



# THE MESSENGER

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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.*

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### MESSENGER DEADLINE/ONLINE

The deadline for the June issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, May 15! Contact the office at 272-7425 with any questions. **If you would like to go green and receive your copy of *The Messenger* online, contact the office.**



## ReNew Vacation Bible School

**June 14 – June 18, 8:30 to 11:30**

**4 year olds (rising JK) to rising 5th graders**

**Registration fee – \$40.00**

**Registration Deadline – June 4**

- \* Explore God's Word through Jesus' Parable of the Sower.
- \* Learn about God's creation and what we can do to care for it.
- \* Meet members of our community who are stewards of the environment.
- \* Make new friends and have a great time.
- \* If needed, childcare is available from 8 to 8:30 and 11:30 to noon.

If your child is attending afternoon GSL School camp, the VBS staff will take them to the Anchor Center at noon.

Registration form available from the church office or can be downloaded at: <http://www.gracestlukes.org/news/vacation-bible-school/>.

For more information call Kathy at 272-7425, ext. 12.

Volunteers needed in all areas; please call Kathy to volunteer!



**STOP HUNGER NOW**

The West Tennessee Haiti Partnership and Stop Hunger Now will be packaging 285,000 meals **July 31** for the ongoing food needs in Haiti.

Your financial contributions, **needed by June 1**, will help us meet our goal. To donate online (\$5 minimum) go to: <http://www.stophungernow.org/memphisevent/>. Please be sure to use this URL so that your donation will be earmarked for our packing event.

**To contribute by check, payable to Stop Hunger Now, mail to:  
 The West Tennessee Haiti Partnership  
 5865 Ridgeway Center Pkwy, Suite 300, Memphis, TN 38120**

You may donate a 216-meal box of food in honor or in memory of a special person for a contribution of \$60. We will place a note, written in English, French and Creole, naming the person honored/remembered in your box of food. Please include with your check the name of the person you wish to honor/remember and the name and address to which we can send an acknowledgement of your gift.

The GSL Food Pantry received over 800 lbs of food from Curves Midtown - Thank you, Curves!!

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#### 2010 VESTRY

Sandy Baker, John Baur, Patrick Burnett,  
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Hal Morse, Andy Nix, Charles Pazar, Betty  
Peyton, Barney Rolfes, Paula Sappington,  
Jennie VanDeveer, Peggy Williamson, and  
Tom Wyatt



A Feast You Don't Want to Miss!

Are you red-y for Pentecost?  
Make sure the Spirit moves you  
to Trezevant Hall for our annual  
Pentecost Feast following the  
10:30 service, Sunday, May 23.

### Three Complete Education For Ministry

Sandy Baker, Judy Self and Preston Wilson will celebrate a very special graduation on May 9. They will receive a graduation certificate from the School of Theology of the University of the South recognizing their completion of the four-year Education for Ministry program. EfM is theological education-at-a-distance which covers the basics of a theological education in the Old and New Testaments, church history, theology and ethics.

EfM has been active here at GSL since 1982; Julie Denman serves as mentor for the group. EfM's self-study of the course materials and the group discussions connecting faith and life provide a powerful way to enable the lay ministry which is ours by virtue of baptism. A significant number of parishioners have completed EfM over its 25+ years here. If this program is of interest to you, please contact Julie Denman, julie@gracestlukes.org, to talk about one of the three openings for the fall. The group meets on Mondays from 4:30 to 6:30 from September to May and tuition is \$340 per year.

### The Waffle Shop Report

Thank you to the following ladies who worked so diligently in the Waffle Shop at Calvary Church: Corrine Adrian, Laura Bolding, Beth Claybrook, Judy Douglass, Gayle Evans, Jean Lewis, Jane Morse, Linda Niell, Sandy Tate, Ruthie Taylor and Bettie Welsh.

If you would like to join this wonderful group next year, be on the look-out for the sign-up sheets next February; Ash Wednesday, is on March 9, 2011!

