



# 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 November issue of *The Messenger* is **9 AM, October 15!** Contact Lucy Owens at 272-7425 or [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto:lucy@gslparish.org) with any questions. Also, if you would like to go green and receive your copy of *The Messenger* online, contact Lucy.



### First Friday Fellowship

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

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).

The October FFF will be held on Friday, **October 2, from 6-10 PM** at the home of **Ruth and Kurt Patton**. An evite will be sent out as usual; however, if you have not been on the list in the past and would like to be included, please email Kate Garretson Morse at [kategarretson@yahoo.com](mailto:kategarretson@yahoo.com) to be added.



### The Rev. Brian Ponder to Speak at October 11th Luncheon Meeting

We are in for a treat on the program side of our October 9th meeting. The speaker will be our **the Rev. J. Brian Ponder**, Associate Rector. We will gather at 11:30 AM for social time and appetizers, with a light lunch at noon for only \$6.00. The program will follow. All are welcome to attend. Reservations to Lucy by **noon Wednesday, October 7**, at [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto:lucy@gslparish.org) or 272-7425. See you there!! *Mary Virginia*



### GPAC Executive Director to Speak to October 15th Third Thursday

**Tania Castroverde Moskalenko**, Executive Director of the Germantown Performing Arts Center, will speak to the Third Thursday dinner group on **October 15th**. She will highlight the many and varied events they present and focus on the 2009-10 season which will be beginning soon. She comes highly recommended as a good, informative and entertaining speaker, so don't miss this chance to see friends and to enjoy this program.

Join the "empty nest set" 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 at 272-7425 or [www.lucy@gslparish.org](http://www.lucy@gslparish.org). In keeping with church policy, your reservation is your agreement to pay for your meal.

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Andy Nix, Charles Pazar, Betty Peyton,  
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Jennie VanDeveer, Peggy Williamson, and  
Tom Wyatt

**TO KNOW CHRIST AND  
TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN**

*We seek to serve God and our neighbor by welcoming into Grace-St. Luke's parish all people who seek to love God and participate in an open and supportive community based upon the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. Honoring the vows of our Baptismal Covenant, we respect the dignity of every human person by welcoming all regardless of physical appearance or ability, age, mental capacity, ethnic or religious background, sexual orientation, a sense of past or present personal sinfulness or financial circumstances. We seek to become more fully loving, and we welcome all who wish to join us in this journey.*

**Copies of the GSL Parish Profile available!**

The Rector Search Committee would like to ask everyone to help us save postage by picking up your copy of the Parish Profile following the morning services on Sunday, October 4th, and on Sunday, October 11th. Copies will also be available anytime during the week in Lucy's office. We want everyone to have an opportunity to experience the rich and wonderful story of Grace-St. Luke's Church as told in the Parish Profile.

**Grand Old Bazaar News/Volunteers Needed**

The ladies are working hard to get ready for the Grand Old Bazaar. All are welcome to join them on **Tuesdays from 9 to 1**. They knit, crochet, sew, do hand crafts, and have fun!!! They need your household treasures! Please leave them on the Doan House porch, 1768 Peabody.

**The Bazaar** will be in Trezevant Hall on **Thurs., Nov. 12, from 10 AM - 2 PM**. A wonderful light lunch will be served from 11 to 1 for \$7. Volunteers are needed to man the sales tables. **It's not too early to volunteer!** If you can take a 1 or 2 hour shift or all 4 hours, contact Betty Underwood at 767-3785.

**A CALL FOR CARDS**

Do you have some of those "complimentary greeting cards" hidden away in your desk drawers? Pastoral Care could use those and any others you might like to donate. Drop them by the church office or give them to Sandy Baker.

**GSL Church eNews, eMessenger, the Online Directory,  
Facebook and Twitter**

- If you are not receiving our weekly eNews and would like to be kept up-to-date on the goings on at GSL, just send an email to lucy@gsllparish.org with eNews in the Subject.
- To receive the Messenger by email and help us save money and trees, send email to Lucy with eMessenger as the Subject.
- Additionally, if you would like access to the online directory, send email to Lucy with Online Directory as the Subject and your user id and password will be emailed to you.
- And don't forget about connecting with GSL thru Facebook and Twitter: <http://facebook.com/gracestlukes> and <http://twitter.com/gslparish>.

