

Parish Guidebook

September 2019



GRACE-ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FINDING GOD IN THE
HEART OF MIDTOWN

Our Vision is to be a thriving community of hope, belonging, and healing through worship, parish life, and service, and who rejoices in the love of Jesus to transform the world.

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GRACE-ST. LUKE'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAYS

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Christian Formation Classes

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Nursery provided for all services except the 5:30 p.m. service.

WEDNESDAYS

Noon -Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Altar Flowers and Gifts: How do I schedule altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one? For Sunday flowers, including Christmas and Easter flowers, contact Lucy Owens at 901-252-6333 or lowens@gracestlukes.org.

Baptisms: Are there specific times when the sacrament of baptism are scheduled? Yes, All Saints' Sunday, Baptism of our Lord, Easter Vigil, and Pentecost. For more information see p. 6 and contact the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher (901-252-6320, orencher@gracestlukes.org) or Chapman Morrow (901-252-6328, cmorrow@gracestlukes.org).

Columbarium: Does Grace-St. Luke's have a columbarium? Yes, for more information see p. 7, Burial of the Dead. The contact is Linda Stine, 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org.

Confirmation Classes: When are confirmation classes held? To inquire about upcoming classes, contact one of the clergy. Confirmation classes are held each year prior to the Bishop's visit. For more information, see p. 6.

Death, emergency or sickness: Whom do I contact if I have a death in my family, an emergency or someone is sick? Dial the pastoral emergency number, 901-252-6334, or contact a member of the clergy.
The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, *Rector*; orencher@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6320
The Rev. Amy M. George, *Associate Rector*; ageorge@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6322
The Rev. Meredith Jane Day, *Curate*; mday@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6329

Event Scheduling: Whom do I contact to schedule an event at GSL?
Contact Linda Stine at 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org.

Maintenance and Safety Issues: To whom do I report a maintenance or safety issue?
Contact Linda Stine at 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org.

Memorials/Honoraria: Whom do I contact about memorials/honoraria?
Contact Linda Stine at 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org. For more information, see p. 16.

Planned Giving: Whom may I contact about making a planned gift to the church? Contact Chapman Morrow at 901-252-6328 or cmorrow@gracestlukes.org. For more information see p. 16.

Pledges and Alms: Whom do I call if I have a question about giving through a pledge or alms offering?
Contact Linda Stine at 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org. For more information, see p. 16.

Sports: Do you offer sports for children? Yes, for more information see p. 11 or contact Christi Authement at 901-252-6325 or cauthement@gracestlukes.org.

Weddings: If I want to get married at Grace-St. Luke's, whom do I contact? Contact Linda Stine (901-252-6324, lstine@gracestlukes.org) or the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher (901-252-6320, orencher@gracestlukes.org). For more information about weddings, see p. 7.

12-step Meetings: Do you have AA and other recovery meetings at your church? Yes, for more information see p. 12 or contact Lucy Owens at 901-252-6333 or lowens@gracestlukes.org.

CALENDAR *(tentative)*

January '19

- 1-31 Spring Soccer Registration
- 1 Church Office Closed
- 4-5 Vestry Retreat
- 6 CE Classes Resume
- 6 Baptism
- 9 All Choirs Resume
(MLK Holiday)
- 21 Church Office Closed

February

- 1-28 Base/Soft/T-ball
Registration
- 3 Scout Sunday
- 18 Church Office Closed
- 22-24 Women's Retreat

March

- 5 Shrove Tuesday Festival
- 6 Ash Wednesday, Noon
- 13 No Children's Choirs
- 31 Choral Evensong

April

- 7 Easter Card Offering
- 14 Palm Sunday
- 15-17 Holy Eucharist @ noon
- 17 Community Service, 7 PM
- 18 Maundy Thursday, 7 PM
Overnight Vigil
- 19 Good Friday, Noon
- 19 Office Closes at Noon
- 20 Easter Vigil (Baptism)
- 21 Easter Day
Easter Egg Hunt
No CE Classes

- 22 Church Office Closed
- 24 No Chancel Choir

May

- 1-31 Football/Fall Soccer
Registration
- 12 Youth Sunday
- 12 Choral Evensong
- 19 Last CE Classes
- 27 Church Office Closed

June

- TBD VBS
- 9 Day of Pentecost (Baptism)
- 19-22 Belvedere Music Festival

July

- 4 Church Office Closed

August

- 18 Episcopal School Sunday
- 25 Wellness/Recovery Sunday

September

- 1-30 Basketball Registration
- 2 Church Office Closed
- 4 Youth Choirs Begin
- 4 Chancel Choir Begins
- 8 Sunday School
& EYC Kick-off
- 25 EYC Wed. Bible
Study Begins
- 27-29 Parish Retreat "Exodus"

October

- 6 Confirmation Classes
- 6 Blessing of the Animals
- 9 No Children's Choirs
- 14 Church Office Closed

November

- 3 All Saints' & Annual Fund
Consecration Sunday
(Baptism)
- 24 Annual Parish Meeting
- 27 No Children's Choirs
- 28 Thanksgiving Service,
10 AM
- 28-29 Church Office Closed

December

- TBD Christmas Card Offering
- 1 First Sunday of Advent
- 8 Advent Lessons & Carols,
followed by Festive Parish
Advent Party
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
4, 7 & 10:30 PM
- 25 Christmas Day Service,
10 AM
- 25-26 Church Office Closed
- 29 No CE Classes

January '20

- 12 Bishop's Visitation

Below are regularly scheduled events for fellowship, social time, etc. Check the *Messenger*, *eNews* & gracestlukes.org for up-to-date info.

