



# THE MESSENGER

## GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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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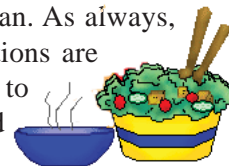
### MESSENGER DEADLINE

The deadline for the April issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, March 15! Beginning in April, *The Messenger* will be mailed monthly. This means you need to think ahead for the WHOLE month. Contact Lucy Owens at 272-7425 or [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto:lucy@gslparish.org) with any questions. Thank you in advance for getting your articles in on time!

## 5th Sunday

### 5th Sunday Goes Light for Lent

Sunday, March 29th, is GSL's next 5th Sunday Celebration, but because it falls in the middle of Lent, we will be serving a light meal. Come join us for Soup & Salad immediately following the 10:30 AM service. Choose from two delicious soups — "Lent"il soup with turkey sausage and rosemary or Chicken Tortilla soup. Also try two fresh salads, Classic Caesar or Parisian. As always, everyone is welcome to join us. No reservations are required, but a small donation is appreciated to cover the costs of the meal. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you.



## Wednesday evenings during Lent (March 18, 25 and April 1)

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

Wednesday nights are very special this Lenten Season. We 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 joins us to teach a class. Mitzi will talk to us about "Joy and Self-Denial (Yes, they go together!): A Lenten Look at the Corinthian Letters."

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

**Reservations are critical for both dinner and child care.** Please call the office at 272-7425 or email [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto: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](mailto:julie@gslparish.org) or 272-7425.

Menu: <http://gslparish.org/lent09.pdf>

## Time to make reservations is NOW!

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### 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.*

## Stations of the Cross



Every Friday during Lent at 5:30 PM  
Use the west entrance (circle drive & up the ramp).  
If you need the code for the door, call the office  
before 4:30 Friday (272-7425).

The object of the Stations of the Cross service is to pass from Station to Station (which are hanging around the nave of the church) and to pray and meditate on these chief scenes of Christ's suffering and death.

### Reservations - Let's talk

Reservations are necessary for proper planning for events.

**Deadlines:** Please make your reservation by the advertised deadline by phone or email. Numbers are given to the caterer or cooks at the deadline for purchase and preparation of correct amount of food. When you are unable to honor your reservation, please send a check for your meal to the church.

**Cancellations:** Canceling after the deadline is not helpful because the sponsoring group must bear the cost of your meal. If you cancel after the deadline, please send a check for your meal to the church.

The goal is managing expenses and improving planning. Your help is appreciated!

### 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 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.

### Support Groups at GSL

**Weight Watchers:** Trezevant Hall, Monday;  
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, 10 AM, Sundays, 8 PM, Trezevant Hall.

**Al Anon:** Thursdays, 10:30 AM, Lounge.

**Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous:** Mondays & Thursdays, 8 PM,  
Saturdays, 4 PM, and a Women's meeting on Thursdays at 6:45 PM, all in the Lounge.

### Fitness Classes at GSL

**Pilates:** Wednesdays at 12:05 in the Scout Room AND  
5:15 & 6:15 in the GSL Gym (childcare available @ 6:15)  
Fridays at 8:30 AM in the Scout Room

**Senior Fitness:** Fridays at 9:30 AM in the choir room.

## Easter Flower Deadline April 1



If you would like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one for Easter flowers, you may send a check to the church office listing the names of those you would like remembered. These names will be listed in the Easter leaflets if received before April 1.



## Christian Education

### Sunday Morning Classes at 9:15 AM

#### Adult Classes

*Exploring Lent, Classes Focusing on the Great Celebrations of the Lenten Season, McClure Hall*

March 15, Ron DelBene will talk about Good Friday

March 22, Eyleen Farmer will talk about Easter Vigil and Day

March 29, Brian Ponder will talk about Palm Sunday

#### Children and Youth

##### *Little Lambs*

(2-to-young-3 year olds)  
1st floor, Parents Day Out area

*Catechesis I and II* (1st floor)  
Atrium I, three-to-six-year olds  
Atrium II, 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)



## Youth News

**Sr. High EYC** will meet on Sundays, March 22 and 29th at 6:30 PM.  
(Doan House, 1768 Peabody)

**Teen Group** will meet on Wednesdays, March 18 and 25, at 7:00 PM.

**Grades 6-8 & DYC**, Spring Fling, March 20-21, at St. John's

## Help Our Youth Raise Funds for Their Summer Mission Trip

**NEXT FUND RAISER - April 6, 2009 from 3-8 PM**

*Where?* Holiday Deli and Ham Co. in Midtown

*How it Works!* When members of GSL parish eat at Holiday Ham between 3-8 PM, 10% of the proceeds from the business earnings goes right to the GSL youth summer mission trip!

