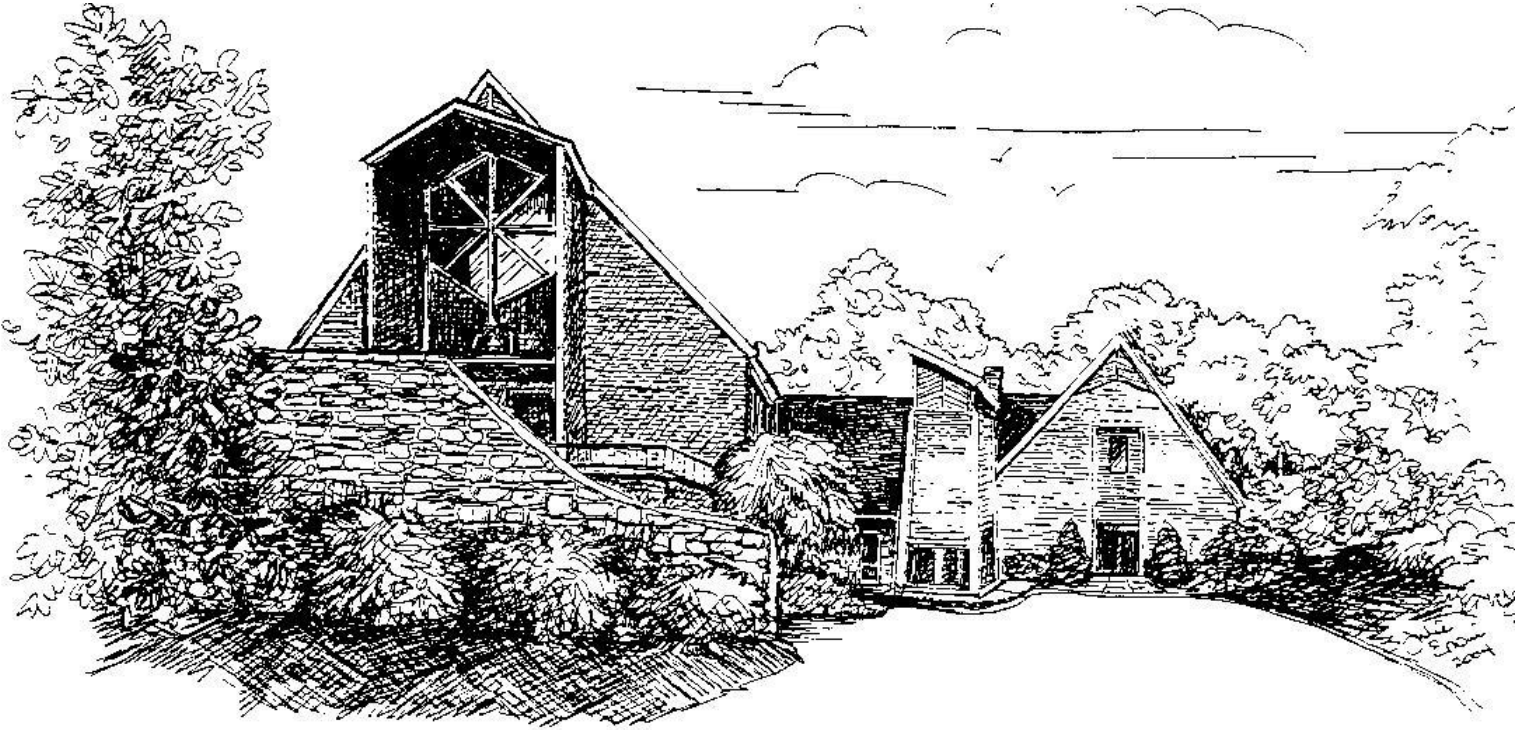




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St. David's Church
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Seeing the Pattern

Fall is a time when parishes in Tennessee are picking up the pace after the summer break, starting programs and gathering small groups that may have taken time off for a couple of months. That break was meant to be regenerative, a time to take a breath and gather our strength.



Parish programming, and the ministries that we engage in as Christians, have a basic pattern that can sometimes get lost in the shuffle, obscured by the very activity that makes them go. What's needed is the reflective moment, when we can step back and see what it's all about.

We have been called by God to *proclaim* the Gospel, and to *welcome* others, as we ourselves have been welcomed into the fellowship of the Church. We have been called by God to *form* others in the practice of the

Christian faith, so that we may share together in the way of discipleship, and be formed in this faith ourselves. We have been called by God to be sent out into active ministry in God's world, to serve the world in his name. We each have ministries: as parents, as spouses, as children; in our places of work with friends and at home with family; in our local communities and even to the larger world. Proclaiming and welcoming, forming and sending (a process that is never really completed for anyone) ought to help us realize the ministries we have, and discover new ones as well. The pattern becomes seamless, as sending folds back into proclaiming, and the whole process begins anew.

This pattern of proclamation, welcome, forming, and sending is basic to the work of each parish, and basic to the pattern of individual Christian life. Each of us is engaged at every moment in these activities, which give life to us and to the communities of which we are a part. It is also the pattern that marks our life as a diocesan Church. We share a vibrant life in Christ in the Diocese of Tennessee, if we will step back and see the pattern that emerges.
— Bishop John



St. Luke's Second Annual Bishop's Breakfast

with
The Rt. Rev.
John C. Bauerschmidt

Wednesday October 22
7:30 AM

St. Luke's
Community House
5601 New York Avenue
Nashville

RSVP by
October 15
to
Chris Sanders
615-350-6936

Franklin West Mission to Close

On September 22, the Mission Council of the Church of the Good Samaritan Franklin West requested that Bishop Bauerschmidt dissolve Good Samaritan and conclude the work with that mission that was begun under the leadership of the Rev. Peter Batarseh in the summer of 2006. Services had been held on Sundays since May 13, 2007, at Freedom Middle School, with the congregation made up of young professionals with children and many retirees as well.

"The decision to end this work was a result of a common discernment reached by the Mission Council and me," says Bishop Bauerschmidt. "I have listened closely to the Mission Council's own assessment of the situation at Good Samaritan. The Diocese of Tennessee has been generous in its financial support of this mission. Since the resignation of their Vicar this summer, congregational leadership and I have reassessed the congregation's own energy and resources, and concluded that our work in this area at the present is not sustainable."

"Christianity is in the business of death and resurrection," adds the Bishop. "Good Samaritan has been a force for good in the Franklin area. Lives have been changed. A congregation may conclude its mission, but the mission of the Church continues."

The last service will be held on Sunday October 5, as a celebration of work accomplished and relationships formed, with Bishop Bauerschmidt presiding and preaching. After the closing, most members plan to attend other Episcopal churches in the area.