### A Special Invitation to the 2010 Greek Festival

**Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church**

**573 N. Highland**

**Friday, May 7, and Saturday, May 8**

**11 AM - 8 PM (both days)**

**For more information,**

**go to [www.memphisgreekfestival.com](http://www.memphisgreekfestival.com)**

Look for us in cyberspace



[facebook.com/gracestlukes](http://facebook.com/gracestlukes)



[twitter.com/gracestlukes](http://twitter.com/gracestlukes)



[flickr.com/gracestlukes](http://flickr.com/gracestlukes)

### Membership News

#### Transfers In

Farris Earl "Rocky" Jennings from Church of the Good Shepherd  
Jennifer Sansing Murff and Annie from St. John's, Memphis

#### Transfers Out

Laura Lee Jordan Woods to St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, MS  
Cassian Browning Gentry Branyan to Holy Communion, Memphis

#### Births

Virginia Mayfield McConnell Sharpe, daughter of Catherine and Robert Sharpe, born March 4

Nora Grace Eileen Hickey, daughter of Jon-Paul and Kathryn Hickey, granddaughter of Sidney & David Hickey, born March 16

Hunter Allyn Rowe, son of Tori and Jeffrey Rowe, born April 8



## First Friday Fellowship

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

First Friday Fellowship is a place where newcomers and newly involved parishioners can connect for fun and fellowship. We plan to mix and mingle for lively conversation, libations, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. 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).

An invite will be sent out as usual for the May 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.

### Looking towards Sunday

#### *Revised Common Lectionary*

#### Track 2 ✕ Year C



#### **Easter 5 – May 2**

Acts 11:1-18 • Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6 • John 13:31-35



#### **Easter 6 – May 9**

Youth Sunday

Acts 16:9-15 • Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 • John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9



#### **Easter 7 – May 16**

Acts 16:16-34 • Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 • John 17:20-26



#### **Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday – May 23**

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 • Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 14:8-17, (25-27)



#### **Pentecost 1: Trinity Sunday – May 30**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 • Psalm 8 or Canticle 2 or 13

Romans 5:1-5 • John 16:12-15



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/>

## 39'ers May 14 Monthly Meeting

We are privileged to have a member of the Elmwood Speakers Bureau join us May 14 for a presentation and a taste of history related to Elmwood. It is not just all about a cemetery. I invite everyone to come join us and immerse yourself in the rich history of this amazing Jewel in Midtown.

Social time starts at 11:30 AM for wine, cheese and delightful conversation. A light lunch served at noon for only \$6.00 with the program following. Reservations to Lucy by noon on Wed., May 12, at 272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org.



## May 20th Third Thursday to Hear Haiti Earthquake Early Responder

Amanda Davis, a nurse at St. Francis Hospital and an early responder to the Haiti earthquake in January and February, will speak to the Third Thursday dinner group May 20. She wrote fascinating emails to friends during her time in Haiti and has spoken to several groups both here and in her home state of Georgia since her return. Thanks to Bev Trojan for making us aware of this opportunity and for inviting her to speak to our final gathering until September. GSL has long had a Haiti connection. This speaker will give us increased insight into this country and its needs. Please put this date on your calendar and join with other empty nesters for an informative evening with friends.

As usual, we'll meet in Trezevant Hall at 6:30 for an evening of wine, appetizers and conversation as well as dinner and an excellent program—all for only \$10.00 per person. To make planning easier for our hosts, please make reservations with Lucy (272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org). In keeping with church policy, your reservation is your agreement to pay for your meal.

## St. Clare Retreat - a time of prayer, reflection and renewal.

A St. Clare Retreat for women will be held on **Friday, May 7**, at St. Columba Conference Center beginning at 8:30 AM and ending with lunch. Linda Douty, spiritual director and author, will lead the meditation. The cost is \$20 which includes morning coffee and lunch. Reservations may be made with Dana Sue Percer at DSPercer@gmail.com or by calling 829-3251. Reservations are due by May 3.

# News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

The past month has been an extremely busy one for Grace-St. Luke's School; on Monday, April 12, we opened the brand new Anchor Center building to students! This was an absolutely incredible day at GSL. It began that morning with a memorable all-school chapel service planned by Father Ron DelBene. Father Ron's homily was beautiful, Wesley's choice of hymns was superb, and the entire service set the perfect tone for this exciting day at GSL. After chapel, the entire student body processed from the church over to the Anchor Center, where Father Ron performed a blessing before we surprised the students with the announcement that they were going to start using the building that day!

It was a special moment for the school, and we feel very blessed to have experienced continuing support from the GSL church family during the long planning, fundraising, and construction process for the Anchor Center. We are truly grateful!

