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SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Homily
 8:45 AM Breakfast
 9:30 Christian Ed Class
 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 December issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, Nov. 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.**

~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~
November 21st

**Annual Parish Meeting with Vestry Elections
at 9:15 AM in Trezevant Hall**

**During the 10:30 service,
Welcoming a New Rector with Holy Eucharist**

**Following the 10:30 service: Reception in Trezevant Hall
and Advent Wreath-making in McClure Hall**

**Let The Shopping
Begin**

**Join us for the 70th Grand Old Bazaar
Thursday, November 11th
10 AM to 2 PM
in Trezevant Hall
Delicious light lunch \$7.00
11 AM to 1 PM**

**Elegant Handmade Items Treasures
Books Baked Goods Artwork
Handmade & Costume Jewelry**

Come browse, buy, eat lunch & have a good time.

Support the ministry of the
Ladies of the Bazaar House
and help raise funds for
charitable organizations.

**THE GRAND OLD
Bazaar**
A MEMPHIS EVENT SINCE 1940





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2010 VESTRY

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

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!

Stewardship Soiree Friday, November 5, 2010 7:00 PM at the home of Alice and Matt Crow 27 Belleair Drive

hosted by

*Sara and Patrick Burnett
Thad Cockrill and John Carroll
Alice and Matt Crow
Susan and Eric Epperson
Lesley and John Hartney
Steven Hoover and Dave Brown*

*Allison and Steven King
Kim and Johnny Norris
Jennie and Walker Robbins
Cynthia and Andrew Saatkamp
Kim and Bob Weiss*

Fall is in the air - pumpkin spice lattes, football games, pretty leaves and stewardship campaigns. OK, maybe that last one doesn't quite give you the same warm feeling as the first three. But this year, it could be different.

Come see why at Alice and Matt's on the first Friday of November. The organizers of the First Friday Fellowship have graciously agreed to expand their venue a little bit this month to include lots of not so new people, people who don't need child care and people who might be a little on the older side of "young adults."

Child care is available in the church nursery from 7 – 11 PM for infants to age 9 at the great rate of \$15 (total) for one child, \$17 for two or \$20 for three or more (per family). If there is enough interest from people with children over the age of 9, we will have a game/movie night for them in McClure at the same rates. Please make your child care reservation by noon on **Wednesday, Nov. 3**, by emailing julie@gracestlukes.org.

We're thankful for each of you and the gifts you bring to GSL.
Please make plans to join us on the 5th!
(Acceptable soiree attire ranges from ball gowns to blue jeans.)

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.

Al 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.



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

Adult Christian Education

Rector's Forum

On two consecutive Sundays, November 7th and the 14th, the Rector's Forum will focus upon the past, present, and future of our parish church.

We will hear some delightful stories from people who love our parish and know it well. Jim Taylor and Fr. Richard have invited six to seven members of the Church to tell stories about programs and people who are near and dear to them.

The subjects will range from fascinating historical anecdotes to pastoral care.

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21 in McClure Hall. There will be no class Nov. 28. Class will resume December 5!

Location: Trezevant Hall

Listening for God

The "Listening for God" class uses the book *Faith Stories*, edited by C. Michael Curtis, a collection of short fiction on the "varieties and vagaries of faith." In the next few weeks we expect to read "The Comedian" by John L'Heureux, "Voyage Four: 1661" by James A. Michener, "The Priest and His Love" by Yukio Mishima, "At the Seminary" by Joyce Carol Oates, "Sister Imelda" by Edna O'Brien, and "The Jilting of Granny Weatherall" by Katherine Anne Porter. Some folks refer to this as "Charlie Pazar's class." While he is flattered by the identification with this dedicated group of seekers, the class is everyone's; he merely serve as facilitator and occasional discussion leader. All members of the GSL community are more than welcome to participate. Books are available from Janice Pazar for \$10. See you Sunday!

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

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; 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

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

Youth Sunday School

Jr. High

6th – 8th grade class; Location: McClure 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 and Jim Greer

Important Notes about Sunday School in November

November 21 is the Annual Parish Meeting beginning at 9:15 AM. (Children's classes meet as scheduled.)

November 28, the Sunday after Thanksgiving, there will be no Sunday School.

See you back in class on December 5!

Advent Wreath Making in McClure

The beautiful season of Advent is just around the corner. If you'd like to make a wreath with your GSL family, we will have materials available for you after the 10:30 service in McClure Hall on **Sunday, Nov. 21**.



Fr. Lawson is being installed that day, so come to the reception to celebrate his new ministry, and make a wreath before you go home. Even if you don't finish your Christmas decorating until Christmas Eve – you'll have one of the most meaningful decorations ready ahead of time! So that we don't run out of materials, we are taking reservations at hartneys@mac.com. The cost of each wreath is \$10.



