



The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee

Welcome Home!

# Connections: *home... parish... diocese*



*... and we thank him for our food.*



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A communion of 16,000  
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Established 1828

### Bishop

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The Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee  
is to encourage and equip one another  
as baptized people of God, to witness  
to the transforming and reconciling power of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the November/December 2009 issue of *Connections: home... parish... diocese*. We will accept submissions for *Connections* from throughout the diocese. **As space permits**, we will use as much content as possible, subject to editorial revision. Short announcements of 100 words or less may be sent via email to [connections@episcopaldiocese-tn.org](mailto:connections@episcopaldiocese-tn.org). For feature-length stories, contact us in the diocesan office at 615-251-3322.

Digital photos can be submitted as above and must include activity, date and identities of everyone in the photo.

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Protecting children from sexual abuse.

Preventing adult sexual misconduct.

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employees, part-time and full-time,  
anywhere in the diocese.*



November 14	9AM-12N	St. Bede's Church Manchester
February 11	6PM-9PM	St. Paul's Church Franklin
February 23	6PM-9PM	St. Philip's Church Nashville

**Please call the diocesan office at 615-251-3322 to sign-up.**

**\*Newly elected vestry members should attend.**

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### ***Connections: home... parish... diocese***

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## Two Deacons To Be Ordained Priests

Two of the three deacons who were ordained in the spring will be ordained to the priesthood.

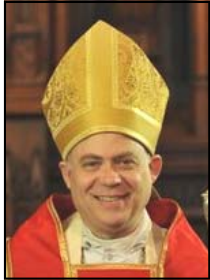
On December 5, at 10:00 AM at Christ Church Alto, the Rev. William Barton will be ordained. He is currently serving the STEM churches - the Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministries - Christ Church Alto, Church of the Holy Cross Monteagle and St. Bernard's Church Gruetli-Laager. He will remain in that position after his ordination to the priesthood. He attended the School of Theology, University of the South Sewanee.

The next day, December 6 at 5:00PM, the Rev. William Dennler will be ordained. He is currently deacon at Holy Trinity Church Nashville and will become rector there. He attended Nashotah House in Nashotah WI.

The Rev. Michael Hurst who was ordained to the diaconate at the same time, will be ordained to the priesthood after the beginning of the new year. He is currently the curate at Church of the Advent Nashville. He attended the School of Theology at University of the South Sewanee. Details on his ordination will be announced soon.

## Nourishing Life

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food...” (Matt. 25: 34-35).



Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew provide a theological frame for the way in which Christians conceive of and undertake service to the world. The frame is Christocentric, as we're invited to see our ministry as connected to Jesus Christ; in fact, to see our service of the world as the service of Christ himself.

When we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the needy or visit the sick and those in prison, we are in the presence of Christ.

Notice that it is personal connection with another that most profoundly connects us to Christ. The love of neighbor can lead us to the love of God, can be the means by which our relationship with God is deepened and strengthened.

Mark also that Jesus' words are set within the context of judgment, as the Son of Man comes in glory to divide the sheep from the goats.

There is a note of urgency here, the sense that as the Son of Man judges the nations we ourselves will be judged on our action or failure to act.

And it all begins with feeding the hungry! Nourishing life in this way is basic and fundamental. We have many needs as human beings, but this one is primary, and so it is good that Jesus begins here.

People in the Diocese of Tennessee are involved in a number of ministries that address this need, at home and abroad. There is increased need, especially at this time of economic hardship for many, and decreased contributions of supplies to local food banks and other organizations.

It's my hope that we will be able to continue to respond to Jesus' words as a Diocese, and serve the world in this fundamental way. In doing so, we will draw nearer to Christ himself. — *Bishop John*



### Clergy events to save the date for...

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| February 1-4, 2010 | 2nd Annual Clergy Retreat, St. Mary's Retreat Center Sewanee   |
| February 26-27     | Church Pension Group presents Planning For Tomorrow Conference   |
| April 13-15, 2010  | Clergy Workshop with Dr. Stephen Fowl of Loyola University Maryland, St. Mary's Retreat Center Sewanee |

## New Lenten Food Drive For Second Harvest

In the Diocese of Tennessee there are 49 Parishes and Missions located in 18 Middle Tennessee counties. Because they are spread out, it is sometimes difficult to find a way to work together on a common outreach goal. The diocesan-wide Lenten Food Drive offers an opportunity for all Episcopal congregations regardless of size to feed the hungry by participating in this Lenten Food Drive benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee or one of their partner agencies.



Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee provides food and personal care products to over 500 non-profit partner agencies throughout 46 Middle and West Tennessee Counties. The partners include food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, foster care facilities, senior centers, group homes and youth enrichment programs. There are Episcopal churches in most all counties served by Second Harvest. In Davidson County, St. Luke's Community House is one of Second Harvest's major Emergency Food Box agencies.

All food collected by the local congregations will stay in the local communities. For more information about Second Harvest, visit their website, [www.secondharvestmidtn.org](http://www.secondharvestmidtn.org). If you cannot find a partner agency in your county by clicking on the "Get Food" tab, call Second Harvest at 615-329-3491 and ask for Illona Leeper Barnes who will direct you to the local agency list.

The Lenten Food Drive is important to Second Harvest because February and March are slow periods between the generous giving over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and the spring food drives. It is also an excellent opportunity for each church to explore the problems of hunger and poverty in their communities.

Bishop Bauerschmidt met with William Coke, a parishioner of Christ Church Cathedral and Matthew Bourlakas, COO of Second Harvest and together, they came up with a program in which they hope all parishes in the diocese will participate.

### THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE

*By December 1, 2009;* identify and recruit the local mission or parish Lenten Food Drive Chair. Inform Cathy Hendrix, Diocesan Communications Coordinator, of the name and e-mail address of the local Chair.

*By January 1, 2010;* the Chair should assemble a local parish committee to coordinate the drive.

*January and February;* have Sunday School classes at all grade levels look at the problem of hunger and poverty locally and globally.