I hope you have all had a chance to see the building first-hand yourself, either at the Grand Opening we held for parents and



capital campaign donors, or at the GSL Church reception held April 25. The Anchor Center is a beautiful facility that should positively impact the overall GSL church and school community for many, many years to come.

Now, as the school year rapidly winds down, we are looking forward to Honors Chapel on May 21, Eighth Grade Graduation on May 26, and the beginning of summer camps on June 7. Our summer camps are open to all children ages 4-13, and with more than 75 different weekly options, there is truly something for every child to enjoy! Please tell your neighbors, friends and family to visit [www.gslschool.org](http://www.gslschool.org) today to enroll—there is a link to our summer camp booklet and registration form on the home page. Themes include sports, arts, sewing, cooking, reading, games, LEGOs, Hogwarts, and much more. One of the most exciting new options is a week-long, all-day Chinese language and culture immersion camp, in which campers will learn Tai Chi, Wushu, Chinese dancing, martial arts, cooking, and traditional visual arts – including paper cutting, clay sculpting, and calligraphy. Come join us!



All-school picture in front of the new Anchor Center!

Father Ron and Father Brian at the blessing of the building.



Procession from GSL Church to the new Anchor Center.





## May EYC Schedule

- May 2 3-5 pm, More Than a Meal (meet in Trezevant Hall)
- May 5 Teen Group at St. John's 7-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12
- May 9 Youth Sunday at the 10:30 AM service  
Jr/Sr EYC 5:30-7:30 (come grill & chill)
- May 12 Teen Group at St. John's 7-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12
- May 15 or 16 EYC End of the Year Party  
Time and location TBA
- May 19 Teen Group at St. John's 7-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12
- May 26 Teen Group at St. John's 7-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12



Hi all, my name is Ann Burruss. I am your interim youth minister. I am so excited to be here and hope to see all of you 6th -12th graders at EYC. I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself. I am a GSL native. I grew up here, went to EYC and I'm a lifelong member of our church. During college, I interned for one of our past youth ministers. For the last five years I've been helping out at Church of the Holy Communion teaching Sunday School and working with their EYC. Since August of 2007, I have been teaching Senior Kindergarten at Grace-St. Luke's School. I look forward to getting to know you and would love your input on how we can make EYC even better.

A few things you need to know. Look on our EYC Facebook page or in the weekly emails from the church to find out what we are doing each Sunday. Parents, if you are interested in hosting our end of the year EYC party on May 15th or 16th, please let me know! You can contact me at [ann@gracestlukes.org](mailto:ann@gracestlukes.org).



## Church Athletics

### Fall Soccer Assessments

Dates: June 12 & 26 (You must come to one of these 2 sessions to play on a team.)  
 Rising 1st/2nd grade boys, 9-10 AM      Rising 1st/2nd grade girls, 10-11 AM  
 Rising 3rd/4th grade boys, 11 AM-noon      Rising 3rd/4th grade girls, noon-1 PM  
 To download flyer, go to [gracestlukes.org/uploads/files/sports/SoccerAssessment.pdf](http://gracestlukes.org/uploads/files/sports/SoccerAssessment.pdf).  
 To sign up, contact Christi in the office, [christi@gracestlukes.org](mailto:christi@gracestlukes.org) or 272-7425!

### GRACE-ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

#### FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION 2010

**SOCCER:** Please turn in the following to the church or school office.  
 1. a check for **\$85.00**  
 (payable to Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody Ave., 38104)  
 2. the form below (will not be accepted without a check)

**Age Divisions:** Kinders- JK/SK  
 Pee Wee- 1st/2nd grade  
 Bantam- 3rd/4th grade  
 Midget- 5th/6th grade  
 Freshmen- 7th/8th grade

**NOTE:** Deadline is Friday, May 21, 2010. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Christi Authement at 825-7353 or email [christi@gracestlukes.org](mailto:christi@gracestlukes.org). Games will start in September.

**FOOTBALL:** Please turn in the following to the church or school office.  
 1. a check for **\$100.00**  
 (payable to Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody, Ave., 38104)  
 2. the form below (will not be accepted without a check)

**Age Divisions: 3rd - 4th grade ONLY!**

**NOTE:** Deadline is Friday, May 21, 2010. Each player will furnish their own NOCSAE approved shoulder pads and helmet and white football pants. Approximate starting date for games is end of August.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Children can only play on one league team at a time. Anyone signing up late will be allowed to play **ONLY** if space is available.

