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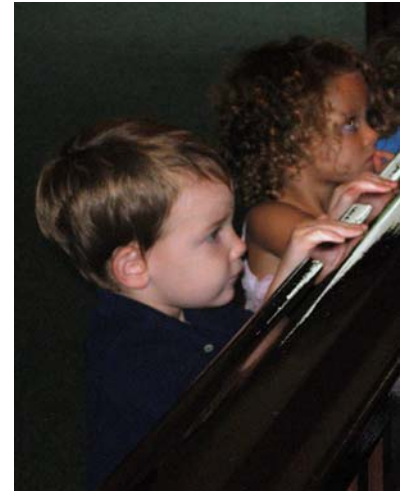
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Opening Day!

Little Lambs Preschool welcomed its first class on September 5.

There was excitement, curiosity and maybe just a few tears.

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The Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee
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Welcome to the October 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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I am grateful to the clergy and people of the Diocese of Tennessee for your prayers and other support during the



recent meeting of the House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church. I have been conscious that this support, a sign of our communion and common life in the

Body of Christ, has upheld me during a time of stress in the life of the Church. I give thanks for you, and pray that you too are upheld in your ministry by God's life-giving power.

Our time of gathering in New Orleans with the Archbishop of Canterbury and members of the Joint Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates' Meeting was not an easy one. The visible signs and continuing effects of the devastating hurricane of two years ago were evident; the weighty subject of the Primates' February Communiqué and our response to it was in the forefront of most minds.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and members of the Joint Standing Committee shared with the House of Bishops the global context of recent actions of the Episcopal Church and the effects of these actions on the life of the Anglican Communion, and also charted a possible way forward for our common life together as a Communion. These perspectives were difficult for some

members of the House of Bishops to receive, yet these perspectives shaped the response of the bishops.

In a most positive part of our time together, members of the House of Bishops and spouses along with our Communion partners had the opportunity to join in the work in rebuilding New Orleans. We also shared in a joyful ecumenical service of thanksgiving during which almost one million dollars from the dioceses of the Episcopal Church was presented to the Dioceses of Louisiana and Mississippi. We discovered, as well, the continuing vibrancy of many communities on the Gulf Coast, in the midst of a situation that continues to be very difficult.

The House of Bishops has now given its response, one that went much further than I thought possible for the House to provide the clarifications requested by the Primates' Meeting. The clarifications concern the requested assurances on the blessing of same-sex unions and on the consecration to the episcopate of persons living in a partnered same-sex union sought by the 2004 Windsor Report. The issue before the Episcopal Church is to provide the assurances requested by the Report that will allow the common life of the Anglican Communion to continue. I believe that the principal question is no longer just whether the Episcopal Church desires to continue to walk with the Communion, but whether the Communion itself has the will to continue together. There is much here at stake that goes beyond the Episcopal Church.

It is now the responsibility of the Instruments of Communion to evaluate our response. The Communiqué was addressed to us by the Primates' Meeting, and I believe that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Joint Standing Committee of the ACC and the Primates' Meeting will be making recommendations to them. Many interested parties will offer their own evaluations, but the assessment of the Communion as a whole through the Instruments of Communion is the crucial one for Communion-minded people.

Part of being members of a Communion of Churches is that our own opinion of whether we have addressed adequately the concerns of others is not decisive for the future of our relationship. These matters are the business of common discernment throughout the Church. I have written before of my passion for Jesus' Church, a worldwide phenomenon with roots firmly planted in the earliest times, growing and reaching out to the future. I have called you to a deeper consideration of the Church, "that wonderful and sacred mystery" (BCP, 291), and I call you again to reflect on the importance of Christian community. My commitments are unchanged. In the midst of challenge, I pray for good discernment, graceful conversion, and at all times the mercy of God. — +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



Bishop Bauerschmidt poses with the confirmands from St. Mark's Church Nashville on September 9, 2007 during his annual visitation. For more information, see Parish News, page 6.