*Sunday, February 7;* bulletin inserts announcing food drive.

*Sunday, February 14;* bulletin inserts and more announcements.

*Wednesday, February 17;* Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent.

*Sunday, February 21;* bulletin inserts, announcements and hand-outs to be given to each parishioner reminding them to bring food items to church the next Sunday.

*Sunday, February 28;* first Food Collection Sunday.

*Sunday, March 7;* second and final Food Collection Sunday.

*Monday, March 22;* send in information listing pounds of food collected and agencies supplied.

As co-chairs of the Lenten Food Drive, Matthew Bourlakas can be reached at [matthew@secondharvestmidtn.org](mailto:matthew@secondharvestmidtn.org) and Bill Coke can be contacted at [wcoke1@bellsouth.net](mailto:wcoke1@bellsouth.net). Please let Cathy Hendrix know as soon as possible who the local Food Drive Chairman will be. She can be reached via e-mail at [cathy@episcopaldiocese-tn.org](mailto:cathy@episcopaldiocese-tn.org) or by calling the diocesan office.

Many of the parishes in the Diocese of Tennessee already have a Lenten Food Drive and quite a few work with Second Harvest. This new program is to help coordinate the efforts being made and to give the parishes assistance and tools to have successful food drives. But the Episcopal churches in Middle Tennessee are generous all year round.

St. Mark's Church Antioch collects food on "Second Sunday for Second Harvest" when items are loaded into a red wagon and brought to the altar as an offertory. The Rev. Battle Beasley says, "Of course, there is more food than the wagon can hold. We average 600 lbs. of canned and packaged food a month which is brought to the Second Harvest satellite location at the local Methodist church." The parish also provides approximately 1000 lbs. of fresh vegetables such as okra, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and more from the church garden which was planted and is maintained by parishioners led by Eileen and Clay Cardwell.



While most of the food collected at Church of the Advent Nashville goes to Second Harvest, they do a month long food drive for Charis Ministries at the West End Community Church. The group delivers groceries to homes near the local churches participating.

St. Ann's Church Nashville donates food to Second Harvest through their youth service projects, three or four times a year. They also have a program called Noodles For The Homeless. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, during the winter months, they provide a cup of Ramen noodles to anyone who comes to the church and asks. This food ministry is to fill a gap left by a nearby church which serves hot meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Additionally, if there is food left from a big event at St. Ann's, they take it to Holy Name Catholic Church for the Loaves and Fishes program there.



One of the programs at Second Harvest is the Backpack program for kids. Trinity Church Winchester

assists with funding to meet the needs of hungry children by providing nutritious and easy-to-prepare food at times when other resources are not available, such as weekends and school vacations. On Fridays, the Backpack sites distribute to each participating child a pack of food that includes small pop top entrees: beans and franks and chili, cereal, applesauce, a fruit cup, 100% fruit juice, shelf stable chocolate milk and snacks, like peanut butter crackers. The parishioners at Trinity Church also provide food and funds for the Salvation Army and local Good Samaritan.

St. George's Church Nashville, has a Lenten Food Drive for Second Harvest in place. It is sponsored by the youth there and each year, they fill a truck with food. The church also has a broad range of other food ministries. Chefs On Call is a group meeting on the first Saturday of the month to prepare casseroles which are then put into the freezer in the church kitchen. Anyone from the parish can take a casserole for a sick or homebound friend or a family in need. Our Littlest Angels group takes meals to families with newborns. Two or three times a year, the laymen prepare lunch at the Campus for Human Development.

However, one of the most surprising food ministries St. George parishioners find themselves a part of is in South Africa. A group of missionaries on a trip to St. Thomas parish in Kagiso SA saw a need for a community garden and made it happen. They cleared and planted a plot of land, the produce from which makes 200 lunches a day for school children who otherwise would go without.



Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood spreads their food ministry around. They do a Lenten Food Drive for Second Harvest and they contribute to Graceworks as well, splitting approximately 2500 lbs. of food. The rest of the year, the food collected goes to Graceworks and directly to St. Luke's Community House. Their chapter of Daughters of the King also has a food ministry, providing meals to the sick and homebound and after funerals.

St. Anselm's Church Nashville has a "Second Sunday for Second Harvest" collection, giving approximately 350 lbs. of food in a year. They do a big

food drive in November which is their stewardship month. At Thanksgiving, a communal meal is prepared at the church for parishioners - this year, the plan is to invite residents of Knowles Assisted Living Home who are able to attend.

In very big news for Second Harvest and the Diocese of Tennessee, St. Philip's Church Nashville has just become a new satellite location for Second Harvest. For several years, volunteers from St. Philip's joined others at Donelson Christian Church. After much discussion and no small amount of prayer, the Vestry voted in September to take over the Food Bank and the Emergency Food Box Program. Pat Rowlett, Pam Foster and Linda Grace are the volunteer coordinators and will work closely with Second Harvest to make sure the volunteers are trained and have the support they need to deal with any situation which might arise. It is expected that 5000 lbs. of food will be coming in each week.

The Rev. Vicki Burgess says, "Just the very process of our congregation discerning the call to community ministry has been energizing for us. It is one answer to my prayer for parish ministry: that God show us where we are called to be bearers of the gospel in our community."

The members of the parish will continue, to not only volunteer but to contribute food items to the food bank. They have previously designated the third Sunday for Second Harvest and the youth hold the Super Bowl of Caring (on Super Bowl Sunday, of course) with all food going to Second Harvest. The Daughters of the King fill stockings and there is a holiday baking collection.



