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Welcome to the November/December 2010 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. For feature-length stories, contact us in the diocesan office at 615-251-3322.

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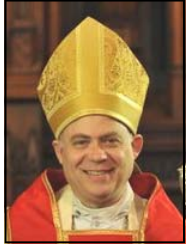
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“Faithful and Focused” Diocesan Annual Fund



This issue of *Connections* contains information about the creation of a new Diocesan Annual Fund to support the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Tennessee. Called the “Faithful and Focused” Fund, this new initiative exists in order to tell the story of ministry in the Diocese of Tennessee more effectively, and to give all people in the Diocese of Tennessee an opportunity to contribute directly to

this work. The initiative has been embraced by the Bishop and Council of the diocese and parallels initiatives that have been in place in other dioceses for some time. It builds upon work done in the past in our own diocese.

Though there is nothing revolutionary here, I think that the creation of this Fund is a significant marker in the life of the Church in Tennessee. It’s time for us to move forward. We have a great story to tell about the work of the Diocese of Tennessee, which goes on daily in our congregations, and which is enabled by the resources of the Diocese through its annual budget. There is work in Middle Tennessee that goes

beyond the scope of any single congregation, and which we can only do together as a Diocese. We’ve been telling this story for the past few years, in *Connections*, at Convention, and in other places. Now we are all being invited to share in this work.

Well done, Diocese of Tennessee! I know that we are open to the power of God being made manifest in its life; *obedient* to Jesus’ commandment to make disciples of all nations; *responsive* to the Lord’s call to serve the world in his name; and *committed* to deepening our connection to our Lord Jesus Christ and to each other as faithful members of his Body. The work before us was here before any one of us arrived and will continue long after us. I invite you to join your fellow Episcopalians in the Diocese of Tennessee in this important work by contributing to the “Faithful and Focused” Annual Fund. — *Bishop John*

Bishop Visits South Africa

In early October, I accompanied a group from St. George’s Church Nashville, on a mission trip to the Republic of South Africa. A group from this congregation has been making an annual visit for the past five years, working on various projects with clergy and lay leaders of St. Thomas’ Church, Kagiso, in the Diocese of Johannesburg, Province of Southern Africa. The visit was an opportunity for me to find out about the work being done by St. George’s, learn about the situation of the Church in Southern Africa and also establish a broader range of contacts for the Diocese of Tennessee in this part of the world. I’m grateful to the clergy and people of St. George’s Church for this invitation and for this opportunity.

One of the things I learned as I prepared for this trip is that the Diocese of Tennessee has other already existing ties to the Diocese of Johannesburg. Christ Church Cathedral for some years sponsored a sabbatical program for priests from Johannesburg, enabling them to spend time in Nashville in affiliation with the Cathedral while pursuing various educational and refreshment opportunities. The Cathedral has also supported the work of St. John the Divine Orphanage, a ministry sponsored by the parish of St. John the Divine, Randfontein, also in the Diocese of Johannesburg. This visit would allow me to gather more information about different ministries that have grown up over time without much coordination, and perhaps to add some value through the presence of the bishop.

The work that St. George’s parish has been doing over the past few years includes working with a family of HIV/Aids orphans, in helping to provide accommodation and support; planting a garden at a local school to provide food for the students as part of a “feeding scheme” developed by the church in Kagiso; helping to resource pastoral and educational programs at St. Thomas’; as well as a number of other projects. St. George’s has also hosted a couple of visits to Nashville from clergy and people from St. Thomas’ Church, which has been an important part of the process of relationship between these two congregations. During this trip, the group from St. George’s stayed in Soweto and continued these projects and built upon the relationships begun on earlier trips. The group also spent Sunday mornings, first at St. Thomas’ Church and then at St. Monnica’s Church, Halfway Gardens, where their long-time friend Fr. Xolani Dlwati is now Rector.



My own schedule differed a bit from that of the St. George’s group. I celebrated and preached at St. Thomas’ my first Sunday morning, with translation into Tswana provided by the interim Rector Canon Daniel Ngqumeya. I also attended the installation of the new Dean of the Cathedral in Johannesburg that Sunday afternoon, vesting and processing with chaplain Sarah

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Bishop Challenges Diocese To Be “Faithful & Focused”

The Diocese of Tennessee is creating a new Annual Fund to support the ongoing work of the Church in Middle Tennessee and beyond. Just as countless individuals and organizations look for ways to do more with less, the Diocese of Tennessee is seeking at a time of challenge to strengthen diocesan and congregational life, to develop and expand our outreach ministries, and to support and expand new Christian communities, through an Annual Fund which directly supports the work of the diocese.

“We’ve got a great story of ministry in the Diocese of Tennessee,” says Bishop John Bauerschmidt. “We want people to know about the work we’re doing. We’re involved in crucial ministries that make a difference in people’s lives. This is work that is made possible by the Diocese of Tennessee.”

As Christians, we are called continually to deepen the life of faith. In a time of economic challenge the work of the Church continues. “We have so many ministries that our people are passionate about,” says Bishop John. “We’re trying to bring our resources together with the vision of a vibrant Christian community. Jesus Christ is working through us, his Body, to do his will.”

The Diocese of Tennessee is challenged in its ability to support all the ministries that our people feel called to. Striving to be *faithful and focused*, the diocese has created an Annual Fund to support the ongoing mission and ministry of the Church. Examples of the work supported include:

- Assistance to current congregations for specific needs;
- Growth of campus ministries and/or creation of new offerings on additional college campuses;
- Continued support to Episcopal-based outreach programs;
- Assistance to currently struggling congregations; and
- Establishment of new Christian communities as appropriate.

