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St. Luke's Community House Nashville:
opportunities for volunteerism throughout the holidays and all year long



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is to encourage and equip one another
as baptized of God, to witness
to the transforming and reconciling power of Jesus Christ.

Welcome to the November/December year-end double issue of *Connections: home... parish... diocese*. We will accept submissions for *Connections* from throughout the Diocese and, 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 Diocese office at 615-251-3322.

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April 12, 2008	9AM-3PM	St Paul's Murfreesboro
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Thanksgiving

Human beings are born with a capacity for thankfulness, but it's one we have to cultivate. Saying "thank you" gives ourselves



and others dignity, but sometimes it doesn't come easily or naturally. We have to work on it. From thank-you notes to the pleasantries of conversation, giving thanks is a reminder of the

connections that unite us and of the graceful nature of life. Imagine a world in which no thanks were ever given, no courtesy ever cultivated, and you will be imag-

ining a world radically dehumanized and without much grace at all.

As human beings we need to give thanks to build up the ties that unite us and to remind ourselves that we are members of the human community. That's fine when it comes to gifts we are given by our fellow creatures, but what about the rest of the universe? Life is a free gift, given *gratis*, for which it seems right to give thanks. We have the capacity within ourselves to see the sun rise, and to say "thank you." There is an instinct naturally, within us to greet the new day and to respond with gratitude.

Our instinct for thanksgiving is one of those indicators that there really is a God, and that the feeling of gratitude that comes

over us in the midst of certain experiences is a genuine one that finally finds its home in God. Thanksgiving is a powerful antidote to the practical atheism that surrounds us in our daily lives. We act sometimes as if there were really no God, no grace, no everlasting life. The capacity that is within us for giving thanks, the ability we have to say "thank you" for things that are beyond any person's gift (the sun, the earth, the sheer gratuitous nature of creation), is a powerful sign of the reality of God. When we give thanks for these things, we are recognizing the Giver of the gift.

So what are you thankful for to God? What is the thing that you are most grateful for? What's going on in your life that goes way beyond your power of accomplishing and is simply a gift? If you can put your finger on that you will be well on your way to experiencing the joy of being good stewards of the gifts God has given us. — *Bishop John*

The Bishop's Call

For a message directly from
Bishop John C. Bauerschmidt,
you can now call
615-251-9912 or 877-944-9912

Message will be updated regularly

Will you share with us?

In the January issue of Connections, we would like to publish your resolutions for the New Year for your spiritual path, your church life, your mission work and more.

Please submit a short entry to
connections@episcopaldiocese-tn.org

70 1/2?

Give to your church through your IRA. Last chance!

The tax laws have a provision which expires December 31 of this year. If you are 70 1/2 or above, you may make a gift to a church or non-profit directly from your IRA.

This is a wonderful opportunity to pay your pledge, give to the endowment, or make a major contribution to the life of the church. There are rules to carefully follow, so contact the broker for your IRA or Jan Pate, CFO for the Diocese, 615-215-3322 or jan.pate@episcopaldiocese-tn.org.



Karin Olson Roach, center, is the new Youth Minister at St. Peter's Church Columbia. Here, she is surrounded by St. Peter's Senior EYC group.

Volunteerism At Its Best In Our Diocese

Tennessee - The Volunteer State. During the War of 1812, two thousand volunteer soldiers from Tennessee serving under Gen. Andrew Jackson displayed courage and valor in the Battle of New Orleans. A generation later, the US Secretary of War requested twenty eight hundred infantrymen to fight a war against Mexico. Thirty thousand men volunteered.

Though there is no record of who coined the phrase "The Volunteer State" or when it came into common use, one thing is certain: Tennessee's volunteerism is on the rise, only now instead of in battle, in peace, kindness and caring. This issue of *Connections* salutes those who give their time and talents so generously and spotlights programs and opportunities for those who feel they have more to give.

One of the Diocese of Tennessee's shining examples is St. Luke's Community House. Founded in 1913 by the Daughters of the King to fill medical needs for families of the inmates at the state penitentiary, their mission today is to help low-income working families, seniors and individuals in West Nashville achieve their potential and prevent problems that threaten the stability of their families and community.

Though many upgrades and additions have been made, St. Luke's Community House operates out of its original location. It is a United Way Family Resource Center, providing 34 programs to the community. A preschool program serves approximately 75 children. Before and after school care sees an average of 40 children. A school-age summer program keeps kids occupied with activities and trips. With Second Harvest, there is an emergency food box program and emergency financial aid for those in the 37209 zip code.

As the St. Luke's Community House website says, "To understand the character and personality of St. Luke's is to realize that this agency is driven by volunteers. It was founded by volunteers, run by volunteers for most of its history, and is sustained by the same volunteers who also are its financial mainstay."

Some of the ongoing volunteer opportunities at St. Luke's Community House are Big Brothers/Big Sisters (mentoring children, one-to-one), Book Buddy (reading to preschool children), ELL/Literacy Training (helping US-born adults or immigrants develop reading skills), Food Bank (packing food boxes and more), Senior Friends and Senior Helpings (one-to-one matching or a group supporting local seniors) and other special events.

And one of the best thrift stores in Nashville, This 'n That Thrift Store, located at 5007 Georgia Avenue, supports St. Luke's many programs. Volunteers can spend a few hours a week sorting or selling and making new friends.

With the holiday season approaching, St. Luke's presents three of their most enriching annual volunteer opportunities.

Thanksgiving Event



The St. Luke's Community House Thanksgiving Health Fair will be on Saturday November 17. This is an annual event in which neighborhood residents are invited for Thanksgiving dinner in the Rodgers Gym. The families will also have access to Nashville-area healthcare agencies and providers, which have set up booths to distribute health information and give health screenings. There will be game booths for the children. Approximately 50 volunteers are needed for this event. To participate, please contact Laura Maria Smith at 615-350-6936 or you may send an email to her at volunteers@stlukescommunityhouse.org.

Toy Store



Hold a toy drive in your parish, school or neighborhood or simply donate new, unwrapped toys for the St. Luke's Annual Toy Store. This

is a partnership with Toys For Tots, providing parents the opportunity to select gifts for their children. Deliver the unwrapped toys from November 28 through November 30. The Toy Store is open December 3-5. For information on contributing toys, contact Chris Sanders, Development Director, by email at christopher.sanders@stlukescommunityhouse.org or by calling 615-350-6936.

Adopt-A-Family



You, your family, a social group or your place of business can sign up now to adopt a family or a senior to make sure they have a merry Christmas. You will be given the names,

ages, clothing sizes and interests of the individuals so you can fill their needs. These gifts can be wrapped and delivered to St. Luke's December 10-14.

Aside from these ways to give to the Christmas programs, there are many opportunities for donating your time at St. Luke's as well:

Now through November 9 - registration for the Christmas programs.

November 31 and December 1 - Toy Store set-up in gymnasium.

December 3-5 - Toy Store opens.

December 6 - Toy Store clean up.

December 10-14 - Adopt-A-Family gifts to be dropped off at St. Luke's.

December 17 - Adopt-A-Family recipients pick up their gifts.

Volunteers are needed to man all these events throughout the holidays. To participate on one or more of these dates, please contact Laura Maria Smith at 615-350-6936 or you may send an email to her at volunteers@stlukescommunityhouse.org.

The Boulevard Bolt - Walk, Run, Bolt For A Good Cause

The Boulevard Bolt, a 5-mile run/walk on Thanksgiving, celebrates its 15th year of raising funds to benefit the homeless. Held



this year on Thursday November 22, race day registration is open from 6:00 to 7:30

Room In The Inn Gets (Nashville) Unlimited Help

Every year before Christmas, bassist and producer Dave Pomeroy (*photo, below, with Emmylou Harris and John Prine*)



pulls together the finest musicians in Nashville for an annual holiday concert, Nashville Unlimited, benefiting the Campus for Human Development's Room In The Inn program.