Dr. Andrew Michta to Speak at the November 18th Third Thursday Dinner

Dr. Andrew Michta, the M. W. Buckman Distinguished Professor of International Studies at Rhodes College and a Senior Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, is the speaker for the **Nov. 18** Third Thursday Dinner group. Dr. Michta, who we are pleased to claim as one of GSL's own, recently spent four years in Garmisch, Germany, on the faculty at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. He is the author of a number of books, articles and chapters on European security and transatlantic relations. He is a frequent consultant to the U.S. government and has lectured in universities in the U.S. and Europe, as well as the Foreign Service Institute, the U.S. State Department, the Woodrow Wilson Center and the U.S. Naval Academy. Andrew has many demands to speak to groups both here and abroad, and we are quite fortunate to have him speak to our group. He is a most engaging speaker and one you well may want to invite guests to hear. Don't miss this evening!

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 the speaker to follow. You'll be home by 8:30 having had a wonderful time for only \$10.00 per person. We always are casual, so do join in. We have to let our hosts know how many people to prepare for, so please make reservations by calling Lucy at 272-7425 or emailing her at lucy@gracestlukes.org. Our seating is limited, so don't wait! In keeping with church policy, your reservation is your agreement to pay.

39'ers Meeting: November 12

The 39'ers will gather for our regular meeting on **Friday, Nov. 12**. The program is TBA. As usual, social time starts at 11:30 AM for wine and cheese and renewing old and new friendships. A light lunch will be served at noon for only \$6.00, with the program following.

Reservations to Lucy by noon on **Wed., Nov. 10**, at 272-7425 or lucy@gracestlukes.org. All who are "39 and holding" are invited to attend. Invite a friend and join the 39'ers on Friday, Nov. 12.

Looking towards Sunday *Revised Common Lectionary* Track 2 ✠ Year C



All Saints' Sunday November 7

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 • Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23 • Luke 6:20-31



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28 – November 14

Malachi 4:1-2a • Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 • Luke 21:5-19



Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King

Proper 29 – November 21
Jeremiah 23:1-6 • Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20 • Luke 23:33-43



Thanksgiving Day November 25

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 • Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9 • John 6:25-35



First Sunday of Advent (Year A) November 28

Isaiah 2:1-5 • Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14 • Matthew 24:36-44



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/>

Thanksgiving Day Service

Nov. 25, 10:30 AM

Join us Thanksgiving morning as we worship together and give thanks for all of our many blessings. Thanksgiving Day also marks our "birthday" at GSL. Grace and St. Luke's Churches joined for our first combined service on Thanksgiving Day, 1940. Let's Celebrate!!

Holy Baptism

January 9, 2011

The Baptism of Our Lord, observed on January 9, is one of the dates on the church calendar for baptism.

Please contact Julie Denman, julie@gracestlukes.org or 272-7425, to arrange for a baptism at the 10:30 AM service.

Town Hall Meeting Scheduled

At its November 16, 2010, meeting the Vestry will consider a proposal to reduce the Vestry size from 21 members to 15 members over a three year period beginning with the installation of 5 members (instead of 7) in January 2012. Another component of this proposal includes setting a timeline for revising governance models, committee structures and enhancing communication methods among the Vestry, committees and Parish. Please make plans to attend a parish town hall meeting on Sunday, November 14, 2010, at 12 noon in McClure Hall to provide your feedback on this important proposal. If you are not able to attend or would rather send in your comments in writing, please email the Vestry at vestry@gracestlukes.org. Of course, feel free to call any Vestry member or speak with Vestry members on Sunday at church.



Troop 34's 90th Anniversary rescheduled for February 2011!

In addition to the change in dates, the Oct. *Messenger* listed this celebration as the 70th anniversary instead of the **BIG 9-0!**

If you or anyone you know is a Troop 34 alum, please contact Scout Master Dan Eason (Troop34Memphis@gmail.com or 481-4373) to be included on the contact list for the anniversary celebration.

Photo: GSL Troop 34 camped at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch in NW Arkansas. They climbed and rappelled. The rock face they rappelled was 268 feet - taller than a 20 story building!



Let's talk Hospitality

“I'm committed to making everyone feel welcome.”

Now that's hospitality! These words were spoken by Jim Beaty and his actions reflect that commitment. Jim serves as a member of the Welcoming Committee and Greeter and follows up with the people he meets on Sunday.

Please speak and introduce yourself to anyone who is new to you. Let's make sure GSL is a welcoming place for all.



**Coffee Hour
Hosts needed!**

Coffee Hour in the parish hall is important hospitality. It's a great time to visit with old friends, meet new ones, and speak with the clergy. Everyone enjoys the refreshments and fellowship. Sandra Ireland has taken the lead with this and needs some help. Please check your calendar for a Sunday you can provide simple snacks then sign up on Sunday or contact Sandra, 274-3009. Your help will be appreciated.



OUTREACH GRANTS

Grace-St. Luke's supports a number of local charities through donations made by the Outreach Committee. At this time of year, we are evaluating grant applications for 2010. If you are involved with a local charity, and would like them to be considered for a grant, please contact the Outreach Committee chair, Murray McKay, at murray.mckay@siemens.com or 277-8867. The application deadline is **Nov. 8, 2010**.