“Being faithful and focused means relying on God and also being intentional about responding to the call that is addressed to us,” says Bishop John. “Faithfulness requires three things on our part: attention to what God is saying, intention to do good, and then action on the part of the believer. I’m asking for people’s action now to support this work.”

The Diocese of Tennessee has long supported ministries, agencies and congregations of many kinds within its borders. Three of these, highlighted here as examples of the life-changing work being done throughout our region, are St. Luke’s Community House, Nashville; Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro; and the Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministry.

St. Luke’s Community House

Episcopalians have played an integral role in St. Luke’s Community House in Davidson County since it was founded in 1913 to serve the medical needs of women and children whose male relatives were in-



mates in the state penitentiary. Since that time, St. Luke’s has continued to evolve and is now the only major social services agency in the area offering a variety of programs to those living in a neighborhood with many social and economic challenges. Today St. Luke’s provides childcare, mobile meals, senior activities, food boxes, health screenings, youth development, General Education Development (GED) and English Language Learner (ELL) classes and much more.



Most recently, St. Luke’s has been heavily involved in relief and recovery efforts in this severely impacted area following the 2010 Flood. These kinds of offerings are essential for the ever-growing community to thrive in the coming years.

Church of the Holy Cross

With the support of the Diocese of Tennessee and strong lay and ordained leadership, Church of the Holy Cross in Rutherford County has grown in the midst of ups and downs from 7 members present in 2008 to over 70 today.



Diocese, MCMM will long be able to address this underserved population.



In a rapidly growing part of Middle Tennessee, this new congregation exists to serve the many people moving to Rutherford County, and is well located with room to expand. Part of the vision of Bishop Bertram Herlong to plant new churches in Middle Tennessee, Church of the Holy Cross stresses a welcoming

Once on the verge of closing its doors after a division in the congregation at the beginning of 2008, Church of the Holy Cross has grown even larger than before, expanded its ministry, and become an integral part of a diocesan community that needs our support.

These three ministries are only a few examples of the work being done, and which need continued support from the Diocese of Tennessee in order to meet the needs of those they serve. Especially in these challenging economic times, the residents of these communities rely more than ever before on the ministries, programs and services that these organizations provide.

“I’m convinced that the Diocese of Tennessee is *open* to the power of God being made manifest in its life; *obedient* to Jesus’ commandment to make disciples of all nations; *responsive* to the Lord’s call to serve the world in his name; and *committed* to deepening our connection to our Lord Jesus Christ and to each other as faithful members of his Body,” says Bishop John. “That’s what this Annual Fund is all about.”



atmosphere, lively congregational fellowship and a strong commitment to the arts. The congregation sponsors an annual Bachfest that brings

Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministry

Mid-Cumberland Mountain Ministry (MCMM) was founded in 1987 by local clergy and lay leaders of the diocese to offer services to the people of the Cumberland Plateau in Grundy, Marion and Franklin counties. One of its largest efforts is a housing program that has helped build more than 40 new homes as well as renovate existing homes.

If we can be *faithful and focused* we might also be able to offer tangible assistance, both in our own neighborhoods and throughout the Diocese. As we enter the Christmas season, the Bishop asks us to remember those who are facing troubling and uncertain futures. **Soon you will receive a letter inviting you to make a commitment to the Diocesan Annual Fund, to support the ongoing work of the Diocese of Tennessee.** When making a donation, you will be assured that your money is going directly to church-based organizations with focused missions and dedicated staffs that are supported each year by the diocese. We hope you will take a moment to consider how your generosity can help.

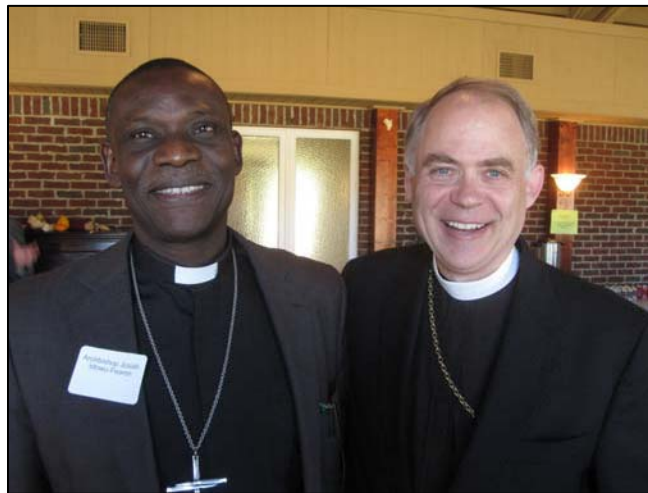


many visitors to the congregation and has enabled its growth.

MCMM also meets a variety of emergency needs of residents, such as assisting with utility bills, rent payments, medical expenses, car repairs and grocery costs. In one of the most financially challenged areas of our state, MCMM has helped to build a strong community where those who have previously been helped are in turn helping others. With continued support from the

Clergy News -

The **Rev. Ann B. Walling** has been named one of *Nashville Lifestyle* magazine's Heroes, based on her "unselfish acts and charitable work during the 2009-2010 year." Look for her in the November issue. The **Rev. Canon Pamela Snare** recently attended the Episcopal Business Administration Conference in New York; diocesan CFO Jan Pate attended as well. The clergy at the October clericus held at All Saints' Church Smyrna were treated to a talk from the Most Rev. Josiah Idowu-Fearon, retired bishop of Kaduna Province Nigeria, who was in town teaching at St. George's Church Nashville for a week. Following the luncheon, he spoke about the Anglican Covenant. The clergy then split up into small groups for further discussion.



Parish News -

Recent confirmations: Jack Dobbs, Judith Dunlap, Violet Mashingaideze, Kingsley Chidera Oku, Chelsea Udeh, **St. Mark's Church Antioch**.

