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A Center for Spiritual Development



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The Sign of the Cross



Many Episcopalians are used to making the sign of the cross, at worship and at other times; an old custom, and one we share with many other Christian traditions. Though

some think this custom exotic or “Roman Catholic,” it really should be unremarkable for a Christian to make such a significant sign. After all, Martin Luther, the sixteenth century Protestant Church reformer, advised Christians to make the sign of the cross, on rising in the morning and before retiring at night.

Making the sign of the cross is a way, along with kneeling, standing, and bow-

ing, that we can use our bodies in prayer: an important thing, since we are both spiritual *and* material beings. Making the sign of the cross is an “outward and visible sign” that we are trying to walk in the way of the cross, a reminder to ourselves and others that we are followers of Jesus Christ. These physical reminders of spiritual truths are significant, because we all live in “the material world” (apologies to the other “Madonna”).

In our tradition, the sign of the cross is made with the right hand, touching (in sequence) the forehead, chest, left and right shoulders. Sometimes a smaller cross is traced with the thumb on the forehead, lips, or heart: for instance, at baptism, when a cross is traced on the forehead of the one baptized (a constant part of our Anglican tradition, enshrined in Prayer Books since 1549), or at the reading of the Gospel, when all three are

marked as a sign that we receive the Gospel into our hearts and minds, and proclaim it in turn with our lips.

The answer to the question of the appropriate times to make the sign of the cross will vary, of course, from person to person. Here, we are on the ground of tradition, not of prescriptive law; if the custom is useful to us, we may use it as we wish. But generally speaking, it is customary to cross oneself at the beginning of any prayer, public or private; at the beginning of the Eucharist; when the priest makes the sign of the cross in blessing or absolving; or at any time in which we are seeking God’s help or the indwelling power of the Spirit.

The meaning of the sign of the cross is clear. Christianity began with Christ crucified on the cross, and as Christians we take up our cross to follow him, as the Lord commanded (Mk. 8:34). Anything that can keep this truth before us will be useful, and help us not to forget.

– Bishop John

See Bishop Bauerschmidt’s communications from the Lambeth Conference in the Bishop’s Forum at www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org.

Blue Monarch: An Addendum

Many of you have asked about the cover image for the Blue Monarch story in the July issue of *Connections*. A drawing by a former resident, the image was featured on note cards for their office use.

These note cards are not available to the public at this time.

We’d also like to add that the Fire On The Mountain Youth Group, featured in the Blue Monarch story, is comprised of youth from St. James’ Church Sewanee as well as from Otey Parish Sewanee. They began the program a number of years ago as a joint effort.



At Christ Church Tracy City, four children were baptized on July 6. They were brought into the midst of the congregation in a wagon since the Rev. Dr. Linda A. Hutton couldn’t work out how to carry all four. For full details, see Parish News on Page 6.

“God lives here.”

From the grounds of St. Mary’s Sewanee, the valley below and the clouds above seem to be proof of that sentiment uttered by a visitor to the Center for Spiritual Development.

Located on 120 acres on the Cumberland Plateau, St. Mary’s Sewanee is a place for quiet reflection, retreat and renewal as well as a facility offering programs supporting spiritual growth.



The Episcopal Sisters of St. Mary operated a girl’s school that was founded in 1888. When the school closed in 1968, the Sisters continued their mission

work by running the facility as a retreat center until 1985. Committed individuals felt called to form a stand-alone non-profit organization with ties to the Diocese of Tennessee and the University of the South, both of which are represented by members on the Board of Directors.

Though grounded in the traditional of the Episcopal Church, St. Mary’s Sewanee extends their spiritual hospitality to guests of diverse religious backgrounds. Church groups and other organizations as well as individuals seeking a personal retreat are given the space they require.



St. Mary’s Sewanee has two spacious

meeting rooms, a dining room, a reading room and a chapel for individual devotions or small group worship. The lodging consists of rooms with shared baths, as well as semi-private and private accommodations.

Some guests choose to worship at St. Mary’s Convent, just a short walk from the Center, where the Sisters of St. Mary now live.

The beautiful grounds feature walking trails flanked by fields of wildflowers, forests and rocky outcroppings. There is a labyrinth on which to trace a sacred path or walk in meditation.



But it’s the view that is the main attraction. People take comfort from looking out over such a peaceful setting. Their minds still, their heartbeats slow and their consciousness opens. At that point, many are ready to take advantage of the programs of the ministry for Centering Prayer and Contemplative Spirituality.

The programs’ presenters are experts in biblical, contemplative and practical spirituality and the topics reflect a variety of interests. A partnership with the Henri Nouwen Society adds depth to their program offerings and helps bring presenters of national acclaim to the mountain, as reflected in the fall schedule.

The program committee is an ecumenical group of lay and clergy members from multiple denominations. Bill Parsons, chair of the committee, says, “We are fortunate to have members who possess an almost faultless sense of what will best connect with what our constituents need. And we’re also blessed to have people who can then pick up the phone and get in touch with the presenters we want.”