AM. The race begins at 8:00 AM and the awards ceremony is at 9:30 AM.

The Bolt is a volunteer effort organized jointly by St. George's Church Nashville, Immanuel Baptist Church and The Temple. Sandra Beld, Communications Coordinator of St. George's Church, says, "Many of our staff and priests are volunteering at the Bolt and some members of our Vestry are participating in the race."

The course is along Belle Meade Boulevard, starting and ending at St. George's Church Nashville. Anyone, any age can participate in the race — but please, no strollers or pets.

To register online prior to November 16 at 12:00 Noon, visit www.active.com. Registration by mail must be postmarked prior

Past performers have included Emmylou Harris, John Prine, Tim O'Brien, Maura O'Connell, The Riders In the Sky, and Ashley Cleveland. Since 1992, these concerts have raised well over \$50,000 for Room In The Inn.

This year's concert will be Wednesday December 12, 7:00 PM at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville. Slated to appear are The Fisk Jubilee Singers with more acts to be announced soon. Admission is on a first come, first served basis. Cathedral capacity is 650 people.

Room In The Inn works with 151 congregations of all denominations to provide food and shelter for as many as 225 people each night during the coldest months of the year, from November 1 through March 31. Last year, with the help of 27,232 volunteers, Room In The Inn congregations in the Nashville area provided 26,737 beds and served 64,779 meals to their homeless guests.

This year's Secretary to the Convention is the Rev. Randy Dunning, former Assistant Secretary. Although Bishop Bauerschmidt attended last year's convention at Christ Church Cathedral, this will be his first as Bishop of Tennessee.

The convention will be held at St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville, 4800 Belmont Park Terrace, on Friday January 25 and Saturday January 26, 2008.

The January issue of *Connections* will be devoted to pre-convention coverage and

to November 12 — visit www.thebolt.org for registration form and mailing address.

If you feel you cannot race but still would like to be involved, the Volunteer Coordinator Alice Essary would like to hear from you. Email her at amessary@comcast.net or call 615-356-5057.

Since its inception in 1994, the Bolt has made grants totaling \$800,000 to agencies that serve the homeless in Nashville. Some of the recipients of this year's grants will be Nashville's Table, Davidson County Mental Health Courts, The Next Door, Oasis Center, Dismas House, Loaves and Fishes, Park Center, Penuel Ridge Retreat Center, Magdalene, and Renewal House. For a complete list of agencies and descriptions, visit www.thebolt.org.

The Campus for Human Development's website reads, "What each volunteer provides is never simply a place to stay. What each offers is a chance for people to feel respected and cared for when they often feel invisible or ignored."

The parishes in the Diocese of Tennessee who participate in the program are St. David's Church, St. Ann's Church, St. George's Church, Christ Church Cathedral, Church of the Advent, St. Mark's Church, St. Bartholomew's Church, St. Philip's Church and St. Augustine's Chapel, all Nashville and Church of the Resurrection Franklin. Some churches host the guests on-site, some go to St. Luke's Community House and some partner with other churches.

Should your parish wish to host guests during the winter months, please visit www.chd-nashville.org/room-in-the-inn.html to register your congregation.

will include a full schedule of events, resolutions up for consideration and profiles of people nominated for committee positions left open due to term limits.

If you are one of those nominated, please provide a bio and a portrait style photo no later than Friday December 14. Information may be sent via email to Cathy Hendrix at connections@episcopaldiocese-tn.org. If you are not including a digital photo, you may fax your bio to the Diocese office at 615-251-8010.

Clergy News -

The Rev.s **Tim** and **Jill Zook-Jones** are first-time grandparents to Jacob Timothy Kielsmeier-Jones. The Rev. **James Rogers** has

accepted the call as Rector at St. Mary Magdalene Church Fayetteville, a church he has served for several years. The Rev. **Canon Pamela Snare** went on retreat to Normandy, France. The Rev. **John Taliaferro Thomas** was named next Head of School at St. Andrew's-Sewanee.

Parish News -

Recent Confirmations: John Thomas Chittom II of **St. Francis' Church Goodlettsville**; Ashley Evans, Katie Landry, Annie Jestus, Lane Kelly, Liz Stafford, Wesley Landry, Andy Vickers, Gordon King, Josie McQuail, Richard Armistead and Joey Jestus of **St. Michael's Church Cookeville**; Priscilla E. Perkins of **Trinity Church Winchester**. **Recent Receptions:** Lynn-nore Rives Chittom and Carlene Elizabeth Johnson of **St. Francis' Church Goodlettsville**; Stayce Choate, Michael Choate, Jim Raines and Cathy Raines of **St. Michael's Church Cookeville**.

St. James' Church Dickson was recently featured in The Tennessee Magazine (published by the Middle TN Electric Membership Corporation) in a story about the Cumberland Furnace area. A

large photo of the church was placed on the contents page. On October 23, a team of clergy, staff and vestry members from **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro** attended the Cornerstone Conference in Atlanta for congregations who want to build facilities to support effective ministries for present and future generations and make informed decisions about building projects. From **St. George's Church Nashville**, the Rev. Tim Jones, Dr. Dyer Rodes, Don Shriver, Larry Trabue, Anita and John Hayes, Nicole Corlew, Suzy Heer, Jocelyn Irby, Geraldine Terry, Agatha Nolen and Naomi Tutu took a ten-day pilgrimage to Johannesburg, South Africa where they partnered with parishioners of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Kagiso and during which they planted a garden, built a home, toured museums and celebrated the Eucharist with Bishop Desmond Tutu at St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town.

Youth News -

On October 21, **Fire On The Mountain** youth group out of Sewanee went to The Blue Monarch, a shelter for abused women and their children, to host an old fashioned Halloween. They carved pumpkins, made popcorn balls, bobbed for apples, painted faces and played games. This annual event reaches out to members of society who have never experienced a party where there are no drugs or alcohol involved. The youth group of **St. Mary Magdalene Church Fayetteville**, CHaOS (Christ Honored and Others Served) has two new adult advisors, Paul and Spring Brindley.

They hosted a children's Halloween party followed by a teen lock-in on October 26. **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville's** 11th and 12th graders will travel to Bolivia, December 26-January 2, to the Amistad Mission. The youth of **St. Augustine's Chapel Nashville** is now meeting at **St. Ann's Church Nashville**, with transportation provided. **St. Peter's Church Columbia** has hired its first Youth Minister. Karin Olson Roach (*photo, page 3*) was installed on September 30. She has been a volunteer directing the EYC and teaching the high school class for five years. **St. Paul's Church Franklin** has started a Wednesday afternoon Jam Session, all youth players and singers are invited to attend.

Trinity Winchester Presents Its Advent Market December 16



Trinity Episcopal Church Winchester will present its fourth annual *Advent Marketplace, "A Walk Through Bethlehem"* on Sunday December 16 from 4:00-7:00 PM. This free outreach event provides the gospel story of Christ's birth in a unique and creative way to the Winchester and surrounding Franklin County communities.

The outside Marketplace offers an experience for visitors to step back into a time and place of more than 2,000 years ago to the sights, smells and sounds of the village of Bethlehem on the evening of Christ's birth.

This experience includes a live nativity, animals and many people in period costumes. A musical performance inside the church depicts and celebrates the story of Jesus' birth. More than 1500 people have been ministered to over the past three years through this outreach event.



The Boston Camerata

Joel Cohen, Director
with the concert choir from
Blair School of Music
Hazel Somerville, Director
presents

Boston Camerata: Abbey of Love

St. George's Church Nashville
November 15, 2007 — 7:30 PM

One of America's most celebrated early-music ensembles graces the ethereal acoustics of St. George's sanctuary with the haunting sound of medieval music for women's voices.