GSL RACES FOR GRACE

GO GSL! BEAT the Cathedral! Wait a minute, can we say that? By George we can! And, we will slay St. George's too! As for Calvary – well, let's not go there until Lent. Come out for the Race for Grace and ensure that GSL has the largest turnout in the Diocese. Race information and Registration forms are on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the hallway. Or you can register on line at www.raceforgrace.racesonline.com/. (Please make sure to indicate you are part of the GSL team.) If you have questions, you may contact our team captain, Dave Brown, at 434-8376.



EYC October Happenings

- November Teen Group meets on Wednesdays from 7-8 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church (no Teen Group Thanksgiving Week)
- Nov. 7 Meet at the Doan House, 1768 Peabody, (5:00-7:30 Jr. & Sr. High)
- Nov. 14 Meet at the Doan House, 1768 Peabody, (5:00-7:30 Jr. & Sr. High)
- Nov. 21 Serving at More Than a Meal (3:00-5:00 Jr. & Sr. High)
- Nov. 28 (No EYC)

For more information about EYC and to be included on the EYC email list, contact Youth Director, Ann Burruss, at ann@gracestlukes.org. To join our Facebook group, search for: "Grace-St. Luke's EYC."

St. Francis Honored and Animals Blessed

A large number of furry pets and a hermit crab were blessed on October 3. Lots of love is evident when the pews are filled with dogs and cats and the people who care for them. Your generosity allowed us to send donations to Good Dog Rescue, House of Mews and MidSouth Spay and Neuter.



Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 21, 9:15 AM - Trezevant Hall

The nominating committee has worked to present a slate of candidates who would bring to the Vestry a commitment to our parish and its well being and a willingness to work hard. The nominating committee believes the nominees presented here on these pages are reflective of the diversity in our parish, and are individuals committed to serving Christ.

In accordance with the by-laws of Grace-St. Luke's the nominating committee consists of the retiring Vestry members: Patrick Burnett, Thad Cockrill, Hal Morse, Andy Nix, Paula Sappintgon, Jennie Van Deveer and Tom Wyatt.

You will be electing seven members to serve on your Vestry for a three year term.

The seven (7) persons receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected; provided however, that if there is a tie vote for the seventh (7th) position with the person receiving the most votes declared the winner. GSL By-laws Article II, Section 3.

The by-laws provide for nominations from the floor of persons to serve on the Vestry. If you wish to nominate a member of the church who you believe would serve our parish well on the Vestry, please receive his/her permission before nominating. It would be important for your nominee to be present at the meeting so s/he can be introduced. The following are guidelines for membership on the Vestry: In order to serve as a member of the Vestry a person must be a confirmed Communicant in Good Standing, as defined by Title I, Canon 17 of the Episcopal Church, who in the preceding year has received communion at least three times and been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. In addition, one must be a member of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, eighteen years of age, a giver of record, and not employed by the Parish, Diocese or Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School.

At the end of the three-year term for which elected, an incumbent shall become ineligible for re-election for three (3) years; provided however, said ineligibility in excess of one (1) year may be waived by a majority vote at the Annual Parish Meeting, and if for less than one (1) year, in addition to a majority vote at the Annual Meeting, a waiver from the Bishop must be obtained. GSL By-laws Article II, Section 3.



Ginger Collier

The Grace-St. Luke's community has been an integral part of my life, and I am honored to run for Vestry. I moved to

Memphis in 1992 to serve as the youth minister for the church. Although I left the staff in 1998, I never left the parish and have loved serving GSL in other capacities. My involvement at GSL has included serving on the Parents' Day Out Board, Fellowship Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Youth Program Committee, and Vestry.

One of the things I most love about GSL is how we so perfectly embody what Midtown is. We are a collective soul with many diverse opinions and desires and needs. I love our new slogan "Finding GOD in the heart of Midtown." What a perfect testament to our eclectic body, just as Midtown is eclectic. I think we are so representative of God and Jesus. He made us in his likeness but he made us all different. He gave us Jesus for our salvation and Jesus has taught us to love one another, loving our neighbor as ourselves. For me, GSL is such a wonderful community of faith—a living sacrament.

My husband, Dabney, and I recently celebrated our 14th anniversary and together we have raised our daughters at GSL. Stuart (10), Dabney (8), and Claiborne (6) have attended Parents' Day Out, Sunday School and choir and love to be at GSL, considering it to be their "second home."

Outside of GSL, I am involved at The Hutchison School and The Bodine School where the girls are enrolled. I am finishing my tenure as a board member of the Children's Museum of Memphis. I love to run, play tennis, read and spend time with my family.



Stinson Liles

I grew up in the nave (pulpit side) of St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson, Mississippi, and began worshipping at Grace-St.

Luke's (and singing in the choir) in 1988 as a student at Rhodes College. Ten years later, Patty and I were members of Calvary and we married there... but kept feeling the pull of the warm community of faith at Grace-St. Luke's. We came back in 2002.

Patty and I still feel that pull. Our children, Ruby (9) and Jasper (6), were baptized into it, and we have stayed actively involved in hopes of giving back at least a fraction of what Grace-St. Luke's has given us. I serve on the Communications Committee, as a Crossmen Cook, and on the Diocese's Marketing Committee for the St. Columba Conference Center. I led the task team that overhauled the parish website in 2009 and served on the Search Committee that called Richard Lawson earlier this year. Recently, the headlines awakened in me a call to the Food Pantry, where I am feeling the presence of Christ as strongly on Monday and Tuesday afternoons as I do on Sunday mornings.