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## Clergy News -

The **Rev. Cynthia Seeliger** of Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood recently married Chris Seifert. Congratulations to

## Parish News -

Recent confirmations: Rhea Cole, Justin Mangrum, Jared Scott, Charles Alexander, Andrea Craighead, Brandon Rumsey, Keri Pearson, **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro**; Young-Chul Jung, Jung Lim Shin, Myoung-hee Johnston, Jay Johnston, Han Yeon Lee, Seung Jin Lee, Jong In Kim, Won Jae Lee, Jai Hun Jun, Gui Hua Han, Cindy Bae, Jo Bong Kang, Wol Soon Kang, Soon Seo, Joong Cho, Park Bae Dan, Ok Ja Kim, Juan Melchor, Fernando de la Cruz, Jaems Ciprian, Mario Melchor, Bernabe Mundo, **Church of the Holy Spirit Nashville**; Elizabeth Williamson, Jack Rives, Jan Rives, **St. Francis' Church Goodlettsville**; Kerri Staggs, **Trinity Church Winchester**. Recent receptions: Natalie Swann, Sheila Alexander, **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro**; Mike Williamson, **St. Francis' Church Goodlettsville**; Thomas Walker, **Trinity Church Winchester**. Recent baptisms: Lily Sefton, Lauren Miller, **St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville**.

## Youth News -

The **Middle School Girls** of Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee have been committing "Secret Acts of Kindness" - sharing cookies, stuffed animals and monetary gifts. The **Youth Ministry** of Church of the Advent Nashville hosted the annual Costume Party with games, candy and fellowship on the menu. The **Girl Scouts** who meet at Grace

## Wesley Arning Represents Diocese At Acolyte Festival

Fall break in Washington DC with my family ended with a bang at the 30th Annual Acolyte Festival hosted at Washington's very own National Cathedral. I've been an acolyte for nine years and I remember my only other trip to the festival. I was young and so for the procession they decided to let me carry the children's church cross. I was determined to come back to the cathedral with more experience. So this time the Diocese of Tennessee's banner would have to do. I was so happy to represent the diocese, and practically the state with only one other parish there from Tennessee.

The one word to describe the acolyte festival is colorful. Every acolyte processes down the aisle with their banner, streamer, or cross... of all styles and colors imaginable. Many different parishes send their acolytes from all over the country and US territories. This year's procession had more than 1100 acolytes in it. Everyone's dressed in their different robes carrying what they're assigned. It truly is a festival. Hymns are being sung, while the grand procession takes place. Everyone is showing off their different banners, and new techniques with streamers.

them both. **The Rev. Jody Howard** has been called as priest-in-charge at St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville. **The Rev. Canon Pamela Snare** is on sabbatical at the Monastery Ste. Francoise-Romaine through the third week in November.

**Church of Our Saviour Gallatin** has launched a new website: [www.GallatinEpiscopalChurch.net](http://www.GallatinEpiscopalChurch.net). Built by Dianne Graham, it will feature information and details of parish life. Many parishes in this diocese are starting Room In The Inn this month and will continue throughout the cold winter months. **Holy Trinity Church Nashville** is putting out the call for men's winter coat and warm blankets. For details on how to donate these items, contact the church at 615-256-6359. Robin Reed-Spaulling has stepped down as the editor of Otey Notes, the newsletter of **Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee**. Abi Moon is the new editor. The Parish Choir of **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville** sang at the 11:00AM service on October 25. They rehearsed prior to the service and had a great time leading in worship. **St. Mary Magdalene Fayetteville** will hold a bake sale the second weekend of November. This is their big fund raising event each year. For more details, call the church at 931-433-2911. November 14 is the date for **St. David's Church Nashville's** The Best Ever Christmas Bazaar.

Church Spring Hill are conducting a food drive - for pet food. Contact the church for details on how to donate. Trinity Church Clarksville's recent "Cardboard Village" event is available as a 30-minute video. To request one, call Sunisa Bridgforth at 931-358-5109. **Student Ministries** of St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro will go on a fall retreat November 6-8 at New Frontiers in Dowelltown TN.

After watching for a while it finally came to be my turn. Plain and simple, it was awesome! After the procession was over the service continued like a "normal Eucharist" (if there is such a thing), and we finally came to the recessional hymn which was "Lift High the Cross." There couldn't have been a better hymn for all 1100 of us to sing than that one. From Texas to New York and from California to Tennessee, we all sang together and lifted our voices to God. A lady who was sitting in front of me said, "This has to be the best thing the Cathedral does all year." And to that I must agree. - Wesley Arning



# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

## Priest-in-Charge

Trinity Church Winchester is seeking to fill the position of priest-in-charge on a part-time basis. Trinity, which recently celebrated its 150th anniversary, is a family size, inclusive parish dedicated to sharing the good news of the Gospel through worship and the sacraments, and through outreach in this region. Applications will be accepted through November 16, 2009.

Applications can be mailed to the following: Trinity Church P.O. Box 186 Winchester TN 37398-0186. Applications can also be sent via email to [tec213@bellsouth.net](mailto:tec213@bellsouth.net). If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact the church at 931-967-0898.

## Parish Secretary

St. Joseph of Arimathea Church Hendersonville is seeking a secretary to work four hours a day, three days a week. Salary is \$12.00 an hour with the promise of a raise after 90 days. If interested, please contact The Rev. Jill Zook-Jones at 615-525-0509 or email her at [jzojo@comcast.net](mailto:jzojo@comcast.net).

## Planning For Tomorrow/Enriching Your Retirement Event from Church Pension Fund Planned

On February 26 and 27, 2010, the Church Pension Fund will host an event for all the Clergy and their spouses in the Diocese of Tennessee.

Planning for Tomorrow is for not-yet-retired clergy and their spouses, of all ages and stages of active ministry. Subjects to be discussed are the Pension Plan, Personal Savings and Investments, Goal Setting and more. On Saturday, there will be a number of workshops, such as in-depth Financial Planning and Retirement Life Planning as well as an opportunity for attendees to meet with a member of the Church Pension Fund staff to discuss their personal situations.

Enriching Your Retirement is for retired clergy and their spouses, and surviving spouses of clergy. On Friday, the subject covered will be Joys and Challenges of Retirement, Post-Retiree Health Care, Financial Planning in Retirement Years and Becoming Your Own Health Care Advocate. On Saturday, two workshops are offered: Engaging in Wellness and a special workshop for non-ordained spouses and surviving spouses.