When a crowd of people had been following Jesus for three days, seeking healing and teaching, Jesus called his disciples together and said, "...I am unwilling to send them away hungry." (Matthew 15:32)

Because the West Tennessee Haiti Partnership is unwilling to send the children at St. Vincent's and St. Paul's away hungry, they are holding a "Stop Hunger Now" food packing event on November 7 at Church of the Holy Communion. The event will involve up to 900 volunteers packaging 142,500 meals for the children in Haiti.

Stop Hunger Now ([www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)) is an organization that provides the opportunity for caring and compassionate people of all ages to get involved in feeding the hungry worldwide. The high-protein, dehydrated meals to be packaged by the volunteers consist of a rice-soy mixture plus dehydrated vegetables and chicken flavoring, fortified with 21 essential



vitamins. The meals are specifically tailored to the nutritional needs of under-nourished children.

In addition to packaging thousands of meals for the hungry, volunteers enjoy the satisfaction and fellowship that comes with working together for a good cause.

Plan to join in helping feed "our" Haitian children. Mark **Saturday, November 7**, on your calendar and sign up at [www.haiti-partnership.org](http://www.haiti-partnership.org). Volunteers may choose the first shift, 9:00 AM to noon, or the second shift, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Donations are also needed to help pay for the food, 25 cents per meal, plus the shipping costs to get it to Haiti.

If you are unable to contribute time or money, please contribute prayer.

## More Than a Meal: A Ministry of Hospitality

More Than a Meal, a ministry of hospitality open to anyone, has been hosted at GSL since April, 2002. Every Sunday between 2:00 and 3:00 PM volunteers gather in the kitchen and in Trezevant Hall to prepare and serve a sit down meal for 80 to 125 guests. Our guests come from all walks of life, but most live within a 1/2 mile of GSL. They are of all races and ages, and both guests and volunteers find that it's an opportunity to get to know people with very different life experiences.

The guests include several retired people who subsist on their Social Security checks for whom this is the only opportunity to eat out and socialize with their friends. They can't afford to go to a restaurant so they join us at More Than a Meal. We host laid-off construction workers, families, single mothers and veterans. Some individuals are disabled, and some are homeless. Most have a home, just not much money.

There are about 35 regular volunteers from GSL who join with volunteers from other churches and organizations to prepare and serve the meal, pray, read scripture, play music, socialize with our guests and clean up afterwards.

Volunteers from the Church of the Holy Communion help serve on 1st Sundays of the month.

Nursing students from the Baptist College of Health Sciences are regular volunteers especially on 2nd Sundays. They help serve and clean up, as well as occasionally provide minor medical services such as blood pressure screening.

Volunteers from the Rivendell Community assist on 2nd Sundays.



St. Luke's Lutheran Church volunteers cook and serve the meal on 3rd Sundays.

Volunteers from St. Mary's Cathedral play piano and violin, as well as serve and clean up on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

St George's Church youth group prepares the meal, serves and cleans up on special Sundays such as Easter.

Holy Apostles' makes sandwiches and helps to serve and clean up on the 4th Sunday of each month.

In addition to our regular GSL volunteers, when Sunday School is in session students from the GSL Rite 13 (6th, 7th and 8th grades) class help to prepare the meal and serve on the 4th Sunday every other month.

Door of Hope volunteers cook and serve the meal on 5th Sundays.

If you are curious about what goes on at More Than a Meal, come and observe on any Sunday. Just contact Betty Peyton, who is there nearly every Sunday. She will be glad to give you a guided tour and explain the operation. The following long-time volunteers also can give you information about the program: Happy Jones (1st Sunday captain), Debbie Hooser (2nd Sunday co-captain), Libba Allen (2nd Sunday co-captain), Ruthie Lentz (3rd Sunday captain), Edith Heller (4th Sunday captain), Murray McKay (5th Sunday captain), Karen Harper, and Jerry Sanders and Donna Sanders.