St. David's Church Nashville: Growing in God's Glory

Nashville was expanding in the 1950s, with a new residential development set in wooded hills and natural surroundings later to be known as West Meade.

"In 1962, St. David's began as a mission of St. George's Church. Cale Haun, a vestryman of St. George's, and two other Nashville businessmen donated a total of eight acres. Clinton E. Brush was hired as architect. Bishop Theodore Nott Barth chose the name for the mission. The first service was held Easter Sunday 1963 for 85 communicants."



This history was taken from the Diocese of Tennessee's 175th anniversary book compiled by Fletch Coke. Some other facts and details throughout this story will reference that history. But while facts are important, they are not what makes St. David's Church a home to more than 300 people today.

Still, the story had to start somewhere. St. George's was outgrowing its space and the solution was found: plant a mission. A capital funds campaign was launched to cover some expansion at St. George's and build the new mission. They started with the church itself rather than the parish hall as often was done.



The Rev. Rue Ingram Moore, Jr. was the first vicar of this new mission. He set up an office in a trailer on the property. The capital fund campaign provided for the start-up of the church and one year of operating expenses.

On September 1, 1963, with construction complete, the first regular service was held - a blessing of the building and acceptance of the keys by Fr. Moore. The year ended with 177 communicants.

During 1964, there was increased participation by the congregation. It was a parish of young families. One of the original members who remains today, Eleanor Van Cleave recalls, "We were committed. We were working very hard and everyone had a job to do."

The first annual meeting was held in January of 1965. The Vicar's Report of 207 communicants included three marriages and two burials.

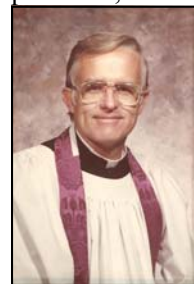
In the spring of 1965, St. David's Mission found themselves in need of a new vicar. The call was answered by the Rev. Daniel Matthews on September 20 of that year. Eleanor says "After Fr. Matthews came, our congregation just grew." At the 135th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee held in January of 1966, St. David's became a parish. Fr. Matthews stayed on, becoming St. David's first rector.



Fr. Matthews says, "St. George's, Belle Meade, planted the St. David's mission with extravagant care and architectural beauty. My seven years as their rector were blessed with rapid growth, experimental worship, and a deeply involved laity. The tradition continues."

As the church body grew, so did the physical plant: in 1968, three bays were added in the nave, the narthex was enlarged and nine Sunday school rooms were built. And as the plant grew, so did the staff: The Rev. Frank Robert became part-time assistant to the rector in September 1971. He was also the Librarian of the Vanderbilt Divinity School. When Fr. Matthews moved to Knoxville, Fr. Robert served as interim.

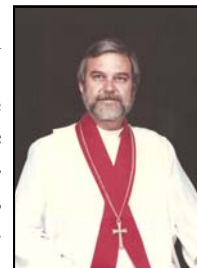
As St. David's 10th anniversary approached, the Rev. Sam Hulsey became the second rector, bringing an increase in frequency of worship services and an expansion of adult Christian education. Lay groups and committees strengthened. Fr. Hulsey was active on



a diocesan level, serving on the Standing Committee and Bishop and Council. In 1981, he was elected Bishop of North-west Texas.

When Fr. Robert left in 1974, the Rev. Boyd May, MD became assistant to the rector (in addition to being an anesthesiologist on staff at Vanderbilt Hospital).

The Rt. Rev. William Sanders was installed as eighth Bishop of Tennessee in 1977 and St. David's saw more changes of their own. In 1978, Fr. Hulsey moved on and Fr. Robert returned to serve the parish along with Dr. May, who then left in the spring. The Rev. John Rice, Jr. came from Memphis to be the new rector in August. The rectory was sold and Fr. Rice purchased his own home.



1979 was a year when things really kicked into high gear. A Christian Ed. Director, Elizabeth Bunch-Nichols, was hired, a new adult education program premiered and the congregation conducted an Every Member Canvas. The parish also participated in the diocesan capital stewardship campaign, "Venture in Mission" and the vestry decided the parish was ready to undertake a major enlargement of the existing structure.

St. David's budget expanded in 1980. The Rev. Pete Minton joined the staff for a little more than a year then was replaced by the Rev. James Rogers. Two St. David's parishioners entered seminary at the School of Theology, University of the South.

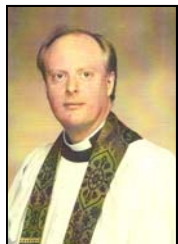
A new capital funds campaign "Venture in Vision," was launched and when completed, pledges totaled \$320,000. Some of that money went to the diocesan campaign and along with other grounds and building maintenance, funds went to completion of the nave, a new choir loft over the narthex and construction of a new parish hall. That parish hall was named in honor of Bishop Sanders.

St. David's Church, a parish that started out as a mission, shared in the development of a new mission in 1984. Church of the Resurrection was planted in Williamson County and Fr. Rogers was called to lead it. Though retired, Fr. Robert went along to coordinate the Christian Education program there.

Back at St. David's, the new choir loft was finished and ready for use in 1986. An organ fund was established and arrangements were made to purchase St. George's organ, as they were getting a new one. Due to the expense in moving, refitting and repairing the organ, St. George's donated it to St. David's. Marjorie Proctor was the organist and choir director at that time.

More changes were coming in August 1987 when Fr. Rice left for West Virginia. The Rev. John Kuenneth served as interim through early 1988.

In April of that year, St. David's vestry called the Rev. Eric S. Greenwood, Jr. as



the fourth rector. Fr. Greenwood grew up in Memphis where his father was an Episcopal priest who later served at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville. Fr. Greenwood Jr. attended LSU - a fact very apparent with a visit to his office - and the General Theological Seminary in New York.

In an astounding bit of coincidence, St. David's first rector, Fr. Matthews had

been assistant to the rector, Fr. Greenwood Sr., in the Memphis parish in which Fr. Greenwood Jr. grew up. Later Fr. Greenwood Jr. served as deacon at St. John's Knoxville where Fr. Matthews was then rector.

By 1991, the parish was so active, the Rev. Sherrill Page became assistant to the rector and Donna Robert was named Coordinator of Lay Ministries. In 1995, Donald Cornelius was hired as the new organist and choirmaster.

A resurgence of lay participation was noted in the fall of 1996 with a revival of Foyer groups and parish breakfasts. St. David's began their first Education for Ministry Class. When the Diocese of Tennessee became a companion of the Diocese of Litoral in Ecuador, parishioner Judy Grace used her knowledge of Spanish to begin a major ministry that continues to this day.

In 2000, the Rev. Ann Walling joined the staff as assistant to the rector. She directs Christian Formation and mentors Education for Ministry classes. Her farm in Williamson County has been host to many events, including the annual spring picnic. Upon her recent retirement, the Children's Chapel was named the Ann Boulton Walling Children's Chapel.