The Church Pension Fund generously helps to offset the cost of the conference, hotels and meals. Eight weeks prior to the event, invitations will be mailed to those qualified to attend and will include full registration details.

In the meantime, should you have questions about Planning for Tomorrow or Enriching Your Retirement, please contact Stokes Liles, Director of Life Planning Conferences, at 800-223-6602 x 6278.



## CHURCH PENSION FUND

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## St. Mary's Sewanee 2009/2010 Winter Programs & Retreats

November 13-15, 2009

*Tongued with Fire:  
The Poet's Voice and  
Our Faith Journey*

Presenter:

The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley,  
Bishop of Alabama

December 11-13, 2009

*Advanced Centering  
Prayer Retreat*

Presenter:

The Rev. Tom Ward

December 31, 2009

*The Practice of Peace: A New Year's  
Mindfulness Retreat*

Presenters:

The Rev. Gordon Peerman  
and Kathy Woods

January 2, 2010

*Centering Prayer Workshop*

Presenter:

The Rev. Tom Ward

January 3-10

*8 Day Centering  
Prayer Retreat*

Presenter:

The Rev. Tom Ward

February 12-14, 2010

*Difficult Texts for  
Hard Times*

Presenter:

The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander,  
Bishop of Atlanta

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

## University of the South Board Meeting / Elections

At the most recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, 24 new trustees were elected by the 28 owning dioceses and the Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, was elected Chancellor.

Bishop Alexander has served on the board of regents since 2005 and as a trustee since 2001. He succeeds the Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley who served as Chancellor since May 2003.

Of local interest, Bishop Bauerschmidt was elected to the Board of Regents, as was the Rev. Leigh Spruill of St. George's Church Nashville. They join Jim Hefner of Holy Trinity Church Nashville who is a serving regent.

## Cheri Keaggy at Church of The Good Shepherd

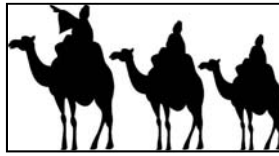


Christian Music recording artist Cheri Keaggy performed at both services on October 25 at Church of

the Good Shepherd Brentwood. With six albums, nine number one songs and a Dove award, she is recognized as a mainstay in adult contemporary inspirational music. Her songs include "You, Oh Lord, Are My Refuge," "There Is Joy in the Lord," and "In Remembrance of Me."

## Alternative Christmas Gift Market To Open Online

If you're looking to recapture the joy of giving and reduce the commercialism of Christmas, the perfect solution may be a cash donation to someone in need. For



the seventh year, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville will host the Alternative Christmas Gift Market in honor of Lauren McCathren. When you make a donation to the charity of your choice you'll receive a gift card to give to your friend or family member telling them that a donation has been made in their honor to one of the charities.

This year the Alternative Christmas Gift Market charities are Magdalene House, Siloam, Safe Haven, St. Luke's Community Center, The Living Well, The Nature Conservancy, Amistad Mission in Bolivia and Sihawukelwe Lauren's Children's Home in South Africa. Representatives of these ministries will be in the Cathedral Parish Hall on Sunday, December 13 from 9:30AM to 1:00PM to answer questions, provide information and accept donations.

The easiest way to take advantage of this gift-giving opportunity is to make your donation online at [www.christcathedral.org](http://www.christcathedral.org) by clicking on the Alternative Christmas Gift Market link. Beginning November 16, an order form can be viewed or printed. The deadline for online orders is midnight Thursday, December 10, to allow time to mail Gift Cards to the donor. Donations with the order form may also be turned in and Gift Cards picked up at the Cathedral on December 6 and December 13.

The first Alternative Christmas Gift Market was organized by Lauren McCathren and her 9th grade Sunday School classmates as a way to honor the birth of Jesus Christ and focus giving to others rather than receiving unneeded gifts. After Lauren's death in 2005, the Market was dedicated in her honor and her passionate desire to help those who are marginalized or less fortunate.

## St. Philip's Parishioner Celebrates 100 Years



On October 9, Annie Sue Harvey celebrated her 100th birthday with a reception held in her honor at St. Philip's Church Nashville. She has served on the vestry, the Diocesan

Committee for Affirmative Aging, ministered to the children in the nursery for 13 years, and volunteered at the This and That Thrift shop for 30 years. She was also instrumental in founding the Widowed Persons' Group through AARP which meets at St. Philip's.

## Celebrating Women at Holy Trinity Church Nashville

The ECW Chapter at Holy Trinity Church Nashville will host a workshop on Saturday, November 7 from 9:30-11:30AM as part of the Women's Day Celebration weekend. On Sunday, November 8, there will be one service at 10:00AM with lunch following. The theme of this year's celebration is "Episcopal Women Taking God's Mission Beyond Our Doors."



The speaker for the workshop and the Sunday service is Rachel Hester, Executive Director of the Campus for Human Development.

This event is open to all women in the diocese. For more information or to RSVP to the event, email Cathy Link at [cathylinkrn@gmail.com](mailto:cathylinkrn@gmail.com).

# Christmas Gifts for Lasting Change

As the holidays begin drawing near, Episcopal Relief & Development is enabling friends and supporters to honor loved ones with alternative gifts that benefit people living in poverty around the world.

Through the *Gifts for Life* Christmas catalog, you can:

- § Provide hot meals for school children to ensure they receive the nutrition to grow, stay healthy and do well in their studies.
- § Help families protect themselves through clean water and learning about basic hygiene and nutrition.
- § Supply seeds, tools and training to establish a community garden that will be a reliable source of food for residents.

"We're pleased to offer an expanded catalog and online store just in time for the holidays," said Episcopal Relief & Development President Rob Radtke. "With a wide range of gifts, people of all ages can help others in need. I'm especially excited about our new Green Gifts section, which includes opportunities such as a solar energy system. This system will provide a family with an ongoing power source that's healthy for both people and the environment."

The upgraded Gifts for Life online store features expanded price categories that make it easy for customers to find selections at every level, as well as an improved electronic card process that provides more choices for honoring recipients with an e-card greeting.

