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## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Homily  
 8:45 AM Breakfast  
 9:15 AM Classes (*beginning Sept. 13*)  
 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 October issue of *The Messenger* is 9 AM, September 15! Contact Lucy Owens at 272-7425 or lucy@gslparish.org with any questions. Also, if you would like to go green and receive your copy of *The Messenger* online, contact Lucy.

# RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The committee is working speedily but methodically on the Parish Profile and just completed the final piece: a photo shoot to ensure we've got nice pictures of the sanctuary and worship services. Be on the lookout for the final profile early this month. The committee is very excited about how it looks! We are also working with the Communications Task Team to post a polished and informative online version of the profile.

The committee has also met with Canon Rene Somodevilla, the Diocesan deployment officer, in order to complete the official national job posting. We'll likely open the call for candidates' names in the very near future!

The Rector Search Committee is very appreciative of the congregation's "prayerful patience" during this long search-preparation phase. All of us share your eager anticipation for our parish's next chapter, and we thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

## PRAYER FOR THE SEARCH PROCESS

Written and prayed by the Fellowship Committee

"Almighty and Everlasting God, whose Son performed his first miracle at a community celebration, send down your blessings as we gather and celebrate within our own church community. By Your Spirit, grant that our occasions for fellowship will welcome all into the warmth of our parish family. Guide us also in our search for a new Rector, that your chosen servant will share our calling to strengthen the powerful bonds that link our parish in love, support, praise, and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

## Musical Chairs

Special thanks are extended to our guest Ireland, Lee Nix, Anne Waring, and singers who joined members of the Alicia Wiggs. A joyful noise was made by all, and if you missed us this time, Wesley has decided to repeat the opportunity later in the year.



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Andy Nix, Charles Pazar, Betty Peyton,  
Barney Rolfes, Paula Sappington, Jim Taylor,  
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.*



## Recovery Repertory Theater Play followed by Candlelight Recovery Compline September 11 – 7:00 PM

Honesty, open mindedness, faith, willingness, and surrender are spiritual principles we as Episcopalians share with 12-step recovery programs. We hope you will join us to celebrate recovery in an entirely different way on **Friday, September 11**, when the Addiction and Recovery Commission of the Diocese of West Tennessee travels to Grace-St. Luke's Church to celebrate recovery.

Recovery Repertory Theater will perform their 2009 musical comedy/drama play entitled "The Reunion" at 7 PM. The play will be followed by a brief Candlelight Recovery Compline.

For more information, contact **Lucy Owens**, 272-7425, lucy@gslparish.org or **Shannon Tucker**, 281-0785, shannon.tucker@gmail.com.



## Diocesan Picnic 2009 Sunday, September 20th • Noon – 4 PM St. Columba Conference Center 4577 Billy Maher Road

Wear your picnic clothes to church, then join your diocesan family at St. Columba for an afternoon of games, food, activities, music and more! Hike part of St. Columba's 148 acres; canoe or fish in the lake; dunk the Bishop and your priest in the dunk tank; create a cross from found objects with Ellen Prewitt, author of Making Crosses; listen to the musical stylings of diocesan members' bands; participate in relay races with a team from your parish and get to know people from other congregations. Kids (and kids at heart) should wear bathing suits and shoes that are suitable for water activities, like St. Columba's giant slip-n-slide through the woods and canoeing on the lake. Anglers, bring your fishing pole! Sample St. Columba's culinary delights at lunch for \$6 per adult, \$4 per child (under age 4 eats free). Admission to the picnic is a canned good for the Emmanuel Episcopal Center's food pantry. Picnic t-shirts are \$10. SIGN UP AT WWW.STCMEMPHIS.ORG. See you there!

**Samaritan Counseling Centers of the Mid-South, Inc.** 10th Annual Jazz & Pasta Party will be Sunday evening, **October 18, 5 - 8:30**, at the Memphis Botanic Garden. For more information and reservations, contact samaritanmemphis@bellsouth.net. or 729.3900.