For the first time in almost twenty years, a capital fund drive, "Securing Our Future" was held in 2001. The funds were earmarked to update the physical plant: to improve the classrooms, nursery and worship areas, modernize bathrooms and add an elevator. A columbarium was cleverly house in the exterior wall of the elevator's tower. These projects were completed in time for St. David's 40th anniversary in 2003.

Now five years on, celebrating their 45th anniversary along with Fr. Greenwood's 20th year at St. David's (and 35th year in ordained ministry), this parish and its congregation are not about to rest.

The Rev. Rod Kochtitzky, a licensed clinical pastoral therapist, has an office at St. David's. Andrea Herlong is the Youth Minister, heading up an active Rite-13 program for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders and Journey to Adulthood for the older teens. Carol Hornberger keeps the

office running smoothly and the congregation is more active than ever.

The parish as a whole participates in many areas of outreach, including St. Luke's Community House and the Campus for Human Development. Other local programs such as TNT (Tying Nashville Together, which works to achieve equity in schools, more affordable housing and improved health care), St. David's Endowment Fund (benefitting Alive Hospice, Nashville CARES, Senior Citizens, Inc. and more) and the Lenten Food Drive show the high degree of stewardship of the congregation for the city in which they live.

Overseas outreach is directed to the "Invisible Children" of Uganda as well as Ecuador, Honduras and Mexico.

All these years later, through growth and change, the church and its grounds feel like a retreat. Nestled in a wooded area, it's easy to forget that you're right in the middle of a West Meade neighborhood. The sounds of birds and the occasional deer sighting only lends to the serene feeling that comes upon those who attend services there. As often as possible, the coffee hour is held on the terrace.

Fr. Greenwood says, "Having been the rector of St. David's for twenty years, I am continually amazed at what this congregation is able to do. Just like the children's tale about 'the little engine that could,' I see St. David's as 'the little congregation that does.' We're blessed with committed, steadfast, faithful, and visionary folk who take seriously the ministry and mission of Jesus in this part of Tennessee."

On October 5 at 5:30 PM, an anniversary event will be held at St. David's Church, celebrating the ministry and fellowship of a family - 45 years in the making.



Clergy News -

The Rev. Peter Floyd has accepted a call at Grace Episcopal Church in Hinsdale IL but he will remain canonically resident in the Diocese of Tennessee. Best of luck to him and his family.

Parish News -

Recent confirmations: Kolby Forbes, **St. Anselm's Church Nashville**; John Gilliam, Nathan Holt, **St. James' Church Dickson**; Ed Arno, Edna Burke, Andrea Hines, Cherie McCormick, Rosemary Pearce, **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro**. Recent receptions: James Burke, Richard Wahl, Jr., Betty Zaverzance, **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro**. Recent affirmations: Joe Balantyne, Larry Lynch, Marjory Winters, **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro**. Recent baptisms: Kylan Clair, Corinna Bauchiero, Elliot Swihart, **St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville**; Jacqueline Brown, Alexander Caudle, Carline Dyer, Chandler Gilchrist, Jack Stanley, Ivy Treybig, Emma Wray, **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville**; John Sloan, Gabriella Plummer, **St. Paul's Church Franklin**.

Throughout the Diocese: pledge cards, stewardship campaign... you know what to do! Each parish has their own plan in place. Shan Overton, a Master of Divinity student at Vanderbilt Divinity School will do her field education at **St. David's Church Nashville** during this 2008-2009 academic year. Members of **Grace Church Spring Hill** will don toques as they become chili chefs.

Youth News -

St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville is looking for Sunday School teachers. The length of commitment is short - two weeks - and curriculum is provided. Please be in touch with them at 615-824-2910 if you are available. The youth of **Church of the Advent Nashville** have started a fall program, "Experiencing Christ." **Church of Our Saviour Gallatin** invites children 8-11 to participate in "Quiet Time for Kids," listening, discussing and reflecting, each Wednesday. For more information, call Brenda Thompson at 615-452-7146. Some members of the Sr. EYC of

Congratulations to the Rev. Clayton Ingalls and wife Teresa on the birth of Autumn Evelyn on August 24. The Rev. Jess Reeves of St. Peter's Church Columbia attended CREDO II in Richmond VA in September. The Rev. Thomas Bu Christ is now Licensed to Officiate in the Diocese of Tennessee.

The members of the parish are participating in the Spring Hill Ham Fest on October 4 and the Harvest Moon Chili Fest on October 18. **Church of the Advent Nashville** will hold Confirmation Preparation classes beginning October 19. Please call 615-373-5630 if you're interested in being confirmed. During their Rally Sunday and Ministry Fair, **St. James' Church Sewanee** saw a Power-Point presentation by Bob Childress on this month's Dental Mission Trip to Ecuador. More details upon his return. **St. Peter's Church Columbia** will hold their annual Pig Roast on October 26. **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro's** Golf Scramble will be held on October 4 at the Champions Run Golf Club. Call Mike Becker at 615-890-5253 for information. The Annual Fall Fling at **Church of the Resurrection Franklin** is set for October 12. The women of **St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville** will have a mini retreat on October 4 and the Men's Retreat will be held at DuBose Conference Center on October 24 and 25. If you would like to submit an item for the Annual Art Show at **St. Paul's Church Franklin** to be held on November 9, please be in touch with Chris Knopf at 615-720-3093. **St. Augustine's Chapel Nashville** was granted their Final Use and Occupancy certificate on the newly constructed fellowship hall, administration building and chapel addition.

St. Peter's Church Columbia participated in the Joshua L. Bailey 5K which provides scholarships for graduating seniors of Maury County. **St. Philip's Church Nashville's** EYC is back after a hiatus and they invite all interested youth to join them. **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville** welcomes new Youth Minister Intern Brett McReynolds. He is a student at Belmont studying Christian Ethics and plans to attend divinity school. **St. Paul's Church Franklin** has a new program called "Awaken" for 5th and 6th Graders. It meets once a month. Contact Deborah Price at 615-790-9420 for details.

Fr. Ballard Installed At Otey Parish Sewanee



On Sunday September 14, the Rev. Joseph F. Ballard, Jr. was installed as the 26th Rector of Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee. That rainy afternoon, 176 parishioners and visitors filled the sanctuary and parish hall where the service was broadcast on closed circuit television.

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt officiated. "The celebration of a new ministry was a happy occasion which brought people together from throughout the community of Sewanee. Father Joe and Otey Parish have ahead of them a great ministry together," says Bishop Bauerschmidt.

The Rev. J. Lawrence Beach preached. He was Fr. Ballard's assisting Deacon for 12 years at St. James' Knoxville

After the service, a celebration was held under a tent outside the parish hall. A choir of 30 community members, formed specifically for this occasion,

entertained the guests. Members of the University of the South community, of various ministries of Otey Parish, and of local churches participated in the festive afternoon.