Little Lambs Preschool at Church of the Resurrection Franklin has opened the doors to its first class — a group of eight



bright faces, boys and girls three to five years old. As they arrived on the morning of September 5 for registration and the first day of school, there was notable excitement in the eyes of most of the students and a little touch of uncertainty on the faces of some. The parents brought the children in, one by one, and said their goodbyes with surprisingly little separation anxiety from the kids or adults. Program Director Belinda Bain, formerly affiliated with a private school in Jackson, was on hand to help with the transition.

The teachers, Angela Griffis and Catherine Metts, helped the students to settle in with everyone seated around a table for some Play-Doh activities in the Noah's Ark room. After the children had a chance to become acquainted with each other, they were led into the church to meet the Rev. Joe Davis.

“On the first day,” Fr. Davis says, “I took the children into the church and showed them the baptismal font, talked to them



about baptism and led them in prayer and song.” He sang “Whisper A Prayer,” asking the children to sing along. A few made brave attempts despite never having heard the song.

Fr. Davis invited them to come up to the altar and taught them the proper way to kneel. The children showed a great deal of curiosity and asked many questions. He

taught them the Dismissal and the children were taken back to their classroom.

The Little Lambs Preschool was the dream of Kim Mikrut, parish choir director. A committee was formed to develop the preschool concept. The members of the Board of Directors are Abbie Hudgens, Rick Smith, Pat Smith, Ann Enoch and Cindy Davis.

The primary goal at Little Lambs is to provide a Christian environment for young children to develop mentally, physically, spiritually, socially and emotionally. The curriculum WEE Learn (Lifeway) is the foundation at Little Lambs. Other materials are used to enhance the lesson plans created specifically for each month the children are enrolled in the program.

The preschool operates every Monday and Wednesday, now through the end of May, following the school year calendar for Williamson County.

In “Big Room Time”, the students’ time is structured with singing, reading and group participation as well as free play. The children are then separated into groups for “Center Time.” The Math Center is full of things to build, sort and count. The Language Center includes books, games and dry erase boards for the children to trace their ABCs. Art, always a popular subject at preschool, presents opportunities for the Little Lambs to create through free art and guided projects, using a variety of materials and mediums.

There are special events being planned. “We are putting together a Christmas program, and I anticipate having an end-of-the-year program,” explains Ms. Bain.

The school is not just for children of members of the church. Fr. Davis says, “We hope Little Lambs will attract many families that do not belong to our church or any other church.” They will accept children for enrollment at any time based on availability for the student’s age range.

For more information on Little Lambs Preschool, its curriculum or enrollment, contact Belinda Bain at 615-377-9144.

Juliana Hamilton Chase



A special element in preparation for the opening of Little Lambs Preschool was the extraordinary mural painted along 75 feet of one wall of the education wing by one of Church of the Resurrection’s parishioners, Juliana Hamilton Chase.

The mural, however, is more than just a painting. She also created lamb figures with fuzzy wool and shepherds that are mounted on the wall creating a 3-D effect. This talented woman dedicated literally hundreds of hours of her time to this labor of love for the preschool.

“I worked on it for five months, several hours a day,” Juli explains. “Since it was not hidden, each week people would look to see what more had been done. They would point out their favorite parts to each other.”

She painted the background first, then painted the sweet faces of the lambs before adding fleece and attaching them (and their shepherds) to the wall.

“I was asked to do the mural and was allowed to paint it without any input from anyone. I love that kind of freedom when I work,” she says.

The South Carolina native started her career as a tapestry designer. Juli’s paintings have hung in the White House and now hang in the National Museum of Women in the Arts and Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC and in the State of Tennessee Governor’s Mansion.

Ringling in the New (Hand Bells) at Trinity Church Clarksville



Trinity Church Clarksville was awaiting a very special delivery. Finally, the day came with the arrival of a two-octave set of hand bells — the first in the history of the parish. Rehearsals began in September.

Last fall, Trinity Church's associate rector, the Rev. Dorothy Hartzog, struggled to find a format for teaching basics of music

to a group of extremely energetic third, fourth and fifth graders attending Trinity's Wednesday night activities. Ms. Hartzog had been a member of an adult hand bell choir in South Carolina years ago. One of her duties while serving at Church of the Advent Nashville in 2003 was directing the adult hand bell choir so she was familiar with the benefits of ringing for a wide range of ages and musicianship.