During the workday, I am a principal of an advertising agency that serves a number of regional and national nonprofits. Our work for clients such as the American Red Cross, Youth Villages, and the American Lung Association appears regularly in *TIME*, *Fortune*, *The New York Times*, and others.

We are at an extraordinary moment in the life of our parish. I am committed to this special community of faith, and excited about where our next chapter will take us. I am humbled to be considered for the Vestry at this important time and would be honored to serve.

A Prayer for our Election: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose Vestry members for this parish, that we may receive faithful leaders, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *The Book of Common Prayer* p. 818

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**Hal Medling**

Dear Fellow Parishioners: The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself and to offer you some insight into my experience and life at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

I am just one of the many Hals at our beloved parish. I am the handsome one who is happily married to the lovely Brenda. We share four grown children; Tara, Mark, Brandon and Matt, along with the in-laws and outlaws. Tara has given us the blessing of twin grand girls, Mary Beth and Neely Skelton. We also have two furry children—dogs, “Sophie” Marie Grace and Gina “Lola” Brigida. We live a big, loud life with lots of friends and family activities.

Brenda and I have been at Grace-St. Luke's for six years, and I have enjoyed participation in the notable and somewhat notorious Fair Weather Book Club, the Men's Retreats, the Welcoming Committee and the Usher Corps.

It is always so difficult to provide a personal skill set inventory, but I do have a good deal of courage and am not timid about being decisive. I have a repertoire of interpersonal, analytical and organizational skills. I am also adaptable and quite capable of filling a leadership role or one of followership. I am also a good listener and try to hear the wisdom of others, trusting that their knowledge and perspective will make me wise.

Brenda and I have loved this parish because it is such a wonderfully beautiful place to practice our faith in a community of strong believers who have cared for our family, lifting us up with dedicated quiet prayer. My most cherished experience is a product of the prayerful care of many of those in our parish. I have personally been the recipient of the blessings of prayerful intercession, and I have seen and been the beneficiary of the grace and blessings of a loving God.

I want to thank each of you for the opportunity to introduce myself, and, if asked, I will serve you with prayerful dedication and responsibility.

**Chris Mercer**

After several years in the military, I moved to Midtown Memphis and found GSL almost immediately. That was in 1975. Like many other “cradle Baptists,” I felt spiritually grounded in the Episcopal Church and GSL became my church home—and has remained so through thick and thin since then.

As a younger man, I served on the Vestry three times during the tenures of the Reverends Trimble, Riddle and Fikes. During that period, I was chair or co-chair of the Stewardship campaigns several times. I am also chairing the effort once again this year.

Sunday School teacher, Chair of Children's' Christian Education, President of the Crossmen are other roles I have played.

My children have all attended school at GSL for parts of their educations, and have participated at the church—Sunday School, choir, youth activities and on. My favorite and most consistent ministries have been as a Sunday morning breakfast cook (pancake specialty!) since inception of this wonderful, weekly event in about 1978, as a lay reader since about 1978, and as a member of the Chancel Choir for a number of years and when I can presently (mostly summer choir). Ashley and I met while singing in the choir together.

Regarding the future, I am pleased to have been asked to stand for the Vestry this year. My business background and experience could be helpful in a New Day for our parish. We will evolve with Richard as our rector into the parish we will become—and all in relationship to our rich and varied and storied past.

While it is one thing to say that it is a New Day, it is quite another to answer the question: “What will we become?” That future will be created, one decision at a time and one person at a time over the next several years. I look forward to the future of GSL!

**Catherine Morehead**

I have been married to Robert Morehead for 22 years and we have three children, Turner (19), Henry (18), and Hannah (16). Our boys both graduated from GSL School and Hannah attended thru 6th grade. I grew up in West Point, Mississippi, in the First United Methodist Church, but have attended GSL for the past 20 years.

Robert and I have attended GSL since 1990, and I was confirmed at GSL on February 9, 1997.

My involvement at GSL has included being on the Parents' Day Out board, Canterbury Festival volunteer, Stewardship campaign, Clerk of the Vestry, and pastoral care. I have also spent a lot of time volunteering at GSL School as well as helping with EYC. Robert served on the School Board for close to 10 years...he lost count.

I ran into a friend the other day and was lamenting the fact that Robert and I would be empty nesters in a couple of years and I wasn't sure how I would fill my time without the constant flow of teenagers in the house. He told me it was great being an empty nester and wisely told me that I would just have to reinvent myself. What better way to fill my time than by working on projects or activities that I am passionate about. GSL has been a very important part of my adult life, and I feel that I have a balanced sense of fairness as well as an open mind to most issues that would be discussed. I would like to devote my time and energies in areas that would strengthen the GSL community and position it for the future.

I feel that I, as well as my family, have a strong bond with GSL. Robert and I have made such great friends here. We have attended a few other churches in Memphis over the years but were drawn back to GSL because of the people.