**NOTE:** <http://www.gracestlukes.org/youth-sports>  
 Checks will cover pictures and trophies for all team sports!  
 All uniforms need to be turned in to coaches at the end of the season!

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

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

*The Altar Gifts in May  
are offered in loving memory of*

**May 2** William Augustus Jones, Sr., William E. Wallace, Robert Ernest White, Jr., Robert Ernest White, Sr., Nell White Dillard, Martha McKean Allen, Mather Trudeau Richards, Louise Watkins Richards

**May 9** Jim Evans, Ensley Shelby Oxley, Elizabeth Oakley Greenhaw, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, Agnes Inderbitzen, Elizabeth Taylor Inderbitzen, Muriel Oakes Prien, Sophia Taylor, Addie Faye Edwards, Evelyn Mitchell Webb

**May 16** Morrow Chamberlain, May Douglas Chamberlain, Chester Orlando Cairnes, Mary Ellis Reed Cairnes, Douglas Chamberlain, Mary Ellis Cairnes Chamberlain, Blanchard Selden Tual, Mabel West Tual, Robert Henry Griffith, Louise Chamberlain Griffith, Douglas Chamberlain Griffith, Charles Christian Tuller, Kathryn Alley Conaway, Frank Elmer Conaway, Edgar Garrison Ballenger, Elizabeth Mahan Ballenger

**May 23** Olga Bates Talley

**May 30** Bill Pittman



Christian Education  
Adults, Youth  
and Children

*Sunday Mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 AM  
Last day of Spring Classes - May 23.*

**Adult Christian Education**

**Prayer Book Theology: Sacraments & Ethics**

May 2 - 23 Class facilitated by the Rev. Brian Ponder and meets in McClure Hall. All are welcome!

**Nursery**

The nursery, located downstairs in the Parents' Day Out area, is open from 8 AM to the conclusion of the 10:30 AM service.

- 1) Baby Room – infants to 18 months,
- 2) Little Lambs Room – 18 months to very-young-threes,
- 3) Sunday School Room – very-young-three to six-year-olds.

**Christian Education for Youth**

**Rite-13**

Grades 6-8, Led by Donna and Jerry Sanders  
Doan House, 2nd Floor, 1768 Peabody

**YAC**

Grades 9-12, The Chapel

**Children's Sunday School Offerings**

**Little Lambs**

Two years old and very young three years old,  
Nursery Area - Little Lambs Room

**The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

*Atrium 1*, Three to six year olds, Amanda Robbins  
Nursery Area, Atrium One Room

*Atrium 2*, Six to nine year olds, Pete Shearon  
Jackson Library, Atrium Two Room

**Saints Sunday School Class** – Third to Fifth Grades  
Room 212, Evans Building, Bill Stubblefield

May Lay Service Schedule

**May 2**

**Altar Guild:** M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace  
**Breakfast Cooks:** M Herr, C Mercer, M Crow, D McLemore,  
K Patton, B Williams  
8:00 McGehee, Busby  
10:30 *Acolytes:* C Rhea, R Gooch, R Waring

**May 9**

**Altar Guild:** M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace  
**Breakfast Cooks:** H Morse, T Claybrook, J Mercer, W Ayres,  
B Morse, I Hendry, D Douglass  
8:00 Rolfes, Adams, Busby  
10:30 *Acolytes:* E Shearon, S Collier, A Hartney

**May 16**

**Altar Guild:** L Tual, C Jefcoat, L McLemore, L Niell, V Rowland  
**Breakfast Cooks:** T Bolding, J Raspberry, G Simonton, C Johnson,  
M Pleasants, M Tyler, J Woo  
8:00 Rolfes, Whitlock, Brewer  
10:30 *Acolytes:* K Ayres, D Graber, V Strother

**May 23**

**Altar Guild:** L Tual, C Jefcoat, L McLemore, L Niell, V Rowland  
**Breakfast Cooks:** J McCalla, L Allen, P Burnett, D Brown, A Nix,  
L Wardlaw, S Moore, J Hartney, C Lunsford  
8:00 Edwards, Brewer  
10:30 *Acolytes:* K Raspberry, C Raspberry, L Robbins

**May 30**

**Altar Guild:** A Crow, P Barnes, N Golden, S Hickey, B Peyton,  
M Robinson, T Sheppard, E Smith  
**Breakfast Cooks:** J Clay, A Nave, E Taylor, R Norcross,  
W Wimbish, K Self, R Clark  
8:00 McGehee, Adams, Whitlock  
10:30 *Acolytes:* M Cline, M Cline, M Hayes, D McClew

HELP WANTED!