For ticket information and more details,
call 615-385-2150

Diocesan Outreach In Uganda

Communicants of the Diocese of Tennessee have been a source of support for the Ugandan children, victims of its 20-year-old civil war. Recently, abductions by the rebel army, the Lord's Resistance Army, have abated.



Still, most of the children in Gulu province, in the north, now live in Internally Displaced Persons camps. Many are orphans and many are young girls who have children fathered by members of the LRA. The focus of our Diocese has been to help educate and train these children to become productive members of society.

The Diocese of Tennessee has reached out to these youngest victims by collecting school supplies, embroidery materials, yarn and other needed items. To date, nearly 80 boxes have arrived in Uganda. Diocesan funds have paid to ship these items. These are items that are not readily available in Uganda.



In addition, the Diocese has sent funds for the purchase of six sewing machines. The cost of each sewing machine is \$100. The women (*photo, left*) make uniforms for the children, since all

are required to wear them to school. Instructors have been hired to instruct the women on the use of the machines and to teach them tailoring, so they can make and sell clothing.

Catherine Piwang, Executive Director of ChildReach Africa, has supervised the transporting and distribution of the items to the IDP camps. Chairman of the Board of ChildReach Africa is The Rt. Rev. Baker Ochola, who spoke at the 2006 General Convention. Bishop Ochola lost his wife and a daughter in the civil struggle.

Parishes interested in supporting the children in Uganda may do so in one of the following ways:

Have a "granola drive" — Collect donations of granola bars. Granola bars are a favorite of the children and cannot be found in Uganda. It has become known as the "gift from the Americans."

Committee for the Children of Uganda member Judy Grace says, "St. David's Church [Nashville] had its Ministry Fair and we collected granola bars. I'm shipping five boxes. We collected over 1000 bars! Everyone who participated was eligible for a raffle. Those who forgot bars could donate cash. It was a huge success."

Childreach also accepts yarn and crochet hooks. Mrs. Piwang has asked for inflatable soccer and kick balls as well. Please contact Judy Grace at judithgrac@aol.com to make a donation of any of these items.

You may send a monetary donation to the Diocese office and mark it "Uganda." The money will be used to ship items and help with projects and education to empower the children.

Providing primary medical care, the FFMC is staffed by physicians and nurse practitioners and has an X-ray machine and a clinical lab. The providers see 50-60 patients a day, and when the medical needs of the patients exceed what is offered, the patients are referred to an extended network of specialists who have agreed to see them at a reduced fee. Patients are seen by scheduled appointment and not walk-ins. The fees are based on a sliding scale.

The Medical Director, Dr. Tom Henderson outlines the three ways anyone can help:

If you wish to sponsor a child's education:
Primary Scholarship—\$40/year
Secondary Scholarship—\$180/year
Vocational Scholarship—\$230/year

You will receive a photo and information about the child you sponsor. For more information regarding scholarships, contact Mrs. Piwang at cpiwang@yahoo.com.



St. Michael's Church Cookeville is sponsoring a young man to go to a trade school. Mrs. Piwang shares his story. "The most recent scholarship was for a student who has just joined a Vocational school to study carpentry. Sam Komakech (*photo, above*) is a young man who was making tea towels with the Child-mothers group and he was very determined to do these tea towels to earn a living. But his dream had always been to be a carpenter. Sam did not think that he would ever realize his dream since he had to take care of his grandmother as well. But God knew it. And because of St. Michael's Church, Sam has his dream at hand. First day of school for Sam meant buying shoes for the first time, having a mattress and being measured up for clothes for the first time. Sam could not believe his eyes. I know for sure that Sam's life will never be the same!"

The Diocese of Tennessee Committee for the Children of Uganda is composed of the Rev. Anne Fraley, the Rev. Dennis Lloyd, the Rev. Randy Hoover-Dempsey, Elizabeth Cañas, Judy Grace, Susan Hugings and Jane Stranch.

"No. 1: Pray for us. No. 2: Send us patients. No. 3: If you see fit, consider helping us financially."

Many people within this Diocese provide support to the FFMC. For a tour of the clinic, or to volunteer for scheduling appointments, clerical work or promotions, contact Laura Hobson, Outreach Director, at lhobson@faithmedical.org or call her at 615-305-3805.

For more information on Faith Family Medical Clinic, visit their website at www.faimedical.org.

Faith Family Medical Clinic Helps Those Here At Home

In 1999, Dr. David Gaw and Dr. John Lamb explored the idea of a family practice medical clinic to serve the healthcare needs of hard working families without insurance. After several overseas missions, they realized a need for a medical mission in their own hometown of Nashville.

Based on an existing model in Memphis, the Family Faith Medical Clinic opened its doors on October 8, 2001 in a building provided by Baptist Hospital.

Fire On The Mountain Youth Group - Thanks With Giving

Just before Thanksgiving, this year November 18, youth group Fire On The Mountain delivers cookies to shut-ins and senior citizens around the Sewanee community. The youth group is comprised of members of St. James' Church Sewanee and Otey Memorial Parish Sewanee.

The group bakes cookies, puts them into decorative bags, divides into teams and takes them to seniors who are unable to get out and about. During a visit last year, the group heard about Ellen Webb's grandfather, Bishop of Minnesota, who walked five miles in the snow to speak with Abraham Lincoln to plead for better conditions for Native Americans. Many other good stories have come from the visits and it is a great way for the youth to meet interesting people and hear great stories of the past.

"Seeds for the Spirit" In The Sewanee Area

This Outreach Program of St. James' Church Sewanee is for the birds — but in this case, that's a good thing.

In 1999, "Seeds for the Spirit" was created by Janet Graham of St. James' Church. Her concern for the citizens of the Monteagle Care and Rehabilitation Center gave her an idea to give residents a wonderful opportunity to help in feeding of the birds.

Mrs. Graham outlined her plan and the program was launched by a fundraiser. Contributions from the congregation and the community allowed for purchase of more than 60 birdfeeders and to dedicate a fund to buy seed.

As this is an ongoing effort, contributions may be made in honor of a friend or loved one, with the recipient receiving an announcement of your gift. If you would like to contribute or if you want to volunteer to help fill the bird feeders, call Juanita Barry at 931-598-5804 for more information.

Another ministry at the Monteagle Care and Rehabilitation Center is one that was founded by the late Martha Bennett. Seminarian and member of Holy Comforter Church Monteagle Marilee Creelan leads a

brief Morning Prayer with a lot of gospel singing interspersed. The more than 30 residents who attend the service are of varied denominations and remember the words of all the old hymns. Pat McAnally from St. James' Church Sewanee helps with the readings and prayers.

The Partnership Ends For the Year But Looks To 2008

The last 2007 work day for the West Nashville Community Development Partnership was October 13, but already they are looking forward to 2008.

The group from Christ Church Cathedral Nashville partners with a West Nashville Methodist Church, corporate sponsors (such as Dollar General) and individual volunteers to repair, clean up and paint homes of elderly and disadvantaged residents in West Nashville.

They meet on the second Sunday of each month, April through October.

Larry Wieck, one of the volunteers from Christ Church Cathedral, says, "We are looking at potential opportunities for year round, but for now, we will restart in April 2008." To join this group, contact Mr. Wieck at 615-385-2101 or Bill Coke at 615-665-1922.

Clicking In Clarksville: The Trinity Needles Need You

The newly formed Trinity Needles at Trinity Church Clarksville is looking for those who love to knit or would like to learn.

The group has already completed three afghans made up of squares of many colors, knitted by individuals and crocheted together. The afghans were donated to Safe House, Clarksville's women's shelter.

The more knitters participating, the more afghans can be completed and donated. To join the group or for more information, contact Gayle Knickerbocker at 931-358-2531 or email 511gran@bellsouth.net.