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**Linda Niell**

I fell in love with the Episcopal Church while attending chapel services when I was teaching at Grace-St. Luke's

School. After being raised a Methodist, I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1979.

I am married to Barry Niell, and we have four children between us. My children are Tracy White Snyder and Will White. My step-sons are Paul and Jonathan Niell. Tracy and her husband, Ashley, blessed me with my first grandchild in June. Hazel will be christened at GSL on November 7.

When my children were young, I taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and played hand bells at GSL. In more recent years, I began working in the Food Pantry, and I serve on an Altar Guild team. I have completed the four-year EFM course and served on the Vestry.

It is hard to say what my most rewarding experience has been at GSL. Of course our worship services and music are at the top of my list, but I also really enjoyed the three years I spent on the Vestry. I also think about the years I spent teaching at the school, serving as Interim Head of the Preschool, all four of our children attending the school, and currently serving on the School Board. The involvement between school and church has always been an important and rewarding experience for me. I believe the school is our number one outreach. As I read what I have written, I think I would have to say simply being involved has been the most rewarding.

If you give me the opportunity to serve on the Vestry, I would hope to bring an open mind and a loving and caring spirit.

**Ruth Patton**

My name is Ruth Patton, and I am honored to be standing for the Vestry at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church. While I have

only been a member of GSL for a little over 3 years, my attachment and affection for the church and its members are strong.

When my husband, Kurt, and I, returned to Memphis with our son Bauer, we were looking for a church family. As a cradle Episcopalian who lives in Midtown, I was immediately drawn to Grace-St. Luke's. Since joining, I have experienced some wonderful personal memories including the birth and baptism of my second son, Glover, Kurt's confirmation, and Bauer's beginning school at GSL. Being able to attend church again with my sister Antoinette has been wonderful for me as well as for Bauer and Glover. I have loved being a part of the exciting changes at the church from the arrival of Richard to the first annual Exodus weekend.

As a pediatrician on a family hiatus, my involvement at Grace-St. Luke's has had a child-centered slant. I've served on the Children's Christian Education Committee and helped with Vacation Bible School. I enjoyed doing both and found them to be rewarding. I am also proud of the work I did on the committee to hire Holly Hawkins as the new director of GSL-PDO. Most recently the Patton family had an incredible time making more memories with our GSL family at the parish weekend at Camp Bratton-Green and look forward to making many more.

I am excited about the possibility of serving on the Vestry at Grace-St. Luke's. If elected, I will bring my experience as a lifelong Episcopalian, my perspective as a relatively new but committed communicant of the parish, and my promise to serve my parish faithfully. Thank you again for the honor of standing for the Vestry at GSL.

**Donnie Sappington**

Paula and I have been attending GSL since 2000 and our children Colby (17), Ellie (8), and Mia (5) were baptized

here. Ellie is in 3rd Grade and Mia is in Senior Kindergarten at GSL School.

I am proud to work with a very talented group on the church's Human Resources Committee, which is responsible for auditing regulatory compliance, assisting in employee relations matters, establishing, reviewing and maintaining policies and procedures, job descriptions, performance reviews, employee handbooks, etc.

I have been fortunate enough to work with the Crossmen on Shrove Tuesday since 2002 and still work as a journeyman pancake flipper. I have strengthened my other breakfast making skills cooking on Sunday mornings with Team 7 over the past year. I have also burned my share of hot dogs, bratwursts and burgers cooking with the Fellowship Committee over the years.

My most rewarding experiences at GSL have been in coaching our children in t-ball and basketball. There is nothing like living vicariously through our 5-8 year old sports stars! I do my best to lay a foundation in teamwork, fundamentals and fun.

Professionally, I am a partner in Mar-Val Process Equipment, Inc., a manufacturer's representative. Prior to joining Mar-Val, I worked in Human Resources for 14 years. I received my BBA from the University of Mississippi and my Master of Health Administration from the University of Memphis. I am a 2002 Graduate of The Leadership Academy's Leadership Development Intensive and currently sit on the Board for the KIPP Diamond Academy in Memphis.

Vestry Members Remaining

Term ends 12/2012: Karen Clark, Ann Dillard, Mike Jones, Charles Pazar, Betty Peyton, Barney Rolfes, Peggy Williamson

Term ends 12/2013: Sandy Baker, John Baur, Jim Greer, Steven Hoover, Candy Jefcoat, Bheki Khumalo, Lucius McGehee

Annual Parish Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 21, 9:15 AM - Trezevant Hall

**Pete Shearon**

I am very flattered to be asked to run for the Vestry. The following is a little background information. A lifelong Memphian, I am

a Research Associate with the University of Memphis' Center for Research in Educational Policy (a relatively new "dream career" after 30-something years in law and business). I am blessed with two remarkable daughters. Laura (32), is a prosecutor in Miami, and Elizabeth (15), is a graduate of GSL School and presently a sophomore at St. Agnes Academy.

I was baptized and grew up here at Grace-St. Luke's. I can't say I'm a lifelong parishioner, but we returned here from another Episcopal church (which will remain unnamed) when Elizabeth reached Sunday School age, because I found I was more comfortable with both the young children's Christian education program and the very genuine spirituality of this parish.