Only Connect!¹

Keeping Young People In Church



As someone who's invested the last decade of her life in youth ministry, I really hate to say this, but I feel I must: there's something wrong with the way we've been doing youth ministry. Now it's not all wrong, but there's a very important ingredient or two missing, and there isn't any one person to blame for this.

Trends in church attendance clearly show that attendance among young people begins declining as soon as these young people turn sixteen. Give them the freedom of a car, and pretty soon they're driving away from church.

These students haven't decided they hate church. Rather, those who leave say they quit going to church simply because church wasn't essential to their lives.

This isn't even a case of going out and "sowing wild oats" for a time or anything like that, the most basic difference between young people who stayed and young people who left was whether their church was essential to them or not.

If we break this down and look at what church is supposed to be, then perhaps we can get an idea of how to make our churches essential in the lives of our young people again.

First of all, the church, as Archbishop William Temple said, "is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of its non-members." That goes handily with the Great Commission in which the followers of Jesus are instructed to go out and make disciples of all the world.

So if we as the church are supposed to exist to make disciples, then we ought to be making disciples of our youth as well.

And we can't allow this job to fall solely to the youth minister, because if we do,

then the youth end up with their own church—separate in all of its customs, rituals, meetings, and traditions from "big church." Is it any wonder then that students toward the end of high school no longer see a place for themselves in the church as a whole?

What's the solution? I believe we need to stop looking at our youth and young adults as the future members of the church and to realize that they are current members of the church and need to be given leadership roles. This goes beyond being acolytes and having youth Sundays, as good as both of those ideas are. This would include youth on the vestry, youth as part of larger outreaches and missions, part of the planning, not just the part of "what the youth always do" or "what we'd like to see the youth doing." Let them help figure out what to do alongside of the adults. They need to have ownership of the church, to have their ideas listened to, to be given a place to serve and make a difference.

But they can't just up and start teaching Sunday school for the first graders all by themselves either. These are youth and young adults. They need to be mentored by older adults in the congregation. Studies² show that there is an inverse relationship with the number of adults in a young person's life to the percentage of young people that drop out of church. Where there are no adults from the church present in a young person's life, the drop out rate is 9 out of 10. Where there are 6 or more adults that are somehow active in that young person's life, the drop out rate plummets to only 50%. That's 40% of all young adults that could be retained simply by involving them!

And 6 or more adults per young person adds up more quickly than you might think. For instance, the youth minister who knows that kid's name is one. The youth small group leader is another. The retired couple who sits behind the kid's family in church and has pool parties at their house a couple of times in the summer and keeps up with what the kids are doing are two more. Then there's the spouse of the small group leader who keeps up with the lives of the kids who are coming over to the house, maybe

fixes snacks for the small group. The minister can be another in a smaller church, or the music minister who also leads a youth choir, greeters by the door, and so on. It's not that hard to get up to 6, but we have to be intentional about it.

So, to keep young people in church, church has to be essential to their lives. For them to view church as essential, they need ownership, and connections within the church as a whole. They need to be real members of the church, not future members. You know how fun it is on youth Sunday to see those teens or children doing the readings and taking such a big part in the service? Why can't that be every Sunday? Why are our youth largely delegated to this one service, but not on regular rotations? There are many places in both the service and the life of the church where our youth can take part. At 16, if they're confirmed, they can serve on a vestry. At even younger ages, they can participate in all sorts of different roles if we're only willing to hear what they have to say. We might be surprised what God would want to do in our midst through some of our younger members. The only question is are we daring enough to give them a chance?

Only connect! And then go and make disciples. — Anna Howard, *Diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry*

¹ E. M. Forster, *Howards End*, Title page.
² Thom and Sam Ranier, *Essential Church*, (Nashville: B&H Publishing Group, 2008) p. 124.

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.



Erin Somerville Is Named Communications Director



Erin Somerville has been hired at St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville as the new Communications Director reporting to the rector, Fr. Jerry Smith. Erin's position is part time and her primary responsibility will be to increase the effectiveness of the internal and external communication at St. B's. Erin brings to this position experience in website and graphic design, as well as extensive knowledge in the area of photography, video production and technical support in professional meeting presentations focusing on communication of corporate vision. Erin's email address is esomerville@stbs.net.

Volunteers for St. Luke's Holiday Programs Needed

The call has gone out for volunteers from St. Luke's Community House to register families for the holiday programs, Adopt-A-Family and Toy Store. Required training will be offered on October 1 and 2 and family registering will run October 13 through November 7. To volunteer to register the families, please contact Laura Maria at 615-324-8375.

St. Anselm's Nashville Supports AACA

Responding in a stellar fashion to a request by the African American Cultural Alliance on behalf of Windsor Child Care Facility in St. Ann's Bay Jamaica, St. Anselm's collected items for dental health. Joining the efforts of the Thomas Hardy Internal Medicine Society at Meharry Medical College and Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, more than 100 toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste, countless bottles of mouthwash and numerous personal-size hand sanitizers were collected. Boxes of band-

aids, school supplies, calculators and stuffed toys were also collected and everything was sent to Windsor. Ms. Carmen Mullings, director at the facility shared that the girls were overjoyed to receive the supplies.

Animals Blessings in the Diocese of Tennessee



Parishes throughout the diocese will be having Blessings of the Pets and other animals to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Most will be held October 4 or 5 (see Calendar on page 15). Some of these celebrations offer food (for humans and animals), giveaways and prizes, dog washing and more. Check with your parish for more details.

St. Bartholomew's New Choral Group Formed

A new small choral group, the St. Bartholomew's Chamber Singers, held auditions in September. Led by David Madiera, who recently completed his masters degree in composition at Belmont University, this group will take on more complex music. They will not play a routine role in the service but will augment the music that is in the Liturgy - not to distract from worship but to enhance, providing time to be still, listen and reflect. Eric Wyse, choirmaster, says, "I'm excited about this new chapter in the life of the music ministry of our church and will work hand in hand with David to assist him as accompanist, as well as in the selection of music."

The Rev. Tom Wilson's Portrait Unveiled



On Sunday September 21, St. Peter's Church Columbia unveiled the commissioned portrait of rector emeritus, the Rev. Tom Wilson, at a reception between the two Sunday morning services. The portrait was painted by David Harley Lunn of Fayetteville and will hang in a place of honor at St. Peter's. Fr. Wilson was the guest celebrant for both services that morning. The flowers on the altar were given in celebration of Fr. Wilson's ministry and in memory of his late wife, Jean, who began his ministry at St. Peter's with him. The sanctuary candle was given in thanksgiving to God for the spiritual growth that took place at St. Peter's under the guidance of Fr. Wil-

In Memoriam: Penny Ezell

Former Diocesan "Dove" Penny Ezell died September 15 in Smyrna. A long-time member of All Saints' Church, Penny was active throughout the diocese for many years, volunteering in the office for 16 years and serving as President and Treasurer of the Episcopal Church Women. She also was on the Board of Directors for St. Luke's Community House. She is survived by husband Bo, daughter Michelle, grandsons and her step-mother. A memorial service was held at All Saints' Church.