**MISSION TRIP** - The GSL Youth will be going to New Orleans on July 3-10, 2009, for a Youth Summer Mission Project. The cost is \$250 per person. The trip is sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana-Gulf Coast Disaster Relief. A deposit of \$50 is due March 15, 2009; balance due by June 15, 2009.

## Happening in West Tennessee

*by Callie Smith*



Callie Smith, Bobby Bell and Hannah Allen  
Participants in Happening #45

"Happening" is a weekend retreat for Episcopal youth in West Tennessee. Happening #45 (which occurred February 13-15, 2009) was lead by student rector, Bailey Bethell (senior at St. Mary's) and various other clergy and adults from Episcopal churches in Memphis. This was the second Happening that I participated in, and my first time to be on staff. Being on staff was a totally different experience than being a Happener, but they are both equally rewarding when it comes to spiritual growth!

The love and friendship you encounter at Happening can change a life, and I'm so grateful to be part of this wonderful community.

Happening #46 will occur Labor Day weekend, September 2009.

Students in grades 10-12 are eligible to apply. Applications will be available in early August, 2009, from Hilary.

# 3rd Thursday

## Botanic Gardens Director Jim Duncan Speaks at 3rd Thursday Dinner

Jim Duncan, Executive Director of the Memphis Botanic Gardens, will speak to the March 19th Third Thursday Dinner. This special spot in Memphis encompasses 96 acres with 23 specialty gardens and programs to include everyone. New offerings including a Children's Garden are in process. Come and learn about them all and enjoy a fun evening of food and fellowship.

Dinner and wine are only \$10.00, and the company can't be beat. Join the empty nest set for a fun evening and a super program.

Please make reservations by calling Lucy at 272-7425 or emailing her at [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto:lucy@gslparish.org). **Reservations must be made by noon on Tuesday, March 17th. Your reservation is your agreement to pay for dinner.**

## Member News

### Transfer In

Stephen L. Hernandez from St. Philip, Jackson, MS  
Kathleen W. Thomason from Calvary Church  
Gail Patrick Spake from Holy Communion

### Transfer Out

Claudia Porter to Otey Memorial Parish, Sewanee, TN

## Memorials and Honoraria

### Memorials

*Emmel Golden* from Ann & John Dillard  
*Pat E. Sledge* from Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Boals IV

### Honoraria

*Nancy & Rodgers Menzies* from Wynn & Gwin Scott\*

\*Correction from the March 1 Messenger.



## Athletic News

### GSL Church Youth Athletics It's Spring Training Time – Let's Play Ball!

It's baseball time and to get the season started we are having a Skills Assessment Day as part of the registration process. This is new to GSL Church Youth Athletics; thanks to all the parents that recommended we do this. We are excited to add the Skills Assessment process to our program.

### This is not a tryout. It's simply a way to more evenly divide the teams.

The Skills Assessment is for all kids who are registered to play baseball/softball in 1st-4th grade. There is not a Skills Assessment for T-Ball players. All you need to do is submit the registration form.

**Who:** All 1st – 4th graders registered for GSL baseball/softball. This is a required part of the registration process; all players need to attend.

**When:** *Mar 21st 9:45am-2pm*    *Mar 22nd 12:45-5:15pm*  
1st Gr Boys 9:45 -11    3rd Gr Boys 12:45 -2:15  
1st Gr Girls 10:45 -12    3rd Gr Girls 1:45-3:15  
2nd Gr Boys 11:45 -1    4th Gr Boys 2:45-4:15  
2nd Gr Girls 12:45 -2    4th Gr Girls 3:45-5:15

**Rain Date:** March 28th & 29th

**Where:** GSL Snowden Field (2233 Harbert Avenue)

**What:** Players will rotate through 3-4 stations, to include:

•Catching

•Throwing

•Fielding

•Batting

\*Pitching (3rd & 4th Graders Only)

\*If your child is interested in pitching during the season, please contact Christi Authement prior to the Skills Assessment. We will not assess pitching for all 3rd-4th grade players - only those that have an interest. So please let us know in advance for scheduling purposes.

**Players:** Be on time so you can get signed in and warmed up. Come dressed and ready to play. Bring your glove (bat if you like) along with your enthusiasm and love of the game and let's have some fun!

