Our new hymnals, the Hymnal 1982, will be used for the first time this Sunday (1/12/86) at the combined 10 AM service.

January Lay Service Schedule

January 2

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

Breakfast Cooks: M Herr, C Mercer, M Crow, D McLemore, K Patton, B Williams

8:00 Acolyte, Reader, Chalice: McGehee, Whitlock, Whitlock, Brewer, Brewer

10:30 Acolytes: H Morehead, S Crow, S Collier, H Morehead

Ushers: R Norcross, S Hoover, J Hayes, C Pazar

January 9

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

Breakfast Cooks: H Morse, T Claybrook, J Mercer, W Ayres, B Morse, I Hendry, D Douglass

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

10:30 Acolytes: Z VanDeveer, R Barnes, V Strother, C Sanders

Ushers: M Tyler, W Brown, G Hayes, M Pleasants

January 16

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

Breakfast Cooks: T Bolding, J Rasberry, G Simonton, M Pleasants, M Tyler, J Woo

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

10:30 Acolytes: K Rasberry, A Garrett, J McCall, D McClew

Ushers: E Taylor, P Burnett, E Hord, G Robbins

January 23

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

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: McGehee, Busby, Busby, Brewer

10:30 Acolytes: C Rhea, C Rasberry, R Gooch, C Heiter,

Ushers: T Claybrook, G Burruss, H Wright, D Sappington

January 30

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

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

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

10:30 Acolytes: M Hayes, E James, M Cline, L Robbins
Ushers: J Rasberry, K Carpenter, L Howell, K Self







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February 2011

January 1, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 STEP MEETINGS						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> AI Anon: Thurs 10:30am Alcoholics Anonymous: Tues 6:30 & 8pm Narcotics Anonymous: Sun 8pm, Sat 12:30pm Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous: Mon & Thurs at 8pm, Sat 4pm Suicide Anonymous: Wed 7:30pm </div>						
No Christian Ed or EYC 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	9:00am Bazaar Ladies 9:00am Staff meeting 1:00pm Food Pantry	7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Clergy Mtg 5:00pm Canterbury Ch. 5:30pm Plates 6:00pm St. Cecilia Ch. 6:00pm Fellowship Mtg More Items...		9:30am Fitness for Fun 6:30pm First Friday Fellowship	Vestry Retreat
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Bishop's Annual Visit/Confirmation 8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 8:45am Breakfast 9:30am Christian Ed 11:45am Reception 4:00pm MoreTAMeal 5:00pm Jr. 6 Sr-EYC	12:00pm Weight Watchers 1:00pm Food Pantry 4:30pm EFM	9:00am Bazaar Ladies 9:00am Staff meeting 1:00pm Food Pantry	7:30am Morning Prayer 9:00am Clergy Mtg 5:00pm Canterbury Ch. 5:30pm Plates 6:00pm St. Cecilia Ch. 6:30pm Inquirer's Class More Items...	More Items.. on Wed. are: 6:30pm Inquirer's Class 7:00pm Teen Group 7:00pm Chancel Choir	9:30am Fitness for Fun	
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Same Time, Same Place Rector's Forum Continues in January 9:30 AM in Trezevant on Sundays

Sunday School resumes for all ages on January 9 at 9:30 AM. There is a class for everyone of any age. Lucy Owens, our staff member, does an excellent job of updating the Sunday School schedule each week in the service leaflets, eNews, and on the webpage. If you ever have questions about where we meet or when, please check the webpage (www.gracestlukes.org) or read eNews. (If you do not receive eNews, please email Lucy—lucy@gracestlukes.org—and give her your email address).

The Rector's Forum was one of the highlights of the fall for me. Energy and attendance was very good, especially for a new class in a new location with a very new teacher! Most importantly, there was some thoughtful, creative engagement with the scriptures among the participants. I am continually amazed at the way that God speaks to us - and our contemporary world - through the stories and sayings of the Bible in general and the Gospels in particular. When we say that scripture is God's Word, we do not say that lightly or uncritically. Episcopalians read scripture in light of reason and contemporary knowledge. Nevertheless, it is in the

encounter with scripture that God's voice is heard and God's presence is encountered. As Terry Holmes once wrote in *What is Anglicanism?* “. . .the Bible is the record of God's personal self-disclosure of himself to us. It recounts a lover's longing for the beloved; and if we are to move beyond the words to experience that love, it is the power of the story and the rhythm of the poem that will draw us there.”

That quote is a profound example of how beautiful the Episcopal approach to scripture is: God's word draws us into God's presence. And that is why I invite all of you to come to the Rector's Forum in January. We will continue studying John's Gospel, which happens to be my favorite Gospel. I design the classes so that you may come to one or to all. Please know that if you have never come in the past, you are still invited. There is no expectation that if you come to one that you are “committed” to a certain number. Each class can stand on its own. And—as always—you are welcome to invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.

The Reverend Richard Lawson