The committee schedules programs and retreats that cover Prayer and Spirituality (Centering Prayer, Benedictine and General Spiritual Development), Scripture, The Arts (Icons, Poetry, Weaving and more), Contemplative Justice and Social Issues, Environmental and Sacred Space, Interfaith Conversation and Clergy Programming. For a list of this fall’s programs and retreats, see the sidebar at the far right of page 5.

At year’s end, a retreat is offered from December 30 to January 1 as a mindful new way to celebrate the New Year. Among the presenters scheduled for 2009 are the Very Rev. Samuel T. Lloyd III, the dean of the Washington National Cathedral, Dr. Ben Curtis, Belmont University Professor of Religion, Sr. Kathleen R. Flood of the Nouwen Society and Kurt Hoelting, author and environmentalist.



The Center has also been the location of other events, such as weddings, reunions and recently, a reception for the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori.

For further information on St. Mary’s Sewanee, visit their website at www.StMarySewanee.org, email StMarySewanee@att.net or call them at 800-728-1659 or 931-598-5342.

The Anne Magruder Legacy Society is Formed



Recently, recognition of those who support St. Mary's Sewanee through planned giving was announced in the form the Anne Magruder Legacy Society.

Anne Magruder has spent a lifetime in service to the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. She was instrumental in helping to establish St. Mary's Sewanee in 1988 and has devoted much time and energy into its development.

Miss Magruder says, "Our mission has continued for many years because of gifts from past and current generations who cared about St. Mary's Sewanee."

Planned giving is committed to during the donor's lifetime but the principal benefits accrue to St. Mary's Sewanee after the death of the donor. For more information on how to ensure the long-term financial stability of St. Mary's Sewanee, contact Kerri Moser, the Director of Development at 800-728-1659.

"A View and A Vision" Luncheon Held in June

On June 22, more than 100 guests gathered in the Belle Meade home of Margaret Ann Robison for "A View and A Vision" luncheon to celebrate St. Mary's Sewanee's long tradition of offering hospitality to groups and individuals seeking retreat, education and transformation.



After a welcome by Margaret Ann, several members of the Board of Trustees spoke. President Dale Grimes shared the new strategic vision for St. Mary's Sewanee and announced the formation of the Anne Magruder Legacy Society.

"What I see today," says Dale, "is a promising center for spiritual development that is really starting to stretch and grow - expanding its programs and services, establishing a successful and growing annual fund, attracting an increasing number of friends and volun-

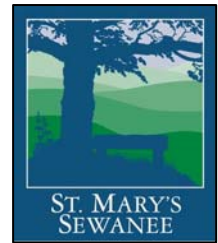
teers to share the workload. That will help us all renew our commitment to St. Mary's."

Founding Board member and current Vice President Bob Ayers shared the history of the transition from the original convent and girl's school to the retreat center as it is today.

The Rev. Tom Ward offered information about the programs and retreats the center offers and the Very Rev. Bill Stafford shared the University of the South's commitment to deepening and expanding the relationship between the Sewanee community and the center.



As lunch was served, guests from Nashville, Sewanee and beyond enjoyed the fellowship as supporters of St. Mary's Sewanee Center. Organizers of the celebration luncheon included Joan Gallivan, Betty Lentz, Libby Page, Marlin Sanders, Elaine Smyth and Kathy Tompkins.



St. Mary's Sewanee Fall 2008 Programs and Retreats

September 12-14

Befriending Life: The Practice of Lovingkindness
Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro

September 17

Poetry as Sacred Space
Dr. Jennifer Michael

September 21-23

Centering Prayer Retreat
The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Butcher

September 26-28

Prayer in the 21st Century
Phyllis Tickle

October 10-12

Finding the Sacred in Ordinary Time
Robert Benson

October 19-21

Lectio Divina Retreat
Sr. Maria Tasto

November 14-16

The Journey of the Beloved: Healing Our Identity in God
Michael Hryniuk, Ph. D.

November 16-20

Centering Prayer Retreat
The Rev. Doug Schwert

December 12-14

Advent Centering Prayer Retreat
The Rev. Tom Ward

For more information
please check our website:
www.StMarysSewanee.org
or telephone us at (931) 598-5342

Clergy News -

The Rev. Sr. Julian Hope is now canonically resident in the diocese. She is at St. Mary's Convent. **The Rev. Peter Floyd** was ordained to the diaconate on July 21 at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville. Recuperating from an auto accident, **the Rev. John Janeway** is home and awaiting further evaluation to determine if

surgery is needed or not. As he had been serving at St. Agnes' Mission Cowan, **the Rev. John Awan** will be priest and curate for an 18-month term. **The Rev. Ann Van Dervoort** of St. Paul's Church Franklin is on a three month leave to enjoy a trip with her recently retired husband. She will resume her duties on October 1. Congratulations to **the Rev. James Turrell** and wife Jennie on the birth of William Thomas.