**Questions:** Contact Christi Authement, GSL Church Athletic Director or a Committee Member - Todd Brown, Kellie Lacy, Jon Lakey, James Overstreet, Paula Sappington, Bruce Williams



# Outreach News

Over the past several months, the Outreach Committee has made grants to various local charities in furtherance of our mission “to know Christ and make Christ known.” The Outreach Committee attempts to do that by making donations to organizations that keep the admonishment of Matthew 25:35 in mind: to feed the hungry, cloth and shelter the needy, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned. We also attempt to donate to organizations that will provide “hands-on” opportunities for parishioners. We were allotted \$45,762 (though we had requests from our partner organizations in excess of \$80,000) and disbursed as follows:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Church Health Center	\$2,500.00	Haiti Partnership	\$6,000.00
The Caritas Community	\$3,855.00	Memphis Child Advocacy Center	\$5,000.00
Dance Works	\$ 500.00	Memphis School of	
Door of Hope	\$5,000.00	Servant Leadership	\$1,000.00
Emmanuel Episcopal Center	\$5,000.00	MIFA	\$5,000.00
Exchange Club Family Center	\$5,000.00	Samaritan Counseling Center	\$7,400.00

If you are interested in learning more about a particular organization or volunteering with that organization, please contact the Outreach Committee. You may leave a message for a member of the committee by contacting the church office at 272-7425 or [gsl@gslparish.org](mailto:gsl@gslparish.org).



JOYFUL STEWARDS  
OF GOD'S CREATION

## Consider Committing to a “Green” Lent

*Pick up a pledge form for new habits for a sustainable world or download a form from the web at: [www.gslparish.org/creationcare.htm](http://www.gslparish.org/creationcare.htm).*



Sign up for a carbon fast.

[tearfund.org/carbonfast](http://tearfund.org/carbonfast)



Change bulbs.



Shop with reusable bags.



Ride your bike.



Recycle.

*Participate in Grace-St. Luke’s 5th Sunday Eco-Event – March 29 to be held during the 5th Sunday Light Lenten Meal in Trezevant Hall after the 10:30 am service.*

## News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

I want to begin by thanking Father Ron and Hilary Dow-Ward for creating a very special Ash Wednesday service for our students last month. I am certain that Lent will pass quickly here, because we have so much to do over the next few weeks. Following are our most important upcoming events, which I invite you all to attend.

### Anchor Auction

**Friday, March 27, at 6:30 PM at Holiday Inn at the University of Memphis**

You are welcome to join us for the Parents' Association's biggest fundraiser of the year. For ticket information, contact semerson@gslschool.org. This fun night is generally a sell-out, and there will be a variety of great items up for bid in our silent and live auctions.

**Jenifer Fox, author of *Your Child's Strengths: Discover Them, Develop Them, Use Them***

**Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 PM in the Church**

Fox is the director of The Strengths Movement, a non-profit dedicated to helping young people discover their unique paths in life. She created The Affinities Program, a four-year, strengths-based high school curriculum that has been featured on PBS and on NBC's Today Show. It will be a great presentation and it is free and open to the public, so please bring a friend and join us!



### Annie Jr.

**Thurs., Apr. 2 – Sun., Apr. 5, in McClure Hall**

You don't want to miss our fantastic spring production, featuring 38 middle school students in two casts. Mary Allison Pritchard and Katie Fisher McHugh will alternate as Annie. Directed by our own Leslie Reddick, who was recently recognized by Rhodes College as a master teacher in the area of theatre and performing arts education. Tickets on sale now for \$10; please call 278-0200 to order.

### Stations of the Cross

**Maundy Thursday, April 9, 8:05 to 9:00 AM**

In one of our favorite traditions at GSL, third-grade students will present the Stations of the Cross at GSL, beginning just outside the church entrance on Peabody and winding around to the school office on Belvedere. Students will narrate scriptures about the last week of Jesus' life while classmates act out the scenes. This is a very special gift from our third graders that I am sure you will enjoy.

Finally, it is with regret that I share the news that our Head of Lower School, Adam Carswell, will be leaving at the end of the school year. He has accepted a position at a school in Canada, which allows him to take his family back home where they will be much closer to their grandparents and other relatives. We will miss him greatly, and wish him all the best as he accepts this exciting opportunity.



*Grace-St. Luke's Middle School students are now in daily rehearsals for Annie, Jr. Pictured l to r are Virginia Strother as Lily, Tucker Comes as Rooster, and Hannah Jones as Miss Hannigan.*

## More Than a Meal Volunteers Needed

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.

# SOUL MEN TOGETHER ON A JOURNEY

APRIL 24-26  
FRIDAY-SUNDAY

Spend some time just "hanging out with the guys" and some time exploring how God may be calling you to new ways of reading the map of your soul.

**THE MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT**

Save the Date and Join the Men of GSL  
for the Annual Men's Retreat

*Don't Miss Our Featured Lunch  
Speaker - The Rt. Rev. Don. E. Johnson,  
Bishop of West Tennessee*

Friday, April 24, 2009  
through April 26, 2009

**Beginning with Dinner Friday Night  
Ending after Sunday Morning  
Holy Eucharist by the Lake**

Contact Patrick Burnett  
pburnett@glankler.com or 576-1720  
for more information.