Recent reaffirmations: George Noren, **St. Mark's Church Antioch**.

Recent baptisms: Prince Uchechukwu Udeh, Carolyn Sauvie, **St. Mark's Church Antioch**.

Many parishes in the Diocese of Tennessee are gearing up for the new season of Room In The Inn. If you are interested in participating in this outreach, ask your parish administrator how to become involved. If your parish has not yet hosted guests for Room In The Inn, contact hiliary.barnett@roomintheinn.org. The second annual Spaghetti Dinner at Church of the Epiphany Lebanon will once again raise money for the Epiphany Episcopal Church International Student Scholarship Fund. On Saturday, November 6 from 5:00-7:00 PM, diners may eat in or purchase a meal to take out. To learn more about the Scholarship Fund or the Spaghetti Dinner, call 615-444-7336. November 6 is also the Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale at **Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville**. Contact info@stjosephofarimathea.org for more info. **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville** kicked off a new community outreach program called 100 Hands of Mercy. Their first event was held in October to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank; the group spent the day filling backpacks. For details on the group's next event, call 615-255-7729. **St. David's Church**

Nashville will hold their annual Best-Ever Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 20, featuring food, crafts and other vendors. For more information, contact Annette White at annette.a.white@tn.gov. **Church of the Advent Nashville** will be the location for the South Dakota Pine Ridge Mission Dinner on November 19 at 6:00 PM. To attend the dinner, contact 615-373-5630. **St. Barnabas Church Tullahoma** held a "Fan Drive" to help area people who were suffering in the extreme heat this summer. Two dozen fans were donated for distribution. On November 21, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro** will hold their Annual Craft and Bake Sale. If you would like to contribute (or attend), contact Alice Gibson at boro-sunshine@att.net. **St. Paul's Church Franklin** will serve their Annual English Tea on December 11. Tickets are available now by contacting Claire Gaddis in the church office at 615-790-0527. A Floral Design Workshop is being offered at **St. Peter's Church Columbia** on November 6. Tickets are available through the parish office; email office@stpeters38401.org. Susie McEwen of **St. Mark's Church Antioch** will be organizing an effort to sew dresses for little girls in Haiti. If you would like to join her, email don_sue73@tds.net. **Trinity Church Clarksville** will hold their 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 25. To serve on the planning committee or to RSVP, contact the Rev. Dorothy Hartzog at 931-645-2458. The men's group and other volunteers from **Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood** spent a day working with Hands On Nashville, painting the interior at Glengarry Elementary School. **St. George's Church Nashville** will hold their Advent Fair on November 21, 4:00-5:30 PM.

Youth News -

The **Youth** at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville will take the stage on November 21, 6:00-8:00 PM at JJ's Market on 21st Avenue for "Café Cathedral." It's a talent show where the kids might perform a song, read poetry or show off another special skill. For more information, contact Monica Urness at 615-255-7729. St. Mary Magdalene Church Fayetteville held an acolyte training class in September. The **EYC** of Church of the Advent Nashville recently held their Fall Retreat with 19 attendees. The **Student Ministries** of St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro held their Fall Retreat at New Frontiers in Dowlletown TN. They participated in rope

course challenges, camp fires, devotionals and reconnected with friends and with God. The **Youth** of St. Paul's Church Franklin, Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood and St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville recently held a joint three-day retreat: The Jesus Dojo. They entered the world of film making to explore the way of Jesus. The **Student Discipleship of St. George's Church Nashville** spent Frite Nite in what was called "an all-night-eyes-wide-open experience." The **EYC** of St. Peter's Church Columbia will once again participate in preparing Christmas Shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child. They choose gender and age group then fill the box with Christmas cheer. To contribute or join in the effort, contact Karin Roach via email at karinroach@yahoo.com.

St. Mary's Sewanee Wraps Up The Year

Among the wonderful offerings from St. Mary's Sewanee between now and the end of the year, two programs are nothing short of outstanding.

On November 12-14, 2010, St. Mary's will host *A New Creation - Henri Nouwen's Vision for Planet Earth*.

Presented by Robert A. Jonas, Ed.D., M.T.S., the program studies Henri Nouwen's less well known reflections on Creation and the environmental crisis.



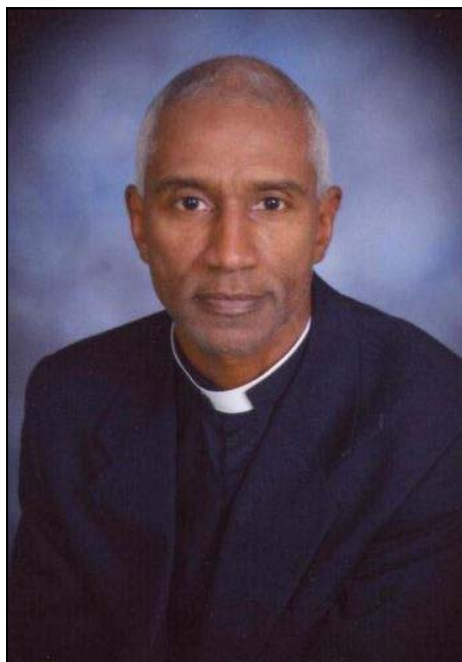
Drawing on his close friendship with Nouwen, his research on two books about Nouwen and his environmental work in western Massachusetts, Dr. Jonas will explore "the Body of Christ" as a Trinitarian archetype for planetary healing.