In addition to personal stories from people who have improved their lives through Episcopal Relief & Development programs, this year's catalog also features individuals and groups who have previously given Gifts for Life. These examples provide great ideas for ways that others can become involved, whether during the holidays or at other special times throughout the year.

To learn more about Gifts for Life and give a life-changing holiday gift, please visit [www.er-d.org/GiftsforLife](http://www.er-d.org/GiftsforLife). For more information or to support one of the many other programs through which Episcopal Relief & Development is healing a hurting world, you can view our main website at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to Episcopal Relief & Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

## God's Green Earth...

About an hour south of Nashville, Lawrence County, US Highway 43, Ethridge Tennessee. First, you see one, then several... the most fuel efficient vehicle ever. But it's not the scene of a new auto plant turning out Smart Cars. No, it's Amish country. And the vehicle? Horse and buggy.

Amish fellowships are Christian denominations, known for their simple living, plain clothing and refusal to use modern conveniences. The church was formed in Switzerland by leader Jakob Ammann. In the early 18th century, many Amish emigrated to Pennsylvania and settlements spread from there. The Old Order Amish is an ultra-conservative faction. Worship services are held every other Sunday in a member's home, led by a bishop and several ministers and deacons. They value humility and denounce pride - this is reflected in unadorned clothing and few material possessions.

The Old Order Amish settlement at Ethridge was established in 1944, when people from Lumberton MS relocated. Joined by others from Ohio, the community grew steadily and by 1986, had five church districts and a population of approximately 750. The residents are primarily farmers but also are furniture makers and lumber millers. They use hand tools and man-powered equipment.

While the decorative arts are not displayed in the homes of Amish and are seen as a display of vanity, many activities such as quilt making, woodworking, furniture building and baking and canning cater to the tourist trade. Several businesses in the Ethridge area are geared to visitors. There are country stores and horse-drawn wagon tours of the farms. You can also get a map of the farms and take a driving tour on your own, stopping at roadside stands for fresh fruits and vegetables, candles, toys and other handmade goods. The Amish are friendly to visitors who respect their way of life - no photos, please - and may even be willing to share some of their "green" tips. No electricity? Can't get much more green than that.

# Nominations Open for Offices To Be Filled at Convention

The Annual Diocesan Convention will be held January 22 and 23, 2010, at St. George's Church Nashville and preparations are underway even now. Recently, the first convention mailing went out to clergy and churches and members of the Bishop and Council and Standing Committee. In the packet was the Summary of Elections and a Nominating form for the positions to be filled.

## **Bishop and Council**

Each Missionary Convocation will meet in caucus during the convention and elect one clergy member to the Bishop and Council for two-year terms. The diocesan convention in plenary session will elect two at-large clergy member for two year terms. Members of the Bishop and Council may be elected to a second two-year term unless they are presently completing their second term. A year must elapse between a second and third term. A person may not serve concurrently on the Bishop and Council and the Standing Committee. Two persons from the same parish or mission congregation may not serve concurrently on the Bishop and Council. Note: The Rev. Dorothy Hartzog is completing a second term and is not eligible for re-election this year. The Rev. Joseph Marek and The Rev. Patrick Soule have relocated to other dioceses. All other clergy members are eligible for re-election.

### Terms Expire 2010

The Rev. Robin Courtney (NEMC)  
The Rev. William (Doc) Martin (SWMC)  
The Rev. Dorothy Hartzog (NWMC)  
The Rev. Peter Batarseh (At-large)  
The Rev. Patrick Soule (At-large)

## **Standing Committee**

The Standing Committee is composed of seven persons, four clergy and three lay persons - all communicants in good standing. Members are elected for three-year, rotating terms. Members having served a full term on the Standing Committee are ineligible to serve again for a period of two years. Not

more than one person from the same parish or mission, either clergy or lay, shall be eligible to serve on the Standing Committee at the same time except in instances in which such person transfers from one congregation to another during their term of office. A person may not serve concurrently on the Bishop and Council and Standing Committee. No person may serve concurrently on the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee. One lay member and two clergy members will be elected for three-year terms.

### Terms Expire 2010

The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill, St. George's Church Nashville  
The Rev. Stu Phillips, St. Luke's Church Springfield  
Dr. David L. Rowe, St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro

## **The Dandridge Trust Board**

Each member of the Dandridge Trust Board shall be elected by a majority vote of those present and voting at the Annual Convention, upon nominations made by a delegate to the Convention. Board members must be confirmed communicants in good standing of a parish or mission of this diocese, or a member of the clergy canonically resident in this diocese, provided that no two persons from the same parish or mission shall serve at the same time - except that should a board member transfer from one parish or mission to another parish or mission which already has a member on the Dandridge Trust Board the person is transferring will be allowed to fill out his/her term, and that all members must be actually domiciled in this diocese. Board members may be re-elected for a second term of three years, but thereafter may not be elected again for a period of two years. One lay member and one clergy member will be elected for three-year terms.

### Terms Expire 2010

The Rev. Cynthia Seeliger, Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood  
Scott Kammerer, St. George's Church Nashville

Note: The Rev. Cynthia Seeliger and Scott Kammerer are both eligible for re-election.

All nominations may be received at the Diocesan office up until noon on Thursday, January 21, 2010 but not afterwards.

## All Women Are Daughters November 13-15, 2009

A weekend for all women young and old — you don't have to be a mother.

Register now for *All Women Are Daughters - November 13 - 15*, a special weekend for all women in our diocese (ages 12 and up).

Enjoy this time to rest, recreate, nurture and reconnect with friends of all ages.

This year's speaker is the Rev. Gene Manning speaking on *The Sacred Tradition of Women's Friendships*.

Register online at [www.duboseconf.org](http://www.duboseconf.org) or by phone at 931-924-2353.

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They will also continue to host Room In The Inn, providing dinner, breakfast and bag lunches to their guests and feeding lunch to 50-60 guests each Sunday at the Campus for Human Development.