Wednesday Lunch Fellowship (formerly 39ers): Fourth Wednesdays at noon, September–May

Book Group: The second Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., September–May

Food Pantry Sunday: Donations collected quarterly, last Sundays of March, June, September, & December

Third Thursday Fellowship: September–November & January–May, 6:00 p.m.

Public Theology: Typically meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30-7 p.m. at Celtic Crossing

VISITOR INFORMATION

What times are regular worship services? Are the services different? Our Sunday service times are 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Services are in the nave, and childcare is available for the morning services. We have hearing amplifiers for those who need one during the services; please alert an usher as you enter the nave. The 8 a.m. service includes Eucharist (Rite II) and music. Our 10:30 a.m. service offers Eucharist (Rite II) and features the Chancel Choir with additional hymns and a choral offering. The 5:30 p.m. service includes Eucharist (Rite II) and instrumental music for meditation. Dress at 5:30 is very casual. On Wednesdays we offer a 30-minute midweek Eucharist at noon in the Chapel.

Is nursery or childcare available? Are my children welcome in the services? We love children here at Grace-St. Luke's, and as you will see, we have plenty of them! Your children are welcome in any of the services, or you may bring them to the nursery. Catechists (teachers) will bring the children upstairs prior to the Eucharist. All are welcome to the altar for a blessing. Those who are baptized may receive the bread and wine. There is no nursery at the 5:30 p.m. Sunday service.

What time is Sunday school? We have Christian formation offerings for all ages, and classes meet from 9:15 to 10:10 a.m. Most offerings are from September through June with special offerings during summer months. For a complete list of classes for all ages, see the Christian Formation sections of this book, visit the Christian Formation table in Trezevant Hall on Sunday mornings, or visit our website at www.gracestlukes.org.

Where do I park? Visitors may park in the circle drive to the west of the church. There are handicapped parking spaces near the flagpole and along the north side of the circle drive. Additional parking is available across the street at the corner of Peabody and LeMaster.

How do I become more involved at Grace-St. Luke's? Contact Chapman Morrow, our stewardship associate at 901-252-6328 or cmorrow@gracestlukes.org. She will be happy to connect you with find a ministry, class, or fellowship group suited to your interests, needs, and time schedule.

Is it possible to speak with a member of the clergy? Absolutely. You may make an appointment by calling the church office at 901-272-7425 or contacting one of the clergy directly.
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How can I stay in touch with what's happening at Grace-St. Luke's? If you would like to receive our monthly or weekly digital newsletter and other email announcements, please contact Lucy Owens at 901-252-6333 or lowens@gracestlukes.org with your email address. We will mail a paper copy of our monthly newsletter for those who prefer. We also encourage you to frequently view our website at www.gracestlukes.org. When you are in the building, our information center in the hallway has information about current happenings.

MEMBERSHIP

*For more information about Membership, please contact
Chapman Morrow, 901-252-6328 or cmorrow@gracestlukes.org.*

How do I become a member of Grace-St. Luke's?

If I'm a member of another Episcopal church? If you are coming to us from an Episcopal background, contact Chapman Morrow and ask her to contact your previous church to transfer your membership.

If I've been baptized in a church other than an Episcopal church? Register the date and place of your baptism with Chapman Morrow (cmorrow@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6328). You will then be a baptized member of Grace-St. Luke's and able to participate in all programs and ministries. Members must be confirmed in order to serve in certain leadership roles and vote at the annual parish meeting.

What is Confirmation and how do I become confirmed? Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which persons who have been duly prepared make a mature, public affirmation of their faith, make a commitment to the responsibilities of baptism, and receive the laying-on-of-hands by the bishop. The confirmation class for adults begins in August or September. This class will take an in-depth look at The Episcopal Church. The youth confirmation class for high school students will take place in the fall (see p. 10). Confirmation will take place during the bishop's annual visit. If you have any questions about confirmation, please feel free to speak to any of the clergy.

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What if I have been confirmed in a church other than an Episcopal church? If you have been confirmed in another denomination (Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Orthodox, United Methodist, Presbyterian), having received the laying-on-of-hands from a bishop, please speak to any of the clergy. They will arrange for you to be received by the bishop. Persons who wish to be received generally take the confirmation class as a refresher of their previous preparation and as an introduction to The Episcopal Church. The confirmation class for adults typically begins in the fall and continues until the bishop's annual visit in January.

BAPTISM

Holy baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's body, the church. The bond which God establishes in baptism is indissoluble. Baptisms take place during services at various times throughout the year. To schedule a baptism, contact Chapman Morrow at 901-252-6328 or cmorrow@gracestlukes.org.

Baptism Dates for 2019:

Baptism of our Lord: January 13, 8 or 10:30 a.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter: April 20, 7 p.m.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 26, 8 a.m.

The Day of Pentecost, June 9. 8 or 10:30 a.m.

All Saints' Sunday, November 3, 8 or 10:30 a.m.

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Confirmation: Confirmation is a sacramental rite of the church and is a youth or 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. To become a voting member of Grace-St. Luke's, one must have received the rite of confirmation in The Episcopal Church. During the bishop's annual visit to Grace-St. Luke's, high school aged youth and adults receive this sacrament after a series of preparatory classes.

Marriage: Weddings are performed in accordance with the Canons of The Episcopal Church, the guidance of *The Book of Common Prayer*, and the policies of Grace-St. Luke's. All weddings at Grace-St. Luke's Church are celebrated at the discretion of the rector. To seek the answer to any questions, please contact Linda Stine, 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org.