Parish News -

Recent Confirmations: Robert McConnell, Drew Fedak, Gail Fedak, Enid Wiborg, Betty Johnson, Linda Anderson, Katie Rogers, Katy McCash, Stacey Owen, David Owen, Kathryn Brown, Jennifer Dooley, Ann Marie Miller, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro**; Andrea Fisher, **St. James' Church Sewanee**; Barbara Brock, Edna Yak, **Christ Church Tracy City**; Recent Receptions: Dallas Caudle, Melinda Caudle, Jeanmarie Martin, Nathan Prescher, Joseph Ripepi, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro**; Recent Reaffirmations: Linda Ripepi, Cheryl Beasley, Jimmie Beasley, Don Dunlap, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro**; Recent Baptisms: Sophia and Isabella Parmley, Maurice and Taylor Strong, **Christ Church Tracy City**; Kathleen "Baby Kate" Craddock, **Grace Church Spring Hill**; David Mason, Janet Mason, Andrew Mason, Jack Mason, Cameron Steffen, Alexandria Jones, Matthew Jones, Rhys Henderson, Joshua Milliken, **St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville**.

On July 19, **St. Anselm's Church Nashville** held their 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social. It was a perfect way to cool off on a hot summer day. **St. Philip's Church Nashville** held its annual "Blessing of the Fleet" on June 28 at Cedar Creek Yacht Club, on Old Hickory Lake in Mt. Juliet. Over 30 were in attendance and several boats were blessed. A picnic lunch followed in the pavilion by the lake. The Annual ECW Garden Lunch sponsored by **Church of the Messiah Pulaski** raised about \$1500 which will go

to the new ECW Scholarship Fund. **Holy Trinity Church Nashville** was the June 2008 recipient of a National UTO grant in the amount of \$40,000 to fund restoration of stone coping of the 155 year old Gothic Revival church, serving as comfort to the community, including residents of two inner-city housing projects and a homeless shelter. The **Church of the Holy Comforter** Chapter of the Daughters of the King installed six new members in June. They are: Donna Martin, Lois Orr, Claudia Jack, Connie Hardin, Vicki Kenney and Lucia Vining. They now have 28 Daughters in the chapter. The annual **STEM** Eucharist and picnic at the DuBose Conference Center pavilion on will be held on August 24. **St. Mary Magdalene Church Fayetteville** held a cookout on July 19 to celebrate their feast day a few days later. The newly revived Men's Group partnered with the Parish Life Committee for an event filled with good food, good fellowship and good music. Entertainment was provided by Eric Cooter, David Brown, Amy Satterfield and Amy Phillips. The Parking Lot Sale at **Church of the Redeemer Shelbyville** netted nearly \$600 for Next Step Home. **Otey Parish Sewanee** welcomes their new Director of Christian Formation, Robin Reed-Spaulding. **St. Peter's Church Columbia** has submitted the search request form to the Church Deployment Office in New York and is now accepting names for consideration as candidates for their next rector. **St. George's Church Nashville** hosted Fr. Xolani and his wife Natabo and ten other travelers, from St. Thomas Anglican Parish in Kagiso South Africa for a week in July.

Youth News -

The various youth groups within the diocese have had very busy summers. The September issue of Connections will focus on

Youth Missions and Pilgrimages. **Little Lambs Preschool** has named their new director: Pat Smith who is also their coordinator of children's ministry will be filling the role as registration grows from 13 to 29 children. Jill Altom is the new Youth Minister there.

Soles4Souls in Ecuador at St. Philip's Church Nashville

The congregation at St. Philip's Church Nashville is collecting shoes through August 17 to send to Ecuador. As of early July, they had already collected two boxes of previously loved shoes.

Soles4Souls is a Nashville based organization that distributes shoes of all types and sizes around the world. In the aftermath of the tsunami in Southeast Asia, Wayne Elsey was inspired to collect shoes and send them to the people in need. Similarly, after Hurricanes Katrina

and Rita, the need was apparent here in the US and over a million pairs of shoes were sent to the Gulf Coast region. A year later, Soles 4 Souls was formally created as a non-profit organization to help people all over the world.

Soles4Souls receives donations from footwear companies, retailers, churches, nonprofit ministries, civic groups, schools, and individuals.

For more information on Soles4Souls, visit their website, www.soles4souls.org.

If you would like to participate in St.

Philip's shoe drive, drop your donations off at the church, 85 Fairway Drive, Nashville, or call them at 615-883-4595. They are asking for clean, wearable shoes... no high heels, please.

Save the date...September 20
Walk Thru The Bible
Sponsored by the
Commission for Christian Education
For details, contact Carla Schober
carlaschob@gmail.com
St. George's Church
4715 Harding Road, Nashville

How to Attract Young People To Your Church

I often get questions from churches (and not just in our diocese either) that sound like this: “How can we attract more young people?”



Well, thought I, that sounds like a good thing to discuss in Connections, especially given last

month’s article on young adults in church in the Tennessean (7/6/08). So let’s take apart the statement and see if the answer lies within it somewhere.

“How can we attract more young people?” Two questions pop into my head: (1) why do we want to attract them? and (2) what do we mean by attracting them?