Dr. Jonas is the author of *The Essential Henri Nouwen*, *Henri Nouwen and Rebecca*. He is the director of The Empty Bell (www.theemptybell.org), a contemplative sanctuary in Northampton MA. Trained as a psychotherapist, Dr. Jonas is now a retreat leader, author and musician. A Christian in the Carmelite tradition, he also re-

ceived spiritual formation with Buddhist teachers.

The retreat will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, November 12 and will run through 11:00 AM on Sunday, November 14 at St. Mary's Sewanee. There are residential and commuter fees available.

St. Mary's Advent Retreat on December 3-5, 2010, will be presented by Dr. Dexter Sutton Brewer.

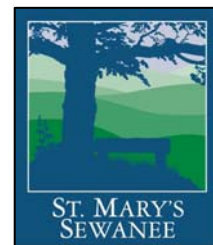


Waiting for the Lord will study six different passages in scripture in which people are waiting for the Lord to act. Participants will attempt to discern what they are waiting for in their lives by exploring telltale signs of Christ in the world around them.

Fr. Brewer is the fifth pastor of The Church of Christ the King in Nashville. He also serves as the Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Nashville.

The retreat will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, December 3 and will run through 11:00 AM on Sunday, December 5 at St. Mary's Sewanee. There are residential and commuter fees available.

For full details, contact St. Mary's Sewanee at 931-598-5342.



St. Mary's Sewanee 2010-2011 Winter Programs & Retreats

November 12-14, 2010

*A New Creation -
Henri Nouwen's*

Vision for Planet Earth

Presenter: Robert A. Jonas

December 3-5, 2010

Waiting on the Lord

Presenter: Fr. Dexter Brewer

December 10-12, 2010

Advent

Centering Prayer Retreat

Presenters: The Rev. Tom Ward
and the Rev. David Frazelle

December 31, 2010-

January 1, 2011

*Waking Up -
A New Year's*

Mindfulness Retreat

Presenters: The Rev. Gordon
Peerman and Kathy Woods

January 2-9, 2011

8-Day

Centering Prayer

Intensive and Post-Intensive Retreat

Presenter: The Rev. Thomas Morris

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

LiCM Talks Good Food

On September 11, Living in Creation Ministry held a meeting of liaisons at St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville. It was exciting to hear about all the things going on with the ministry in the churches. In addition to the general meeting, they hosted Sean Siple from Good Food for Good People (goodfoodforgoodpeople.org).



Sean explained the work his organization is performing in Middle Tennessee to ensure all in these communities have access to quality, locally grown food. Good Food for Good People developed farmers markets and community gardens across Nashville in areas typically plagued by a lack of access to fresh food. The local farmers who participate can sell their produce, dairy, meats, breads and artisan goods.

Sean spoke about the connections between our faith and our food: "While we might be Christian, advised by the Gospel, and fed by God...we have a society that is completely detached from that awareness. Our mission is to heal society and return it to the fiber of creation. Real food, that which is given to us by God from the earth, begins to spoil once it is removed from the plant, so we must share it at the table with all who are near."

Winterfest At DuBose

Come spend this New Year's at DuBose Conference Center for Winterfest, December 28 through January 1 at DuBose Conference Center Monteagle. Winterfest is an annual gathering of 9th-12th graders packed full



of celebration, exploration, growth, fun & worship in the Episcopal tradition. Youth from across the state gather once a year to make new friends and catch up with old ones, strengthen their relationship with Christ and start the New Year with a renewed sense of faith. The theme this year is "With Gladness and Singleness of Heart" which will be all about God's grace. What is God's grace? How do we experience God's grace in our lives? How can we share grace with others? This retreat will include everything from silly games and "Soul Night" to deep discussions and worshipful experiences. Winterfest also knows how to ring in the New Year with the best celebration in Tennessee.

A deposit is due, with the registration form, by Friday, November 19. A bus going through Memphis, Jackson and Nashville is available for those needing transportation. The fee schedule and registration form can be downloaded from www.duboseconferencecenter.org. For more information or to request a hard copy of the registration form, please email winterfesttn@gmail.com or call Chandler Whitman at 901-428-7201 or Christy Beesley at 615-491-4828.

Imam Mohamed Ahmed To Visit St. Ann's Nashville

Imam Mohamed Ahmed of the Islamic Center of Nashville will speak on Thursday, November 11 at 7:00 PM at St. Ann's Church Nashville.

All are welcome to attend this evening of fellowship and dialogue with Imam Ahmed. The purpose is to nurture understanding and build positive and support relationships with the Muslim community.

The event is part of the Sunday Adult Christian Education class at St. Ann's entitled "Islam: Studying the Faith: Sowing Understanding."



The Imam is pictured above with St. Ann's Junior Warden Ken Love, the Rev. Rick Britton and Jennifer Morgan who has been teaching the class on Islam.

For more details on the event, contact St. Ann's office at 615-254-3534.

STEM Holds Fall Fest

On October 14, the first Annual Fall Festival was held at the DuBose Conference Center, hosted by the Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministry (STEM).

Over 60 folks attended the pot luck supper and singing, representing all six local mission churches (Church of the Holy Comforter Monteagle, Christ Church Alto, Church of the Epiphany Sherwood, St. James' Church Otey, Christ Church Tracy City and St. Agnes' Mission Cowan), and Trinity Church Winchester. This was the first time anyone could remember all 7 churches coming together for an event.

Those gathered enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs and a delicious array of side dishes and cider, plus deserts. After supper there was singing with such favorites as "Swing low sweet chariot," "Will the circle be unbroken" and "Amazing grace." Planning for another gathering for the spring is already underway.

Wear It With Pride

Over the last few years, many of you have asked for items featuring the shield of the Diocese of Tennessee. If there ever was such a thing, it's been so long that no one in this office can remember that far back.