She thought a hand bell choir would be just the thing to channel the children's energy. The only problem was that Trinity had no hand bells and no funds budgeted for such an expensive item. A request for donations in the Sunday bulletin yielded small results. "At that rate, the young people would be middle-aged by the time we collected enough to purchase hand bells," Ms. Hartzog laughs.

But one morning, she walked into the parish office and found Harriet Mabry and her daughter, Malinda Mabry-Scott waiting to see her. The Rev. Mickey Richaud, Trinity Church's rector explained that a large

number of memorial gifts had been received at Trinity in memory of Bill Mabry, Harriet's husband and Malinda's father. Bill had loved the wonderful music there and his family requested that the gifts be used to purchase a set of hand bells. The family even added a generous donation of their own that will allow the church to purchase a third octave of bells.

Twelve adults immediately signed up for "The Trinity Bells" and a youth hand bell choir is planned for the not-too-distant future. Experienced ringer and parishioner at Trinity, Vicki King has volunteered to lead the group. Other members are the Rev. Dorothy Hartzog, Harriet Mabry, Malinda Mabry-Scott, Sheila Foust, Ann Ross, Bob Houston, Rachel Davis, Ruth Davis and Maria Gudder.

Ms. Hartzog's wish for the children of Trinity has been fulfilled to the benefit of all parishioners, as she says, "praise to the Creator peals forth from lips of brass lifted by creatures' hands."

All Women Are Daughters:

A weekend for women young & old,
November 9-11, 2007
Dubose Conference Center Monteagle

Deepening one's faith, strengthening bonds among women, "All Women Are Daughters" invites women and girls (ages 12 or fifth grade and up) to celebrate the wisdom and spiritual connections made when women come together in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Held November 9-11 at Dubose Conference Center Monteagle, the weekend's program features the Rev. Canon Pamela Snare, speaker; the Rev. Donna Scott, spiritual direction practice; Caroline Bauerschmidt, catechist; and Shelley Gotterer, storyteller. The weekend will provide women of varied ages opportunities to nurture intergenerational ties within the diocese.

Other activities may include journal making, catechesis, preparing the Eucharist, sharing high tea, bread making, exploring the labyrinth, arts and crafts, hiking, knitting and napping.

Those choosing to arrive on Thursday November 8 or early in the day on Friday November 9 may participate in planned excursions at no extra charge (except for the accommodations) but advance registration is needed for planning purposes.

These excursions are a walking tour of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, a walking tour of the University of the South, and a ranger-led hike to Fiery Gizzard in South Cumberland State Park.

Registration begins at 4:00 PM on Friday November 9 with a Welcome and Overview following at 6:00 PM. Dinner and Fellowship and Journal Making Workshop will lead up to Compline at 9:15 PM.

Saturday November 10 starts bright and early with 7:30 AM Morning Prayer, Breakfast and Music. Canon Snare speaks at 9:15 AM. Lunch is followed by two hours of crafts or other optional activities, including the same walking tours offered on Friday.

High Tea will be served then the Rev. Donna Scott will speak. Alternately, attendees can learn Eucharist preparation,

flower arranging or music with sign language, among other things.

Evening Prayer at 6:15 PM with Dinner is followed by storytelling.

The weekend comes to a close on Sunday November 11 with 7:30 AM Morning Prayer and Breakfast followed by 9:00 AM Eucharist.

The planning committee for the weekend is co-chaired by Caroline Bauerschmidt and Susie Ries and the members are the Rev. Vicki Burgess, Jane Hardy, the Rev. Gene Manning and JoDee Prichard.

There are several choices for accommodations, ranging from cabins which sleep 24 people, double occupancy rooms (dorm style) and motel type rooms for more privacy.

Scholarships are available. Please contact the Rev. Gene B. Manning at 615-319-1906 for details on how to apply.

To register online, visit www.duboseconf.org or see page 12 for a registration form you can mail or fax.