SAS Students Nat'l Merit Semi-finalists



The National Merit Scholarship Program has named three St. Andrew's-Sewanee School seniors National Merit Semifinalists among the 1% of high school seniors who earned this recognition based on their performance on the PSAT.

Zach Huffman is a member of the school's cross country, swimming and soccer teams. He received Summa Cum Laude honors for the American Classical League National Latin Examination for Latin I, is a National Junior Classical League of the National Latin Honor Society Member, and is a Gold Medalist of the National Latin Honor Society. Last year, he earned a gold medal in the National Spanish I Exam. In 2007, he received the school's Latin I Award. He's a volunteer with the Big Brother/Big Sister program, a Boy Scout, and an active

participant in the SAS Players, having performed lead roles in many school productions. He is also a member of the Cum Laude Society. Zach is the son of Clifford and Angela Huffman.

Daniel Shaver has earned academic awards in art, Spanish, science, history and math. He was awarded the SMA Class of 1946 Junior Leadership Award, serves as a Proctor and is president of the Cum Laude Society. He's won recognition on the cross country and track teams as the Most Improved and Most Valuable runner. He was co-captain of the 2008 track team, placed 4th in the state cross country competition last year, holds the school record in the 1600 and is a member of the record-holding 4x800 relay team. Daniel is a member of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, a State Silver Medalist in Spanish IV, and attended the Governor's School for the Sciences. He is the son of Stephen Shaver and Karen Kuers of Sewanee and Susanne Fest of Yellow Springs OH.

Carly Westling transferred to SAS from St. Martin's Episcopal School in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. A

remarkable singer and actor, Carly has starred in numerous school productions and frequently performs in the school's Creative Expression assemblies and Open Mic Nights. She has been named Most Valuable and Most Improved Runner on the cross-country team and is a recipient of the school's Fitness, Latin II, and 9th and 10th Grade English Awards. Last year she placed 3rd in the state on the National Spanish I Exam, earning her a Gold Medal. Carly volunteers with the Big Brother/Big Sister program. She serves as a Proctor and is a member of the Cum Laude Society. She is the daughter of Richard and Bronwyn Westling.

More than 1.5 million juniors in over 21,000 high schools entered the 2009 National Merit Program by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. To become a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. Approximately 15,000 Semifinalists are expected to advance to the Finalist level.

God's Green Earth...

Mix-tapes, circa 1980s, were recorded onto audio cassettes (remember those?) from long-playing records (remember those??). More than a way to share music with friends, they could deliver a message. These days, although in digital format (good for the earth, right?), playlists are still shared. Here are some ecology-themed tunes one might find on a mix-tape:

Big Yellow Taxi - Joni Mitchell *Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone?* / Mercy, Mercy Me - Marvin Gaye *Whoa, ah, mercy mercy me... Where did all the blue sky go? Poison is the wind that blows.* / After the Gold Rush - Neil Young *Look at Mother Nature on the run... / Where Do the Children Play - Cat Stevens *I know we've come a long way. We're changing day to day. But tell me, where do the children play?* / Pass It On Down - Alabama *It's only ours to borrow, let's save some for tomorrow. Leave it and pass it on down.* / Before the Deluge - Jackson Browne *Some of them were angry at the way the earth was abused... / Paradise - John Prine *...and they tortured the timber and stripped all the land.* / Bad Moon Rising - Creedence Clearwater Revival *I hear hurricanes a-blowing, I know the end is coming soon. I fear rivers overflowing...***

Important messages, yes. But let's throw in a few songs that celebrate the earth and our stewardship of it. Maybe you'll recognize these oldies but goodies:

Hymn #8 *Morning has broken like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.* / Hymn #16 *For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies... Lord of all to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.* / Hymn #424 *For the plowing, sowing reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping...* / Hymn #405 *All things bright and beautiful, creatures great and small...each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings...*

And we might close with this one, based on words of St. Francis of Assisi: *Brother Sun, Sister Moon, I now do see you, I can hear your tune, so much in love with all that I survey.*

Whether cautionary or comforting, music with a message can lead us to feel, think, challenge, celebrate, act... share.

Christ Church Tracy City: Born in a Sawmill, Mountain Church Celebrates 140th Year



Birthdays are important to people and churches alike, and Christ Church proudly celebrated its 140th anniversary September 14 with generous servings of faith, food and fellowship.

Christ Church, according to the Southeast Tennessee Tourism Association, is the Cumberland Plateau's oldest continuously operating Episcopal church.

The observance began with a traditional church service, followed by a covered dish banquet afterwards in the parish house. Members and guests were all welcome, said senior warden Richard E. Gipson of Jasper.

Sawmill Beginning

The church traces its lineage to a service held after the Civil War on a hot August Sunday in an open sawmill across from the railway depot in what was then a booming coal and timber town. A former Confederate Army chaplain - the Rt. Rev. Charles Todd Quintard, bishop of Tennessee and vice chancellor of the re-established University of the South at Sewanee - conducted the open air service on August 30, 1868.

The young bearded bishop wore a flowing robe, carried a shepherd's crook and

wore a miter, the ornamental headdress of his office. Assisting him was a dear friend and fellow bishop, the Rt. Rev. Alexander Gregg of Texas, and other clergy from the seminary at Sewanee. The altar and pulpit were makeshift and the congregation sat on logs or stood. The scent of sawdust filled the air.

In an address to the Diocese of Tennessee in Clarksville in May 1869, Bishop Quintard recalled his visit to Tracy City: "No more fitting place being available, we were forced to gather a congregation in an open saw mill. The appointment and surroundings were not all that could be desired, but the people gladly heard the word preached."

Services continued at the sawmill until a community structure, Temperance Hall, was built to serve all faiths. By 1873, however, the town's Episcopalians, about 50 strong, erected their own church. Assisting was Milnor Jones, a theology student at Sewanee. A former Confederate soldier who traveled the mountain trails and backwoods on horseback, Jones was drawn to Tracy City's frontier lifestyle.

Master Carver

In what was to become a legacy relationship with the seminary, another Sewanee graduate, the Rev. Henry Easter, followed Jones. Easter, priest from 1891 until 1896, was a master carver and in his spare time carved a new altar (a me-



morial to his mother), a bishop's chair, a priest's chair and desk, lectern and communion rail. Easter also assembled and installed the pieces. Fortunately, when the church was severely damaged by a storm years later, Easter's hand-carved masterpieces survived and were installed, along with other furniture and stained glass windows, in a new church erected in 1928.