While many of the parishes are collecting food to go to Second Harvest, Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee is seeing the benefits firsthand. The Community Action Committee, an outreach program of Otey for 35 years, recently received 18,000 lbs. of food from Second Harvest. At a Mobile Food Pantry event in August, about 450 families lined up for several hours to receive free groceries. The Rev. Joe Ballard says, "It was a great day."

St. James' Church Sewanee also contributes to the CAC and participates in a Friday SnackPack program through the Grundy County food bank. Christ Church Tracy City has a First Sunday food ingathering to help stock the food bank.

Some of the churches in the diocese are not involved with Second Harvest but do extraordinary work in their hometowns. Trinity Church Clarksville works with F.U.E.L. Ministry. Similar to Second Harvest's BackPack, F.U.E.L. makes sure children of Montgomery County go home for the weekend with food in their backpacks. In some cases, without this food, a child might not otherwise be fed. Volunteers from the parish serve lunch at Loaves and Fishes, which was started at Trinity but moved to First Presbyterian after the program outgrew the space. In February, a speaker from Food For The Poor will visit Trinity Church. The organization raises funds and provides direct relief to the poverty stricken in the Caribbean and Latin America.

St. Michael's Church Cookeville was recently visited by a speaker from

Food For The Poor; now the youth are engaging in fundraising projects for the organization. The parish also provides funds each month to Helping Hands, a non-profit organization that supplies food and other items (such as diapers) to people in need. At Thanksgiving, members of the congregation prepare more than 20 food baskets, with turkey or ham and all the sides to make a great meal - even pie. These baskets go to some of the families enrolled in the English as Second Language classes taught at the church and the Adult Learning Center.

Another parish helping out with Thanksgiving meals is St. Peter's Church Columbia. They fill paper bags with the makings of a holiday dinner and distribute them through Harvest Share, the local food bank. Every couple of months, for an entire month, volunteers from St. Peter's cook and serve at the People's Table.

At Christmas, Church of the Epiphany Sherwood provides food to twelve families for their holiday meals.

St. Mary Magdalene Fayetteville joins with a group of area churches in supporting The Good Samaritan Food Pantry, located in the Ralph Hastings Building. The church is assigned canned fruit and macaroni and cheese as the items to donate. Volunteer Jerry Arnett says that a FEMA grant also helps to provide funding for the food bank.

A parish maximizing their food ministry by partnering with another church is Grace Church Spring Hill. They contribute funds to an area food pantry and join members of the partner congregation in planting and harvesting fresh food.

While some parishes in the diocese work with other churches to provide for the people in their area, Church of Our Saviour Gallatin has engaged in a friendly Food Fight! to benefit Gallatin C.A.R.E.S. They challenged Lambuth Memorial United Methodist Church to see who could collect the most food. While Lambuth collected 428 lbs. to CoOS' 395 lbs., Church of Our Saviour

collected half a barrel more. So they were both winners... and most importantly, Gallatin C.A.R.E.S. was a winner. They were given canned food and fresh produce from CoGS' Victory Garden. The Rev. John Bender says, "Many of the recipients of our produce know how to prepare fresh food such as squash and turnip and collard greens."



St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville is known as the "Peanut Butter and Jelly Church" for the items they collect and provide to the Samaritan Center in the area. Every third Sunday, the items are blessed at the altar and delivered. At Thanksgiving and again at Christmas, the Sunday School classes get together to adopt two families and provide them with groceries to prepare holiday meals.

On the triangular block that is home to Holy Trinity Church Nashville, it seems there is always something going on. Sunday afternoons is Church In The Yard, an actual service on the grounds,



followed by a meal. Well over 50 people are in attendance at the service but nearly 100 are fed, usually casseroles or stews. Food donations come from several sources and the meal is prepared by a group of young volunteers from various churches. On Saturdays, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, a group from Antioch, provides sandwiches to the homeless in the area, using Holy Trinity as a staging area. Deacon Bill

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Dennler says, "I have a real passion for feeding these people but I also want to minister to them. It's a tremendous challenge but if we can get even one person off the street, it's worth it."

A longtime program there is the Hispanic Lunch Ministry on Wednesdays. Two of the Hispanic homeless guests have volunteered to cook the meals, scripture is read and fellowship offered. St. David's Church Nashville is a partner in this ministry, providing funds and volunteers. They do a constant collection for St. Luke's Community House as well. St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville also does a big food drive for St. Luke's.

St. Paul's Church Franklin also has constant collection for St. Luke's Community House and they also support Graceworks. Some of the parishioners drive for Meals on Wheels and, once a month, a van picks up 40-50 people in a nearby area and brings them to St. Paul's for lunch, a program and activities. The meal is prepared by parishioners and the guests are encouraged to take leftovers home with them.

Another parish benefitting St. Luke's Community House and Graceworks is Church of the Resurrection Franklin. They do three food drives a year, each time resulting in approximately 45 bags of food but they make weekly deliveries as well. They partner with Church of the Advent to serve a Sunday lunch at the Campus for Human Development every other month.

Church of the Redeemer Shelbyville gives financial support from their budget and food donations to the local Good Samaritan food bank, as does St. Barnabas' Church Tullahoma. Last Easter, parishioners there filled 63 food baskets, feeding a total of 250 people by holding a food drive for the side items and having the outreach committee purchase the meat.

St. Agnes' Mission Cowan has provided holiday meals for the last 10

years or so to families in distress due to illness or accidents. St. James' Church Dickson recently did a large food ingathering for Dickson Cares, their local food bank.

An unusual outreach is being done by Church of the Epiphany Lebanon. They bring food to the Timberline Campground which houses a number of homeless and displaced families.



Much attention has been given to the Kurios

Farm at All Saints' Church Smyrna and they continue to do a booming business out there, feeding the Karin, donating to the local food bank and selling produce at the farm stand on the church grounds.

The singular outreach of St. John's HomeChurch Clarksville is Mission Clarksville. Recently named a "Lowe's Hero" by the building supply chain, employees from two local locations worked together with the six members of Mission Clarksville to build a greenhouse and plant winter crops. Mission Clarksville works with high risk youth to teach them responsibility and accountability as well as skills in sustainable food production, money management and more.