Reconciliation of a Penitent: Commonly called 'confession,' reconciliation of a penitent is available for all who desire it. Please see page 446 in *The Book of Common Prayer* for a description of the meaning of this rite and how it takes place. To schedule this rite, simply contact one of our priests.
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Ministration of the Sick: Commonly called 'anointing,' this rite begins on page 453 in *The Book of Common Prayer* and can take place at home, in the hospital, or anywhere. To schedule this rite, please contact one of our priests (listed above).

Burial of the Dead: The end of our physical life in death is a reality we all must face. Our hope in everlasting life is based on our trust in Jesus' resurrection and the words, "nothing can separate us from the love of Christ." Please contact our clergy (listed above) as soon as possible in times of sickness or death of a loved one. If you need to reach a priest after office hours, call the pastoral emergency number, 901-252-6334. A columbarium provides niches for interment of ashes at Grace-St. Luke's. For more information about the columbarium, please contact Linda Stine at lstine@gracestlukes.org or 901-252-6324.

PASTORAL CARE

*For more information about Pastoral Care, please contact
the Rev. Amy M. George, ageorge@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6322;*

An important ministry of the parish is care of those in our midst in need of a pastoral care touch, whether it is a prayer, a visit, a meal, cards, altar flowers, communion, or a listening ear. Three teams of dedicated volunteers are committed to making confidential, compassionate, consistent and caring touches to those who are grieving, suffering, or celebrating.

The team concept replaces the traditional model of one-on-one caring relationships and expands Pastoral Care into a truly corporate ministry in which one feels cared for by the greater parish family.

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

For more information about Adult Christian Formation, please contact the Rev. Meredith Jane Day, 901-252-6329 or mday@gracestlukes.org, or the Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, 901-252-6320 or orencher@gracestlukes.org.

Sunday Mornings

Parish Hall Forum: The Parish Hall Forum is a thoughtful and creative large group class with an eye toward encouraging everyone to make meaningful connections between scripture, ordinary life, and faith.

Becoming Episcopalian: Becoming Episcopalian is our series for those interested in confirmation and also for those who want a refresher on what it means to be an Episcopalian.

Other classes: We also have other seasonal formation offerings for small and large groups throughout the church year. For more information, see www.gracestlukes.org/adult-formation.

Wednesday Evenings

For those who would like to supplement their spiritual enrichment activities beyond Sundays with more reflection and study, we offer Wednesday evening classes for small and occasional large groups.

Infant and Toddler Center available for most events.

The classes will be listed online and in your *Messenger*.

Inquirer/Confirmation Classes

Becoming Episcopalian classes begin in the fall. They are both interesting and informative. They are not a commitment to be confirmed, but will be the preparation needed for those who would like to be confirmed when the bishop visits Grace-St. Luke's.

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 more than 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. Lee Nix (901-218-7596) is the mentor. Tuition is charged. The group is limited to 12 students.

Daytime Book Group

We are delighted to offer a mid-day, mid-week book group for any and all interested participants. Feel free to come to one of them, or come to all of them. Discussion is lively, fun, and interesting. Make plans to attend as many sessions as you would like. And, of course, bring a friend! Friends are always welcome! The group is facilitated by Carol Ann Mallory and Janie Morris and meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. downstairs in the Red Room; bring a sack lunch. Watch the *Messenger* for book information.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children's Ministries

For more information about Children's Ministries, please contact Sharon Campbell, 901-252-6321 or scampbell@gracestlukes.org.

Grace-St. Luke's strives to offer exciting, developmentally appropriate Christian Formation (education) and special activities for children throughout the year. The 2019-20 Christian Formation year begins in September, and concludes in May with occasional offerings in the summer months.

The NURSERY, located downstairs in the Parish House, cares for infants, toddlers, and children through Kindergarten age during Sunday morning services, and for select evening events throughout the year. Staffed by a team of experienced caregivers, our nurseries provide comfort for our youngest members and time for supervised free play.

For our Pre-K through 3rd grade children, we offer **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**. This Montessori-based approach to children's spiritual formation allows children to experience the presence of God in a specially prepared environment called the Atrium. Trained Catechists (teachers) and assistants act as a guide for the children as they explore the mystery of faith and the life of the Church. These classes are located downstairs in the Parish House. Catechists will bring the children to the Eucharist at the Peace to join their families.

Level 1 Atrium: Pre-K through Sr. Kindergarten

Level 2 Atrium: 1st through 3rd grade

PROJECT PURPOSE 4th–5th Grade

Location: Downstairs, Parish House, Yellow Room, Youth Space

Project Purpose offers 4th and 5th graders a time and space to explore the realm of "prayerful art." Child-led prayer and the weekly Gospel lesson will open each session, followed by a time of reflective creativity using a variety of artistic media.

Sunday morning offerings also include **Quiet Packs** for children attending church with their families. Quiet Packs contain crayons, coloring pages, and other quiet activities to occupy busy hands, and are available at both entrances to the worship space.

The Children's Activity Table (CAT) is available on most Sundays that have Catechesis classes during Coffee Hour following the 10:30 service. Located in Trezevant Hall under the stained glass windows, CAT is staffed by Julie O'Bryan and Sharon Campbell, and beckons kids of all ages for kid-friendly fun. Legos, Bingo, Play-Doh, Melt-a-Beads, and seasonal craft projects are favorite activities.

Multiple volunteer opportunities exist! Whatever your gifts, we can find a way to use them. Christian Formation and special events like Easter Sunday and VBS require tremendous volunteer support, and are enriched by the time and talent you share with us. Please contact Sharon Campbell (scampbell@gracestlukes.org) if you are interested in helping with any of our children's ministries!