Clergy News -

The Rev. Molly Dale Smith, a Nashville native but recent New Yorker, has returned to become Licensed To Officiate in this Diocese. **The Rev.s Trevor and Gwyn Slade** are making Christ Church Cathedral Nashville their temporary home during a 10-month sabbatical period. St. Agnes' Mission Cowan has asked

the Rev. John Janeway to serve three Sundays a month and to handle general pastoral care; he has accepted. **The Rev. Dr. Roderic L. Murray** was appointed Priest Associate at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville. **The Rev. William "Doc" Martin** is now priest-in-charge at Grace Chapel Spring Hill and will be installed on Saturday November 17 at 10:00 AM. A reception will follow the installation

Parish News -

Recent Confirmations: Beverly Ann Hargrove, Rachel Kay Robnett, Amy Katheryn Dimond, Andie Renee Scott at **St. Mark's Church Nashville**. Recent Baptisms: Arden Nash Gregoire-Cope at **St. Philip's Church Nashville**. Recent Receptions: Lynn Kauppi at **St. Mark's Church Nashville**; Michael Anderson at **St. Philip's Church Nashville**.

Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood is looking for folks to join the choir; adults and teens are welcome. **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro** has a new mailing address. Instead of the PO Box they've had, mail should now be sent to 116 North Academy Street, Murfreesboro TN 37130. The Altar Guild of **Grace**

Church Spring Hill is looking for new members. Contact Betty Pigford at 615-302-3593. Also in Spring Hill, Leslie Tudahl is now the chairperson for the communications committee. Lisa Arnwine is the new church treasurer as Jack Feldner retires after many years of service. **All Saints' Church Smyrna** has a new website at www.all-saints-smyrna.org/. A new Sunday evening service has been added at **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville**. The next one is October 28 at 5:00 PM. **St. George's Church Nashville** member Peter Floyd, a senior seminarian at Nashotah House, has been accepted as a candidate for Holy Orders. A group of twelve volunteers from **St. George's Church Nashville** is on a mission trip to Thomas Anglican Church in Soweto, Republic of South Africa. **St. Anselm's Church Nashville** is now holding mid-week services, each Thursday at 12:00 Noon.

Youth News -

Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood's Tyler Shedron achieved Olympic trials qualifying time in swimming, allowing him to attend the Olympic trials swim meet next summer. This meet determines who represents the United States at the 2008 Olympic Games in China. In other youth news from Brentwood: they, along with **St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville**, will have their fall retreat Friday to Sunday, October 26-28. Call either church for details. Proceeds from **St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville's** Pig Roast and Bluegrass Festival on Sunday October

7, will go to support youth ministry projects. **St. Philip's Church Nashville** has started a Wednesday night program for youth, grades 7-12, offering dinner, Nooma DVDs and real talk about real life. For more on Nooma, visit www.nooma.com. **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro** welcomes a new Youth Minister. Josh Courtney reported for duty on October 7, 2007. He joins the staff at St. Paul's Church from his previous position at Central Church of the Nazarene, West Columbia, SC. Josh can be reached by email at youth@stpaulsmboro.org or at the church office number, 615-893-3780.

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Episcopalians — Rebuilding Lives & Renewing Hope November 5 organizational meeting open to the public

Episcopal Relief and Development is the most comprehensive outreach opportunity we have as Episcopalians. The impact ERD makes in the world is substantial.

Episcopal Relief and Development was established more than sixty years ago to help relief efforts in areas that had experienced disasters. Now it is also dedicated to the development of long-range programs to make a difference in areas of extreme poverty

all over the world. There are many avenues available through ERD to address both these concerns.

Monday November 5, 2007, at 6:30 PM, St. Paul's Church Franklin, there will be a gathering of Diocese of Tennessee ERD Congregational Representatives and any others who are interested in doing the work of Episcopal Relief and Development.

Bishop Bauerschmidt, Board Member of ERD the Rev. Bob Abstein and Diocese of Tennessee Coordinator for ERD Susan Cowperthwaite will be at the meeting to share important information and resource materials regarding Episcopal Relief and Development. Come help build a better world. Please register by calling the Diocese of Tennessee at 615-251-3322 or email scow@usn.org.