*Thanks, Karen Harper ([rich2karen@earthlink.net](mailto:rich2karen@earthlink.net))*



## GSL Church Athletic News

### GSL CHURCH YOUTH ATHLETICS BASKETBALL (1ST GRADE - 4TH GRADE)

#### ASSESSMENT TIME!!

It's basketball time, and to get the season started, we are having a Skills Assessment Day as part of the registration process. GSL Church Youth Athletics does this for all of its sports, and it is a required activity for those children who sign up. This is not a tryout; it's simply a way to more evenly divide the teams. This should be lots of fun for the kids!

#### Who:

All 1st-4th graders registered for GSL Basketball. This is a required part of the registration process; all players need to attend.

#### When:

Saturday, October 24th & Sunday, October 25th

1st & 2nd Grade Girls - 2:00 - 3:15 PM

3rd & 4th Grade Girls - 2:00 - 3:15 PM

1st & 2nd Grade Boys - 3:15 - 4:30 PM

3rd & 4th Grade Boys - 3:30 - 4:45 PM\*\*

\*\* Later Start Due to Soccer Practices

#### Where:

GSL Gymnasium

#### What:

Players will be assessed on ball handling, passing, and shooting. There will also be a scrimmage.

#### Players:

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time so that you can get signed in and warmed up. Come dressed and ready to play.

#### Questions to:

Christi Authement, Church Athletic Director ([christi@gslparish.org](mailto:christi@gslparish.org) or 272-7425, ext. 22), or a Committee Member: Todd Brown, Kellie Lacy, Jon Lakey, James Overstreet, Paula Sappington, or Bruce Williams.

All Basketball Registration forms are due at the GSL Church Office by Friday, October 2, 4:30 PM. Please include your check with your form.



*GSL 3rd and 4th Grade Football Team*

*Coaches pictured from left to right: Todd Brown, Raymond Williams, Jim Lattimore and Paul Henley*



*Christi Authement, GSL Church Athletic Director, and Coach Rick Kohlof from GSL School, along with Mr. Clay Phillips.*

*P.S. Look at that new paint job on the caboose!!*



## GSL EYC October



- 4 St. Francis of Assisi Pet Blessing  
4-6 PM, Grades 6-12, GSL Church
- 7 Teen Group at St. John's Parish Life Center  
7:00-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12
- 7-10 GSL School Fall Break
- 11 EYC, The Doan House, Jr. High: 5:30-7 PM  
Sr. High: 6:30-8 PM
- 14 Teen Group at St. John's Parish Life Center  
7:00-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12
- 18 EYC, The Doan House, Jr. High: 5:30-7 PM  
Sr. High: 6:30-8 PM
- 21 Teen Group at St. John's Parish Life Center  
7:00-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12

- 25 Jr. /Sr. High EYC, Corn Maze and Picnic  
5-7 PM AgriCenter \$7.00
- 28 Teen Group at St. John's Parish Life Center  
7:00-8:30 PM, Grades 9-12

*The Diocesan Youth Council presents  
Bishop's Bash - Salt N Light*

*Who: Grades 9-12*

*What: A fun and exciting spiritual retreat for youth*

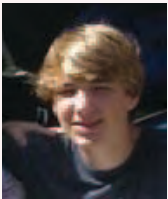
*When: November 6-8, 2009*

*Where: Pincrest, Moscow, TN*

*Cost: \$110.00*

*Register by October 21, 2009.*

### Interview ~ Monthly Youth Feature Hilary Dow-Ward & Henry McGehee Monday, August 17, 2009



Hilary: Okay Henry, I'm going to ask you a few questions and you can think about it and then answer.

Henry: What if I don't know the answer.

Hilary: You'll be okay.

Henry: OK.

Hilary: What is your earliest memory of Grace-St. Luke's?

Henry: I'd have to say church services. I don't remember anything specific other than I can remember coming to church as a little kid...and I can remember being here for church with my family.

Hilary: What's your earliest memory of GSL School?

Henry: I can remember playing on the playground at Miss Lee's. I remember this one time I was pretending that I was going under water and I was holding my nose and it was just as my Dad was picking me up and it made him think I had a bloody nose. That was funny. I remember that. And I can remember playing with people who I'm still friends with today...that's really cool.

Hilary: What do you like best about GSL?

Henry: I think it's a really friendly place to be as a kid. In fact, my favorite part of Sunday mornings is having breakfast in Trezevent Hall. I really enjoy that.

Hilary: What's your favorite part of the church service at GSL?