**Attention women:** Consider attending this year's **St. Clare Silent Retreat** weekend at St. Columba. It will be **October 23-25**. Cost is \$225. Contact **Debbie Balling** at 335-4001 or 1debb@bellsouth.net for more info.



## Mark Your Calendars to Stop Hunger Now!!

Plan to join in and help to feed "our" Haitian children on **Saturday, November 7**. For more information and to sign up, go to [www.haiti-partnership.org](http://www.haiti-partnership.org).

## 39'ers

September  
11th Lunch-  
Meeting

Welcome to the 2009-2010 year! Our meetings are on the **second Friday of every month** from September through June. We gather for social time at **11:30 AM**, with a light lunch around noon for only \$6.00, followed with a program of interest to one and all. All are welcome whether you are 39 or not.

I do hope all had a wonderful summer. I must admit that with summer and vacations and such I have not been able to firm up our program for September, but I promise it will be great. Reservations to Lucy by noon on Wednesday, September 9, at 272-7425 or [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto:lucy@gslparish.org). Looking forward to seeing you there.  
*Mary Virginia*



First  
Friday  
Fellowship

The First Friday Fellowship will skip September due to the Labor Day weekend conflict.

Evites are our communication method for getting the word out to the newcomers and newly involved parishioners who want to connect for fun and fellowship.

If you are not currently receiving the evites and would like to receive notice about the October gathering, please email Kate Garretson Morse at [kategarretson@yahoo.com](mailto:kategarretson@yahoo.com) to be added.

Third  
Thursday

September  
17th Dinner  
Welcomes  
Dr. Bheki  
Khumalo

The Third Thursday dinner group will begin its new series **September 17th** with Dr. Bheki McGlen Khumalo as the speaker. Many of us know Bheki as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at GSL, but most of us have no idea of his many activities and achievements. A native of South Africa, he came to this country to attend Denison University and has amassed a resume that will leave you saying, "WOW!" His academic and scientific accomplishments are impressive and include noted universities and a host of honors. In addition to these studies, he is also a graduate student at Memphis Theological Seminary. He participates in a number of mission trips, including two trips to Haiti and two trips to the Philippines this year. Come to hear the message this most accomplished parishioner has for us.

Our evening will begin at 6:30 with wine and conversation, followed by dinner at 7:00 and then our speaker. Come and join the empty nesters for a fun and stimulating evening for only \$10.00 a person. We have a lot of fun, and you can't beat the price! **In keeping with church policy, your reservation indicates your willingness to pay for the evening. Please help the hosts plan the dinner by making a reservation.** Call Lucy at 272-7425 or send an email to [lucy@gslparish.org](mailto:lucy@gslparish.org) to reserve your place.

## Men's Conference at DuBose

Those who could not make it, missed a great weekend at DuBose. Second from the left in the picture is Father Jimmy Bartz, our Saturday morning speaker. Everyone was touched by this dynamic young man. He captivated everyone with his message. It truly was a reaffirmation of faith for me. Ask anyone attending if they didn't feel the same.

We came in second in rib cooking Friday...I can't believe we didn't take #1... Middle Tn can cook a little, but East hasn't a clue! GSL was represented on the 2nd place team in the Saturday golf tourney. I'll probably smell like rib smoke for a month...but we had a great time and met many new folks from around the State.

This may have been the best Conference since I've been going. Lots of appreciation go out to the members of the Conference board..including GSL's Buddy Adams, treasurer, and Jon McCalla, secretary..

"See you on the Mountain"....next year.. *Don McLemore*

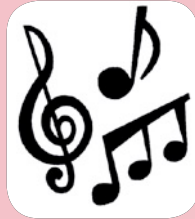


*Pictured left to right:  
Gil Hayes, Fr. Jimmy Bartz,  
Buddy Adams, Bishop Don  
Johnson, Jon McCalla,  
Greer Simonton, Maurice  
Tyler, Don McLemore,  
Simon Wadsworth, and  
Lee Wardlaw*

*Not pictured: Clary  
Lunsford and Chris Mercer.*

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## Children's Singing Opportunities at Grace-St. Luke's



Children's Choirs at GSL are open to anyone,  
regardless of church or school affiliation.