See, I think it all boils down to this word “attract.” What’s behind the question? Are there people in our church who feel a call to disciple younger generation(s)? Is it a question of mission? Because mission as I understand it isn’t primarily about attraction, it’s about finding, seeking, and discipling.

Something’s been bothering me about the question of “attracting young people,” regardless of which of the several reasons is behind it.

The thing is, most of the people, and like I said, regardless of the wonderful motivation behind it, asking this question, want a program or solution to bring young people into their existing church structure.

I think I’ve happened upon the solution to attracting young people as I was musing on this.

Get out of the church.

That’s right leave.

Because you see, the church isn’t that building no matter how cute, historic, grand, beautiful, or whatever it may be. The building is an incidental. You are the church.

So go out and start taking the church - and the fantastic message of life in Jesus - to people you know.

Just live life in relationship with people, not from your church (gasp, I know).

Live life in relationship with people with no agenda. Share with them what excites you, hopefully Jesus is on the list, if not, perhaps you should start by doing a little soul searching and having a few in depth Jesus-times yourself.

As you share your life with people, including how you live in relationship with Jesus, they might get interested. Or they might not. But at least they won’t be in the very large category of people that don’t know a single Christian.

Some statistics for you:

◆The number of non-Christians a person knows has an inverse relationship with the length of time that person has been a Christian.ⁱ So the most mature Christians, who should be out there making disciples, don’t know any non-Christians. Hmmm...

◆The average number of conversions per 100 people in mainline denomination per year is... Are you ready? One.

◆And those non-mainline folks, their rate of conversion is actually better. And they wouldn’t be surprised to hear that. But wait, what is it? One point seven.ⁱⁱ Yup, nearly double, but still, per one hundred? Sort of pitiful.

People, our entire mission as the church is to make disciples.

And we’re failing! Churches that are growing are mainly getting Christians from other churches.

It’s a giant shell game of “find the Christians.”

What we’ve been doing, isn’t working. People will no longer “come and see.”

Get out of the church. Get into the world.

It’s time we tried out that whole “salt and light” thing again.

Just go. – Anna Howard, *Diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry*

ⁱKimball, Dan. *They like Jesus but not the Church*. Zondervan, 2007.

ⁱⁱSchaller, Lyle From *Geography to Affinity*. Abingdon Press, 2003.

In addition to youth ministry consulting, Anna has also preached at St. Paul’s Murfreesboro and St. Ann’s Nashville, led the parish retreat for Church of the Advent talking about 3 Directions of Reconciliation, and presented on using liturgy as a tool for mentoring youth and young adults, all things she would be happy to bring to your parish.

Do young people prefer non-traditional ways of worship like the Tennessean claimed? I think no. In fact, I think our rich Anglican tradition gives us a leg up on ministry with young people, but I’m out of space, we’ll have to explore that next month!



DIOCESAN FALL RETREAT

Who do you want to be? What does it mean to truly be unique? What would it be like to feel comfortable in your own skin?

register online @ nameweekend.org

For more info, check out the website or e-mail: nameweekend@gmail.com

for 6th-12th grades @ Indian Creek Camp

St. David's Church Nashville Micro Lending Through Kiva

Just a few months ago, the Vestry at St. David's Church Nashville approved using some of their outreach funds for Micro-Lending through Kiva.Org. Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs in the developing world. St. David's used \$325 to loan \$25 each to 13 individuals or groups in the Sudan and Uganda. Most of these loans have already been repaid and more loans have been made. To date, St. David's has helped 22 groups or individuals in 6 countries. The entrepreneurs are in retail, own pubs, sell fish, or offer services such as sewing or hair styling.

You or your church or group can make micro-loans by visiting www.kiva.org for more information.

Grace Church Spring Hill Parishioner Honored



Robert Chapman was honored as "Marine of the Year" for the Marine Core League, Detachment #1282, from Columbia. He received the honor for all the excellent work that he initiates through the Marine Core League.

The League visits residents of the Murfreesboro Veteran's Home and the Columbia Nursing Home. They have encouraged local businesses in the community, Domino's Pizza, Burger King, Lyon's Food Store and Publix Food Store, to donate food for the patients in both homes. The Marine Core League visits the patients, bringing them small gifts and food; they have gatherings for the patients every month.

Banner at St. Mark's Church Matches One at Sister Church

The banner pictured here hangs in the narthex at St. Mark's Church Nashville.



A nearly identical one hangs in Santiago Apostol, their companion church in Ecuador. The Ecuador committee asked that a banner be made for their sister church and it was decided then that two banners be made, to show the connection between the two congregations. Both feature a large image of a dove. The only difference is that one says La Paz Sea Con Ustedes and the other says Peace Be With You. But in any language, it's a reminder of sharing faith and heritage.

In Memoriam: Mike Calvert



Devoted church leader Mike Calvert Jr. died early June 23 in his Mt. Juliet home. He was 64.

Mike was a member of St. Philip's Church Nashville, where he served three terms as Senior Warden and chaired the long-range planning and stewardship committees.