But now, the opportunity to create community through merchandise has presented itself. For the first time in recent history, The Diocese of Tennessee's Annual Convention will have a theme. That theme will be unveiled on the cover of the January issue of this publication.

However, for an early look at the theme and logo, visit the store that has been created at Café Press, an online fulfillment site for t-shirts, mugs, stickers and other items. Pick up a shirt to commemorate the 179th Annual Convention. If you are attending the convention as a delegate, alternate or guest, feel free to wear one of these custom shirts. If you are not attending, purchase an item to show support.

The proceeds from all convention related items purchased will go to the Living in Creation Ministry for one year. As we add more items, for example with simple DOT logos or seasonal designs, the proceeds will go elsewhere, to be determined.

Visit the store of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee at Café Press at www.cafepress.com/EpiscopalDioceseofTennessee.

IN MEMORIAM:

Rev. Paul Shields Walker

On September 29, 2010, the Rev. Paul Shields Walker of Clarksville died at the age of 81 at the Fieldstone Retirement Center.

He was born on June 30, 1929 in Newport TN. A veteran of the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict, after his ordination as an Episcopal priest, he served at St. John's Cathedral Knoxville.

He is survived by three sons: Stephen Walker of Covington TN, John Walker of Hilton Head SC and Mark Walker of Lebanon TN, a daughter, Julia W. Perez of Clarksville TN and stepson Bruce Ragon of Power TN as well as six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The memorial service for him was held on October 4 at Trinity Church Clarksville with the Rev. Mickey Richaud and the Rev. Dorothy Hartzog officiating.

Memorials may be made to Asera Care Hospice, 1539-C Ashland City Road, Clarksville TN 37040.

IN MEMORIAM:

Rev. Sandra L. Wooley

The Rev. Sandra Wooley of Chattanooga passed away on October 8, 2010 at Parkridge Hospital. She had been in poor health for nearly twenty years.

Originally from Maryville TN, she held a Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan College in Macon GA, a Master's of Science degree in Clinical Psychology from Augusta College in Augusta GA and a Master of Divinity degree from the School of Theology at the University of the South Sewanee.

In 1983, she was ordained as an Episcopal priest and served at St. Martin of Tours Chattanooga and St. Paul's Church Chattanooga as assistant to the rector. She later became rector of St. Thomas' Church Elizabethton. In 1990, she became assistant rector at Church of the Advent Nashville.

She was preceded in death by her husband and son and is survived by her daughter Beth McClary and her husband, her late son's wife, and her grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on October 13 at St. Paul's Church Chattanooga. In celebration of her

life and ministry, the family asks that memorial gifts be made to the Church of the Nativity Reflection Garden, PO Box 2356, Fort Oglethorpe GA 30742.

November Is Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is a growing condition in this country due, certainly, to obesity but also to family history and other physical conditions.

The National Episcopal Health Ministries (NEHM) suggests that, during November's National Diabetes Awareness Month, there are several ways for churches to foster healthy eating habits and exercise.

Church coffee hours are often a minefield of pre-packaged sugary treats or home baked delicacies. Offer healthy alternatives such as fruit, cheese and drinks that aren't high in sugar content.

While enjoying fellowship, be mindful not to "graze" - portion size is important too.

Equally important is incorporating exercise into any health plan. November is a good time to hold a parish activity such as "Walking To Bethlehem."

Using Google Maps, determine the distance to Bethlehem. Ask parishioners to sign up and organize activities that will get the miles done. Each week, give the walkers a scripture to ponder as they walk.

At the end of the journey, the participants will feel the health benefits but will also have a closer relationship to each other, and to God.

For more information on a walking program, diabetes news or health tips, visit the National Episcopal Health Ministries website at www.episcopalhealthministries.org.

Church and Culture Conference Coming To Nashville

What can be done to help the church more effectively shape and guide people, particularly as we all navigate the pervasive and persuasive influences of the wider culture? That question has led St. George's Church Nashville to launch the St. George's Institute of Church and Cultural Life.

The Institute's first major offering will be the inaugural conference February 24-26. It will be titled C3: Christ, Church, Culture.

Goals for the three-day gathering, to be held both at St. George's Church and a Nashville conference hotel, will be to equip Christians better to understand the culture in which we live, and help them more effectively to engage, even influence that culture. The conference will include a number of people in the diocese giving workshops. Plenary sessions feature a "who's who" of the best minds and practitioners in this vital work, including:

media. He co-authored *Souls in Transition: the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults* and *Soul Searching: the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*.



Frederica Mathewes-Green, author. She has written for the *Washington Post*, *Christianity Today*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. Her commentaries have been heard on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition*. She has published nine books, including *The Illumined Heart*.

Dr. Paul Weston, tutor in Mission and Homiletics at Ridley Hall, Cambridge University in England. His latest book is *Lesslie Newbigin: Missionary Theologian - A Reader*.



For more information or for registration, go to www.stgeorgesinstitute.org, email the Rev. Timothy Jones at timothy.jones@stgeorgesnashville.org or call St. George's church at 615-385-2150. — *The Rev. Timothy Jones, Senior Associate Rector, St. George's Church Nashville*



Donald Miller, author of *New York Times* bestseller *Blue Like Jazz*, (his personal story of faith). He also wrote *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*. Don travels the country lecturing to a wide-range of audiences.

Andy Crouch, dynamic speaker and teacher and author of *Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling*, winner of Christianity Today's 2009 Book Award for Christianity and Culture and named one of the best books of 2008 by *Publishers Weekly*.



Makoto Fujimura, artist, writer, and speaker, and a Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Art. Fujimura's work is exhibited at galleries around the world. A popular speaker, his second book, *Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art and Culture*, collects essays on culture, art, and humanity. Fujimura founded the International Arts Movement.