St. Cecilia Choir, SK-2nd grade

Canterbury Choir, 3rd grade and up

Parents' meeting for information and sign up:

**Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 PM** in the choir room.

Childcare and study hall available.

Come sing with us!

For more information, contact **Debbie**, 299-9313

or **Wesley**, 272-7425

## Calling All Acolytes New & Old!



It's that time of year again ... time for training and a refresher course! All acolytes and those wishing to become acolytes should attend a session to be held on **September 13** immediately following the **10:30 AM service**.

We'll discuss some changes that have been made in serving at the altar, offer several run-throughs for processions and more, as well as be fitted for new vestments. We'll also learn the names of things in our worship space.

It is **IMPERATIVE** that all current acolytes attend, as well as those in grades 4 and above who are interested in joining the acolyte ministry. For more information, contact **Grant Adams**, acolyte warden, at [grant\\_tcb\\_adams@hotmail.com](mailto:grant_tcb_adams@hotmail.com), or **Fr. Brian** at 272.7425 ext. 13 or [brian@gslparish.org](mailto:brian@gslparish.org).

## CUB SCOUTING

Cub Scout Back-to-School Sign-up Night is **Thursday, September 3, at 6:00 PM** in Trezevant Hall. Cub Scouting is a family program designed for boys in 1st-5th grades. If you cannot make the signup night but are interested in joining our Pack, just let Becca Howell know. You can email her at [howellbl@att.net](mailto:howellbl@att.net).

## Newcomers Classes Announced

Welcome to Grace-St. Luke's! This series of four 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).

### **September 27**—*Welcome to GSL!*

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

### **October 4**—*Stand or Kneel?*

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.



# GSL Youth EYC Kick-Off!



Sunday, September 13, 2009  
5:00-7:00 PM

Grades 6-12

Games, Fellowship, Food and Fun!  
GSL Youth House (east of Miss Lee's, 1768 Peabody)

**Beginning September 20th,**  
Jr. High EYC will meet from 5:30-7 PM and  
Sr. High EYC will meet from 6:30-8 PM.

**Looking ahead...**  
Bishop's Bash for grades 9-12!  
November 6-8, \$110.00

A schedule of the fall events will be available  
at the EYC Kick-Off on September 13th.

A schedule of events can also be found on our  
Facebook group: "Grace-St. Luke's EYC"

## Grace-St. Luke's Church Basketball Registration 2009-2010 Cost \$90

**TEAMS WILL BE FILLED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST PLACED BASIS!** Please sign up early in order to avoid being placed on a waiting list.



**REGISTRATION:** Please turn in or mail the form below by **Friday, October 2, 2009**, by 4:30 PM, to Grace-St. Luke's Church, 1720 Peabody Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

Cost is \$90 and includes Team Pictures and Trophies.

**BASKETBALL SKILL ASSESSMENTS** will be held in the GSL Gym on **Saturday, October 24**, and **Sunday, October 25**. Additional Information available in October.

**COACHES NEEDED:** If interested, please contact Christi at 825-7353, 272-7425, ext. 22, or christi@gsparish.org.

**HARRY ARNOLD INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE:**

5 & 6 year old boys and girls. This program will meet every Saturday morning at GSL gym from 8-9 AM for approximately eight weeks, beginning the first Saturday in December. Cost is \$50. Deadline is **Friday, October 2**, by 4:30 PM.

**Grace-St. Luke's Church sponsors the following teams:**

- BANTAM GIRLS: 1st and 2nd grade
- BANTAM BOYS: 1st and 2nd grade
- LASSIE GIRLS: 3rd and 4th grade
- MIDGET BOYS: 3rd and 4th grade

**There will ONLY be one day for shooting for Team Pictures!**

1. This form will not be accepted without a check.

2. Checks payable to Grace-St. Luke's Church

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ CLOTHES SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT'S INITIALS \_\_\_\_\_

\* Donations to the Grace-St. Luke's Athletic Fund are deductible and greatly appreciated. Please note "Athletic Fund" on your contribution (Registration fees are not deductible.)