**GSL Women's Retreat  
April 3 - 5, 2009**

**To Go and Be with  
God: Simplicity  
Walk as a Child  
of the Light**

**Leaders: The Rev. Eyleen Farmer  
and Ellen Prewitt**

Registration Forms available on  
the GSL Website (gslparish.org)  
and at Church.

Please sign up early!

## **Diocesan Opportunities for Women**

### **St. Clare Retreat April 3**

There will be a St. Clare Retreat for Women on Friday, April 3, at St. Columba Conference Center. The morning begins at 8:30 AM with coffee and introductions. The Rev. Mimsy Jones will lead a meditation followed by a time of silence for private prayer. 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 dspercer@gmail.com Please try to have reservations in by March 30.

### **Tennessee Episcopal Church Women Spring Meeting May 1st and 2nd**

#### **This year in West Tennessee!**

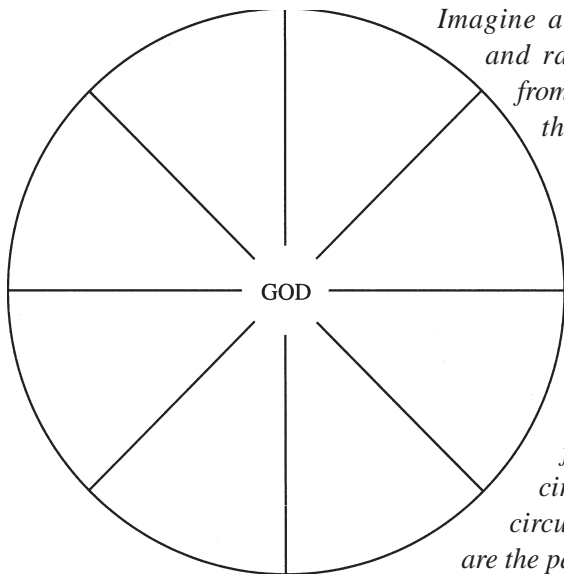
Save the Date! All of the women of the Diocese are invited to the Annual Spring Meeting of the Tennessee Tri-Diocesan Episcopal Church Women on Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2, 2009. This year we are excited that the meeting will be held in West Tennessee at the St. Columba Episcopal Conference Center in conjunction with our monthly St. Clare Silent Retreat. We will also enjoy a service at St. Mary's Cathedral, a conversation with the Bishops, workshops and a keynote address by Martha Holton Hedgpeth speaking on "Forgotten Women of the Bible." Plan to meet interesting women from all over Tennessee. Final registration information will be available next month. Please contact Laurie Monypeny, President, ECW of West Tennessee with any questions: 452-0960 or lmonypeny1@comcast.net.



Pictured are Jon McCalla, Rob Clark, and John Hartney (Paul Linxwiler is in the background) at the 2008 Men's Retreat. Join them at the 2009 retreat for a little hard work, spiritual renewal and a fun time with other men in the parish.

**Lent is a time. . .**

when we talk about coming closer to the real meaning of God's love for us in Jesus. I am reminded of what a spiritual director by the name of Dorotheus said to his students at the beginning of the seventh century.



*Imagine a circle with its center and radii or rays going out from the center. The further these radii are from the center the more widely are they dispersed and separated from one another. . . Suppose now that this circle is the world, the very center of the circle, God, and the lines (radii) going from the center to the circumference or from the circumference to the center are the paths of people's lives.*

In the Lenten journey times of my life, I have taken Dorotheus' teaching to heart and done a little exercise to help myself get centered again for Holy Week and Easter. The times I spend reflecting on "my circle of life" have always helped me be more honest about how I respond to my life and to God in my life. I invite you to join me in this simple way of preparing for Easter.

Fill in the diagram with aspects of your life: work, school, church, home, hobbies, recreation. Then reflect: In which areas of my life am I standing still or moving away from God? In which areas am I moving

closer to God? What are ways that God is calling me to enhance my life?

The diagram helps us visualize how we can move either away from or toward God. The choice is ours to make. It also suggests that the nearer we come to God, the closer we come to one another. Lent really is a prime time for Celebrating God's Presence in our midst and enabling us to be more attentive to *Knowing Christ and making Christ known in the world.*

**A REPEAT  
UPDATE  
PARISH  
DATE**

If you missed our last UPDATE because of the snow, then mark your calendar for **Sunday March 22** and plan to attend a **Repeat of the Parish UPDATE** in McClure Hall after the 10:30 service. 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.

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