Henry: I really like the preaching and prayers. They're very welcoming to all kinds of people.

Hilary: Okay let's switch gears here a little bit...what sorts of activities do you participate in other than church and school?

Henry: I like lacrosse and hanging out with my friends. This summer I had a job at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. That was a lot of fun.

Hilary: Really? What did you do?

Henry: I worked with child life on the closed circuit TV program and other sorts of creative art activities for children.

Hilary: Did you make some new friends?

Henry: Well, actually, some of my GSL youth group friends worked there too. And one of our other friends was in the hospital this summer and so he was there as a patient while we were working. We'd take our breaks in his room every day. It was handy.

Hilary: What are you looking forward to during this next school year?

Henry: I'm looking forward to seeing all of my friends again! I don't see a lot of them outside of school. Busy, busy! I'm also looking forward to having a little more free time because I'm not playing lacrosse this year. It will be nice to get to go home after school instead of getting home super late.

Hilary: Henry, do you have a favorite bible story or passage?

Henry: Yes, I really liked the story about Jesus multiplying the bread and fish to feed 5000 people.

Hilary: Why?

Henry: Because when I was little that's the only thing that made me remotely interested in eating fish.



# Fall Christian Education offerings for Adults

*Adult Christian Education*  
*Sunday Mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 AM*

Listening for God:

A Celestial Omnibus, Short Fiction on Faith  
*Class meets in the Peete Room.*

From Jesus to Constantine:

A History of Early Christianity  
*Class meets in McClure Hall.*

The Everyday Holy: A 20s to 40s Offering

*Class meets in the Lounge.*

## Newcomers Classes Announced

Welcome to Grace-St. Luke's! This series of three 30-minute gatherings is intended to introduce new folks to GSL and one another, as well as offering a brief overview of the ins-and-outs of what we do here and why.

Open to newcomers, visitors and long-time members alike, our sessions will afford space and time for questions, dialog and fellowship. Join us! **Classes meet in the Lounge 10 minutes after the 10:30 service.**

The series is non-sequential, so you may enter at any time. It offers a great introduction to the Inquirers'/Confirmation classes to be offered later in the fall. Nursery care will be available. No class registration necessary, but to request nursery care or more information, please contact **Julie Denman** at 272-7425 ext. 15 or [julie@gslparish.org](mailto:julie@gslparish.org).

**October 4**—*Welcome to GSL! Stand or Kneel?*

Join us for a tour of the church building and facilities and an overview of who we are and what we do.

We'll discuss worship in the Episcopal Church, the "hows" and "whys" of Sunday corporate worship. Bring your Sunday service leaflet!

**October 11**—*Scripture, Tradition and Reason*

Our focus for this session considers the historical "three-legged stool" approach to faith.

**October 18**—*All Aboard!*

Looking for ways to go deeper or to get involved? We'll talk about the various ministries open to you at GSL and how you might join a group or guild that suits your interests and giftedness.

## Fall Adult Confirmation/Inquirers' Classes Offered on Wednesday Evenings

A class will be held on **Wednesdays** from **6:30-8 PM (October 28, November 4, 11, 18 and December 2)** geared towards those seeking deeper commitment and discernment within their lives of faith and those wishing to prepare for the rite of Confirmation. While the classes do not commit one to Confirmation, they will prepare all for the Bishop's visit on December 6 at which time the rite will be celebrated. Nursery care will be available. To register and request nursery care or more information, please contact **Julie Denman** at 272.7425 ext. 15 or [julie@gslparish.org](mailto:julie@gslparish.org). Location: Gather in Trezevant Hall

### What's Confirmation?

Confirmation is a sacrament of the church and is an adult profession of one's faith. While it is often undertaken separately from the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confirmation actually completes the baptismal rite and involves a public affirmation of faith and the laying on of hands by a Bishop.

### What's involved?

Join us as we delve into all things fundamental to the faith! Over the course of five weeks, we'll discuss everything from basic Christianity to Episcopal worship and the sacraments, from church history to polity and structure. We'll consider the importance of the Bible and the Prayer Book in our common lives, as well as take a spiritual inventory to discern our gifts for ministry. We'll consider the Baptismal Covenant and how we are all called to Christian action and mission.