Christian Smith, professor of sociology at the University of Notre Dame. Smith's research on religion among adolescents has attracted much interest in the secular news

The St. George's Institute of Church and Cultural Life hosts a preaching series and will be adding more events in the future. Bookmark www.stgeorgesinstitute.org and check often for more news and happenings.

Kerr, new assistant priest at St. George's. I was able to meet the diocesan bishop, Brian Germond, and also connect with one of the former sabbatical priests from Christ Church.



On Monday I visited "Soul City," and learned about the great poverty and health challenges that exist in South Africa. On Tuesday, I was the presenter at a Clergy Day for the Diocese of Johannesburg, on the subject of "We have this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Cor. 4:7)," attended by over sixty clergy, and reconnected with yet another sabbatical priest. I then joined

Bishop Germond for lunch where we shared information about our dioceses and compared notes on our common Episcopal ministry.

On Wednesday I flew to Cape Town with a number of the St. George's folk, to see this part of South Africa. I was again privileged that Bishop Garth Counsell, Bishop Suffragan of Table Bay, was able to join us for lunch. On Friday we were able to attend the Eucharist celebrated by former Archbishop Tutu at the Cathedral, and then returned to Johannesburg where I was ably hosted by Fr. Xolani and his wife Mathabo in Midrand. On Saturday I visited the work being done at the St. John the Divine Orphanage in Randfontein, re-connecting with Gwyn Slade, the Rector of St. John's, and her husband Trevor, yet a third former sabbatical priest. Sunday saw me preach at St. Monnica's for their 60th Anniversary (no translation provided!), and another opportunity to share time with Bishop Germond who was making his Visitation. That evening our group returned to Nashville.



South Africa is a country with great resources, many challenges, and of great beauty and diversity, not least of all in its people. This was a new opportunity for me to learn, reflect, and respond to the Gospel call. I think my presence helped reinforce the ties that some of our parishes already have with Christians in this part of the world. We are part of a global Communion, and

experiences like mine help to reinforce this connection. I am grateful for this opportunity. — *Bishop John*

Change For The Better

Mary Hance, longtime member of Christ Church Cathedral Nashville, may be better known to some as *The Tennessean's* Ms. Cheap. But to be sure, that's cheap as in frugal, not cheap as in stingy. In fact, she is using her newspaper persona to encourage her readers to give their loose change to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank.



Last year's Penny Drive raised more than \$14,000 for Second Harvest. This year, between the downturn in the economy and the May flooding in Middle Tennessee, the food bank is in need of much more assistance.

In a recent article, Mary writes, "Across the 46 Tennessee counties served by Second Harvest, demand for food is up 40 percent over last year. One in six Middle Tennesseans is at risk of hunger and one out of every five children."

While it seems like daunting statistics, there is good news. One dollar donated to Second Harvest can result in four meals. Second Harvest's Metro Center distribution center is able to purchase in bulk, keeping costs low.

This year, the drive is partnered with Avenue Bank. From now through December 17, families, congregations, church groups, Sunday School classes or individuals can bring their change to a number of locations. Nashville and Franklin branches of Avenue Bank are drop off sites, as are *The Tennessean* lobby, *The Daily News Journal* office in Murfreesboro, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville and Second Harvest Food Bank, where there is a money-counting machine - drop the coins in and receive a receipt on the spot.

For more information on the Penny Drive benefitting Second Harvest Food Bank, contact Tasha Kennard at 615-329-3491 or visit www.secondharvestmidtn.org.

Advent Service of Lesson and Carols

St. Ann's Church Nashville
December 12 5:00 PM
Featuring the Choir of St. Ann's
Rollie Mains, Director of Music

Come and enjoy this traditional worship of Word and music during the Season of Advent in preparation to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A reception will follow

Lavelle Jones Left Her Mark And You Can Too

When Lavelle Jones passed away on April 7, 2010, just days shy of her 100th birthday, she left behind family and friends. She left fellow parishioners at Church of the Good Shepherd Gallatin and members of the Episcopal Church. She also left a legacy.

In 1993, Mrs. Jones funded a life income gift of which the Diocese of Tennessee was a beneficiary. A life income gift allowed her to make a contribution to the diocese while receiving income from her gift for the rest of her life.



Mrs. Jones was an Associate Professor of Music and Piano at Marshall University, Huntington WV for 30 years. A native of Hartsville TN, she was a graduate of Ward Belmont School, Peabody University, The Chicago Conservatory of Music and the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She participated in numerous

summer music festivals throughout her career and studied under well known pianists Lawrence Goodman and Claudio Arrau. Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Jones played concerts in several states. Mrs. Jones was a friend of the Blair School of Music and valued her membership and her friends in the Nashville Piano Study Club, the Gallatin Study Club and the Nashville Women's Musicale.

Before becoming her priest, the Rev. John Bender of Church of Our Saviour Gallatin knew Mrs. Jones from his days as a musician at Marshall University. "She sought perfection, she was demanding with her students and required their very best. She was loyal to all of them and tolerant and gracious, even with those who would never be concert capable."

He continues, "To a large part, her gift was to give her art to folks in places that might never have had such a gift if she hadn't continued to teach."

Her other legacy, a planned gift, was made to The Diocese of Tennessee, a part of the Episcopal Church which was so dear to her heart.

For anyone who shares Mrs. Jones devotion to the Episcopal Church, a planned gift is an excellent way to ensure the church thrives in the future. Funding future ministry with a gift which has been carefully thought out ahead of time is part of a mature financial development plan. Since all accumulated assets, whether money, appreciated assets or real property, must pass from one generation to the next, planned giving is a statement of faith in the future of the Episcopal Church.