He led St. Philip's delegation through round after round of voting through 2006 to elect John Bauerschmidt bishop of Tennessee, and established a truly excellent search committee to find a new rector after the Rev. Peter Whalen retired. Mike advocated for the changes to our physical plant - the narthex and the Sunday School building ceiling, and aided the most wildly successful pledge campaign St. Philip's has ever experienced.

"He was a very astute businessman. I would call him Mr. St. Philip's," said church member Carolyn LeRoy. "Also

very personable, outgoing, loving, lovable - always laughing, always smiling. Sort of like a big teddy bear."

He loved a good party, and was a king at the grill or smoker on the deck of his Old Hickory Lake house. He also was a sanctioned judge for the Tennessee Barbecue Society, achieving a status of "KCBS Master Judge."

Mike is survived by his wife, Jan, sons Alec (Christi) and Craig; grandchildren Jack, Ben and Margaret Calvert; sisters Helen Wiley and Virginia Brown, brother Jack Howard, sister-in-law Mary Stokes, and several nieces and nephews.

In Memoriam: Edgar Allen



Active member of Church of the Advent, Edgar Allen, 84, passed away on July 9. He is survived by his wife of almost 62 years, Ruth, son Edgar, daughter Susan

Huggins as well as a brother, two sisters and grandchildren.

He was known throughout Nashville as a sportswriter and later, editor for the Nashville Banner, with a focus on high school sports. He served as president of the National Basketball Writers Association and National Football Writers Association, a distinction held by no other sportswriter. After covering the first 13 Super Bowl games, he became Director of Media Relations at Churchill Downs in Louisville until his retirement. He received awards and accolades too numerous to mention.

Throughout his life, Edgar was a member of St. Ann's Church Nashville, Calvary Church Louisville and Church of the Advent Nashville, serving on the Vestry of each.

Should you wish to honor his memory, the family asks that you make a donation to Church of the Advent, the Tennessee Golf Association (for Jr. Golf) or the charity of your choice.

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School Names Patterson Chair in Math



Cameron Sisson was recently named to the Cissy Patterson Chair in Mathematics at St. Andrew's-Sewanee School (SAS). The Cissy Patterson Chair, which was established in 1987,

was named in honor of Eleanor "Cissy" Patterson, a journalist, newspaper editor, publisher and owner. She was one of the first women to head a major daily newspaper, the *Washington Times-Herald* in Washington, D.C.

Cameron, who joined the SAS faculty in the fall of 2005, earned his B.S. and

M.S. in Mathematics from Winthrop University. He also holds a Master of Science in Mathematics from the University of Connecticut.

The Rev. Dr. Jack Gessell Honored



The Episcopal Peace Fellowship honored the Rev. John M. "Jack" Gessell on June 20 for his lifetime support of peace and justice initiatives. Over 100 of Fr.

Jack's friends and colleagues celebrated his lifetime commitment to the teaching and practicing of social, ethical behavior.

Fr. Jack is a life-long member of the EPF, an Episcopal organization that

seeks to discern and implement a Christian response to violence in the world through prayer, study, and action in the United States. He served as Chairman of the EPF National Executive Council and was awarded the John Nevin Sayer Award in 1994. Retired from the School of Theology in 1984, he continues to actively participate in EPF and other community activities promoting peace.

The recognition ceremony was the opening event in the EPF mini-conference celebrating "Peace on and with the Earth," held at St. Mary's Conference Center. The conference included workshops on Spiritual Practices for Activists, Working on Water, Food & Faith: Justice, Joy & Daily Bread and The Story of the Universe & Our Role Within It.

God's Green Earth...

Summer is coming to an end, Labor Day is right around the corner. Your family and friends are trying to squeeze in a last casual, carefree celebration before the days grow short and the evenings chilly. The picture that comes to mind is man and grill; steaks, burgers, chicken, or your favorites veggies. While there have been some differences of opinion on whether there is a way to truly "grill green," there certainly are ways to decrease pollution and toxins created by grilling.

Cooking with natural gas, indoors or out, is the cleanest, most energy efficient way to barbecue. And unless your grill is powered by the sun or the wind, natural gas and propane are most environmentally friendly. They are also more energy efficient than using an electric grill.

Both charcoal and wood burn dirty, producing soot (aka pollution). Though wood may add flavor to meat, the ash it creates can affect those with heart and lung problems. If you can't do without that smoky taste, sustainably-grown hickory or mesquite is the best way to go.

Briquette and lump charcoal are the worst offenders for the environment. Lump charcoal, made from charred wood, contributes to deforestation and inefficient kilning process can add greenhouse gasses to the atmosphere. Briquettes are made of sawdust which is a good use of waste wood but they may also contain sodium nitrate, limestone and borax. Uh, yuck!

There is some encouraging news: The Rainforest Alliance Smartwood program has certified Char-Broil products, including their mesquite and hickory wood chips as environmentally sound.

When it comes to lighter fluid - well, just don't do it. It's a petroleum distillate, foul smelling and can taint the taste of your food. The burning of it can emit volatile organic compounds. If cooking with charcoal, use a chimney starter instead. That's a small cylinder made of lit newspaper to start coals.