Special children's events during the 2019 church year include: Palm Sunday (4/14/19); Easter Sunday/Egg Hunt (4/21/19); Backpack Blessing (8/18/19); Children's Christmas Pagaent (12/24/19)

Youth Formation

For more information about Youth Formation

Amzie Williams, Director of Youth Formation, awilliams@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6326

Addison Combs, Youth Formation Associate, acombs@gracestlukes.org

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community): EYC offers a relaxed atmosphere for fellowship and growth for youth in grades 6–12. Come play, serve, laugh, and pray with us! EYC is a teenage community of faith which regularly meets in “The Red Door” youth space during the school year. Youth are encouraged to bring friends regardless of church or school membership.

High School EYC: Sundays from 5-7 p.m. Locations vary each week. To stay up to date, email Amzie Williams to be added to the parent email list.

Middle School EYC: Sundays from 4-5:30 p.m. Locations vary each week. To stay up to date, email Amzie Williams to be added to the parent email list.

Our youth also participate in all the youth events within the Diocese of West Tennessee such as the ski trip and Happening weekends. GSL offers occasional mission trips as well as other group trips for middle and high schoolers. Some of our church-sponsored trips are solely for parish youth, while at other times our EYCs join with others from around the diocese in opportunities for mission, fellowship and growth.

BISCUITS & BIBLE: This informal Bible study is open to youth in grades 6–8. We meet during the school year on Wednesday mornings from 6:45–7:45 a.m. in the Red Room for Chick-fil-a breakfast and discussion. Join us!

RITE 13 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL: 6th–8th Grade; Location: Red Room

Taught during the school year.

Rite 13 is a curriculum from Journey to Adulthood, an Episcopal youth formation series. The Rite-13 program assists young people as they begin to take the first steps of independence from their families into their own lives. The class creates a safe haven in which to explore new ideas, new interests, and new abilities.

J2A FOR HIGH SCHOOL: 9th–12th Grade; Location: Room 212

Taught during the school year.

Journey to Adulthood is an Episcopal youth formation series. Through Scripture reading, prayer, and fellowship, this class helps students create and understand the importance of Christian community as they develop critical thinking and other skills needed in adulthood.

CONFIRMATION: 9th–12th Grade; Location: Peete Conference Room

Taught in the fall by rotating clergy and lay volunteers. Using the Episcopal curriculum entitled, “My Faith, My Life,” high school students will have the opportunity to talk candidly about God, the Episcopal Church, and personal faith in a friendly and inviting atmosphere. At the end of the course, youth will be invited to participate in the Confirmation Service during the bishop’s visit to GSL.

Acolytes, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers: See Worship, pp. 17–18.

Children’s and Youth Choirs: See Music, p. 13.

Athletics

*For more information about Athletics, please contact
Christi Authement, 901-252-6325 or cauthement@gracestlukes.org.*

The athletic program provides sports activities in youth soccer, baseball, softball, t-ball, football, and basketball for children JK–4th grades. We belong to several leagues which offer the best all-around conditions for team sports. Our purpose is to provide athletic competition, with a focus on the players having fun, and instruction of sport fundamentals in a healthy, wholesome, Christian environment.

By tradition, recreation league coaches are volunteer parent coaches. We are always looking for volunteer parent coaches. Coaching experience is not a requirement. We'll certainly equip you for the task!

Our mission is to provide development of players through teaching sport fundamentals; athletic competition in a Christ-centered environment; teaching sportsmanship through meaningful playing time; coaching leadership; developing deeper friendships with players, parents, and coaches; and valuing the safety and well-being of all sports participants.

Sports Provided

- *Flag Football:* 1st–4th grades, fall season
- *Soccer:* JK–4th grades, spring and fall season
- *Basketball:* JK–4th grades, winter season
- *T-Ball, Softball, and Baseball:* JK–4th grades, spring season

Additional information can be found at www.gracestlukes.org/youth-sports.

Scouting

Scouting has a long tradition at Grace-St. Luke's. Boy Scout Troop 34, in fact, is the oldest continually existing Boy Scout Troop in the city! Take a look at Scouting at Grace-St. Luke's. It's a great way to build friendships, discipline, and self-esteem.

Cub Scouts: Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America designed for boys in the first through fifth grades, or 7 to 10 years of age. While Boy Scouting is a vigorous outdoor program, Cub Scouting is a family-oriented program designed specifically to address the needs of younger boys. More information is available on the GSL website at www.gracestlukes.org/scouting or by contacting Ebet Peeples, cubmaster, at GSLPack34@gmail.com.

Boy Scouts: The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Boy Scouting is for boys 11 to 17 years of age. Boys also may become Boy Scouts if they have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old. Contact the church office 901-272-7425 or email troop leader, Jim Martin, troop34memphis@gmail.com. The troop's website is www.troop34.org.

Girl Scouts: At Girl Scouts, girls are exploring what's possible, turning dreams into reality, and changing the world. As a Girl Scout, you will take on leadership roles as you engage in all sorts of girl-led activities and develop skills you'll use to make a difference. We are Daisy Troop 10283 and are a part of Girl Scouts Heart of the South. Contact Mary Catherine Moore, 901-246-3455, or Anneliese Watts, 901-831-5569, for more information.

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY SUPPORT

12-Step Groups

Struggling with alcohol or drugs or a loved one's addiction? Unable to control your thoughts about love or sex? You are not alone. Addiction support and 12-step programs at Grace-St. Luke's are open to all.