St. Mary Magdalene Fayetteville In CHaOS

Youth at St. Mary Magdalene are involved in numerous service projects from parking cars at the local Relay For Life to hosting Family Game Nights. CHaOS (Christ Honored and Others Served) gets together the Thursday before the second weekend in November to make baklava for St. Mary Magdalene's bake sale at Fayetteville's Host of Christmas Past celebration. Proceeds are used to support local outreach projects including Imagination Library of Lincoln County.

Holiday Baskets From St. Agnes' Mission Cowan

Each year just before Thanksgiving and Christmas, the congregation of St. Agnes' Mission Cowan makes a shopping list and divide it up. On that list: fresh ingredients plus yams, green beans, cranberry sauce and rolls, and staples such as butter, sugar, flour and eggs. The mission buys a turkey. On the Sunday before the holiday, they combine their bounty into a basket and a few days later, deliver it to a family in a difficult situation due to tragedy or illness.

Jarod Pearson, the Junior Warden at St. Agnes' Mission, says, "It's important that the family have the opportunity to prepare the holiday meal together, to set the table and to observe their own traditions."

Another holiday tradition for the members of St. Agnes' Mission is the Cowan Christmas Parade, this year on December 1. "We march in the parade, carrying our banner," Mr. Pearson explains. "And we hand out postcards inviting everyone to come to our Nativity Service."

That service will be on December 24 at 5:00 PM at St. Agnes' Mission Cowan. All are invited to attend.

Booklets From ECW Available Now

"Conflict and Change: Responses to Women's Ordination in the Diocese of Tennessee 1976-2006" and its companion booklet "Journeys to Ordination" are now available from the Diocese of Tennessee Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Parishes and missions that have not received their hard copy get one at the Annual Convention in January. Both booklets may be downloaded from the Diocese of Tennessee website, www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org, between now and the Convention.

Weeds To Wreaths



On November 17, 9:00 to 11:00 AM, join a group from Christ Church Cathedral at Edwin Warner Park Nature Center for a Honeysuckle Pull to help remove non-native plants that threaten native growth.

Honeysuckle vines will be turned into wreaths, decorated with pine cones, berries and sprigs of holly, cedar and pine, then used for the base of Advent wreaths. This promotes better care of creation: eliminates Styrofoam in wreath bases and minimizes man-made decorations.

Wear long pants and sturdy shoes; tools and gloves will be provided. To participate, please contact Cammie Claybrook at 615-353-4603.

The Diocese Office Welcomes CFO Jan Pate



Jan Pate has joined the staff of the Diocese of Tennessee as Chief Financial Officer. Canon Fred Dettwiller says, "Many in the Diocese know Jan who has volunteered for quite a few projects and programs over the years."

She is a CPA who has given her time to the Diocese as Asst. Treasurer for Dandridge Trust, Treasurer for St. Mary's Seawanee and Treasurer for the Planned Giving Council of Nashville.

Immediately upon starting her job, Jan was sent to Chattanooga to train on ACS, the system used for financial management. "It's a great system and there was a lot to learn," says Jan about her time with ACS.

Jan has two grown sons, one in Nashville and one in New York. They both grew up at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville. Jan sang in the choir there for almost 20 years.

ECW Annual Meeting Held In September



The Diocese of Tennessee Episcopal Church Women (ECW) held their Annual Meeting at Church of the Messiah Pulaski on September 8.

Bishop Bauerschmidt attended, along with the Rev. Canon Pamela Snare, Dr. Marci Cherau, Province IV ECW Representative to the National Board, Judy Hines, the outgoing ECW President for the Diocese of Tennessee and Key Meyer, National ECW President.

God's Green Earth... for the holidays!

Giving eco-friendly gifts once was no fun at all, not for the giver or the receiver. But if you want to reflect your "green" values and your loved ones' wish list, it's easier than ever. To share intangible gifts that last long after the holidays, donate time or money to a charity. Even better, make the donations to organizations that promote environmental solutions, such as Environmental Defense (www.environmentaldefense.org). Give a national parks pass (www.nps.gov) or a membership to botanical gardens or aquariums.

For the children on your shopping list, start with chocolate - but make it organic: beans are cultivated without chemicals and shade-grown beans help preserve the forest canopy that shelters migratory birds and butterflies. What little one wouldn't love a soft, cuddly animal made from organic cotton, crafts kits (try *Recycled Crafts Box* by Laura C. Martin) or board games? Yes, there is a National Parks Monopoly! Even books introducing environmental ideas to young children (such as Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*) make learning fun.

Fashionistas are covered: Handbags made of misprinted candy wrappers and labels, or pants, tees, and jackets for outdoor or aerobic activities made of recycled soda bottles and recycled clothing (www.patagonia.com) are a stylish way to reduce, reuse and recycle.

The romantic in you might be thinking jewelry. Vintage jewelry is the obvious choice. But did you know that gold and other precious metals can be recycled? Green Karat (www.greenkarat.com) aims to curtail ecologically and socially destructive mining practices by creating a demand for recycled metals. Add synthetic diamonds and that special someone will be dazzled.

Gifts of house wares are just the thing for young adults in first apartments or those who love to entertain. Consider glassware made from recycled glass. Reusing recovered glass saves resources and lessens the load on landfills. Check out The Green Glass Company (www.greenglass.com) or VivaTerra (www.vivaterra.com) for their beautiful designs. Chefs may be interested in cooking with "sustainable food" - locally grown, organic produce, fish caught or farmed in an ecologically responsible way. Three excellent cookbooks are *One Fish, Two Fish, Crawfish, Bluefish: The Smithsonian Sustainable Seafood Cookbook* by Carole C. Baldwin and Julie H. Mounts, *Chez Panisse Café Cookbook* by Alice Waters and *Cooking with Nora* by Nora Pouillon.

There is no shortage of ideas online for gardeners, hikers, bird watchers and bicyclists: gardening tools, binoculars, bird-lovers handbooks, bicycle accessories and portable solar battery packs, to name a few. Your imagination is the only limit.

To find more ideas and resources, Google "Green Holidays" - most of the suggestions are excellent. There's something for everyone. But just a hint: your 9-year olds will not be happy with an energy saving light bulb in their stockings, even if it is good for the planet!

It's Time To Plan Your 2008 Mission Trips And Pilgrimages

It's not too early to start thinking of upcoming mission trips and pilgrimages, even into 2008. Here are just a few you might want to consider and contact information on how you can be a part of one (or more) of these wonderful trips.

December 28 - January 1

Winterfest is a gathering of youth in grades 9-12 from across the state for fun and worship in the Episcopal tradition. Held at Dubose Conference Center, it is directed by Christy Beesley and Charles Shipp. For more details, email them at winterfesttn@gmail.com.

Late January, 2008

Pilgrimage to Bolivia, led by Walker Mathews, does not have a firm date set yet (as they will try to accommodate those wishing to go). Summer in the mountains will afford a wonderful opportunity to build relationships with the children of Amistad, visit Cochabamba, and the clinic and preschool in Aramisi. For details, call Walker Mathews at 615-850-2725 or contact him at wmathews@rcmathews.com.

February 26 - March 7, 2008

Trip to the Holy Land, led by the Rev. Gene Wise and his wife Janelee, joined by the Rev. Randy Dunnavant and his wife Lanette, to walk in the steps of Jesus. With stops in Galilee, Nazareth, the Mount of the Beatitudes, Jericho, Jerusalem and more, you can share Communion in Holy places. Contact Fr. Wise at 615-849-9869 or email wisegene@bellsouth.net.

March 1 - 9, 2008

Ecuador Mission Trip organized by St. Augustine's Chapel Nashville will take 25-30 adults and children to San Eduardo. They need doctors, nurses, translators and people willing to work with the local community. To sign up, contact Robin Andrews at robinandrews@comcast.net.