That church still stands, surrounded by giant oaks and near the site of the original sawmill service.

Another church milestone was in October 1952, when the Father Adamz Memorial Parish House was dedicated. Built with donations from the church and community, the hall honors the late Rev. Alphonso Constantine Adamz. Priest from 1927 to 1941, "Father Adamz," as he was known affectionately, ministered to people of all faiths on the mountain and beyond, building a congregation unequalled since. An ardent outdoorsman, he built a faithful following among local young men through scouting.

Homer Kunz, 96, of Tracy City, a lifelong member of Christ Church, was among those young men. "He kept a lot of us out of jail," commented Kunz, a retired stone mason and carpenter who spent many years of his construction career on the Sewanee campus.

A Busy Place

Today, the parish house continues as a community center for church gatherings, AA meetings, wedding receptions, family reunions, baby showers and luncheons. "It's a busy place," observed Sally Brown, coordinator of parish house usage.

In June, the church which has about 45 active members, celebrated its first confirmation in more than a decade. The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, bishop of Tennessee, presided. At a luncheon after the service, the bishop told a gathering of about 100 that Christ Church represented the true spirit of the diocese and that its historic relationship with the seminary at Sewanee was "special" indeed.

The Rev. Dr. Linda A. Hutton, priest-in-charge at Christ Church, said the September homecoming honored the many church members, ministers and seminarians who have contributed to the spiritual and physical life of the church and community down through the years.

"They have kept the faith," she said.

— Carl Goodman

A member of Christ Church, Goodman writes from his home on Signal Mountain.

St. Paul's Franklin Christmas Tea Tickets



The annual Christmas English Tea at St. Paul's Church Franklin will be held this year on Saturday December 13 with two seatings: 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Tickets go on sale to the parish on Wednesday October 1 and to the general public on Monday October 6. There will be no waiting list this year; you must line up on the given day. In the last few years, this event has been sold out - very popular for good reason. It's the perfect way to stop and take a breather from all the holiday hubbub.

Fr. Will Holt Retires



The Rev. William Mayes "Will" Holt, long-time vicar of St. James' Church Dickson recently announced his retirement after 35 years in the priesthood. Fr.

Holt celebrated his last Eucharist as vicar of St James' on September 28. He served the Dickson congregation for 25 years.

Fr. Holt was ordained to the diaconate in 1973 at St. Ann's Church Nashville and to the priesthood at Church of the Good Shepherd Lookout Mountain. He came to Dickson from St. Columba's Bristol in 1983. He is the second senior parochial priest in the Diocese of Tennessee, serving under five bishops, the Right Revs. John Van Der Horst, William Sanders, George Reynolds, Bertram Herlong and John Bauerschmidt.

During his time in Dickson, Fr. Holt has served as president of the Dickson Ministerial Association and was a founder, vice president and chair of family selection committee of Dickson County Habitat for Humanity.

Fr. Holt served the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee as a member of Bishop and Council, the Liturgical Commission, the Christian Education Committee and the Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs. He was also a member and chair of the Dandridge Trust, trainer and supervisor of the Stephen Ministry, diocesan parish vacancy consultant and trainer for Ministry of Reconciliation and he has served as founder and president of the Nashville Jung Society.

At St. Columba's, Fr. Holt served as president of the Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia Ministerial Association, and was a member of the boards of directors for the Bristol Crisis Center, the Emergency Food Pantry and the Upper East Tennessee Human Resources Development Agency. He also served as mentor the diocesan Education for Ministry Program.

Retirement from St. James' does not mean that Fr. Holt intends to retire from his ministry. "People-building has always been the thrust of my ministry, and I will continue to do that," he said.

"One of my goals is to live near the Gulf Coast and build Katrina cottages.

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I want to live by the big water and please Jesus."

Fr. Holt and his wife, Pat, are the parents of three adult children and have one granddaughter. In appreciation of Fr. Holt's service, a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry.

Diocese DOK Assembly

More than 100 Daughters and guests from across the diocese gathered at St. Philip's Church Nashville in September for the Daughters of the King Fall Assembly. The guest speaker, Nancy Sheffield, Province IV President, presented "Living in Community as Daughters of the King."



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The Bishop Visits Bec

The conclusion sounds almost proverbial: It Ain't Easy to Find An Episcopal Bishop in Normandie. Yet the scenario had been carefully written before the expedition: the Bauerschmidts would fly to London, having deposited William, Henry, and Caroline with indulgent grandparents. They would then taxi from the airport to St. Pancras station and board the train to Paris (affectionately called the "chunnel"), taxi again from the Gare du Nord to another train station, the Gare St. Lazare in Paris, buy tickets to a small city to the west, Bernay in Normandie (some hour and a half away), and arrive precisely at 6:50 PM (or, as the French have it, 18:50). They would be met promptly by John's good Canon, Pamela Snare and husband Jerry, and both Bishop and wife Caroline would be whisked thirty minutes by car to a country house and a supper of Normand delights in what is known as La France Profonde.

Like all well-written scripts, this one had all the virtues of directness and simplicity. After so long a trip, the principals might still be a little weary and rough about the edges, but as vital and interested people, there would be adventure modest enough not to overtax, but sufficient to keep awake and comfortable. So what if it were, in all of France, a holiday weekend, the Fourteenth of July, Bastille Day?! (Equivalent to the Fourth of July.) Would there be domestic travelers? Perhaps, but one could surely buy a train ticket in a big place like Paris. Train tickets, as it turned out, were like bus tickets, you get one if there's still room to sit (and, presumably, room for your bags too). There was some congestion, Caroline discovered, but persevering, she managed to get them seats on the train towards Bernay an hour later than planned. Only the most scrupulous would have noted that that very train was not to stop at Bernay, alas. The dutiful Canon and husband, were standing on the quay, in the right spot for 6:50 pm and, when it arrived, they examined every face disembarking from Paris. No Fr. John. No Caroline. They pondered and decided to await the

7:50 from Paris. 7:50, again, no John and no Caroline. The Bishop and wife, as it turned out, had roared through Bernay nonstop sometime before eight headed somewhere West at 70 mph, full tilt. Pamela returns home, with visions of the Bishop and Caroline adrift, lost wayfaring somewhere in Normandie. They surely needed rest. John needed a shave. John's French isn't so good. And he's a Protestant clergyman to boot. Pamela yet again tries Caroline's internationalized cell phone. And Lo, faintly through the crackle of static comes Caroline's distant voice and the garbled name of a French city. Lisieux.