After cooking, douse cooled coals with water and make sure they are fully extinguished then throw them away. Yes, that seems to go against the whole idea of recycling but these ashes are good for nothing and may be toxic. Wood ash, on the other hand, can be used in your garden. It is very alkaline so apply with care.

One final way to cut down on pollution from your grill is to use a handy little tool called Grill Boy. Shaped like a gingerbread man, this boy's hands and feet are grooved to perfectly fill your grill racks. Just scrape off the carbon with no noxious chemical products. Grill Boy might not prepare your meal, but he can clean up afterwards.

Celebrate those close to you with a good meal, well done.

St. Ann's Celebrates its 150th Year — a personal observation

On June 7, 2008, St. Ann's Episcopal Church initiated the celebration of 150 years of service to our Lord Jesus Christ. It was a fabulous day. Approximately 325 people braved the heat in a huge circus-style tent outside the church.



We heard our former rector, the Rev. Lisa Hunt, preach about her experience of the way St. Ann's sings and praises God through hospitality and outreach to East Nashville and to the larger community. Nashville's Mayor, Karl Dean, presented a proclamation announcing our 150th year and commemorating our years of service. The former mayor, the Honorable Bill Purcell, and his wife, Ms. Debbie Miller, both east Nashville residents, were also in attendance. Ms. Gracie Porter, East Nashville's school board representative and longtime resident of Edgefield was also present.

Special guests included 12 members of the family of Julius Campbell. He served as our Sexton until his retirement in the 1964. Mr. Campbell is famous for saving St. Ann's nave from the destructive force of the 1916 East Nashville fire. He climbed on St. Ann's roof and with the help of a hose doused the burning embers that threatened it.



Banners from churches closely associated with St. Ann's as well as our own were on display. Christ Church Cathedral, Church of the Advent, and Holy Trinity Church contributed to the founding of St. Ann's and we helped establish St. James the Less in the 1950s. Banner bearers processed with the choir, priests and bishops from our parish hall across the labyrinth where our former nave, destroyed by the tornado of 1998, once stood and into the tent for the opening of the service.



Michael Hime, friend to St. Ann's, commissioned new service music including an introit to honor all choristers who have sung in St. Ann's choir and have now joined the Heavenly Hosts. Sheldon Curry, a previous choirmaster at St. Ann's, composed the music.

St. Ann's was honored to host three previous rectors: William Carson Fraser, Michael Moulden and Lisa Hunt. We thank them for their unique contributions to St. Ann's and each one played a part in the Eucharist. The celebrant was the Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt assisted by the Rt. Rev. William Sanders and our interim rector, the Rev. Dr. Robert Abstein. In addition, St. Ann's was honored to welcome home many friends who have served at St. Ann's and some who were inspired as parishioners to seek ordination to the priesthood. The Rev. Will Holt was in attendance. The Rev. Mark Wilson returned. In addition, the Rev. Donna Scott participated in the service. She served as our assistant rector for many years, and St. Ann's supported the pastoral counseling ministry that she initiated in the 1980's. The Rev. Robert Wyatt and his wife Terry were present,



both former parishioners. He is now serving as a priest in the Chicago area. The Rev. Patty Mouer and her husband, Joe, and their two sons came back from North Carolina. The Rev. Patricia Templeton also returned from Atlanta where she now serves as a priest. All served St. Ann's in many capacities over the years and contributed to making this community the place it is today.

We believe that each person was touched by our community and offered their gifts to us in return making St. Ann's the embracing presence it is today. Thank you for the many gifts and talents, freely given. May God's blessings continue to fall upon you and upon St. Ann's.

Finally, we invite all to return next year when we will conclude our 150th year celebration. We will have the honor to host the Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, to preach and celebrate at our concluding service Saturday, June 27, 2009. Praise God from whom all blessings fall.— *Tom Hardin*

Tom Hardin has been a parishioner at St. Ann's since 1968 when he started a field education assignment under the rector, the Rev. Wm. Carson Fraser. He holds two Master's degrees: one from Vanderbilt Divinity School and one from Human Development Counseling program at Peabody. He retired from the Federal Probation Office in June of 2005, where he worked in various capacities including contract oversight of the Drug and Alcohol program and supervisor and pretrial services officer. He is co-spokesperson for the Continuing Episcopalians of Tennessee and Junior Warden at St. Ann's. Presently, he also serves on the Bishop and Council. He has been married 21 years to Margaret Shipp Hardin as of this past July 4th. He has one adult son, Thomas Patrick and two adult step children, Kristen and Todd Deitrick. He is also the proud grandfather of Mackenzie Adams Deitrick.

St. Ann's Church Nashville Anniversary Celebration - More Photos



New Rector Named at St. Ann's Church Nashville

On August 31, 2008, St. Ann's Church Nashville will welcome her new Rector, the Rev. Richard C. Britton, Jr., along with his wife, Donna, and their two sons, Derek and Evan. Fr. Rick comes to St. Ann's from St. Luke's, a large corporate size church in downtown Atlanta, where he has served as Associate Priest for Outreach Ministries for nine years. Donna has been a flight attendant for Delta Airlines for over twenty years. In the fall, Evan will begin his sophomore year at Oglethorpe University and Derek plans to attend college in Nashville.