Christ Church Cathedral Nashville parishioners volunteer as drivers for St. Luke's Community House's Meals on Wheels. Four times a year, they help out at the Campus for Human Development's Thursday Lunch Program and, on six Sundays a year, they

prepare and serve 40 meals to residents of the Guest House and Respite Care through the Campus. The Cathedral holds a Lenten Food Drive each year for Second Harvest.

Since so many parishes in the Diocese of Tennessee are already supporting Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee, it won't be hard for them to join this Lenten Food Drive effort and they will benefit from support and direction from Second Harvest.

But regardless of where the food ministry and outreach is directed, one thing is clear: the people of the diocese are generous, giving people all year long.

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## Convention Journal Available Now

After some technical difficulties with the disc the convention was recorded onto, the Journal for the 177th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee is now available.

The journal contains all convention business plus the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Tennessee. As a bonus, a directory of clergy, churches and committees is included.

As of now, the journal is posted on the Diocese of Tennessee website at [www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org](http://www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org) in five parts. Feel free to print the journal or simply view it online.

However, if you would like a bound hard copy to keep, please send a check for \$15 to the Diocese of Tennessee, 50 Vantage Way, Suite 107, Nashville TN 37228, Attn: Jan Pate. The journal will be mailed to you.

The 178th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee will be held on January 22 and 23, 2010 at St. George's Church Nashville.

# Annual Diocesan Chorister Festival

Christ Church Cathedral Choristers and their Directors invite all Diocesan Choristers (children's choir members) to join them at Christ Church Cathedral for a very exciting event January 30 and 31, 2010: the 11th annual Diocesan Chorister Festival.



This year's Guest Director will be Dr. Dale Adelman. He was until very recently Organist and Choirmaster of All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills. This summer he took the position of Canon for Music at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta.

The Festival is a two-day event sponsored by the Cathedral and the Diocese, hosted by Michael Velting and Jon Johnson, Cathedral musicians, and the Cathedral Choristers. Saturday is filled with rehearsals and social time from 9:30AM to 4:30PM. Choristers return on Sunday afternoon to participate in the Festival Evensong, the culmination of all their hard work. For the third year in a row, Bishop Bauerschmidt will be presiding at Evensong. Choristers will have the chance to meet the Bishop and have their picture taken with him prior to Evensong. The Bishop was joined at the Festival last year by eight diocesan clergy members.

For the last two years, along with Choristers from the Diocese of Tennessee, Choristers from St. Francis' Church Potomac MD with their director Gary Davison, and the Church of the Nativity Huntsville AL with their director Suzanne Purtee have attended.

Music at this year's Festival, including compositions of David Hogan, Calvin Hampton, Gerald Knight, Steven Rickards and William Harris is chosen with the aim of programming pieces that directors will be able to use with

Choristers in their own parishes. The Cathedral Choristers don't normally sing Choral Evensong except at this Festival, and many of the others Choristers don't either - this is a good chance for them to be exposed to that liturgy. With the exception of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, all of the music done at this year's Festival will work beautifully in a Eucharistic liturgy. Among the music chosen there is a wide variety. Two of the anthems are simple unison melodies, while two of the others are two-part anthems. Choristers can learn one line or the other and this can be arranged prior to their coming to the Festival.

Participating Choristers should be in fourth grade or above and should be prepared by their music directors on the repertoire for the Festival. Dr. Adelman asks that they know their notes before arriving at the Festival.

There is a small registration fee to cover the cost of lunch and snacks. The music for the Festival is the following, and can be purchased at Lois Fyfe Music, who has this list as well. Simply call and say you need the music for the 2010 Diocesan Chorister Festival at Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville:

David Hogan, *Washington Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*; Malcolm Archer, *Responses*; Psalm, *Anglican Chant*; Calvin Hampton, *Fairest Lord Jesus*; Gerald Knight, *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*; Stephen Rickards, *Little Lamb*; William Harris, *Behold now, praise the Lord*.

Emails have gone out to all the Diocesan Music Directors for whom email addresses are available. If you did not receive an email, please contact Michael Velting at the Cathedral via email at [mvelting@christcathedral.org](mailto:mvelting@christcathedral.org) or phone 615-255-7729 for more complete information about the Festival and to be added to the Diocesan Music Directors' email list.

Everyone at the Cathedral looks forward to an exciting Festival and would be thrilled to have your participation.

# Trinity Institute Webcast Offered

The public is invited to attend a live webcast of Trinity Institute's 40th National Theological Conference on January 27-29, 2010 at the University of the South's School of Theology Sewanee. Continuing its partnership with the seminary's Education for Ministry, the program offers participants theological reflection through keynote addresses and panel discussions. Trinity Institute is a continuing education program founded in 1967 as an outreach of Trinity Church Wall Street in New York City.

Entitled "Building an Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace," the conference will offer insights from leading theologians and economists about the relationship between economics and Christian belief and action. Participants will explore the role theology has in an ethical economy through interactive reflection groups led by trained EfM mentors. Keynote speakers will include Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury; Kathryn Tanner, the Dorothy Grant Maclear Professor of Theology at the University of Chicago Divinity School; and Sir Partha Dasgupta, the Frank Ramsey Professor of Economics at the University of Cambridge. Bernard Ntahoturi, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Burundi, will preach at the opening celebration.

The speakers will be webcast live online and will address topics including definitions of wealth, and responsibilities of Christians and the church to the future. Advocating for an ethical economy will be a priority for both clergy and lay leaders in the years to come.

Participation in the three-day live webcast conference will require a completed registration form and a paid fee by the January 15, 2010 deadline. For the form and cost, please call the School of Theology at 931-598-1775, or e-mail [kgbruce@sewanee.edu](mailto:kgbruce@sewanee.edu).