Lisieux. The hometown of St. Therese, the most popular saint in all of Normandie. Is there something prophetic here? This is the young girl who was named one of the very few female "Doctors" of the Church. She was scarcely 24 when she died. She is the author of an extraordinary autobiography, now a classic, *History of a Soul*. There is for her a huge Basilica in Lisieux. It is perhaps an hour to the west from where Pamela made her call. Pamela, alas, has never been to Lisieux. Its train station is likely to be buried in the middle of the town, or centre ville as all the signs say. Off both go, thankful that it doesn't get dark this far north until eleven o'clock. Pamela is to call this retrieval of the Bishop of Tennessee in an unlooked-for train station in the shadow of a great Basilica, the miracle of the signs. St. Therese has been looking in, after all.

Now it seems the French have somehow intuited that automobile drivers are universally clueless, inclined to distraction, and always unsteady about their proper direction. Hence, in a stroke of Gallic wisdom, signs appear everywhere, not with road numbers like the US, but with the names of the places people usually go to. One of those states clearly, as we ride into town, "Gare. SNCF." At every corner one needs to turn to get to that "Gare," magically appears another sign and arrow, "Gare." As if by divine guidance and without a hitch, there was the Basilica and the station and, seated comfortably outside, wholly assured of the

imminent arrival of his Canon, the Bishop, having escaped a pesky panhandler inside the station, sat with Caroline, apparently none the worse for wear, calm, collected, and chatty. Twenty-four hours and chatty. St. Therese had intervened indeed. The story of the journey, most appropriate for something you might call "Annals of Transportation" in *The New Yorker*, was now almost over. Pamela at the wheel, we quit the town, head past the Basilica, soon begin to see the wheat fields, and know for the first time in many urban hours that we soon would sit down to a Norman supper in the quietude of La France Profonde.

Saturday is a largely uneventful, partial day of rest, except for one minor matter. The group of four briefly tour the old city in Pont Audamer on the Risle, and its Cathedral of St Ouen (the bishop responsible for the conversion of the Franks 1500 years ago), a remarkable mixture of old Norman and later Gothic architecture. Lunch is as leisurely as it is fine. The car is gassed and all start up out of the valley of the Risle. There is an unwelcome, automotive sputter and cough. The car surges and stammers the 15 kilometres back to the country gite and then, upon arrival, wheezes loudly and apparently expires. Later it would be discovered that the Canon's husband, unaware of the meaning of certain French nouns at the gas station, had pumped unleaded fuel into a diesel automobile. More, apparently, of *Annals of Transportation*.



The next morning, Sunday, confirmed in a burst of gray smoke at ignition, the sure demise of the Renault. Getting to Mass at the Abbey, where the Bishop was expected, now became highly problematical. Canon Pamela is told by Hertz that if there were another car available, which was doubtful on the 13th of July, it wouldn't be anywhere

near the countryside around Bec. And taxis don't stand in the immediate environs of country wheat fields and horse pastures. The Canon, used no doubt to the daily alarms of a diocese, places a call to the Monastery of St. Francoise to the redoubtable Sister Joseph Marie. She springs into immediate action (monasteries, oddly, can have as many alarms as dioceses), searches for and discovers a willing pilgrim with a car, and within the half-hour, Sister Sarah and Marie-Laure, the most generous pilgrim on retreat, are at the front door of the country gite. While Pamela must stay behind to deal with Hertz and the moribund Renault, Fr. John, Caroline *et al.* squeeze into the small cube of an Opel and roar off (the French are not reluctant drivers) to Bec Hellouin.

Sister Sarah, whose English is very good, has become upon their first, and unplanned, meeting the de facto hostess to the Bishop. She is her usual gracious self as she exchanges introductions, chats, and finally explains one significant fact about this Sunday in Bec (the day before the holiday): there is to be a great Bazaar of "antiquites" that very morning in Bec. In fact, there are really few antiques, but rather a mammoth Flea Market with everything from tools to towels crammed in the town, a huge mélange of goods and chatter and dithering. Parking is to be at a distance and someone watching might have been amused to see a nun in full regalia leading an Episcopal Bishop as he dodges vendors and baby carriages all the way up to the gates and bell tower of St. Nicholas of the great Abbey of Notre Dame.

Virtually at the stroke of 10:30, Sister Sarah has finally seated Fr. John and Caroline at the front near the altar, right next to the great 900-year-old sarcophagus of Saint Herluin set into the floor beneath the glass. The procession of monks and nuns begins through the simple, barrel-vaulted Norman grandeur of the Abbey Church.

Sister Sarah and Marie-Laure, after the majestic services at the Abbey, guided Fr. John and Caroline back through the Flea Market to the car and beyond

through the countryside to the country house. It had been in the meantime that Hertz had discovered a car for Canon Pamela in Vernon, about an hour and a half away, back toward Paris. Sister Sarah, apprised of this when she arrives, insists, in a flourish that is profoundly typical of the Sisters, upon retrieving the Monastery car and driving Pamela to Vernon. The Bishop and Caroline, to while away the afternoon, will traverse the horse pastures around the gite, stroll the four kilometers or so to the village of St. Benoist des Ombres and its splendid sixteenth-century church, meet on the way as Fr. John would testify, what appeared to be a herd of mad cows, and make reservations for supper that evening at a nearby and especially fine restaurant, the Villa St. Benoist.

That Sunday was to be the last installment in Annals of Transportation, thankfully. Canon Pamela did arrive back with another car in time for dinner in St. Benois des Ombrest and the day ended peacefully enough. Monday, Bastille Day itself, was to be the most adventuresome (and surely the most exhausting) of all of the Bishop's sojourn in Normandie. This Monday is to be the oblation day of Pamela and her husband Jerry, for which Fr. John had especially come, when both are to be accepted as oblates into the community of sisters at the Monastery of St. Francoise Romaine in Bec. As the two presented themselves that Monday morning to be blessed by Mere Prieur and received by the Sisters in the Chapter Room of the Monastery, Fr. John would be escorted to meet Pere Abbe Paul Emmanuel, the Abbot of Notre Dame, who will ask John to vest, process, and assist at the noon Mass. The con-celebrant is Fr. Paul de Clerck, one of Pamela's old professors of liturgy at the Catholic Institute in Paris, specially come to Bec for this oblation day.

Part of the great charm of Abbot Paul is his wit and verve, his profound affection for children, all of which make him a natural clerical brother to the similar bent of Bishop John. To wit: just before the service, the Abbot goes about recruiting acolytes from among the other

Oblates' children he has seen at the back of the Oratory. He quite purposefully commandeers the young Benedict, Jerome, and Miriam (all of whom live in Bec), knowing full well that Canon Pamela has known all of them for some years. Fr. John looks on as his chief assistant, now Oblate, and husband



Jerry recite the oaths and retire to the rear to fetch the oblations of bread and wine for the altar. Pere Abbe Paul is both celebrant and preacher this day, and Fr. John is asked to read the Gospel in English.