Since returning to GSL, I have served for the past 12 years as a catechist (teacher) in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. I have also served on the Children's Christian Formation Committee; the planning committee for the old NaCoMe retreats and the new Weekend Exodus; and the current Youth Program Committee. In addition, I spent five years in the trenches as a girls' soccer coach.

My entire experience at GSL has been very rewarding, and it's hard to single out a most rewarding thing. Were I to choose something (outside of the worship services) it would doubtless be some of my time with the children or youth. Teaching GSL's children in the Good Shepherd program has been tremendously rewarding, and I wouldn't trade anything for the years coaching the soccer team. Helping to chaperone choir trips when Elizabeth was younger was priceless. And I must add that tending bar at La Posada also has been quite uplifting.

I would consider it a privilege to serve on the Vestry, and I think I would bring a great deal of energy and dedication to the job as well as a strong background derived from church service and from my experience in law, business, and my current area of educational psychology.

**Doug Smith**

I am honored to be asked to stand for the Vestry election. I will be delighted to serve if elected and delighted to

serve if not elected.

Rachel and I have been married for 27 blissful years. We have two wonderful daughters—Hannah (22), and Callie (18). We have been members at Grace-St Luke's since Callie was a baby, so I guess it's getting close to 18 years. Since our very first visit it has been our church home and the spiritual anchor for our family.

Over the years, I have served on the Vestry, chaired the Finance Committee, chaired the Endowment Committee, and served as Senior Warden. For the last five years or so I have been working rather extensively for our diocese—serving as Treasurer for three years and currently as Chair of the diocesan Finance Committee. I have recently joined the GSL Stewardship Steering Committee, and am enjoying getting back to work for our parish.

Professionally, I am a CPA functioning as a rather nerdy investment portfolio manager. I have been managing director and chief investment officer for TD Capital Management since my partners and I formed the firm in 1996. Additionally, I chair the Tennessee Society of CPA's Personal Finance Committee.

I have recently joined the Board of Directors of Door of Hope ministries, and recently served a term on the board of the Shelby County Schools Education Foundation. I am a member of a number of professional organizations including the Economic Club of Memphis.

My family and I love Grace-St. Luke's and look forward to many years of spiritual growth and fellowship.

**Nichole E. Soulé**

I am a "cradle Episcopalian" and Grace-St. Luke's has been my church home since 2001. My husband, Andy Nix, and I have

eight-year-old twins, Mary Gara and Gray, who are in the second grade at Grace-St. Luke's School. I am a self-employed attorney, and my practice is primarily focused on estate planning and probate matters.

Our family was drawn to GSL for practical, somewhat superficial, reasons: the location, the relationship with the school, and the beautiful architecture. While we continue to appreciate those practical things, it is the family of faith that we have found at GSL that has kept us coming back and has sustained us throughout the ups and downs of the past nine years.

At GSL, the majority of my activities have fallen under the banner of Fellowship. Like our appreciation for Grace-St. Luke's, I view this on a couple of levels. On a superficial level, these activities can merely be seen as "party planning," and like many in the GSL family, I always enjoy a good party. However, I also see Fellowship activities as vital to the life of our parish as tending to the needs of those within GSL's flock, so that GSL's flock is, in turn, refreshed and rejuvenated to carry out the Church's mission in our community and the world. I first joined the Fellowship Committee in approximately 2004, and have been actively involved in Fellowship since that time.

In addition to my work on the Fellowship Committee, I recently co-chaired the 2010 Weekend Exodus with Antoinette Cheney, and we will be co-chairing the 2011 Weekend Exodus. I am also currently helping Sara Burnett lead the GSL Brownie troop. Last, but certainly not least, I was privileged to serve on the Search Committee that presented Father Richard to the Vestry.

I am honored to have been asked to submit my name for consideration, and am very excited about the "next chapter" at Grace-St. Luke's. I believe we are a community of great promise, and I look forward to our continuing to live into that promise and fulfill the mission of being God's heart and hands in our community



GSL Church Athletics

THE WARDENS, VESTRY, AND PARISHIONERS
 REQUEST THE HONOR OF
 YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE AT
 THE HOLY EUCHARIST
 WITH THE WELCOMING OF
 THE REVEREND RICHARD T. LAWSON III
 AS THE NINTH RECTOR OF
 GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 SUNDAY THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER
 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TEN
 AT HALF AFTER TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
 GRACE-ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
 WITH THE REVEREND ZABRON A. "CHIP" DAVIS III
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RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
 CLERGY: CASSOCK, SURPLICE, WHITE STOLE

News of Bygone Days (from past Messengers)

50 years ago (1960): Loyalty Sunday: In the old days it was fashionable to cultivate our humility by reminding ourselves that no pledge was too small. In the present age it is not perhaps improper to prick the bubble of our pride by reminding ourselves that no pledge is ever really large enough.

25 years ago (1985): Bazaar Update: So to each of you wonderful people who glued on a sequin, stitched a seam, cross-stitched a square, tied a bow, canned a pickle, baked a cake, manned (or wommaned) a booth, or just gave us your support in so many ways, we sincerely give you our warmest thanks.