# St. Joseph of Arimathea and St. Francis' to Merge Soon

Two years ago, the Rev. Joseph (Jody) Howard, vicar of St. Francis' Church Goodlettsville, submitted a report titled "Missional Future: A Proposal for the Episcopal Church in Northern Davidson and Sumner Counties," summarizing each church's or mission's strengths and weaknesses along with recommended solutions.

Of St. Francis' Church, he wrote of a lack of a clear vision but also of a community where people from different backgrounds feel comfortable. The congregation is varied, home to many families with young children. A mission that has experienced instability, it changed locations four times in five years with few of the original mission planters remaining. Though the congregation has stabilized and is growing, only on special occasions have they had 50 or more people in attendance. Fr. Jody says, "On one hand, I've been encouraged by the level of spiritual vitality in our community. At the same time, finances have been a difficult issue and we have not made strides necessary to be a financially self-sustaining congregation." He expressed to the Mission Council that a dramatic push would have to occur for a lasting impact. With his guidance, the people of St. Francis' felt ready to do something dramatic.

In the report, Fr. Jody wrote of St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville's experiencing a departure of congregants, based on issues with the national church, but recently entering a time of stability and modest growth under the leadership of their current interim rector, the Rev. Jill Zook-Jones. The people of the church felt ready to call a full time priest.

In the recent parish profile, St. Joseph of Arimathea, founded in 1963, is portrayed as a parish with much to offer: two Sunday worship services and a mid-week service with music and a choir, Christian Ed for adults and youth, fellowship and inreach, outreach in the form of Mercy Missions (including a companion church in Ecuador and other volunteer activities). The Vestry and lay leaders are active and dedicated. There is no outstanding debt on the building.

St. Francis' Church and St. Joseph of Arimathea each had what the other needed. Fr. Jody met with Bishop Bauerschmidt; the bishop and Canon Pamela Snare met with the Vestry of St. Joseph of Arimathea. In the October issue of *The Grail*, St. Joseph's newsletter, Senior Warden Nell Nestor announced that the Vestry had decided to pursue a merger with St. Francis' Church and asked the bishop to assign a priest-in-charge for a period of two years. Fr. Jody will fill that position on January 10, 2010, as the newly merged congregations come together.

"Canon Snare and I have worked over the past two years to build a sense of regional ministry among the churches just north of Nashville," says Bishop Bauerschmidt. "This is a

growing area where the Episcopal Church has not kept pace with the growth. The planting of St Francis' Church was intended to capitalize on the growth in the area. The merger of St Francis' and St Joseph takes the vision of growth forward, using our resources differently to accomplish the same mission. The challenge remains the same in this high growth area. I'm grateful to the leadership in both congregations for helping to move us ahead."



Mother Jill says, "We at St. Joseph's want to be intentional about helping the people from St. Francis find a home with us. We've chosen to earmark two of our three vestry vacancies for people from St. Francis' Mission Council. Our altar guild is planning a joint meeting St. Francis' Altar Guild in order to orient them to our sacristy. Our sacristan, Bill House, has gotten the names of chalice bearers, lectors and ushers so that he can include them in the service schedule beginning in January. We're working on a system to pair a St. Joseph's member/family with a member/family coming in from St. Francis."

Fr. Jody concludes, "The folks at St. Francis' have experienced excitement about the merger and the possibilities it presents for the future. While they are understandably saddened by the loss of their identity as St. Francis' Church, and given a strong commitment to the ministry of the congregation, wish that we had become self-sustaining, there is a recognition that this church never belonged to any of them but to Christ, and that this merger gives our combined community a wonderful opportunity to pursue the mission he has given us. There is growing recognition that their ministries will continue and flourish as part of the combined congregation at St. Joseph of Arimathea."

## Christmas Open House

Thursday, December 17 1:00 – 3:00 PM

You are invited to the offices of  
the Diocese of Tennessee  
to join us for light snacks and punch  
and a tour of our workspace.

We are located in Metro Center  
50 Vantage Way, Suite 107

If you are able to attend, please call  
Cathy Hendrix at 615-251-3322 or  
email [cathy@episcopaldiocese-tn.org](mailto:cathy@episcopaldiocese-tn.org)  
by Monday, December 14.

## Earth Ministry's New Website Up

The Earth Ministry at Christ Church Cathedral has a new website, full of information to help you respond to the call for stewardship of our earth.

They will present "Food—How What We Eat Affects The Earth" at the Cathedral. On November 3, at 6:30PM, the documentary *The Future of Food* will be screened. The film is about the current state of food production in America, focusing on the impact to farmers, consumers and the earth.

On November 4, at 5:30PM, there will be a special dinner of local, in-season food followed by a program at 6:30 to talk about the documentary, with a panel discussion on what is being done in Nashville to improve the impact food has on our health, our community and our stewardship of creation. (Reservations for the dinner portion are required.)

If you join the Earth Ministry for either of these programs, you will be given a mesh produce bag. The gift is to encourage thoughtful food choices. For details on these programs, or the Earth Ministry in general, contact Barbara Deneke at 615-383-3269 or email [barbaradeneke@comcast.net](mailto:barbaradeneke@comcast.net).

Earth Ministry's new website is [www.christcathedral.org/GettingInvolved/EarthMinistry](http://www.christcathedral.org/GettingInvolved/EarthMinistry).

## Boulevard Bolt Time

St. George's Church Nashville is gearing up to host the 16th Annual Boulevard Bolt, a five-mile run/walk held on Thanksgiving day that has raised more than \$1.2 million to benefit the homeless in Nashville.

The Bolt will start at 8:00AM on Thursday, November 26. Online registration is available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or [www.boulevardbolt.org](http://www.boulevardbolt.org). There is an early bird rate for those who register prior to November 16, a second tier

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Sunday, November 22, 2009  
Five o'clock

The Reverend Daniel E. Hall, MD., preacher

*Clergy: white stoles or tippet and hood*  
*Reception to follow*

discount for registrations from November 17-25 and full price on race day. Online registration closes at noon on Friday, November 20. Race day registration will be onsite from 6:00-7:30AM.

Last year, the race drew about 8000 runners. It is open to all ages.





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*Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations*  
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