Growing out of the 1969 tax act, life income gifts are transferred to a charity or trust; the gift is invested and produces tax-advantaged income which is paid to the donor and/or spouse or beneficiary.

However, the concept on which planned giving is based can be found in the Old and New Testaments. In Acts 4, Barnabas sells lands and gives the proceeds to the early church. In the Middle Ages, churches, monasteries and convents received gifts through estates. Major universities and museums, Harvard and the Smithsonian among them, were established through charitable gifts in wills.

There are many types of planned gifts: a bequest in a will, a life income gift, a gift of real estate, a gift of life insurance among them.

By purchasing a new life insurance policy and making the church or the Diocese of Tennessee beneficiary, the gift may be larger than the giver ever dreamed possible.

There are several kinds of life income gifts. In the Pooled Income Fund, gifts are joined with contributions from others and invested in a professionally managed portfolio. The donor receives a guaranteed income for life based on the rate of return on the fund's investment, an immediate federal income tax deduction, the elimination of capital gains taxes and a possible reduction in estate taxes.

The Charitable Gift Annuity is similar but the income is guaranteed at a fixed rate, a portion of the gift is deductible from income taxes and some income is tax exempt. A Charitable Remainder Trust generally involves larger sums. It also provides a guaranteed income for life, an income tax deduction and possible reduction in estate taxes.

Perhaps the easiest way of making a planned gift is to remember the Diocese of Tennessee in your will. A bequest can be for a set amount of money, a percentage of an estate or a trust, among other things. It is estimated that 50-70% church members die without a will, leaving the state to decide how to distribute assets - and a charitable contribution is never made.

For more information about planned giving, contact Seawell Brandau, Diocesan Planned Giving Chair at brandausjj@comcast.net; Jan Pate, CFO of the Diocese of Tennessee by calling 615-251-3322; or the Episcopal Church Foundation at 800-697-2858. As with any financial decision, consult a tax advisor or estate planner before taking action.

Planned giving allows someone to make a personal statement: "this is what matters to me." Mrs. Lavelle Jones made that statement.

Will you?

God's Green Earth... for the holidays

We need a tree for Christmas!

In our family there's no need for a discussion about our Christmas Tree. It's always going to be a fresh cut tree.

But I've had many discussions with others about Christmas Trees, fresh cut tree verses an artificial tree. Many people have strong opinions. Here are a few green tips about Christmas Trees both real and artificial.

The first fake trees were invented by a company that made toilet bowl brushes, the Addis Brush Company. Regardless of how far the technology has come, it's still interesting to know the first fake Christmas trees were really just big green toilet bowl brushes.

Artificial trees are a petroleum-based product manufactured primarily in Chinese factories. The average family uses an artificial tree for only six to nine years before throwing it away, where it will remain in a landfill for centuries after disposal.

Fresh cut Christmas Trees are a renewable resource that can be recycled. The farms that grow Christmas Trees are an important resource for our environment; trees are grown on land that doesn't always support other crops. The growth of Christmas Trees helps to protect water supplies, provides refuge for wildlife and stabilizes the soil, all while creating scenic green belt land.

Another concern for families is the fear of fire. Artificial trees were original marketed as being a safer way to have a Christmas Tree. The National Fire Protection Association reported that approximately one tenth of one percent of residential fires involve a Christmas Tree, either artificial or fresh cut. Fresh cut trees can not start or cause a fire; they do not spontaneously combust. The reported household fires in homes during the Christmas season can usually be traced to overloaded electric outlets and faulty wires. This type of fire can happen with an artificial tree or a fresh cut tree.

If you purchase a fresh cut tree remember these safety tips:

Cut off the bottom trunk of the tree and place in water as soon as possible. Make sure that your tree is watered each day. Check the stand daily to make sure that the level of water does not go below the base of the tree. Do not place the tree near a fireplace or over heating vents as this will cause the tree to dry out very quickly and shorten the use of your tree. Make sure that all lights are in a safe condition to use, don't overload sockets and never leave the tree lights on when you are not home, or have gone to bed.

When Christmas has passed and the tree has been taken down, remember to check with your local government for the nearest recycling program. Davidson County, Clarksville, Murfreesboro, Smyrna, as well Williamson County all have programs in place.

In our family, we have another way to recycle part of our tree. We always cut off the bottom part of the trunk to save for next Christmas. When we build our fire on Christmas Eve we always start the fire with this saved piece of trunk. We use this as a way of remembering those special Christmas memories from year to year.

Merry Christmas To All and to all a Safe and Merry Christmas! — *Cassandra Cooper, Living In Creation Ministry*



Angel Trees and Prison Ministry

St. Philip's Church Nashville is taking part in a new outreach program. Sponsored by the Donelson Hermitage Churches Help Task Team, the Prison Ministry Fellowship Angel Tree Project is a ministry connecting with children who have parents in prison. This ministry is looking for more churches to participate.



The children's names are obtained by the incarcerated parent requesting they be given care by the Angel Tree Ministry. In the Donelson area there are 67 children. In Hermitage there are another 25; closer to Nashville, another 40.

According to Dr. Kay Gray, pastor at Donelson United Methodist Church, each congregation wishing to participate should register directly with Prison Ministry Fellowship at www.angeltree.org/angeltree-home to be an Angel Tree Church. There, they will indicate how many "angels" will volunteer to show the children care.

People in the congregation will sign up for a child (or two or three families might choose one child). They will purchase and wrap two gifts (recommended to be about \$20 each) which will be given to the child in the name of the parent. They will attend the Christmas Party where the gifts will be given out. "Angels" will also create a gift bag for each child.