## Fall Christian Education offerings for Adults, Youth & Children

### *Adult Christian Education* *Sunday Mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 AM* *Begins September 13!*

#### **From Jesus to Constantine:**

##### **A History of Early Christianity**

In a world where Christianity has been, in the words of Professor Bart D. Ehrman, “the most powerful religious, political, social, cultural, economic, and intellectual institution in the history of Western civilization,” most of us have grown up believing we know the answers to these questions:

- Were the early Christians really hunted down and martyred, with repeated persecutions for an illegal religion forcing them to hide in the catacombs of Rome?
- Did the ancient Jews of Jesus’ time always believe in a single, all-powerful God?
- How did breaking away from their Jewish roots make Christians more vulnerable in the Roman world?
- What were the origins of what we now consider the distinctively Christian liturgical practices of baptism and the Eucharist?

But do we know the answers? As this course shows, the answers are, in fact, quite surprising.

This fall, we will view a portion of this video series from The Great Courses® and have discussion based on the covered segments. Ehrman is the featured video lecturer and is a professor at UNC, Chapel Hill. **Class meets in McClure Hall.**

#### **The Everyday Holy: A 20s to 40s Offering**

Join us for soul-searching, fellowship, coffee/tea and conversation specifically geared towards those aged in their 20s-40s. Parish and guest presenters will facilitate sessions on just how “the Holy” is experienced in their day-to-day lives and living—some of it haphazardly, some of it through disciplined practices. **Class meets in the Lounge.**

#### **Listening for God**

For those who love to read, listen, and discuss how God speaks to them through literature. Stories/books for the fall session will be announced by September 1. Rotating facilitation by class members. Open to everyone. Drop in to sample, or stay all season. **Class meets in the Peete Room.**

### *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. Look for class outline in the coming weeks. 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: TBA

#### **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.

### *Education for Ministry (EFM)*

Education for Ministry, a four-year distance learning program of the School of Theology at Sewanee, has been a part of adult education at GSL for over 30 years. A small seminar group meets weekly for study of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Theology and Ethics as well as prayer and reflection. Tuition is charged. Limited to 12 students, the group is full for 2009/10. Julie Denman is the mentor and welcomes interest and questions about joining the program next fall.

***Christian Education for Youth  
Sunday Mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 AM  
Begins September 13!***

The Journey to Adulthood is a complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th grades. It uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries, and both serious and playful activities.

### **Rite-13**

#### **Grades 6-8**

**Youth House, 2nd Floor, just east of Miss Lee's, 1768 Peabody**

Rite-13 focuses on celebrating the individuality of each young person and his/her creative potential. The Rite-13 liturgy (A celebration of Manhood and Womanhood) is the community expression of this and a rite of passage from childhood towards adulthood .

### **Youth Confirmation**

**Anyone in grades 9-12 who hasn't been confirmed**

**Youth House, 2nd Floor, just east of Miss Lee's, 1768 Peabody**

This 10 week class will be taught by GSL Clergy as well as GSL teachers and parishioners. Please email Hilary for more information and to enroll: [hilary@gslparish.org](mailto:hilary@gslparish.org)

### **J2A-YAC**

#### **Grades 11-12,**

**Hilary's Office, 2nd Floor GSL Church**

Class will be taught by Hilary Dow-Ward, in preparation for June 2010 Pilgrimage to Quebec, "In the steps of St. Laurent."

J2A engages youth with the skills and critical thinking involved in adulthood. The youth plan and embark on a pilgrimage together at the end of this segment. This experience is often the spiritual highlight of their youth.

YAC helps older teens discern and carry out a ministry within their church or in the larger community. Vocation and development of a personal credo are also emphasized. A final rite of passage sends them out into the world as ambassadors of Christ.

## ***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. Eva Loftin is the Nursery Manager. Parents are welcome to pick up their children in the nursery after the Peace to take their children to Eucharist with the family.