### Who can attend?

The class is open to ALL—those who want to receive the sacrament of Confirmation; those wishing to be Received into the Church (already Confirmed in another branch of the Christian Church); candidates for Reaffirmation; those who want a refresher course; and to seekers and those who simply want to learn more about the Christian faith and the Episcopal way.



## Fall Christian Education offerings for Youth & Children

### *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, and
- 3) Sunday School Room – very-young-three to six-year-olds.

### *Children's Sunday School Offerings Sunday Mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 AM*

#### **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

#### **Third to Fifth Grades**

Room 212, Bill Stubblefield

### *Christian Education for Youth Sunday Mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 AM*

#### **Rite-13**

Grades 6-8

Youth House, 2nd Floor, just east of Miss Lee's, 1768 Peabody  
Led by Donna and Jerry Sanders

#### **Youth Confirmation**

Anyone in grades 9-12 who hasn't been confirmed  
The Chapel  
Led by Daniel Pigg, Jane Williams, Sherry Prewitt, John Stewart,  
Elizabeth Gasselor and Michael Briggs

#### **YAC**

Grades 11-12,  
Hilary's Office, 2nd Floor GSL Church

*Children's Christian Education Committee Meeting  
5:30 p.m. – October 14 – Atrium 2 Room  
Open to all who are interested in the  
Children's Christian Education program.  
Nursery provided.*



### *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistant Training Workshop*

*Sunday, October 25*

*Good Shepherd Center*

If you'd like to carpool, we will be leaving GSL at 2 PM. Please contact **Kathy Stubblefield** at [kathy@gslparish.org](mailto:kathy@gslparish.org) if you want more information.

The Good Shepherd Center is located at St. Philip Episcopal Church, 9380 Davies Plantation Rd.

### *Upcoming Events*

**October 14, 5:30 PM**, Atrium 2 Room  
Children's Christian Education Committee

**October 25, 2:30–5:00 PM**, St. Philip Episcopal Church  
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Assistant Training Workshop

**November 22, Sunday School Hour**, Location TBA  
All are invited to make Advent Wreaths

**December 9, 5:45 PM**  
La Posada – Mark your calendars NOW!!

**The Diocesan Picnic 2009**  
**Mark Your Calendars Now!!**  
**(It was postponed because of rain.)**



**Sunday, October 25 • 1 – 4 PM**  
**St. Columba Conference Center**  
**4577 Billy Maher Road**

Sample St. Columba's culinary delights at lunch for \$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under age 4 eats free). Admission to the picnic festivities is a canned good for the Emmanuel Episcopal Center's food pantry. Picnic t-shirts are \$10.  
**SIGN UP AT WWW.STCMEMPHIS.ORG.**

## News From GSL School

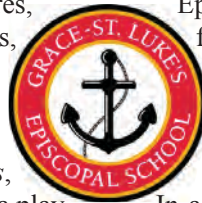
by Tom Beazley

October is a busy month at GSL, with school pictures, teacher appreciation day, parent-teacher conferences, ERB testing, and much more.

At the beginning of the month, we invite you all to join us for the fall Middle School production of *Masks*, on stage in McClure Hall from **October 1-4**. *Masks* is a play in four scenarios that tackles social issues in a humorous way. Some 23 students are involved in the production. Show times are 7:30 pm from Thursday, Oct. 1 to Saturday, Oct. 3 and 2:30 pm on Sunday, Oct. 4. Tickets are \$7 per person and are only available at the door.

Fall Break begins on **Wednesday, Oct. 7**, with noon dismissal. The school office will be closed Thursday, Oct. 8, and Friday, Oct. 9. Holiday Care will be open for families who have registered.

On **October 16**, our fifth graders will join forces with their peers from St. George's Independent School, St. Mary's



Episcopal School, and New Hope Christian Academy for a day of community service at St. Columba. More than 200 students will participate. Each school hosts a community service project, such as making sack lunches to feed the homeless, or creating artwork to donate to a business or to auction off for a good cause. In addition, each school is responsible for a team building exercise so that fifth graders can get to know one another while working jointly on these projects. Our fifth graders always enjoy this special annual event; we will share pictures with you next month.

On **Tuesday, November 3**, we will hold our annual Open House for parents interested in enrolling their children at GSL next year. This event is at 8:30 AM in Trezevant Hall. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors who are looking at schools for their children. This is a great time for prospective parents to tour the school and learn more about our fantastic educational program here at GSL.