GSL 3rd/4th Grade Football Team This says it all.

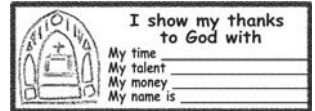


Wright/Jenkins 7th/8th Grade Girls Soccer Another Win!!!

Ingathering Sunday November 7

As we look toward the end of 2010, it is in fact not an ending at all, but a new chapter in our wonderful church history and a chance to commit to your faith and your church in a new way. Just as God speaks to us and touches our lives in so many ways, we have so many ways that we can answer that call and give thanks for the gifts he has given us with our pledge. Simply call or email the office with your pledge amount, visit us online or bring your pledge card to the altar on November 7—no matter which way you choose, come celebrate this new day with us at GSL.

Stewardship for Children



In this year's stewardship campaign, we are looking at new ways to get more people involved in the life of GSL. One way to teach our children how to be good stewards is to offer them the opportunity. That's why this year, we will have special envelopes available for children who want to make their own pledges.

Like our own, their pledges will involve more than the quarter or dollar they stick in their envelopes. We will talk with them about ways they can give of their time to our church and our community. We'll also talk about ways they can share their talents at church. Look for more information about Stewardship for Children in the days ahead.



News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

I am pleased to announce that the GSL Search Committee has hired Dr. Margaret Huling Bonz from Educational Directions Incorporated to help guide the search for the next Head of School. Dr. Bonz spent two days at GSL in October with search committee members and chair Chapman Morrow, vice-president elect of the school Board of Trustees. She will return in November and we will keep you posted as the search progresses.

Also in October, fifth graders at GSL joined forces with their peers from St. Mary's Episcopal School and New Hope Christian Academy to participate in a day of community service at St. Columba. Students worked on group projects such as making bookmarks and cards for the elderly, and each school was responsible for a team building exercise so all the fifth graders could get to know one another better. This special event is one that GSL's fifth graders always enjoy.

Also this fall, seventh graders continue to work on service hours as part of their World Religions course requirement. In the past, students have volunteered hundreds of hours on a variety of initiatives at the church, including Vacation Bible School, the food pantry, More than a Meal, the Art & Soul Festival, and Christmas La Posada festivities. "A lot of seventh graders even work throughout the summer to complete service hours before the start of school," says Bible and World Religions instructor John Stewart. "It is typical for them to work many more hours than are required. Our hope is that this program will provide them with some meaningful experiences of service to God and others."

GSL is looking forward to hosting Grandparents' Day on **Tuesday, Nov. 23** after a one-year hiatus due to last year's construction. Grandparents of current students will receive invitations soon to join us for a light breakfast in the Anchor Center, classroom tours, and a beautiful Thanksgiving Chapel service at GSL Church. School will dismiss at noon on **Nov. 23** and be closed from **Nov. 24-26**. Happy Thanksgiving!



Photos: GSL 5th graders David (above) and Mackenzie and Amelia (below) enjoyed working with peers from St. Mary's School and New Hope Christian Academy on a variety of group projects at the 5th Grade Day of Service at St. Columba.



Recovery Sunday Scheduled for Nov. 14

On Sunday, **Nov. 14**, GSL will celebrate Recovery Sunday. Recovery Sunday is a celebration of the deliverance by God's grace of persons who have been imprisoned by a bewildering and devastating illness.

The cost of this disease to our society and our Church is monumental. It breaks the hearts of those who love the alcoholic/addict. It wounds the Body of Christ. The people who suffer this illness eventually run completely out of hope. They have no way to continue life—no way to live. You know someone who suffers from it. We all do. God's boundless mercy offers them the hope of new life. When accepted, it's a miracle! Every alcoholic/addict who has taken God's offered hand and worked a recovery program is a miracle. They have been re-created.

We will include special prayers during the Nov. 14 services for those who suffer from alcoholism, other forms of addiction and their loved ones. There will also be a display of literature from Recovery Ministries and various 12 step groups set up in Trezevant Hall.

November/December St. Clare Retreats for Women

A St. Clare Retreat for women will be held on **Friday, Nov. 5**, 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. Reservations may be made with Dana Sue Mercer at DSPercer@gmail.com or by calling 829-3251.

Mark your calendars now for the December retreat, which will be held on **Friday, Dec. 3**, 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. Reservations may be made with Dana Sue Mercer at DSPercer@gmail.com or by calling 829-3251.

2010 Weekend Exodus

During the final weekend of September, over eighty parishioners of all ages attended GSL's 2010 Weekend Exodus at Camp Bratton-Green. After a hiatus of over five years, it was great to see the parish retreat make a comeback with such wonderful support from parishioners, clergy, and staff! Special thanks go out to the Exodus Committee (Christi Authement, Antoinette Cheney, Patty Liles, Kim Norris, Pete Shearon, and Nicki Soulé) for all of their hard work preparing for the retreat, to Jimp-sie Ayres for the wonderful t-shirt design, AND to everyone who attended and pitched in with various tasks throughout the weekend. The end result was a weekend full of fun, fellowship, and great food. With boating, swimming, the ropes course, karaoke, and just plain hanging out, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The Exodus Committee has reviewed the feedback provided and is already hard at work making next year's Exodus even better! So, mark your calendars because we have already reserved **September 23-25, 2011**, for the second annual Weekend Exodus! You won't want to miss it!