There are three rooms under the care of the nursery staff.

1) **Baby Room** – infants to 18 months, 2) **Toddler Room** – 18 months to very-young-threes, and 3) **Big Kid Room** – very-young-three to six-year-olds. During the summer season, a snack and supervised play is provided in all three rooms. During school season, the Toddler Room uses the Little Lamb curriculum during Sunday School time. The children in the Big Kid Room go to Atrium 1 during Sunday School time and the Atrium teachers take them to the Big Kid Room when Sunday School is over. (learn more about GSL's nursery on page 8!)

***Children's Sunday School Offerings  
Sunday Mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 AM  
Begins September 13!***

### **Little Lambs**

**Two years old and very young three years old, Nursery Area**

The Little Lambs curriculum was designed by Molly Gooch. Taught by the nursery staff, it is an age-appropriate Bible story, with song and craft activities.

### **The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**

**Three to nine years old**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to Christian formation for children that originated in 1954 in Rome, Italy. It is a Montessori inspired program grounded in scripture and liturgy that allows a child to be self-guided in her enjoyment of the presence of God.

This program is used worldwide and based on the work of Dr. Sofia Cavalletti, a Hebrew scholar and her co-worker, Gianna Gobbi, a Montessori educator. For more information on the program, see [www.catechesisgoodshepherd.org](http://www.catechesisgoodshepherd.org).

Children are grouped by age or grade level and attend class in a specially prepared room called an "atrium". The atrium contains attractively displayed handmade materials designed to invite children to deepen their relationship with God in a place of prayer and celebration at their own pace. The program is biblically based and follows the rhythms of the church year.

### **Atrium 1**

**Three to six years old**

**Nursery Area**

**Amanda Robbins**

Amanda, a trained catechist, has been involved with Atrium 1 for more than ten years. She worked as an assistant before taking her training and has been leading Atrium 1 for six years. The theme for this level is the Good Shepherd who loves his sheep and gives everything for them.

### **Atrium 2**

**Six to nine years old**

**Jackson Library**

**Pete Shearon**

Pete, a trained catechist, has been participating in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 11 years, first as an assistant, then as a leader in Atrium 2. The overall theme for these years is the image of Christ as the True Vine, focusing on both spiritual relationship and responsibility.

### **Third to Fifth Grades**

**Room 212**

**Bill Stubblefield**

This program is a project-based curriculum that involves the students in exploring the Episcopal Church, our parish and our community.

## Welcome to the Grace-St. Luke's Nursery!

The nursery, located in the Parents' Day Out space of our church, is for the care of infants to six years old. The nursery is open every Sunday from 8:00 AM to the conclusion of the 10:15 AM service, and during special events. Our nursery is a safe and nurturing place staffed by professional caregivers.

Please meet our staff.....



Eva Loftin is the Nursery Manager. Eva, mother of three children, ages 10, 12, and 17, is originally from Mexico, and has been a Memphis resident for 14 years. Eva has worked in the nursery for eight years and has been the Nursery Manager for the past six years. Also, she has worked for eight years at the GSL Parents' Day out. Eva is your "go-to" person if you have any questions or need more information about the Nursery.

Amanda Gerard and Chara Chavers care for our infants to 18 month old toddlers in our Baby Room. Chara has been with our nursery for eight years. She is mom to a seven year old and a teacher at St. Luke's Methodist. Helping out in the Baby Room for the past one and half years Amanda is a part time Federal Express handler, a mother to three children ranging from four to ten years old, and a student who will begin nursing school this fall.

Down the hall on the right is our Toddler Room – 18 months to young three-year-olds – which is staffed by Dorothy Chavers, Elizabeth Brewer, and Amy Farmer. Dorothy has worked in our nursery for eight years and is the mother of Chara, a member of our Baby Room staff, and four other children. Also in the Toddler Room is Elizabeth, a Grace-St. Luke's parishioner, an Emmanuel United Methodist kindergarten teacher, and mom to an eight-year-old. She has been caring for our toddlers for seven years. Rounding out the Toddler Room staff is Amy. She is a ninth grade math teacher at Hillcrest and mom to a five year old kindergartener at Idlewild.