Fr. Rick's career as a priest has spanned twenty-nine years. Prior to being at St. Luke's, he served as Rector, Canon, Vicar and Curate and Priest-in-Charge at several Episcopal churches. Fr. Rick and Donna lived in Nashville from 1980 to 1990 while he served as Vicar at St. Anselm's, and as the Episcopal chaplain at Fisk University, Tennessee State University, and Meharry Medical College. During this period he also taught at



Vanderbilt Divinity School as a part-time adjunct instructor. Although it has been eighteen years since the Brittons lived here, Nashville has a special place in their hearts. Fr. Rick and Donna met in Nashville and Derek and Evan were born here.

From 1990 to 1996, Fr. Rick served as Rector at Church of the Incarnation in Atlanta. While at Church of the Incarnation, he was a Stewardship Consultant for the Office of Stewardship for the

National Church. In 1996, he moved to Columbia, South Carolina, where he was Canon for Mission at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. In 1999, he accepted a call to return to Atlanta as Associate Priest for Outreach at St. Luke's. On June 16, 2008, Fr. Rick accepted the call to become St. Ann's next Rector.

St. Ann's previous Rector, the Rev. Lisa Hunt, accepted a call to St. Stephen's in Houston in 2006. The Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) Abstein served as Interim Rector for the last two years.

Outgoing and with a lively spirit, Fr. Rick's strengths include church growth and development, outreach/social justice advocate, pastoral care, liturgy and multi/cross-cultural ministries. He expresses admiration for St. Ann's passion for outreach and social justice, for nurturing children and being an advocate for their welfare, and for providing a spiritual home for all of God's children. He believes that "diversity in all its forms is a gift which is needed to discern God's truth."

The Prince and The Priest - Fr. Richard Kew Serves Tea



Though far away, the Rev. Richard Kew remains canonically resident in the Diocese of Tennessee so it seems fitting that a photo op with a prince would be worth noting. Fr. Richard, second from left, writes in his blog about meeting Prince Charles, far right and yes, with his back to the camera but really, so recognizable, during the Prince's visit to Ridley Hall.

Fr. Richard's blog, "The Kew Continuum" featuring this entry is here: <http://richardkew.blogspot.com/2008/05/week-of-weeks.html>. Later that week, he was visited by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Episcopal Church Archives Launches Web Exhibit

The Archives of the Episcopal Church has launched an electronic publication and online exhibit entitled, "The Church Awakens: African American and the Struggle for Justice. The multimedia exhibit covers enslavement to the present with emphasis on the Civil Rights Era.

To view the exhibit, go to http://episcopalarchives.org/Afro-Anglican_history/exhibit.

This web-based project examines how African-American Episcopalians struggled to claim a place in the church community. Photographs, videos and previously unheard taped interviews with prominent American figures are part of the exhibit. Absalom Jones, George Bragg Charles Lawrence are featured and recordings from Langston Hughes and Jackie Robinson can be heard.



St. Paul's Church Franklin Music Ministry Recruitment

Though the music programs at St. Paul's Church Franklin are on hiatus for the summer, it won't be long before they start to gear up for the fall. And they would like you to consider participating in one or more of the following groups:

Adult Choir - rehearses Wednesday evenings, sings most Sundays as well as extra services and concerts.

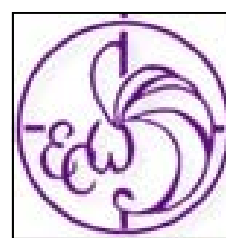
Handbell Choir- rehearses Sundays after services, performs several times a year, including Advent Lessons and Carols.

Girls Ensemble - grades 7-12, rehearsal day and time is being reviewed, performs Christmas Eve and approximately four other times a year.

Children's Choir-grades K-6, rehearses on Wednesday early evenings, has their own handbell set and sing four times a year including early Christmas Eve.

For information or to join, call Donna Stokes-Rogers at 615-790-0527

ECW Has New President Earlier Than Expected



At the June Diocesan meeting of the Episcopal Church Women, Maggie Ward resigned as President only part-way into her term.

Judy Hines says, "Maggie has graciously given her time and knowledge to the ECW board over many years. Her hard work and kind ways will be missed."

Kim Tycer, who held the VP/President-Elect position will take on the Presidency two and a half years earlier than expected but looks forward to the task.

The next Diocesan-wide ECW event is the Annual Meeting to be held in Franklin in September. More details will be announced soon.

In 1993, the board of the Archives committed to focus on the Afro-Anglican experience. Working with the Rev. John Morris, who provided financial support, they turned to emerging web technology to make source materials available to the public.



This exhibit is but one component of the Afro-American Archives of the Episcopal Church. They have the papers of church institutions and agencies such as Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity (ESCRU), the Freedman's Aid Committee and the General Convention Special Program as well as personal papers from Bishops Theodore Holly, Edward Denby and Walter Dennis.