June 21 - 30, 2008

Our Little Roses trip to San Pedro Sula, Honduras for St. George's Church Nashville Youth (and their friends) is being planned now. Tenth graders through college freshman may apply. Contact Christy Beesley at 615-385-2150 x248.

June 24 - July 7, 2008

Pilgrimage Pathways of Celtic Scotland, travels across Argull and The Isles with retreats on Combrae and Iona. For a full itinerary and details, contact the Rev. Canon Matthew Corkern at 615-255-7729 email at mcorkern@christcathedral.org.

July 11 - 25, 2008

A Pilgrimage of Hope to South Africa will be led by Canon Corkern of Christ Church Cathedral to benefit Sihawukelwe Lauren's Children's Home (*photos, below and right*). Some of the places the pilgrimage will visit are Cape Town South Africa, Shakaland, Durban (where the Children's Home is located), Kariega Game Reserve, Johannesburg and Soweto. For more information, contact Canon Corkern by phone at 615-255-7729 or via email at mcorkern@christcathedral.org.

July 18 - 30, 2008

Trip to Russia, led by Fr. Wise. More details are available by calling Fr. Wise at 615-849-9869 or emailing him at wisegene@bellsouth.net, but it can be revealed that accommodations are on a riverboat that will travel between Moscow and St. Petersburg on the Volga River.

July 20 - 26, 2008

Mission on the Bay is also for St. George's Church Youth and their friends. This trip is for seventh graders through college freshmen. Ms. Beesley is the contact at 615-385-2150 x248.

July 23 - August 3, 2008

Musical Pilgrimage to Our Anglican Roots includes a visit to Oxford, the source of much of the current liturgical practice. The trip is led by Dr. Murray Forbes Somerville, Director of Music at St. George's Church Nashville. Non-singers are invited too. The Rev. Leigh Spruill will preach at Winchester Cathedral. For more details on the trip, contact Debra Waters, by phone at 615-385-2150 x 253 or via email at debra.waters@stgeorgesnashville.org.



Mission: Sihawukelwe Lauren's Children's Home

Sixteen South African orphans are relying on a group of Nashville volunteers to meet their basic needs, including nutritional



food, running water, adequate shelter, loving caregivers, medical support and required public-school fees and uniforms. They are just a mere fraction of an estimated 53 million children in southern African countries who have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS. And thanks to a vital annual grant from Christ Church Cathedral Nashville, the group's 501-C3 non-profit organization is in position to spread its arms to help even more parentless and homeless children in the region.

Sihawukelwe Lauren's Children's Home (SLCH), home to the orphans, is located in the rural village of Umzinyathi in the KwaZulu-Natal province, approximately 45 minutes from the city of Durban, South Africa. The SLCH-USA board, chaired by Sandie Griffith, a long-time children's activist and member of Christ Church Cathedral, is wrapping up the final details on a \$125,000 renovation to a building that will become the children's new home.

Completion of the renovation, directed by board member Art Stinson, also a Christ Church Cathedral parishioner, will mean the orphanage can eventually expand to serve 32 children. It will mean flushing toilets and showers, reliable electricity, telephone and fax service, an institutional kitchen and comfortable dining, gathering, studying and sleeping spaces. It will mean focusing on other pressing needs, such as HIV/AIDS education in partnership with Durban's McCord Hospital.

Individual, foundation and corporate contributions are vital to this humanitarian cause, with 95 cents of every dollar going directly to serve the children. Tax-deductible donations may be directed to Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203. Make checks out to SLCH-USA.

Visit www.slchusa.org for more information.

What Story Is Your Church Telling?

Take a look at some of the upcoming or newly released movies next time you're in a theatre. Fantasy books-turned-movie such as



"Eragon," "Stardust," "The Golden Compass" and "The Seeker" have popped out in rapid succession, making me wonder if there's something going on that we should be paying attention to.

While these movies may be a blatant attempt by studios to cash in on the box office returns of the "Lord of the Rings," "Narnia," and, of course, the now ubiquitous teen hero, Harry Potter, I think there's more going on here.

See, from the studios' perspectives, they're just making what they think will sell to the most marketed to audience in our culture — teenagers. But what is selling is worth noting. All of these stories have something in common. Young people setting out on dangerous quests to change the world.

And these stories present possibilities to ponder such as people have a purpose and a destiny, and concepts like you can't use evil as a means to an end because in the end, evil will always win. Teens are gobbling up stories that involve young people risking their lives for others, sacrificing their wants and needs for the protection of others, enduring great hardship to achieve their goals.

Such stories stir something in our spirits, dawns of a realization that maybe, just maybe, we're in a story that's bigger than we are.

I was privileged to hear Sarah Arthur, the author of "The God-Hungry Imagination" (Upper Room Books, 2007), speak. She read a passage from "The Two Towers" where Aragorn and his traveling companions, Legolas and Gimli, encounter the Riders of Rohan and inquire about their friends the hobbits, who have been kidnapped. When the Riders haven't heard of Hobbits, they try asking about "Halflings" and one of the Riders responds:

"Halflings! But they are only a little people in old songs and children's takes out of the

North. Do we walk in legends or on the green earth in daylight?"

"A man may do both," said Aragorn. "For not we but those who come after will make the legends of our time." (p. 434 of the one volume edition).

In this short exchange there's a sense of past, present, and future, along with the possibility of legends walking the earth. In her book, Arthur observes: "Without a past or a future, it's difficult to find meaning in the present" (p. 26).

We live in a world that has lost its stories. With the modern age came a sort of snobbery toward things in the past. What we had accomplished in the present was so amazing and so advanced that suddenly past generations looked hopelessly behind, where we found ourselves rapidly ascending toward the pinnacle of technological and scientific breakthroughs.

Without a past, however, there's no way to learn and get a vision for our place in a larger story or have hope for a future. Mere achievements alone do not suffice.

And our young people are longing for connection to a narrative that is bigger than they are. As Arthur puts it, "the church is the living story we're inviting young people to participate in" and then asks, "What kind of story is your church telling?" (p. 30).

In order to reach our young people, "we must become bards: poets charged with the task of keeping and imparting the stories, languages, values and beliefs of a culture. We take the many texts of our hearers' lives and thread them through the warp and weft of the Christian narrative until patterned meaning emerges" (p. 31). We take their stories and help them fit into Christ's story, giving them a past, present and future as they learn to be his disciples.

And we can build on the opportunities presented us in the stories they are connecting to now in the form of the books and movies mentioned and show them how legends really do walk the earth in the God-man, Jesus Christ, and what that means for their lives.

What story is your church telling? — *Anna Howard, Coordinator of Youth Ministry*



St. Mary's Sewanee Fall and Winter Programs & Retreats

November 4 - 9

5 Day Centering Prayer Retreats

November 30 - December 2

Refined Essentials of the
Formation Workshop
Sponsored by
Contemplative Outreach

December 30 - January 1

"From Fear To Freedom" —
A New Year's Retreat
Presenters:

The Rev. Gordon Peerman
& Kathy Woods

January 1

Centering Prayer
Introductory Workshop
Presenter:
The Rev. Tom Ward

January 6 - 13

8 Day Centering Prayer Retreat
Presenters:
The Rev. Tom Ward
& the C.P. Staff

February 15 - 17

"When Israel Came Out of Egypt"
Presenter:
The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt

March 7 - 9

"Lenten Retreat:
The Process of Forgiveness"
Presenter:
The Rev. Carl Arico

March 24 - 26

"Clergy Sabbath"
Presenter:
The Rev. K.C. Ptomey

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Catholic Charities Refugee Youth Pro- gram At St. Ann's Church Nashville

Catholic Charities strives to meet the unique need of refugee teenagers through after-school programs. The Refugee Youth



Program, held at St. Ann's Church Nashville, provides opportunities for academic enrichment, community service and cultural activities, as well as communication skill building for teens and their parents.