Contact: Lucy Owens, 901-252-6333 or lowens@gracestlukes.org

Alcoholics Anonymous: 901-454-1414, www.aa.org or www.memphis-aa.org

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Church Lounge

Co-Dependents Anonymous, www.coda.org

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., Church Lounge

Narcotics Anonymous: 901-276-LIVE, www.na.org or www.na-wt.org

Sundays, 8 p.m., Trezevant Hall

Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous: www.slaafws.org

Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays at noon

Recovery Ministries of The Episcopal Church

West Tennessee Episcopal Recovery Ministries: For more info about the local diocesan commission, visit www.episwtn.org/addiction-recovery.

National Recovery Ministries: For more information about the National Recovery Ministries network, visit www.episcopalrecovery.org.

COMMUNICATIONS

*For more information about Communications, please contact
Lucy Owens, 901-252-6333 or lowens@gracestlukes.org.*

Newsletter: *The Messenger* is the monthly newsletter for Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church. It is sent by email primarily, with printed copies going to members by request and also available at the information center in the church hallway. It can also be found online at www.gracestlukes.org/the-messenger.

Sunday Announcements: Included with the Sunday leaflet you will find a weekly calendar of events, along with brief announcements and reminders, prayers of the people, and information about Christian education classes.

Email Announcements: The *eNews* is a weekly email with news about upcoming events. A printed copy of the *eNews* is also available at the information center in the church hallway and can be found online at www.gracestlukes.org/weekly-enews.

Website: The Grace-St. Luke's website (www.gracestlukes.org) has everything you might possibly want to know about GSL: information about worship, sermon downloads, outreach, pastoral care, parish groups, children and youth, and more.

Stay connected to GSL via Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, Pinterest, Instagram, and the GRACESTLUKES app

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MUSIC

*For more information about choirs, please contact
Debbie Smith, Interim Organist-Choirmaster, 901-252-6331 or dsmith@gracestlukes.org.*

For centuries, the psalms have invited believers to bring praises to God in song. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the musical life of Grace-St. Luke's, there are numerous opportunities. Choirs are open to anyone desiring to sing, regardless of church or school affiliation. A 'get to know your voice' meeting with Debbie is arranged for those interested in singing with the Chancel Choir.

Music Guild: If you would like to make a contribution to the music department, contact Debbie Smith. These gifts can be made as an individual or family donation and in memory or honor of loved ones.

The Grace-St. Luke's Chancel Choir: Open to adults (by simple audition), the Chancel Choir is responsible for vocal leadership at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service and other special services throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (during the school year) and Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m..

Children's Choirs

Each children's choir adds to our worship experience periodically at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service.

St. Cecilia Choir: This choir is comprised of children in Senior Kindergarten through second grade. Practice: Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Canterbury Choir: This choir is comprised of children in third through sixth grades. Practice: Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

Belvedere Chamber Music Festival

Grace-St. Luke's is the home of the annual Belvedere Chamber Music Festival. For more information visit their website (www.belvederfestival.org) or contact Patricia Gray, 901-493-0958, [pgray](mailto:pgray@pgray.net) at pgray.net.

PARISH GROUPS

Parents Connect: This fellowship group for parents or other relations of children and teens gather to make connections, foster community, and learn through special formation offerings and guest speakers.

Contacts: Allison King, allisonhking@gmail.com, or Steven King, sking@ducks.org

Jennifer Gibbs, 610-952-6087, jennifer.gibbs1@gmail.com

Sharon Campbell, 901-252-6321, scampbell@gracestlukes.org

The Rev. Meredith Jane Day, 901-252-6329, mday@gracestlukes.org

Wednesday Lunch Fellowship (formerly 39ers): GSLs luncheon social and fellowship group meetings consist of a catered meal followed by a program. Meetings are held at noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month, September–May.

Contact: Juan Fuentes, 901-849-7033, JuanJF7777@aol.com

Third Thursday Dinner Group: Designed for the empty nest set and those folks who are of that age group, Third Thursday dinners are intended for fellowship and to strengthen the sense of community at GSL. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a bit of conversation, beverages and appetizers, followed by a shared meal, and a brief speaker the third Thursday of each month January–May and September–November. Having fun and sharing a regular time with each other enables the inclusion of newcomers and to enjoy being with friends, old and new.

Contacts: Stephanie Cheney, 901-484-5688, stephanie.cheney at gmail.com

Barbara Keathley, 901-335-5990, keathleyb at gmail.com

Robbie McQuiston, 901-340-3499, robbiemcquiston at gmail.com

Crossmen Fellowship: Each Sunday morning a team of GSL men cooks a delicious breakfast for the parish that is served from 8:45-9:15 a.m. and also participate in other special events. If you are interested in serving on a team, contact Preston Wilson at 901-276-7954 or ppdub at aol.com.

Heart and Hands Sewing Group: The sewing room is open each Tuesday from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Located in the old Jackson Library, the ladies enjoy laughing, eating and sewing. Women of all ages who do any kind of hand work, or would like to learn, are welcome to come in. No supplies or previous experience necessary, only a sack lunch.

Contact: Edith Heller, 901-274-5015, hrheller3 at comcast.net

Young Adults: GSL young adults gather to make connections, build community, and formation.

Contact: The Rev. Meredith Jane Day, 901-252-6329, mday@gracestlukes.org

PARISH LIFE

*Watch for more information about each of these parish events
on the Grace-St. Luke's website, the Messenger and eNews.*

Exodus Weekend (Parish Retreat), in the Fall: Spend a weekend of fun and fellowship with your GSL family at the Duncan M. Gray Episcopal Camp & Conference Center, aka Camp Bratton Green, near Canton, Mississippi. There are activities for all ages including swimming in the pool or in the lake, ropes course ending with one very long zip line ride, bonfire with singing and s'mores, Complines, arts & crafts, and yoga. The 2019 dates are September 27-29.