The chapters of the project are:

Legacy, which includes a look at Historical African American Parishes; Divergence, featuring the Payne Divinity School and Black Colleges;

ESCRU, a look at their work throughout the Civil Rights Era; Transitions, examining Segregation and Integration into the 1970s; The Special Program, presenting the views of Bishop John Hines and John Maury Allin; and Awakening, exploring ethnic congregational development and ending global racism.

The Archives has constructed this online exhibit to be a growing digital repository of the Episcopal Church's African-American narrative. Viewers are invited to share comments and reflections. Donors who would like to add to the exhibit may contact Mark J. Duffy, Archivist, PO Box 2247, Austin TX 78768.

Images are provided courtesy of the Archives of the Episcopal Church.

Around the diocese

August 2008

- 1 1st Friday Sacred Soul Space, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 2 Pie and Ice Cream Social, Otey Parish Sewanee
- 3 Bake Sale, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 5 Exploring the Wonder, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 8 Back to School Lock In, Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood
- 9 2nd Saturday Work Day, St. Luke's Community House Nashville
- 12 Exploring the Wonder, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 16 Bishop and Council Meeting

- 17 Annual Parish Fair, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 17 Baptisms, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 21 Prime Time Luncheon, St. George's Church Nashville
- 22-24 Parish Retreat, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 24 *Bishop's Visitation, Calvary Church Cumberland Furnace*
- 24 *Bishop's Visitation, St. James' Church Dickson*
- 24 Rally Day/Cookout, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 31 *Bishop's Visitation, St. Anselm's Church Nashville*

September 2008

- 3 Engaging Christ and Culture, St. George's Church Nashville
- 6 Sharing Our Faith Conference, St. George's Church Nashville
- 7 *Bishop's Visitation, Calvary Church Cumberland Furnace*
- 7 Adult Christian Formation Fair, St. George's Church Nashville
- 12-13 7 Sacred Pauses Symposium, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 13 Day of Praise, Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood

- 13 Daughters of the King Assembly, St. Philip's Church Nashville
- 14 The Rev. Joe Ballard Installation, Otey Parish Sewanee
- 14 *Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro*
- 19 Chris Teal Violin Concert, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 21 *Bishop's Visitation, St. Andrew's Church Nashville*
- 28 *Bishop's Visitation, St. Michael's Church Cookeville*

Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations
**For a full listing of events throughout the diocese,
see the Calendar of Events at www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org**

Sharing Our Faith - Evangelism 101

a day long conference on
the basics of sharing the Christian faith with

Carrie Boren
Diocesan Missioner for Evangelism
Diocese of Dallas

Saturday, September 6
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

St. George's Church
Nashville Tennessee

Register online at:
www.regonline.com/SharingOurFaithEvangelism101

For more information, contact
The Rev. Cynthia Seeliger, Evangelism Committee chair
cynthiaseliger@aol.com

EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN OF TENNESSEE 62ND ANNUAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

August 15-17

DuBose Conference Center Monteagle

**"If You Are Going Through Hell, Keep On Going,
For There Are Angels Everywhere
To Help You Through"**

Join men from the Dioceses of Tennessee,
East Tennessee and West Tennessee for the
largest men's gathering in the Anglican Communion.
Speakers will be the Rt. Rev. Creighton L. Robertson of South
Dakota, Fr. Jerry Kramer of Free Church of the Annunciation
in New Orleans, and humorist Roddy Gray.

For more information, log onto
www.episcopalchurchmen.net
or contact Shelton Clark, Diocesan VP
at sheltonclark@comcast.net

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Secretary

The Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville is looking for part-time church secretary to work 12 hours a week. For additional information or to apply, contact the Rev. Jill Zook-Jones via email at jzojo@comcast.net or by phone at 615-824-2910.

Childcare Providers

St. Ann's Church Nashville is seeking childcare providers who are available to work 4 hours on Sunday mornings. Please call 615-254-3534 for details.

Youth Minister Intern

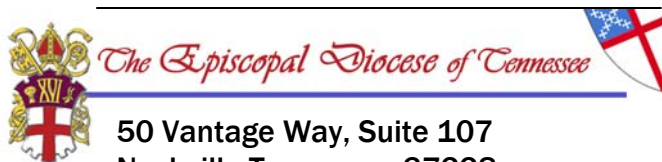
Christ Church Cathedral is looking for a energetic person to be a Youth Minister Intern. The Youth Minister Intern

will work with grades 7-12, assisting with Bible study, youth group outings and Sunday School. Position reports to and works with a full-time Youth Minister and supervising clergy. This paid position requires 10 hours per week. For more details, email Monica Urness at murness@christcathedral.org or call 615-255-7729.

Webmaster

Church of the Redeemer Shelbyville is looking for a part-time webmaster to maintain a site that they have in place. For details, call 931-684-5506.

**The September 2008 issue of *Connections* will be a print edition.
The online edition will feature bonus features and photos
at www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org**



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