Refugee families arrive in the United States, often with only a small duffle bag of belongings. Their knowledge of the



English language and American customs may be limited. Children are put into

schools based on age. The Youth Program assists them in catching up to classmates, helps with homework and teaches them how to assimilate at school when many of them never attended class before arriving here.

In some cases, it is easier for the children to learn English than for their parents —

leading to a case of role reversal. The Refugee Youth Program works with all family members, ensuring that parents don't become too dependent on the children outside the home.

The children are also guided in participating in American holiday events without losing the meaning from their own culture.

Jennifer Escue, Catholic Charities Refugee Program Manager, says, "These refugees are, among other nationalities, Somali Bantu, Liberian and Burundian."

The Refugee Youth Program at St. Ann's Church hosts children 10 to 14 years old, girls on Mondays and Wednesdays and boys on Tuesdays and Thursdays. "We need volunteers!" says Ellisha King, Volunteer Coordinator. "We average 15 children per day and fewer volunteers." Contact her at 615-760-2764 to participate.

Mary's Table At St. Mary's Sewanee

Mary's Table is a spiritual community of men and women established in association with St. Mary's Sewanee with two purposes in mind: to gather, nourish, and support people who are seeking daily to know and love God more deeply and to pray for and uphold the ministry of spiritual hospitality offered to people of all faiths at St. Mary's Sewanee. It was organized over this past summer with the assistance of Ellen Woods, who had a vision for volunteer service at St. Mary's Sewanee. Mary's Table supports the work of the Center's staff, extending care and welcome to all who "come away" to St. Mary's Sewanee to rest, renew their spirit, restore their hope in the future, and respond to the love of God with new life and vitality.

Mary's Table is drawn from the passage in Luke (10:38-42) in which two sisters, Martha and Mary, find two different ways



of welcoming Jesus into their home. Mary's hospitality takes the form of listening devotion – the truest kind of welcome. Having received Jesus' love and teaching for herself, she is now free to love, to care and nourish others, not out of distracted fatigue, but with gladness and singleness of heart.

Mary's Table attracts people who are trying to balance faith and work, solitude and relationship. Within the community, we become, as Henri Nouwen puts it, "*windows, constantly offering each other new views on the mystery of God's presence in our lives.*"

Mary's Table is an ecumenical volunteer community, open to anyone who has heard the quiet call to help make God's love present to others by loving them. In this ministry, we seek to help St. Mary's Sewanee's guests experience God's personal and merciful love as they continue the search for their true spiritual home, and as they find ways to share the gifts of their own lives with others. For more information on Mary's Table, please call St. Mary's Sewanee or email them at StMarysSewane@bellsouth.net.



Winchester Cathedral Choir Performed At St. George's Church Nashville

On Friday October 19, Nashville was treated to a stunning performance by The Choir of Winchester Cathedral, as one of only six cities on the choir's 2007 tour of the United States.

In addition to its many recordings, the 28-voice choir of men and boys is perhaps best known for its recording of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Grammy-winning "Requiem."

The concert, co-sponsored by St. George's Church and the Nashville Chapter of The American Guild of Organists, featured music from the 16th to the 20th centuries, including J.S. Bach's motet, "*Komm, Jesu, Komm,*" a variety of great English cathedral anthems and five spirituals arranged by Michael Tippett.

Wednesday Hispanic Ministry: Lunch At Holy Trinity Church

Ministry to the homeless Hispanic population began in December, 1999. Judy Grace of St. David's Church Nashville approached the Rev. Dennis Lloyd of Holy Trinity Church about serving lunch during the Christmas holidays to the Hispanic clients of the Campus for Human Development, an agency that manages programs for Nashville's homeless population.

Following a turnout of more than 30, it was apparent that there was a need for this type of program so they decided to continue. With the approach of the Lenten season, the men asked Fr. Lloyd to offer an Ash Wednesday service. Since that time, a Eucharist has been incorporated into the program. In addition, Fr. Lloyd offers a monthly healing service. Occasionally Fr. Lloyd counsels the men and visits the Hispanics who are in the Respite Facility (a live-in facility for those recovering from illness or surgery). Clergy from our Companion Diocese of Litoral Ecuador attend the program when they are visiting. Another friend of the men is the Rev. Francisco Peña of Honduras, who visits when he is in Nashville.

Once geared to the homeless Hispanic population, the program now attracts many from the larger Hispanic population. At times, families attend. Some of the men take time from their work to attend as much of the program as time permits.

Attendance varies from week to week, depending on weather and availability of day work. Fifteen to 60 men may attend in a given week, and Holy Trinity Church now offers a movie before the Eucharist.

The program is unique in several ways: It is a sit-down meal for the men. Their plates are served by the volunteers. The cost of the program is approximately \$125 per week. There is some funding from the Diocese, but it relies largely on donations. Churches, youth groups, and civic organizations collect food, clothing and funds. The men do the clean-up — they wash dishes, clean the tables and mop the floors. Following clean-up, clothing is distributed to the men when available. This lunch program is staffed solely by volunteer workers.

Every spring, student nurses from Vanderbilt offer their services and tend to the health needs of the men. This year, the nurses sponsored the planting of a community vegetable garden, which was installed with the help of the St. Paul's Church Franklin Youth Group. There are also visits from the Spanish language classes and clubs of local high schools, and students at Hume-Fogg High School conduct an annual winter clothing drive.

A typical Wednesday begins around 9:00 AM, when the men arrive to watch a movie. At 9:30 AM the volunteers arrive. Jobs include setting tables, preparing the serving table and coordinating the preparation of the meal. Rice, beans and tortillas are weekly staples and some type of meat dish, vegetable and/or salad, beverage and dessert are served. No one leaves hungry - second and third helpings are encouraged.

The Eucharist is at 11:30 AM. Nearly all attend though no one is required to. Lunch is served immediately following. The men must arrive sober and must be respectful in order to stay. Following the meal, the men clean up and everyone is on their way no later than 2:00 PM.

Fr. Lloyd says, "It is a full day, a busy day, but a very rewarding day. All of us who work in this ministry hope you will join us if you are able. Gifts of food, clothing, toiletries, or financial support is always welcome. But even more is your presence, your time, your caring. Knowledge of Spanish is not a requirement!"

Their mission consists of providing an afternoon for a group of people for whom many services are not available due to the language barrier or lack of documentation.

As Oscar Romero stated:

The guarantee of one's prayer is not in saying a lot of words. The guarantee of one's petition is very easy to know: How do I treat the poor? Because that is where God is. The degree to which you approach them, and the love with which you approach them, or the scorn with which you approach them — That is how you approach your God. What you do to them, you do to God. The way you look at them is the way you look at God.

To volunteer, contact the Rev. Dennis Lloyd at 615-256-6359.

Cathedral Hosts January Diocesan Chorister Fest Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Royal School of Church Music

The Annual Diocesan Chorister Festival to be held January 26 and 27, 2008 at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville takes on an added dimension this year as cathedrals, parishes and choirs across this nation and in England celebrate the 80th birthday of the Royal School of Church Music.

The festival is organized by Michael Velt-ing, Organist and Choirmaster at the Cathedral. This year, they welcome Andrew Walker as guest conductor. Mr. Walker is a British organist, composer and choir trainer and is Director of Music at St. Michael's Episcopal Church Orlando, FL. Cathedral Asst. Organist and Choirmaster Jon Johnson will accompany the choirs.

In addition to choristers from across the Diocese of Tennessee, there will be participation of choristers from St. Francis' Church Potomac, MD (Gary Davison, Director), and Church of the Nativity Huntsville, AL (Suzanne Purtee, Director).