Blessing of the Animals All Through the Diocese



"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

Source: <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/francis>

St. Francis (1182-1226), loved all creatures of the land, sky and water. He is often depicted in art surrounded by animals as if they were his congregation.

Parishes in the Diocese celebrate his feast day in different ways: on the church grounds or in more public locations. All people and their pets — dogs, cats, mice, fish, horses, rabbits, gerbils — are welcome.

October 4

St. Mary Magdalene Fayetteville has the Blessing of the Animals and Prayer for Stewardship of God's Creation at 6:30 PM at the church. Call 931-433-2911 for information.

October 6

St. Francis Church Goodlettsville will hold a Blessing of the Animals at Superpetz, 2101 Gallatin Pike N. in Madison. Activities are 9:30 AM to 12:00 Noon, with the service at 10:00 AM. For details, call 615-851-0790.

Trinity Church Clarksville, has their 5th annual Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 AM in the church courtyard. Local animal advocacy groups attend and they have even blessed horses of the mounted Clarksville Police. The phone number is 931-645-2458.

Another 10:00 AM service is at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville.

Church of the Resurrection Franklin has a 10:00 AM service as well. Call the church at 615-377-9144 for information.

St. James' Church Sewanee's Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis will be held at 1:00 PM at St. James' Community park at the church. Each pet receives a St. Francis medal to place on his or her collars or halters. Free pet food samples are available for dogs and cats donated by the Town and Country Veterinary Clinic in Winchester. Call 931-598-0153 for more details.

St. Mark's Church Nashville's service is scheduled for 2:00 PM. Call 615-361-4100 to confirm. Donations are being accepted for Metro Animal Services.

October 7

At 2:00 PM, St. Philip's Nashville hosts their annual Blessing of the Pets at the church. Each pet will receive a certificate commemorating the event. Donations of pet food, blankets and towels, and supplies will be collected for the Metro Animal Shelter. (If you don't have pets but want to participate, bring your favorite stuffed animal). For details, call 615-883-8313.

St. Paul's Church Franklin will also have their Blessing of the Animals at 2:00 PM. If you have lost a pet or have one too ill to attend, call 615-790-7665 to have their names mentioned.

St. George's Church Nashville's service for Blessing of the Pets, to be held at 2:00 PM in the grassy area behind the church. Their number is 615-385-2150.

Church of the Redeemer Shelbyville will hold their Pet Blessing at 4:00 PM in the church parking lot. Call 931-684-5506 for more information.

Also at 4:00 PM, Church of the Advent Nashville will hold a Blessing of the Pets service near their pavilion with a reception to follow. For details, call 615-373-5630.

October 13

Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro, will have their Blessing of the Animals service at 10:00 AM.

All times and locations may be subject to change, so please call to confirm time and location of the service you wish to attend or in the event of rain.

If your church is not listed here, call them to see if they are holding a Blessing of the Pets service in honor of St. Francis.

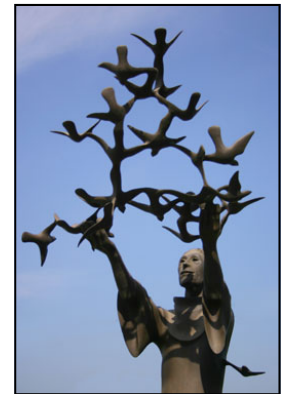


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Fall Programs & Retreats

October 8-10 "Dante and Contemplation" – The pilgrim/poet informs us of the love that moves the suns and the stars. Presenter: The Rev. Tom Ward

October 12-14 "The Edge of Adventure" – based upon the best selling book on how we live our lives as Christians. Presenter: Keith Miller, author and internationally renowned speaker

November 4-9 "Centering Prayer" – Five Day Retreat Presenters: The Rev. Doug Schwert and the Centering Prayer Staff

November 9-11 "The Truth Shall Make You Odd" – Flannery O'Connor stories help us to encounter God's grace. Presenter: The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Bishop of Alabama

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

Third Book from the Rev. Becca Stevens Published

“Hither & Yon: A Travel Guide For The Spiritual Journey”, the latest book by the Rev. Becca Stevens, vicar of St.