*Have you noticed the recycling bins between the Evans Building and our senior kindergarten playground? The GSL school community is committed to going green, and as part of our school-wide effort, Eco Club members Ashley, Anna, and Sarah help collect recyclables from classrooms around the school for weekly pickup.*

## An Invitation to the Men of the Parish

The Calvary Men's Journey group would like to invite fellow churchmen from other Memphis parishes to attend the last in a series of political forums in the Calvary Great Hall. On **Tuesday, October 6**, Mayoral candidate Carol Chumney will share her vision for the future of Memphis. We will meet at 5:30 PM for fellowship and then eat dinner at 6:00. Ms. Chumney will speak at 6:30. The cost for the event is \$10. Please reserve your spot (majicdoc13@hotmail.com or 763-2111) by Friday, October 2. We look forward to seeing you there. *Mark Johnson, president*



## Good Time Comin'

Ten is an important number. We have 10 fingers, 10 toes, and base 10 is our most widely used numeric system. Plus, 10 is a milestone of significant development.

That's certainly how the board of directors, staff and supporters of the Samaritan Counseling Centers of the Mid-South, Inc. view this fall's 10th Annual Jazz & Pasta Party, which will be Sunday evening, **October 18, 5 - 8:30**, at the Memphis Botanic Garden.

This is the most important annual fund-raising activity for the Centers, which offer a ministry of healing to those seeking a balance of emotional, relational and spiritual health. Those associated with the Centers work hard to make it successful every year, but this year they're planning an extra-special celebration.

For sure, there'll be great jazz, delicious pastas with all the accompanying edibles and beverages, and auctions – Live and Silent – of appealing and intriguing items from A to Z.

We look forward to celebrating this 10th with many of our friends from GSL. Mark Sunday, Oct. 18, on your calendar. Be sure to RSVP ASAP. For more information, contact SCC at 901-729-3900 or samaritanmemphis@bellsouth.net.



## What!? A SILENT Retreat for women!

*By Elizabeth Madden*

Gayle S. invited me, and I said yes. That's how I attended my first Silent Retreat several years ago. What a rewarding experience it turned out to be!

Although I have an active imagination, it was hard for me to picture how a group of twenty-two yappy women could remain quiet for a whole weekend. Gayle said, "Trust me. You can do it." So I signed up and packed my toothbrush and went.

The "retreat" part of the weekend began as soon as I turned off Billy Maher Road into the driveway at St. Columba – oh, what a beautiful and restful property it is. The "silent" part started after supper on Friday evening. I took to heart Mimsy Jones's advice for observing the silence: walk slowly, avert my eyes when passing another participant, and empty my mind of all cares and plans.

Here's a short list of the highlights of that first Silent Retreat weekend:

- refreshing October air
- privacy
- time to ramble the meadows and paths
- delicious and bountiful meals that I didn't have to cook
- meditations by Mimsy (food for thought)
- wine, cheese, crackers, and soft music at happy hour each evening
- a few prayers, a few hours of reading, a few naps
- a stone fireplace with a flickering fire that never went out
- a mini-bookshop toted out there by Elizabeth Wirls.

If these details sound enticing to you, consider joining me and your other sisters for this year's St. Clare Silent Retreat weekend. It will be held **October 23, 24 & 25**. Cost is \$225. Contact **Debbie Balling ASAP** at ldebb@bellsouth.net or 901-335-4001 with questions and registration. I'll be looking for you at St. Columba Episcopal Retreat Center in Memphis, TN.

## By His Stripes You Are Healed: A Healing Conference

The Order of St. Luke at **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 106 Walnut in Collierville**, is hosting a healing mission led by **the Rev. Alan Hansen** of ACTS 29 Ministries of Atlanta, GA. He will lead a healing mission and officiate at the healing service that evening. ACTS 29 has a 33-year history of bringing renewal, growth, and new life in the Holy Spirit to congregations throughout the US and abroad. ACTS 29 also hosts YouthQuake which is the largest youth event in the Anglican world. The workshop will be held from **9 AM until 4 PM on Saturday, October 3**. Please contact St. Andrew's at 853-0425 or kathy@standrewscollierville.org. The registration fee is \$15 and includes a box lunch and a conference workbook. Make checks payable to St. Andrew's, and in the memo line note OSL healing conference.