The Royal School of Church Music was founded in 1927 by Sir Sydney Nicholson, to enable church music in the present and invest in its future, through publications, courses and an award scheme. RSCM is an international and ecumenical organization with more the 11,000 affiliates around the world. RSCM America has more than 700 affiliates crossing denominations and the boundaries of nearly every state.

Music at this year's festival will include compositions of Herbert Sumsion, Malcolm Archer, Andrew Walker, Johann Sebastian Bach, William Harris, Joseph Corfe and Michael Bedford.

Choristers from our Diocese and their music directors are invited to join in the two-day festival. Saturday is for rehearsals and social time. Choristers return to the Cathedral on Sunday for the Festival Evensong, the culmination of all their hard work.

Choristers should be in grade four or above and should be prepared by their music directors on the repertoire for the festival. Music Directors may contact Michael Velt-ing for all the information at mvelt-ing@christcathedral.org or 615-255-7729.

St. Mark's Church Nashville Announces 2008 Documentary Project In Ecuador

The Diocese of Tennessee plans to film a documentary in 2008 as part of its Companion Diocese program in Ecuador. The documentary will highlight the many diverse projects implemented as part of the church's outreach in Ecuador since 1998. Eight churches in middle Tennessee have companion relationships with counterparts in Ecuador.

"We would like to communicate the success of these projects as well as ongoing needs of people in Ecuador" said Bishop Bauerschmidt. "In an effort to communicate the story of this program to our churches, we will visit Ecuador in 2008 and capture on film the various projects at each companion church site, completed and incomplete projects, as well as the need for future projects. This documentary will be used for recruiting more companion churches, for presentations to other dioceses, and for inspiring us all to build relationships both here and abroad."

The Ecuadorian projects have been based on furthering the work of the church, assisting schools, supporting the development of a women's group for small business, addressing medical needs, improving safety and resources of the local fire department in the town of Montecristi, experiencing the presence of God in new ways and providing continuing education for the priests. These projects were coordinated through the Episcopal Diocese of Litoral in the southern part of Ecuador. This diocese is located in the coastal plain on the Pacific side of the Andes mountains, and includes people in remote rural areas as well as deeply impoverished areas in the metropolitan port city of Guayaquil.

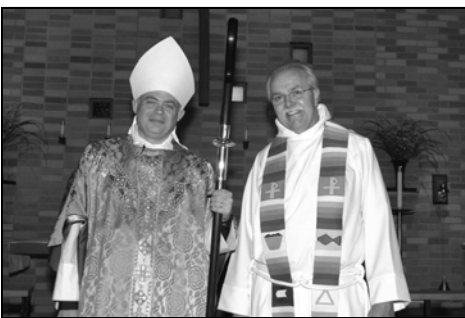
"In order for this project to occur, we need additional financial support," said Project Coordinator Melanie Pafford-Failor. "Our filmmaker, Bob Clendening, is donating his time, but we need to cover all other expenses, including rental of the professional grade camera equipment. Our goal is to raise \$7,000 by January 15, 2008."

If you are interested in donating to this incredible outreach opportunity and would

like more information specifically related to the documentary project, please contact Melanie Pafford-Failor at 615-512-8169 or melaniepf43@hotmail.com. For questions specifically related to the Companion Diocese program, please contact George Kurz, Committee Chair, at 615-868-5099.

Bishop Celebrates At St. Michael's Church

Bishop Bauerschmidt celebrated St. Michael's Day at St. Michael's Church Cookeville on Sunday September 30. The



Rev. Joseph Weatherly (photo, above, with Bishop) is the rector there.



The 11 confirmands were Ashley Evans, Katie Landry, Annie Jestus, Lane Kelly, Liz Stafford, Wesley

Landry and Andy Vickers. Not pictured: Gordon King, Josie McQuail, Joey Jestus and Richard Armistead.

After the service, the congregation marked St. Michael's Day with a cookout and pot-luck picnic. The bishop joined the congregation as the men of the church grilled bratwurst, lamb and chicken to go with the side dishes brought by other members of St. Michael's Church.

Almost 150 people were there to enjoy a fine fall day of celebration.

St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro
Advent Craft & Bake Sale
Saturday December 2
Parish Hall

between services 9:00 - 10:00 AM
and after service 12:00 Noon

This projects supports the
Rector's Discretionary Fund

STEM Picnic At Dubose



On the last Sunday in August, the churches of the Southeastern Tennessee Episcopal Ministry — Christ Church Alto and Church of the Holy Comforter Monteagle — held their fourth annual outdoor Eucharist and Picnic at the DuBose Conference Center.

This year they welcomed the congregation of St. John the Baptist Church in Battle Creek, down the mountain toward Chattanooga (in the Diocese of East Tennessee).

Forty-nine people attended, including several children, who enjoyed the DuBose pool after worship and the pot-luck lunch.

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St. Mark's Church Nashville Fest o' Fall

The "Best o' Fall Fest o' Fall" at St. Mark's Church Nashville, held on Saturday September 29, set records for attendance and profit. The event included day-long live music for the first time this year, and offered crafts, plants, baked goods, children's activities, and a huge white elephant sale. In addition to raising money for the church, sale of craft items from Ecuador provided funds for the church's mission there, and profits from St. Mark's recipe book raised money for the Second Harvest Satellite at neighboring Hamilton United Methodist Church.



Performers included Dan and Rusty Sweeton, John Lee, Don & Holdon Guy, Billy McLeod, John Simmons, Jack Remington & Dolli, Peter Ready, Johnathan & Tami Stone, Ed Cain, Joey Cochran, Bill Humble, Dave Colvin, Maryn and Connor Clendenning, and jazz/blues singer-songwriter Alison Kerr.

October Stewardship Month In The Diocese

In *A Dictionary for Episcopalians*, the entry for stewardships reads: "A steward is one who takes care of an owner's estate while the owner is away, so Christian stewardship is taking care of God's creation and the things God has given to us. In practical terms stewardship is a process in which a congregation looks after all that is entrusted to it, including its physical plant, human resources and the talents and gifts of its members."

That definition reflects the idea that it's not just about money. John Lavey, Stewardship Co-Chairperson at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville, writes in the October issue of *Cornerstone* that many parishioners there have "given their time as leaders, teachers, counselors and laborers."

Typically, leaders of each parish build a budget for the next year based on pledges from the current one. Not only is it a necessary to get pledges from members of the

St. Andrew's-Sewanee Announces New Claiborne Scholars

St. Andrew's-Sewanee School recently announced the 2007-08 recipients of the Claiborne Scholarship. The Claiborne Scholars Program, recognizes boarding students "who have the strength to lead, the aptitude for academic excellence, and



the desire to serve." Named for Archdeacon William Sterling Claiborne, the competitive scholarship program is open for new freshman and sophomore boarding students.

The 2007-08 recipients of the Claiborne Scholarship are: Jacob Brashear, son of Mr. James Brashear and Ms. Mary Gay Kanai of Lexington KY; John Winston Garth, son of Mr. Richard Garth and Ms. Kelly Burgreen of Athens AL; Emma Kate

churches but making sure those pledges are fulfilled can be challenging.

Mr. Lavey says, "We are launching a series of Stewardship Suppers to marry fellowship with stewardship, probably through Thanksgiving." For information on these suppers, hosting or attending, contact him at jlavey@hammock.com.

Getting an early start on their stewardship season, Trinity Church Clarksville hosted a kick-off celebration in September with an evening of fellowship, food and music.

St. George's Church Nashville launched their campaign with the Harvest Dinner on October 14. They have a newly completed Strategic Plan which maps their future, including a budget increase.

The theme for St. Paul's Church Franklin is "We are St. Paul's." They feel they are all called to be stewards, honoring the mission and ministry they share. They have introduced the new option of making and paying pledges online.