Across the hall is the Big Kids room - three to six-years-olds – staffed by Mary Lovelace and Beth Butler. For the past eight years Mary has been a caring member of our nursery and Parents' Day Out staff. Mary is a dedicated care-giver and mother of three daughters. Her youngest is a junior in nursing school who has made the Dean's List every semester. Helping with the Big Kids room for the last two years is Beth Butler. Beth, a nanny for a family with three children, is a mother to three children aged 3 to 10 years old. Beth is available for babysitting on weekends and some weeknights.



## Blessing of the Animals on October 4

The popular parish tradition of blessing our pets will take place in the church at **4 PM on Sunday, October 4.**

No wonder this service is popular with GSL Church and School and our Central Gardens neighbors – when else can you see Great Danes and kittens sitting in the pews?

Mark this date on your calendar, and plan to bring your dogs and cats, turtles and fish, even creatures with scales to this service in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. Let's celebrate the vital role of animals in God's creation.

All animals will receive an individual blessing from the clergy and a certificate of their blessing; an offering will be taken to assist animal rescue. Following the service a reception under the trees will feature treats and beverages for animals and their people.

Invite your friends and neighbors!



## Fr. Moloney receives posthumous award

The Rev. John Moloney will be the first to receive the St. Martin de Porres Award posthumously for his work in the Memphis area.

St. Martin de Porres was a member of the Dominican Order who lived in 17th century Peru. A target of prejudice because of his mixed racial ancestry, he is the patron saint of social justice and healing, as well as being the patron saint of the Southern Dominican Province.

The St. Martin de Porres Shrine, dedicated to his memory and works, is located at St. Peter Catholic Church in downtown Memphis. The St. Martin de Porres Award is presented to an individual or an organization who serves in the community in the spirit of St. Martin de Porres. Others receiving the award this year are Mr. Lance Forsdick and Dr. Mary McDonald, superintendent of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Memphis.

Two events will allow individuals to recognize these pillars of the community. A cocktail buffet and silent auction will be held **Thursday, October 1**, at the Hunt-Phelan Inn. For tickets, call Fr. John Pitzer at 901-527-8282. The award will be given at St. Martin's Feast Day Celebration Mass on **Tuesday, November 3, at 6:30 PM** at St. Peter Catholic Church, 190 Adams Avenue in downtown Memphis. All are welcome.

## News From GSL School

by Tom Beazley

Our students are back on campus, and the 2009-2010 school year is off to a great start! We are looking forward to continuing our character education focus at Grace-St. Luke's School this year through our Middle School's Traits for Success program and our Lower School's Tips for a Happy Life talks. We are fortunate that these programs are reinforced by the scriptures and homilies shared with students during chapel services twice a week. It is a blessing to be working in partnership with the church on these critical components of our students' education.

Another aspect of character education that we will continue to nurture at GSL is an understanding of the importance of community service. While canned food drives and aluminum pull-tab collections are annual school-wide efforts, we also begin giving students first-hand opportunities to serve the community as they move into Middle School. For example, fifth graders have an annual service day every fall, and in the seventh grade, students are required to do service hours as part of their World Religions course.



In the past, students have volunteered hundreds of hours doing everything from unloading Girl Scout cookies, to volunteering at the Lisa Lassandrello 5K Remembrance Race, to manning the school's concession stand. They have volunteered for 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. They have read to children at New Hope Christian Academy and have helped at organizations such as LeBonheur, Sunny Meadows (pet adoption), Happy Hearts for underprivileged children and their families, and the Junior Delta Christian Association.

"Many of our seventh graders rallied to complete service hours over the summer, before they even began school, and they've done a commendable job," says Bible and World Religions instructor John Stewart. "Our hope is that this will open the door for some worthwhile experiences of service to God and others."