Contact: Josh Shipley, joshuaadamshipley at gmail.com

Fellowship Committee: The Fellowship Committee is a diverse group of folks who plan receptions and social events for the parish throughout the year. The committee serves a need within Grace-St. Luke's by bringing together parishioners for food, fun, and fellowship. The committee is divided into several categories: food prep, set up, clean up, cooking, planning, decorating, receptions, special events, shopping, and day of event helping. More planners, shoppers, cooks, decorators, and servers are always needed. We typically meet the 4th Sunday of every month after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Contacts: Kim Motschman Cribb, kmtschmn at hotmail.com

Georgia Lejuwaan, georgia2@sbcglobal.net

Shrove Tuesday Festival, March 5, 2019: Observing Shrove Tuesday is a long-standing tradition at GSL. The money that is made goes to support the youth of the parish or outreach initiatives.

Contacts: Larry Busby, 901-756-7764, srbus at bellsouth.net

Dan Eason, 901-481-4373, a536 at bellsouth.net

Women's Retreats

GSL Women's Retreat: The women of the parish gather in the early part of the year for a fun and relaxing retreat at St. Columba Conference Center. The dates for 2020 are February 21-23.

Contact: the church office, 901-272-7425

Episcopal Church Women: All women of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee are invited to participate in the Diocesan meetings, events and retreats. For more information, visit www.ecwwtn.org.

OUTREACH

*For more information about Outreach, please contact
Rivers Powers, 662-392-0426, rivers.powers@gmail.com;
or the Rev. Amy M. George, ageorge@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6322*

Mission Statement: The mission of the Outreach Committee is to help develop, coordinate and promote opportunities for Grace-St. Luke's parishioners to continue the work of Christ through actively serving the world in God's name. This means using every means available to help parishioners understand the Gospel imperative to feed the hungry, clothe and shelter the needy, care for the sick and visit the imprisoned, as well as the Christian call to be an instrument of healing in our broken world.

Grace-St. Luke's strives to live into this mission in many ways:

In-house Ministries

More Than A Meal (MTAM): Every Sunday afternoon, all who come to Trezevant Hall are welcomed with Christian hospitality and fed a hot meal. This ministry involves 40 or more regular volunteers of GSL and many others from neighboring parishes and faith based communities. To learn more, please contact the MTAM team leaders:

1st Sunday: Jonathan Large, jonathan.large@musowls.org
2nd Sunday: Mike Davis, mwdavisii@gmail.com
3rd Sunday: Ruthie Lentz, ruth.lentz@wellsfargoadvisors.com
4th Sunday: Edith Heller, hrheller3@comcast.net
5th Sunday: Murray McKay, murraymckay@comcast.net

The GSL Food Pantry is an on-site, hands-on ministry. Every Monday and Tuesday afternoon, GSL joins with MIFA in providing much needed food and nutrition to individuals and families in need. One can volunteer to help pick up food, unload the food, fill the bags, or assist in the distribution of the food. For more information please contact Gayle Evans, evansgayled@gmail.com; or Juan Fuentes, juanjf7777@aol.com.

Global Outreach Ministries

GSL supports the West Tennessee Haiti Partnership (WTHP) and the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) in addressing the needs of our brothers and sisters abroad. To help, please contact Ruthie Lentz (WTHP) at rlentz@comcast.net or Betty Johnson (ERD) at bbj2284@hotmail.com.

Community Outreach Ministries

GSL supports many agencies for local ministry, either financially or with hands-on experiences. A few of our partners in ministry include Church Health, Kindred Place, and Caritas Community, Inc. For a complete listing, visit the GSL website at www.gracestlukes.org/outreach. Our current Grant Recipients (Servant Ministry Partners) are Alzheimer's and Dementia Day Services, Church Health, Citizens for Community Values, A Step Ahead Foundation, Community of St. Therese of Lisieux, Community Table, Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Kindred Place, Gilda's Club, Memphis Child Advocacy Center, Memphis Inter-Faith Association (MIFA), Mid-South Sober Living, Multi-National Ministries, Neighborhood Christian Centers, Porter-Leath, Saint Columba Episcopal Center - Camp Able, Saint George's Summer Camp, and Samaritan Counseling Center.

Outreach Committee: See p. 19.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCES

*For more information about Stewardship and Finances, please contact
Linda Stine, 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org.*

Pledges/contributions/donations: As Christians, we are called to active response in gratitude to our God. Our grateful response to God includes the offering of our time, our talent, and our treasure.

Financial stewardship is an important component of a balanced spiritual life. Returning to God from that which God has given us is a tangible way to express our faith. When each of us gives as we are able, together we fund ministry within our parish, to the community, and to the world.

Your pledge allows our vestry to do for our parish community what you do for your household: plan wisely for the use of our resources in support of the mission and ministry to which God has called us. The vestry sets a budget based on the total amount pledged to the church. While plate offerings are important to the parish, your pledge lets the vestry plan more accurately for the ministry we can accomplish.

While our annual giving campaign is held in the fall, pledges may be made at any time by completing a pledge card or by going online to www.gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving.

Memorials/Honorariums: You may go online (www.gracestlukes.org/onlinegiving) to make memorial donations or honorariums, or give the church a check. Please include who the memorial/honoraria is for, who it is from, and to whom you would like the acknowledgment sent.