Poindexter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Poindexter of Inverness MS; and Greer Sims, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims, Jr., of Ambrose GA. Greer is active in the EYC and serves as acolyte at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Douglas GA. Jacob attends Christ Church Cathedral and John Winston attends St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Athens GA.

Claiborne merit scholarships are awarded to new boarding students entering ninth or tenth grade who demonstrate a strong academic record and exhibit leadership qualities that reflect a sense of honor and a commitment to community service. Qualified students retain their scholarships until graduation. This merit-based program is open to all families, including those who would not qualify for need-based aid.

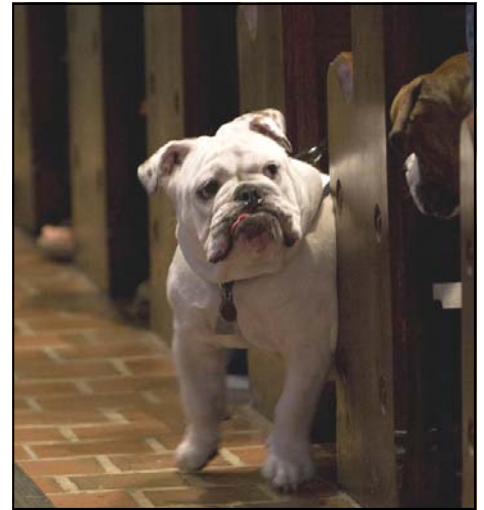
For information on future scholarships, contact the Admissions Office: telephone 931-598-5651 or toll free 866-513-8290, or email admissions@sasweb.org.

St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro does things a little differently, leading up to Consecration Sunday on November 18. The program is based on the idea of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development rather than the need of the church to receive. Their stewardship drive will feature parishioners, clergy and special guests sharing experiences in giving of their monetary rewards to the Lord's service and will end with a luncheon on the campus of MTSU.

In the newsletter from St. Mary Magdalene Church Fayetteville, the Rev. Jim Rogers writes, "We must learn that discipleship is stewardship." His concern is that few carry the load of many and would like to see all members of the congregation bearing the weight together.

Although stewardship means more than pledging money to the church, the October drives, dinners and other activities served to remind the congregations that what they pledge to their churches financially is key to achieving their goals while taking care of all that God has given.

Photo Gallery - Blessing of the Animals



Christ Church Cathedral Nashville (photos by Warren Westcott, above) held its unique service on October 6 - inside the church, an opening processional with as broad a representation of the animal kingdom as they could assemble and a serious liturgy with music. Not pictured: turtles, llamas, rabbits, birds, donkeys.



The Rev. Joe Weatherly of St. Michael's Church Cookeville blessed creatures big and small on October 7.

Fat cats, happy dogs and critters in containers all came to St. Philip's Church Nashville on October 7, as nearly 60 pets were blessed in a service celebrated by the Rev. Vicki Burgess. She was assisted on that glorious day by the Rev. Patrick Soule.



At St. Mark's Church Nashville, The Rev. James Hall conducted the service in the shade on October 6, with a wide variety of attendees.



The Rev. Marcia King was Celebrant and the Rev. Roger Senechal and the Rev. Tim Taylor helped bless over 400 animals at St. George's Church Nashville on October 7. St. Dunstan's Choir sang during the service.



Around the diocese

November 2007

- 1 Theology on Thursday, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 2 First Friday Service, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 2 Commemoration/Faithful Departed, St. Agnes' Mission Cowan
- 4 *All Saints' Church Smyrna*
- 4 *Church of the Good Samaritan Franklin West*
- 4 All Saints Evensong, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 5 ERD Organizational Meeting, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 6 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 7 Brown Bag Study of Gospels, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 8 Theology on Thursday, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 9-10 J. Philip Newell, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 9-11 Retreat for Women, Dubose Conference Center Monteagle
- 9 Cooking Class, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 10 Creative Writing Workshop, St. Michael's Church Cookeville
- 11 *St. David's Church Nashville*

- 11 Choir Evensong, St. George's Church Nashville
- 11 Dream Group, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 11 Mass for Peace, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 13 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 14 Brown Bag Study of Gospels, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 15 Boston Camerata: Abbey of Love, St. George's Church Nashville
- 18 *Church of St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville*
- 18 Floral Workshop, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 21 Brown Bag Study of Gospels, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 21 Thanksgiving Service/Dinner, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 22 Boulevard Bolt, St. George's Church Nashville
- 25 *St. Barnabas Church Tullahoma*
- 25 Alternative Gift Market, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 25 Dream Group, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 28 Brown Bag Study of Gospels, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville

December 2007

- 1 Cooking Class, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 1 Gingerbread Madness, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 1-2 Alternative Gift Market, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 2 *Church of the Advent Nashville*
- 2 Festival of Lessons and Carols, St. George's Church Nashville
- 2 Outreach Fair, St. George's Church Nashville
- 4 Early Music Ensemble, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 5 Brown Bag Study of Gospels, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 7 First Friday Service, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 8 Cooking Class, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 9 *Christ Church Cathedral Nashville*
- 9 Dream Group, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 9 Alternative Gift Market, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville

- 12 Nashville Unlimited Concert, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 12 Brown Bag Study of Gospels, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 16 *Church of the Epiphany Sherwood*
- 16 *St. Agnes' Mission Cowan*
- 16 Lessons and Carols, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 16 Christmas Pageant, St. George's Church Nashville
- 19 Brown Bag Study of Gospels, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 23 *Church of the Holy Comforter Monteagle*
- 23 *St. Bernard's Church Gruetli-Laager*
- 23 Dream Group, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 24 Music of Christmas, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 24 Children's Pageant, Church of the Resurrection Franklin
- 30 *St. John's Church Clarksville*

Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations

St. Joseph of Arimathea

BBQ Chicken Day
Saturday November 10
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

The men of St. Joseph of Arimathea Nashville serve their famous BBQ chicken by the piece or by the plate.
 Call 615-824-2910 for tickets or take a chance day of event.

103 Country Club Drive
 Hendersonville

St. David's Church Nashville

Christmas Bazaar
Saturday December 1
1:00 to 4:00 PM

Experience an old-fashioned Christmas Bazaar with items for sale including books, advent wreaths, yard art, handmade items from Mexico, Uganda, Central and South America, Christmas ornaments and decorations plus food, food and more food!

6501 Pennywell Drive, Nashville

Christ Church Cathedral
Presents

"Canciones Navidad de America Latina"
Nashville Early Music Ensemble
Gerald Moore, director

as part of their
Sacred Space for the City Art Series

Tuesday
December 4
8:00 PM

For tickets or more information, call 615-255-7729.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Rector

St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville is in the process of searching for a full time rector. For more information, contact Paul Love at 615-824-0143.

Rector

St. Ann's Church Nashville is beginning the process of discernment for its next rector. Clergy interested in entering the discernment process may send their Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter to: Search Committee, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, 419 Woodland Street, Nashville TN 37206.

Children's Choir Director

St. Ann's Church Nashville is looking for a director for their children's choir. Call 615-254-3534 or email office@stannsnashville.org and your inquiry will be forwarded to the Choir Search Committee.

Director of Student Ministries

St. George's Church Nashville is seeking a full-time

director of student ministries to build a team of parents, volunteers and staff, to encourage youth in their journeys of faith and to coordinate outreach to college students. Contact Lynn Barger Elliot at 615-881-3330 or email lbe2504@comcast.net.

Preschool Teacher

Little Lambs Preschool of Church of the Resurrection Franklin is currently seeking a warm, caring, Christian individual to fill a preschool teaching position on Mondays 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. For more information, call Belinda Bain at 615-377-6722.

Interim Rector

Christ Church Cathedral Nashville has appointed an interim rector search committee. Parishioners may provide suggestions for interim candidates to the committee members. Contact the Cathedral at 615-255-7729 for the committee names and numbers.

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