To see more pics, go to
flickr.com/gracestlukes

The Altar Gifts in November are offered in Loving Memory and in Thanksgiving for

November 7 Alice M. Armstrong, Pearl Rice Connally, and Beverly Powers Alexander. The Paschal Candle flowers are given in thanksgiving for the Baptism of Hazel Anne Snyder by the Rev. Bindy Wright Snyder.

November 14 Millicent Peyton, John Peyton, Claude Thompson, and Rick Long

November 21 James F. Humphreys, Sara W. Humphreys, and Eleanor Humphreys Grandjean

November 28 Laura Lane Heathcott, Christine Harrell Stauber, Harvey Victor Stauber, Patricia Mary Hardy, Helen Price Boone, Harvey Victor Stauber, Jr., William Parker Halliday, Caroline Wilkinson Halliday, Charles B. Allen, Jr., Dorothy Reeve Allen, Charles B. Allen III, Joann Lockard Allen, Anne Pillow Halliday, William Parker Halliday, Jr., and Chris Williams. The Advent Wreath and Candles are given in memory of Thomas Hogan, Sr., F. M. Hogan, Thomas Hogan, Jr., and Wendell Pigg.

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Helen Hays from Shep & Janet Tate

William Farr from Ann DeWar Blecken

Margaret Kellum from Bettie C. Welsh, Maryanne & Don Macdonald, Miller Delgadillo, Helen S. Carey, Kathy Fish, Mary Lillian Howard

William McNeill Ayres from Ruthie & Edward Taylor

Membership News

Marriages

Emilie Katherine Johnson and Derek Todd Wheeler, September 25, 2010

Shanna Merle Humphries and Brian Daniel Eason, October 8, 2010

Jessica Lauren Magro and Carlee Travis Hare, October 16, 2010

November Lay Service Schedule

November 7

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

Breakfast Cooks: P Wilson, C Kerwin, J Moore, B Foster, L Strickland, C Pazar, S King
8:00 McGehee, Adams, Brewer

10:30 **Acolytes:** M Cline, V Strother, D McClew, H Morehead

Ushers: E Taylor, W Ayres, A Nix

November 14

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

Breakfast Cooks: M Herr, C Mercer, M Crow, D McLemore, K Patton, B Williams
8:00 Edwards, Busby, Busby

10:30 **Acolytes:** K Rasberry, R Waring, C Rasberry, K Ayres

Ushers: T Claybrook, B Adrian, D Douglass, J Mercer

November 21

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 Rolfes, Smith, Smith

10:30 **Acolytes:** M Hayes, A Hartney, D Graber, R Gooch

Ushers: J Rasberry, L Allen, E Epperson, T Mitchell

November 25, Thanksgiving

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

November 28

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

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

8:00 McGehee, Whitlock, Whitlock

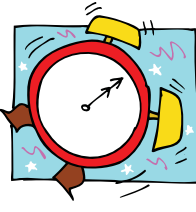


10:30 **Acolytes:** E Shearon, M Cline, S Collier, C Rhea

Ushers: R Norcross, W Ayres, J Fones, J Moore

November 2010

For the most up-to-date GSL event info, go to gracestlukes.org/events

December 2010						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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12 STEP MEETINGS
 Al 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



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A Word from the Rector: The 70th Anniversary of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in November of 2010

You are invited to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church during the month of November. Patrick Burnett (our senior warden) and Jim Taylor (our senior warden before Patrick) have helped me in designing a few programs that will honor our 70th birthday and encourage us to look ahead to what should be an even bigger celebration of our 75th Anniversary in 2015.

On two consecutive Sundays, November 7th and the 14th, the Rector's Forum (9:30 AM in Trezevant) will focus upon the past, present, and future of our parish church. We will hear some delightful stories from people who love our parish and know it well. Jim Taylor and I have invited six to seven members of the Church to tell stories about programs and people who are near and dear to them. For example, the subjects will range from fascinating historical anecdotes to pastoral care (we will hear from a parishioner whose life has been blessed by the Pastoral Care Team ministry of our church).

Then, on November 21, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting at 9:15 AM, followed by the Holy Eucharist

with the Welcoming of a New Rector at 10:30 AM. During this liturgy, the Reverend Canon Chip Davis, the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of West Tennessee, will join us representing the Bishop and the Very Reverend Mark Borlakos, Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral in Louisville and a dear friend of mine, will preach. This liturgy is an ordinary parish Eucharist with one or two extra prayers for us in our shared ministry and a few words of welcome for me as we give thanks to God for this call of a new Rector. By the way, I think it is important for you to know that even though this Eucharist includes these additional prayers and words it still will last about as long as it usually does on Sunday.

Last but not least, I will celebrate and preach at the Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day (10:30 AM), which was the very date of our first liturgy as Grace-St. Luke's seventy years ago. November, then, will be a great month for us to gather, celebrate, and give thanks to God. See you in Church!

The Reverend Richard Lawson