## October Lay Service Schedule

### October 4

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

**Breakfast Cooks:** D Conaway, P Taylor, G Conaway, S Liles, J Fields, M Rowland

#### Lay Service Participants

8:00 TBA

10:30 *Acolytes:* M Cline, D McClew, C Rhea

*Ushers:* TBA

### October 11

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

**Breakfast Cooks:** Wilson, C Kerwin, J Moore, B Foster, L Strickland, C Pazar, S King

#### Lay Service Participants

8:00 TBA

10:30 *Acolytes:* M Hayes, E Shearon, Z VanDeveer

*Ushers:* TBA

### October 18

**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

#### Lay Service Participants

8:00 TBA

10:30 *Acolytes:* H Morehead, C Rasberry, K Rasberry

*Ushers:* TBA

### October 25

**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

#### Lay Service Participants

8:00 TBA

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

*Ushers:* TBA

## *The Altar Gifts in October are offered in loving memory of*

**October 4** Walter P. Armstrong, Margaret King Strickland, Charles C. King, Jr., Ensley Shelby Oxley, Judge Bailey Brown, Francis Paul Gassner, Mary Frances Statham, and Edward A. Wright

**October 11** Martha Wharton Jones, Meriwether Wesley Alvis, Jean Stewart Alvis, Charles L. Clarke, M.D., and Jane Alvis Clarke

**October 18** Benjamin Franklin Ward, Jay Turnipseed, Robert Cole Hatzenbuehler, and Robbie Hatzenbuehler

**October 25** John Paul Jones, Sr., Lee Massey Clarkson, William K. Pearson, and Betty C. McCarson

## Member News

### Burials

Margaret F. Hume, died September 8; burial September 12, 2009

Harvey Victor Stauber, Jr., died September 10; burial September 15, 2009

### Baptisms on September 20, 2009

Campbell Nell Fields, daughter of Jeb and Lisa Fields  
Donald Kingsley Hunt, III, son of Donald and Mary Craig Hunt

### Transfer In

Brad Canada from St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Oxford, MS

### Transfer Out

Rhonda Herring and Katherine Herring to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Hot Springs Village, AR

Hammond and Kay Cole to St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Millington, TN

Carol Moloney and Sean Moloney to St. James Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, LA




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# October 2009

For the most up-to-date calendar,  
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November 2009						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				October 1		
					Basketball Registration Due 9:30am Sr. Fitness 5:30pm Timberlake-Green Rehearsal 6:00pm First Friday Fellowship	12:00pm Timberlake-Green Wedding
8:00am & 10:30am & 5:30 Eucharists 8:45am Breakfast 9:15am Christian Ed 11:45am Coffee Hour 11:45am Newcomers Class 4:00pm MoreTAMeal 4:00pm Pet Blessing 	12:00pm Weight Watchers 1:00pm Food Pantry 4:30pm EFM	9:00am Bazaar Ladies 9:00am Staff meeting 1:00pm Food Pantry 5:30pm Servant Leaders	5:00pm Canterbury Choir 6:20pm St. Cecilia Choir 6:30pm Fellowship (Peete) 7:00pm Teen Group 7:30pm Adult Choir	5:30pm PC Team 3	9:30am Sr. Fitness 11:30am 39ers 5:30pm Watridge & McInerney Rehearsal	6:00pm Watridge & McInerney Wedding
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***Calling all animals!***  
***The Blessing of the Animals***  
***Sunday, October 4***

Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be **Sunday, October 4, at 4 PM** in the church. This service is held in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, and celebrates the companionship and love God shows us through creation and our animal friends.

Plan now to bring your finned, feathered or furry friends or your favorite stuffed animal. Each pet will receive an

individual blessing, certificate and St. Francis medal. The service is brief and fun and a great time to invite friends to visit GSL. We will serve treats for critters and their owners following the service.

Please remember to bring a donation to assist animal rescue work.



*Fannie Leigh Weinberg and Monroe will be at the Pet Blessing. Come and join them!*



*Last year, Mary Norman and her son Robert Jungklas brought the adopted strays, Cosmo and Wanda, to be blessed.*