Dr. Gray says, "We need help with the party. It will be December 18 at Donelson Heights Methodist Church, 4:00-6:00 PM. We may need transportation for some of the children attending."

To help with the event, contact Melissa Cheatham, the coordinator of the Angel Tree party, via email at mgcheatham@comcast.net. Volunteers are needed to plan the activities, gather donations for the gift bags, recruit others to provide refreshments and come up with creative ideas for activities. There will be a wide age range of children. At the party, the children's photos will be taken and they will have help in writing a note to the incarcerated parent. Children of the volunteers are also invited to attend the party.

Once the Angel Tree party has been held, the Task Team for Angel Tree Ministry will meet after Christmas to decide on the next activity. Dr Gray points out that they are looking for people (and churches) to make a long term commitment to this ministry.

The deadline is fast approaching; act now to become an Angel Tree Angel.

This Christmas, we're
CHANGING THE WORLD

- GOATS
- FRUIT TREES
- CLEAN WATER
- COMMUNITY GARDENS
- DUCKS AND GESE
- MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS
- MICRO-CREDIT LOANS FOR WOMEN
- FOOD FOR THE LITTLEST SCHOLAR
- BEEES AND HONEY
- DROUGHT-RESISTANT SEEDS
- CARE FOR MOM AND BABY
- POSTNATAL CARE
- MOSQUITO NETS

GIFTS FOR LIFE
Gifts Beyond Giving
Educational Relief & Development
Healing a World

Give a gift. Lift a spirit.
Heal a world.

Former Rector Returns To St. David's Nashville

The Rev. Dr. Dan Matthews will return to preach at St. David's Church Nashville on November 21. He was the rector there from 1965-1972. He is currently the rector emeritus of the historic Trinity Church Wall Street in New York.

The Rev. Rick Greenwood, current rector of St. David's, invited Dr. Matthews back, saying, "We need a Dan Matthews fix!"



Dr. Matthews was born in Chicago and during his grammar school years, his family moved to western North Carolina. He spent the first 20 years of his ministry as a priest in parishes in Tennessee, as priest-in-charge of Church of the Holy Comforter Monteagle and St. James' Church Midway from 1959-1961, assistant to the rector of the Church of the Holy Communion Memphis from 1961-1965 and, following his tenure at St. David's, rector of St. John's Church Knoxville from 1972-1980.

Since 1972, Dr. Matthews' work has been concentrated in larger, inner city parishes. The work of the parish in Knoxville focused on the broad needs of the city, both within and without the church. In 1980, he was called to St. Luke's in downtown Atlanta, and in 1987 he received a call to 300-year-old Trinity Church, where he served for 17 years.

Honoring Dr. Matthews in 2001 with the Bishop's Cross of the Diocese of New York, the diocese described him as "a gift to our city and diocese from wide-ranging experience in Tennessee and Georgia." The citation continued: "His gifts of creativity and imagination have been expressed in many forms: from the establishment of what is now called Hallmark Television Channel, in which he brought together over 50 faith groups including Jews, Roman Catholics, Mormons, mainline churches and historic black churches in joint ownership of this cable channel, to the Clergy Leadership Project, a renewal program open to clergy throughout the nation, to the publication of a national magazine, *Spirituality and Health*, and the creation of the award-winning drop-in shelter, John Heuss House, near the New York Stock Exchange."

Dr. Matthews holds four honorary doctorates; his preaching has been heard throughout the U.S. as well as in Canterbury Cathedral in England and Nanjing Seminary in China.

On September 11, 2001, Dr. Matthews saw the second plane fly into the south tower of the World Trade Center and was forced to evacuate lower Manhattan with his staff and the children of the parish pre-school. Trinity's chapel, St. Paul's (across the street from the World Trade Center) served as a 24-hour center of refuge and relief for eight months after the attack. In 2006, he was awarded the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his leadership at that time.

In retirement, he and his wife Diane live in Manhattan. Dr. Matthews currently serves as co-chair of the Development Committee at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, where he maintains an office.

Fr. Rick says, "I don't know what he will be speaking about, but I do know it will be wonderful."

For service times, contact the office of St. David's Church at 615-352-0293.

New "Companions" Class In Lebanon

The *Companions in Christ* class of 2010 at Church of the Epiphany Lebanon recently wrapped up the 28-week course in Christian formation with a three day retreat at DuBose Conference Center Monteagle.

The class of 2011, will commence in early January, led once again by Ken Fraley.



Originally, the 28-week course was developed by Stephen D. Bryant, editor and publisher of Upper Room Ministries. He wanted to see churches led differently, from a spiritual formation paradigm. His hope was that people of the church would be a transformed community, bringing the presence of Christ into the world. He encouraged practicing daily habits of personal listening to God and creating space to listen to God together.

Marjorie Thompson, now spiritual director to *Companions in Christ*, took Stephen's vision and gave it shape, along with advisors, consultants, authors, editors and even test churches.

The resource guide that is widely used today is designed to help people enter into a life of prayer, study and service. Participants move from information to experience in the means of grace.

This program has been endorsed by many Episcopal churches and is, in fact, also used by St. George's Church Nashville and Christ Church Cathedral Nashville. To participate in the upcoming course, contact Ken Fraley at 615-444-7336.

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- 5-6 Women's Fall Retreat, Church of the Resurrection Franklin
- 5-7 Happening #54, Church of the Resurrection Franklin
- 7 *Bishop's Visitation, All Saints' Church Smyrna*
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- 21 *Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Messiah Pulaski*
- 28 *Bishop's Visitation, Church of the Advent Nashville*

- 5 Christmas Pageant and Dinner, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 5 *Bishop's Visitation, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville*
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Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations
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