Planned Giving: Grace-St. Luke's is the special place it is today because of the work and generosity of past and present members of the parish. Planned and extraordinary gifts help our parish to continue and expand our ministries beyond that which is possible through annual pledging alone. If you would like more information, or wish to discuss confidentially the ways in which planned and extraordinary gifts may be made to GSL, please contact Chapman Morrow, 901-252-6328 or cmorrow@gracestlukes.org.

Stewardship and Endowment Committees: See p. 19.

WORSHIP

Acolytes: The acolyte program offers our young people (4th grade and above) and adults a way to become more involved in all worship services. Acolytes serve as crucifers, banner bearers, torch bearers, and flag bearers, and assist with preparation of the altar.

Contact: Grant Adams, 901-527-0083, grant.adams at gmail.com

Altar Guild: Altar Guild members work behind the scenes of every worship service, ensuring that everything, including altar vessels, linens and candles, is properly prepared. It is servant ministry to prepare our Lord's Table for all services: our normal worship services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and all other special occasions. The Altar Guild is composed of four teams of volunteers who serve for two weeks per session. Duties may include silver and brass polishing, care and cleaning of linens, and special efforts at Christmas and Easter. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Contact: Lucy McLemore, 901-272-3230, lucy.mcl at comcast.net

Baptism and Confirmation: For more information, see pp. 6 and 7.

Contact: Chapman Morrow or GSL Clergy

Baptismal Banners: Baptismal banners are used in procession for the baptisms of children, youth, and adults.

Contact: Chapman Morrow, 901-252-6328, cmorrow@gracestlukes.org

Flower Coordinator: The flower coordinator oversees the decoration of the altar each week and works closely with the Altar Guild for major feast days and other special occasions.

Contact: Lynda Strickland, 901-767-9373, lynstric at bellsouth.net

Funeral Guild: The Funeral Guild helps the clergy with coordinating funerals at Grace-St. Luke's.

Contact: Anna Robbins, 901-487-8066, anna.w.robbins at gmail.com

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay persons are trained and licensed by the Bishop to administer the consecrated elements of the Eucharist. They assist the celebrant and other clergy and may also be licensed to go from a Sunday Eucharist to share the sacrament with members of the congregation who were unable to be present at the celebration because of illness or infirmity.

Contacts: Suzanne Busby, 901-485-2464, srbus at bellsouth.net (Sunday 8 a.m. service)

Sandra Ireland, 901-274-3009, sanrere at aol.com (Sunday 10:30 a.m. service)

Caroline Nave, 901-452-2468, carsnave at gmail.com (Sunday 5:30 p.m. service)

Lectors: Lay persons volunteer to read the lessons and or lead the prayers of the people during the worship service. A strong reading voice is a plus and training is provided.

Contacts: Suzanne Busby, 901-485-2464, srbus at bellsouth.net (Sunday 8 a.m. service)

Dan Pigg, 731-587-4597, danielp at utm.edu (Sunday 10:30 a.m. service)

Caroline Nave, 901-452-2468, carsnave at gmail.com (Sunday 5:30 p.m. service)

Ushers: All people in fifth grade and older are invited to serve as ushers and distribute leaflets, direct people to available seating, collect and present alms, and direct the congregation during communion. Ushers serve at the Sunday services and at other worship services.

Contact: Johnny Norris, 901-484-3942, norrisj at jacksonlewis.com

Vergers: The minister of ceremonies for the Holy Eucharist, the verger assists the clergy in the conduct of worship and coordinates the work of the other lay participants in the 10:30 service and other major services. Contact: Sidney Hickey, 901-274-2265, sidneyh at bellsouth.net

Wedding Coordinator: See p. 7 for information about weddings at Grace-St. Luke's. Contacts: Sidney Hickey, 901-274-2265, sidneyh at bellsouth.net
Linda Stine, *Parish Administrator*, 901-252-6324 or lstine@gracestlukes.org

PARISH LEADERSHIP

The office phone number is 901-272-7425.

The primary roles and responsibilities of GSL clergy and staff may be found at www.gracestlukes.org/clergy-and-staff.

Clergy

The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, *Rector*; orencher@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6320

The Rev. Amy M. George, *Associate Rector*; ageorge@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6322

The Rev. Meredith Jane Day, *Curate*; mday@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6329

Staff

Christi Authement, *Athletics Director*; cauthement@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6325

Sharon Campbell, *Director of Children's Formation*; scampbell@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6321

Addison Combs, *Youth Formation Associate*; acombs@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6335

Sandra Kendrick, *Facilities Assistant*

Chapman Morrow, *Stewardship Associate*; cmorrow@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6328

Lucy Owens, *Communications Administrator*; lowens@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6333

Debbie Smith, *Interim Organist-Choirmaster*; dsmith@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6331

Linda Stine, *Parish Administrator*; lstine@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6324

Darling "D" Thomas, *Lead Facilities Assistant*, 901-252-6332

Amzie Williams, *Director of Youth Formation*, awilliams@gracestlukes.org, 901-252-6326

Vestry and Treasurer

The Grace-St. Luke's vestry is the governing body of the parish. Elected by members of the parish, the vestry functions like a board of directors, overseeing policy and operations in collaboration with the rector (senior pastor) and treasurer. Please do not hesitate to voice any idea or concern to a vestry member or ask that they bring an issue up on your behalf in their monthly meeting. If you have any questions or comments for the vestry, please email them: vestry@gracestlukes.org. The following are Vestry member classes/term expirations and ministry area commissioners:

Dec. 31, 2019: Linda Khumalo (Worship), Julia McDonald (Clerk & Children's Formation), Murray McKay (Adult Formation), Kurt Patton (Sr. Warden & Athletics), Gavin Wigginson (Congregational Development)

Dec. 31, 2020: Jimpsey Ayres (Congregational Development), Nina Callan (Pastoral Care), Jim Greer (Worship), Stinson Liles (Outreach & Justice), Simon Wadsworth (Stewardship)

Dec. 31, 2021: Grant Adams (Worship), Wight Boggs (Fellowship), Patrick Burnett (Jr. Warden & Youth Formation), Charlie Pazar (Outreach & Justice), Tom Stephenson (Stewardship)

Treasurer (Non-Vestry member): Bev Trojan

Visit www.gracestlukes.org/vestry for more about Vestry matters.