Before Pere Abbe begins to distribute the bread at communion to the sisters, other oblates, and retreatants, you would have been able to see at the altar a remarkable event. Abbe Paul came to Fr. John and knelt before him for John's apostolic blessing. And, as Abbots are Bishops in the Church (and indeed wear the mitre), Fr. John knelt before Abbe Paul in return for his apostolic blessing. A signal and especially touching ecumenical moment. We need be reminded that Pere Paul had already invited Fr. John to take part in Vespers at the Abbey that evening and to dine and chat with the Brothers afterwards.

The mass ended, Fr. John and Caroline were escorted to lunch at Mother Prior's table in the Refectory and, thereafter, to a "rencontre," a meeting with notables, essentially a question and answer session for the ever-inquisitive Sisters. As Fr. John would discover, the interest among many French clerics and religious about the Episcopal Church (and about the Lambeth Conference upcoming in London) is acute. Sister Jean Baptiste translated for the sisters, with her usual expert precision and aplomb, many questions about Fr. John's role as Bishop and about the churches and peo-

ple of Tennessee. The Sisters of Bec are surely not of the world; but they are clearly not out of it either.



There is not much of an interlude between the Sisters at the Monastery and the Brothers at the Abbey. Canon Pamela deposits Caroline at the Abbey's impressive gift shop and accompanies Fr. John to meet, chat with the brothers briefly, and vest with Pere Abbe Paul for Vespers. Supper follows and, afterwards, Abbot Paul plays the animated tour guide through the far reaches of the huge buildings of the community: refectory, chapter, offices, kitchen, parlors, cloisters, library and a whole series of monumental staircases. The brothers had, in the interim, gathered in an upstairs parlor for cafe and their own "rencontre" with Fr. John, with many questions about the Episcopal Church, John's role as Bishop, about Lambeth and the controversies of the church. Frere Raphael, who acts as a sort of unofficial ecumenical officer for the community, was particularly pointed and graceful. In this case, though Frere Raphael knows English, Canon Pamela acts as translator. It draws towards nine o'clock and all adjourn for Compline.

Pere Abbe Paul and Frere Raphael had not quite finished being generous hosts. They would escort their visitors through the grounds, past St. Nicholas Tower, and through the gates onto the common green of the village of Bec. The Abbot had one final acquaintance in mind for Fr. John and Caroline to make. At the corner of the square stands the house of Bill and Anne Brodrick, he an accomplished novelist, she a theology student, active mother, and worker for Catholic Charities, both oblates, both parents to the three children who served as acolytes at the oblation earlier that day. The

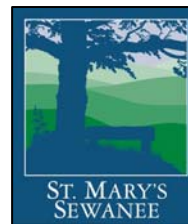
Abbot, with his typical mischievous smile, knocks at the door and both the Brodricks immediately appear, press upon Fr. John and Caroline the continuing and astonishing hospitality they've experienced the whole day, and insist upon a tour of the on-going renovation to their home, directly adjacent to the grounds of the Abbey itself. The Bishop would note, at all the farewells, that the Brodrick's late supper lay uneaten amid the plaster and boards of their yet unfinished kitchen.

Anyone would be hard pressed to catch the whirligig of meeting upwards of fifty people in one day, engaging in three services, two meals, three tours, and several dozen memorable sights in and around the religious communities of Bec Hellouin. The Rule of Benedict insists with particular urgency on the duty and joys of hospitality, that everyone be received as Christ himself, and there is a grace in its practice in this little village that never oppresses or tires, but invigorates and excites.

Bishop John and Caroline will end their last, long day in Normandie at the country gite, decompressing a little with some good French wine (noting that it sells locally for about four-fifty a bottle). They will repack and the next morning be driven by Canon Pamela back to Bernay to retrace their steps by train to Paris and the Gare du Nord, across the Channel to London, and on to Kent and the Cathedral at Canterbury. The route is pretty nearly the route taken by Fr. John's forefathers in the eleventh century, when the Abbots Lanfranc and Anselm, called as Bishops, carried with them both the countryside and the graces of a Benedictine community at Bec to England and to the great cathedral of the Archbishops of Canterbury.

— *Gerald Snare*

Jerry Snare, a member of Christ Church Cathedral Nashville, is a retired professor of 16th Century English Literature.



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- 4 Africa Day, St. Mark's Church Nashville
- 5 *Closing Service, Church of the Good Samaritan Franklin W.*
- 5 Blessing of the Animals, Various Churches Diocese of TN
- 5 Rolin Mains Trio, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 5 Annual Pig Roast, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 5 Communion Prep. Class, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 6 Pilgrimage Meetings, St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro
- 8 Quiet Time for Kids, St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville
- 8 Brown Bag Gospel Study, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 10-12 Diocesan Youth Retreat, Indian Creek Camp
- 11 Bishop and Council Meeting, All Saints' Church Smyrna
- 11 Annual BBQ, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 12 Oktoberfest, St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville

- 12 Fall Fling, Church of the Resurrection Franklin
- 12 *Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Holy Spirit Nashville*
- 13 Pilgrimage Meetings, St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro
- 15 Quiet Time for Kids, St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville
- 15 Brown Bag Gospel Study, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 19 Confirmation Prep. Class, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 19 *Bishop's Visitation, St. Mark's Church Nashville*
- 20 Pilgrimage Meetings, St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro
- 22 Bishop's Breakfast, St. Luke's Community House Nashville
- 22 Quiet Time for Kids, St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville
- 22 Brown Bag Gospel Study, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 23-26 National Cursillo Seminar, Daytona Beach FL
- 24 Michael Velting Concert, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 26 *Bishop's Visitation, Trinity Church Winchester*
- 26 Annual Pig Roast, St. Peter's Church Columbia
- 27 Pilgrimage Meetings, St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro
- 29 Quiet Time for Kids, St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville
- 29 Brown Bag Gospel Study, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville

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Rector

St. Peter's Church Columbia is currently in the search process for a Rector. Candidate names will be accepted through October 15. The parish profile is available via the web: www.stpeters38401.org. Inquiries should be directed to Search Chair, Sonny Scoggins, c/o St. Peter's Church, 311 W 7th Street, Columbia TN 38401. Interested clergy will

find additional information through the Church Deployment Office (CDO) web site.

Childcare Providers

St. Philip's Church Nashville is searching for a constant caring presence in the nursery to provide loving childcare for ages infant through 4 years. Additional support will be coordinated through church member volunteers. Hours are every Sunday from 7:45 AM - 12:00 Noon. This is a paid position. Some training will be required (CPR, First Aid, Child Abuse Prevention) and may be provided if needed. Please call the church at 615-883-4595 and ask for the Rev. Patrick Soule.

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