**LEMS Needed for 8:00 service**

If you're interested in serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at the 8:00 AM Sunday morning service, contact Debbie Whitlock at 624-6081 or [vumomdcw@aol.com](mailto:vumomdcw@aol.com).

**ACOLYTES needed for 10:30 service**

All rising 4th graders and above who are interested in becoming acolytes, please contact Fr. Brian ([brian@gracestlukes.org](mailto:brian@gracestlukes.org) or 272-7425) or Grant Adams (527-0083 or [grant.adams@suntrust.com](mailto:grant.adams@suntrust.com)).

# May 2010

For the most up-to-date GSL event info, go to [gracestlukes.org/events](http://gracestlukes.org/events)

June 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists 8:45am Breakfast 9:15am Christian Ed 11:45am Coffee Hour 3:00pm EYC - MTAM 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	5:00pm Canterbury Choir 6:00pm Fellowship Mtg 6:20pm St. Cecilia Choir 7:00pm Teen Group 7:30pm Adult Choir	5:00pm PC Team 3	9:30am Sr. Fitness 6:00pm 1st Fri Fellowship	
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Trinity Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists 8:45am Breakfast 11:45am Coffee Hour 4:00pm MoreTAMeal	Memorial Day - Office Closed					

### 12 STEP MEETINGS

AI Anon: Thurs 10:30am  
Alcoholics Anonymous: Tues 6:30 & 8pm  
Narcotics Anonymous: Sun 8pm, Sat 10am  
Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous:  
Mon & Thurs at 8pm, Sat 4pm, Women's  
meeting 6:45 Thurs.  
Suicide Anonymous: Wed 7:30pm



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WHAT'S BLACK AND WHITE AND RED ALL OVER?

*Answer: A priest vested up for Pentecost.*

Basic to the Jewish year were pilgrimage feasts. Two of those feasts were: Passover and Pentecost. The early Christians continued to keep the feasts of their ancestors, but brought new meaning to them in the light of Jesus. For the Jewish community, Passover commemorated the slaying of the first born, the exodus from Egypt, and the entrance into the Promised Land. It was natural for the early Christians to see Jesus as the first born, exiting from death into the new promised land, the life of Resurrection, and hence our celebration of Easter.

The offering of barley after the Passover inaugurated the seven weeks of harvest culminating in the feast of Pentecost, which for the Jewish people commemorated God giving the law to Moses and making a special covenant with Israel. The early Christians came to see this feast as celebrating the new law of love in Jesus and the making of a new covenant with the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the group assembled in the Upper Room.

The Jewish week was organized around the last day of the week, the Sabbath, in remembrance of God's "resting day" after creation. The Christian week was organized around the first day of the week, honoring the first day of creation, the day of light, the day of Jesus' Resurrection, and the day of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In the Church Year as it developed, a period of time called the Great Fifty Days took on more importance. The Great Fifty Days which began at the baptismal Vigil of Easter were days of great celebration of the new life

in Jesus through his death and resurrection, and the new life of those newly baptized into the church. Everything culminated in the Pentecost Feast initiating the birth of the church going into the whole world. Eventually the color red was associated with Pentecost signifying the tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit. That custom grew so that not only the priest would wear red but all the congregation would wear something red. So plan your wardrobe for Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd.

This Pentecost, we will remember the people of Grace-St. Luke's who felt the Holy Spirit in their life and who blessed this sacred space for us by their ministries proclaiming the gospel. We will renew the promises of our Baptism where we were sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own for ever.

I invite you to consider how you feel that same Holy Spirit in our midst today. As a way of reminding yourself to daily reflect on how you have experienced the Holy Spirit in your life, you may want to tear out this woodcut and put it on your refrigerator, maybe even color the tongues of fire red.

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