### *Construction Update!*

Historic Miss Lee's Preschool at Grace-St. Luke's was expanded and renovated this summer to add two new classrooms and office space. Its beautiful new west wing is right across from the Anchor Center building currently under construction. Miss Lee's faculty and staff are pictured here in front of the new west side entrance. Front row, left to right: Lucy Norcross, Natalie Gildea, Jeremie Upshaw, and Cynthia Goodfellow. Middle row: Laura Lemly, Megan Ford, Laura Bolding, Liz Awsumb, Kate Gould, and Jennifer Vest. Back row: Myrna Whitt, Kappi Beazley, Jeanette Walton, Deborah Lowe, Meg Comes, Meghan Money, and Jamie Bell.

### Servant Leadership: Testing the Waters

Class offered by The Memphis School of Servant Leadership at GSL

Tuesday nights - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

September 8 - December 8, 2009

Co-facilitators: Hilary Dow-Ward and The Rev. Deacon Gayle McCarty

Hungering for a deeper relationship with God and others? Longing for holy community - a safe place to wonder, doubt, discover and share? Struggling with how to be "in the world, but not of the world"? Trying to discern how God is calling you to serve and lead in a hurting world? Then come and journey inward - journey outward with us! But, be careful - it could be a radically transforming experience!

Class description: We are chosen as the beloved children of God and called to take action on the nature of Christ in all our endeavors and relationships. Embracing this truth is a journey into the very heart of servant leadership. By exploring the relationship between the inward journey of prayer, contemplation and study, and the outward journey of being with those made poor, we give participants a basic introduction to core servant leadership themes.

For printable registration form and tuition information go to [www.servantleadership-memphis.org](http://www.servantleadership-memphis.org). For more info call The Memphis School of Servant Leadership at 320-7005 OR Hilary or Gayle at GSL at 272-7425.

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

**September 6** Paul Welsh, Jack Fulbright, Alice Fulbright

**September 13** Sally McKay, Lee Baker, Charles Grannis

**September 20** Louis Vernon Ritter, Jr., Thomas Walker Harsh, Mary Read Harsh, Elder K. Shearon, Jr., Mary Harsh Shearon

**September 27** Marion and Olive Guerard, Dollye and Wellford Dillard, Hart Dillard, Lawrence Paul Busby, Jr., Mary Girard Busby, Wilbur Harrison Ogden, Ethel Garner Bourdlais, Ruth Mathews Ogden, Lawrence P. Busby III, Jane Ogden Busby, Anne Plyler

### Sept. Lay Service Schedule

#### **September 6**

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

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

#### **Lay Service Participants**

8:00 McGehee, Smith, Smith, Brewer

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

*Ushers:* TBA

#### **September 13**

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

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

#### **Lay Service Participants**

8:00 Rolfes, Busby, Busby, Hayes

10:30 *Acolytes:* H & H Morehead, R Gooch; *Ushers:* TBA

#### **September 20**

**Altar Guild:** M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace

**Breakfast Cooks:** J McCalla, L Allen, P Burnett, D Brown, A Nix, L Wardlaw, S Moore, J Hartney, C Lunsford

#### **Lay Service Participants**

8:00 Edwards, Adams, Whitlock, Whitlock

10:30 *Acolytes:* M Cline, V Strother, A Hartney

*Ushers:* TBA

#### **September 27**

**Altar Guild:** M V Rogers, S Barnett, D Dale, L Trotter, C Wallace

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

#### **Lay Service Participants**

8:00 Rolfes, Busby, Busby, Brewer

10:30 *Acolytes:* L Robbins, M Allen, K Ayres

*Ushers:* TBA

## Memorials and Honoraria

### **Gifts have been given to the glory of God and in loving honor of**

The Rev. Dr. Ron DelBene from Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hyde  
For the Music Department for Preston Wilson, Warren  
and Svetlana Wilson, Marynelle Wilson, Lulu Wilson,  
Corinne Wilson from Betsy Wilson