Operating Committees appointed by the Vestry

Buildings and Grounds: The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets periodically throughout the year to monitor the condition of our buildings and plan for maintenance and improvements.

Contact: Bruce Williams, 901-728-6565 (home), 901-378-8236 (cell), or bwilliams at swlawpllc.com

Endowment Committee: The Grace-St. Luke's Endowment Fund was established in 1963 and operates under a trust agreement to foster, enhance and further the church's educational, religious, and charitable programs, both within and beyond the Parish. The Endowment Committee functions as an advocate and advisor for gifts to the Endowment Fund corpus.

Contact: Simone Meeks, 901-491-8209, simonemeeks at yahoo.com

Finance Committee: Monitors all financial policies and procedures, prepares reports and advises the vestry.

Contact: Treasurer, Bev Trojan, 850-830-4119, bev at terrytrojan.com

Human Resource Committee: Chaired by the rector on behalf of the Vestry for the handling of personnel matters and policies.

Contact: The Rev. Ollie V. Rencher, 901-252-6320, orencher@gracestlukes.org

Marketing and Community Relations Committee: The Marketing and Community Relations Committee meets periodically with the staff Communications Administrator to provide creative support in the development of effective communications for internal and external audiences to be well-informed about worship, formation, service, fellowship, and ministry programs associated with life at GSL.

Contact: Ken Woodmansee, 901-831-7836, woodmanseeken at yahoo.com

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee oversees the nominating process for new vestry members and collaborates with the rector on recommendations and the election of vestry officers (senior warden, junior warden, clerk) and treasurer.

Outreach Committee: The mission of the Outreach Committee is to help develop, coordinate and promote opportunities for Grace-St. Luke's parishioners to continue the work of Christ through actively serving the world in God's name.

Contacts: Rivers Powers, 662-392-0426, rivers.powers at gmail.com

Stewardship Committee: The Stewardship Committee serves to leading the people of GSL into generous responses to God's love by the offering of gifts of time, money and talent, caring for parish facilities, and sustaining our natural environment. Given that the financial wellbeing of the parish is directly related to Christian discipleship, stewardship ministry realizes worship, formation, and outreach as key sources for discovering what it means to be faithful stewards of God's abundance.

Contact: Chapman Morrow, 901-252-6328, cmorrow@gracestlukes.org

GRACE-ST. LUKE'S SCHOOL

*For more information about Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School,
please call 901-278-0200 or email enroll at gslschool.org.*

Grace-St. Luke's is a coed, Episcopal school for students in Preschool (age 2) through 8th grade. Our mission is to prepare boys and girls to become creative problem solvers, confident lifelong learners, and responsible citizens in their communities and the world. The school currently serves more than 500 students.

Since opening its doors in 1947, Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal School has been committed to meeting the changing needs of boys and girls, providing a superior, college preparatory education within a nurturing environment that emphasizes the development of character, honor and integrity. A range of faiths and

cultures enhances the personal and educational experience of all students while weekly chapel services reinforce their spiritual development.

As a church school, affiliated with Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the expression of our foundation of faith is an important aspect of our life together. One of the more outward and visible expressions of our community faith is worship. From the early childhood program at Miss Lee's campus through grade eight, students have designated times for worship appropriate for their age, and attendance at chapel is required of each student. At the same time, the religious traditions and background of each student are respected. The mission and ministry of this school finds its specific expression within the structure of the Christian faith and practices of the Episcopal Church.

Head of School Thor A. Kvande can be reached at tkvande@gslschool.org or 901-278-0200.

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WEST TENNESSEE

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There are currently more than 8,000 total baptized members worshipping in 31 congregations in West Tennessee. Composed of both rural and urban parishes and missions, the Diocesan ministries also include Emmanuel Episcopal Center and St. Columba Conference Center. The seat of the Diocese is St. Mary's Cathedral which was consecrated in 1858 and served as a refuge during the Yellow Fever epidemics. It also played an integral part of the civil rights movement in the city in the 1960s.

The Diocese of West Tennessee, encompassing 21 counties from the Tennessee River on the east, including a small portion of Hardin County across the river, to the Arkansas/Missouri border on the west, was incorporated in union with The General Convention of The Episcopal Church on December 31, 1982. The first Bishop of the Diocese was the Rt. Rev. Alex Dockery Dickson, consecrated on April 9, 1983, and retired in September 1994. He was succeeded by the Rt. Rev. James Malone Coleman, consecrated on November 13, 1993, and retired in June 2001. The third Bishop of West Tennessee was the Rt. Rev. Don Edward Johnson. The fourth and current bishop, the Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, was ordained and consecrated on May 4, 2019.

Please go to the diocesan website (www.episwtn.org) to find more information about the diocese, including staff contact information. In the "News" section of their website, one can sign up for "The Diocesan Communicator," the semi-monthly e-newsletter of the diocese.

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Our Mission, in keeping with our Catechism, is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Our Vision is to be a thriving community of hope, belonging, and healing through worship, parish life, and service, and who rejoices in the love of Jesus to transform the world.