### **Gifts have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of**

John Moloney from John Carroll and Thad Cockrill and  
Kay P. Williamson

Anne Plyler from Margie and Jim Kellum

Rebecca Trimble from John Carroll and Thad Cockrill,

Bob and Babs Ducklo and Dr. and Mrs. Lee Wardlaw

Caroline Turns from Stanley and Billie Jeanne Johnson

David V. Johnson from Wynn and Gwin Scott, Susan and

John Meador, Richard and Adrienne Stock, Mr. and

Mrs. Robert F. Fogelman II, Mary and Corey Trotz, Mr.

and Mrs. Griffith C. Burr, Jr., Ace and Tina Roberts,

Ella and Charles Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Hyde, and

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Wardlaw

Marguerite Hickey from Nancy and Martin Edwards and

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Wardlaw

For the Music Department for Paul Wilson and Mary

Fitzmaurice from Betsy Wilson

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## Member News

### **Birth**

Colin Wolfe Holliday, son of Alane and Stephen Holliday

### **Baptisms on August 2, 2009**

James Michael Baker, son of James and Page Baker

Amelia Nancy Lownes, daughter of Elizabeth Rincon-  
Lownes and Robert Lownes

### **Marriages**

Andrew Battle Sanders and Leah Elizabeth Williams,  
August 1, 2009

Hunter Michael Maynard and Elisabeth Ann Sandlin,  
August 15, 2009

### **Transfer In**

Elizabeth Benton Meisinger Draper from Holy Trinity  
Episcopal Church, Greensboro, NC

### **Transfer Out**

Sam and Kim Teel to St. Elisabeth's, Memphis





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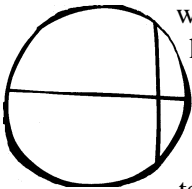
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**And again Jesus said...** The Gospel Readings which we have been hearing during this past month have community yearning as their theme. The people yearn to see and hear Jesus. Over and over we have heard Jesus talking about giving us bread to eat – saying that it is his body – telling us that if we eat this bread we will live more and more fully now and into the ages to come.



These readings have been particularly meaningful to me because during my years of “wandering from the church” the one thing I continued to yearn for was the Eucharist. That common meal had become the place where I was reminded that I had not been called by God alone – but within a community of people. When I finally *came home* to the church, it was with an understanding that we are not people with all the answers, but people who have been touched by a love that calls us beyond understanding. That meant that no one was better than anyone else. I recognized that I could stop looking for that “perfect” community of Christians. I had been invited to enter more fully into a community of people who were comfortable living into God’s mystery.

The biblical story of the Road to Emmaus has always held great meaning for me. I have come to live in the church as if we are all on the road to Emmaus discussing among ourselves all that has happened in our lives. Jesus walks into our midst and joins in the conversation. He opens the Scriptures to us and helps us to see things as they are. We are a people who come together to seek the deeper meaning of the Scriptures, to enjoy the deeper meaning of friendship and conversation, and to help create a deeper meaning of prayer and ministry.

On Sundays – a rest day on the journey – our excitement about living into the mystery captures us as well, as we ask Jesus to stay with us just as those disciples on the road asked him to stay and eat with them. He does, and we who are gathered at the table recognize him again in the breaking of the bread. Even in our age, Jesus continues to walk with us and break bread at the table. This gathering around the table is the very source of our common life together.

There is a growing excitement I sense at Grace-St. Luke's. The search committee is continuously moving forward with each step in their process. Each week we have visitors who are looking for deeper meaning at this point in their lives. I was particularly touched by a new member sharing with me recently that she felt that at GSL she had *come home*.

Your leadership and ministry staff is gearing up for a Fall full of awe-full events. A caring and attentive nursery staff creates a holy space for infants and toddlers. Christian Education invites children, youth and adults to conversations on the journey. Outreach ministries offer experiences for service. Throughout this issue of *The Messenger* you will learn of many opportunities where you can join the journey and seek deeper meaning for your life.

I am honored to be walking with you on this part of your journey. It truly is a blessing. I invite you to continue to step into a new chapter of your journey with God. Let's keep walking and talking, resting and eating, and having our hearts burn within us as we hear Jesus' words of life.