Augustine’s Chapel Nashville at Vanderbilt University, has been published by Abingdon Press. Written in the style of travel guides, the book is illustrated by Tara Armistead.

Becca describes “Hither and Yon” as a mysterious land that is both

destination and the circuitous path itself, as we journey toward God. She calls herself an observer, a collector of stories, which the preacher in her wants to share.

The book has gotten praise from people as diverse as Joseph C. Hough, Jr., president of Union Theological Seminary and John Prine, singer songwriter. Gov. Phil Bredesen says, “This new travel guide for the spirit is a gift that will change lives.”

Changing lives is not something new to Becca. Some know her as a priest who serves an eclectic congregation of students, faculty, musicians and writers. Others are more familiar with her work at Magdalene and Thistle Farms, the outreach serving as sanctuary to women with a history of drug abuse and prostitution and the business of bath and body care products that subsidizes the five houses in which the women live.

Further away from home, Becca founded the Escuela Anne Stevens in San Eduardo Ecuador, which currently employs six teachers with 110 students on its rolls and she has a close relationship with the Holy Cross AIDS Hospice in Botswana, raising funds for operating costs.

And if all that were not enough, she is a wife of a successful songwriter and a mother of three sons, ages 16, 12 and 7. She says, “My husband is the reason I get to do what I do. My children are funny, great, wonderful.”

Becca says that in her role as priest, her mentors are the Right Rev. William Sanders, the Rev. Donna Scott and the Rev. Jim Rogers.

Her parents, an Episcopal priest father and a mother who was director of St. Luke’s Community house, before their passings, instilled in Becca a legacy of service “with little fuss.”

She, in turn, is serving that legacy by living in community nurtured through “love, justice and open doors.” She believes that love is the most powerful weapon for change in the world, now more than ever.

Carolyn Goddard, who works with Becca at Thistle Farms says “The book is written from a cool angle, with helpful hints for your journey to finding out that love can be healing.”

If it seems like Becca doesn’t take time for herself, this former math major enjoys Sudoku, long baths and long hikes. She says, “They are not guilty pleasures, just

simply pleasures. I am so grateful for everything in my life.”

Still, she is looking forward to the future. While the proceeds from her previously published books have gone to support Thistle Farms, the next book is collaboration with Magdalene and will be called “Finding Home.” It is based on the rule of Benedict and is a spiritual discussion on living in community.

In “Hither and Yon”, Becca writes “We are not called to go out and change the world. We are only called to go out and love the world and change ourselves to love more fully.”

The Rev. Becca Stevens is a woman who lives by example.



For more information on Thistle Farms and the residential recovery community of Magdalene, visit www.thistlefarms.org/.

START UP! START OVER!

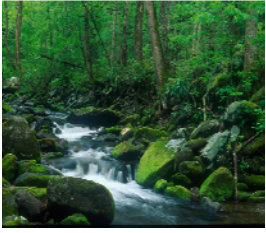
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Watershed: More than a turning point



A watershed is the area of land that sheds water into a river system. Everything we do on the land affects the water and if we protect the land, we protect the river.

What can you do for your watershed? The October 5 First Friday worship service at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville is devoted to Care of Creation liturgies. Study theological and spiritual issues and select intentional changes in lifestyles that reflect a reverence for water.

Join your local watershed group — see www.cumberlandrivercompact.org if you do not know what watershed you live in.

Eliminate use of bottled water — use public drinking water fountains to fill and refill earth-friendly water bottles.

Support the Episcopal Relief and Development Clean Water Fund — to contribute, see www.er-d.org/waystogive.

Build or buy rain barrels — put them in your yards or gardens at home or church.

When replacing home appliances, use Energy Star Certified products — see www.energystar.gov for details.

Buy shares of Community Supported Agriculture — see www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/pubs/csa/csa.shtml for nearby farms.

“Pack in and pack out” your favorite water/beverage and food containers — manufacture of aluminum cans requires high volumes of water. Recycling these will greatly cut down on water use.

Purchase watershed products as gifts at your alternative Christmas and Holiday parish fairs.

Use water audit tools — determine how to save water at your homes and churches.

Support Tennessee Bottle Bill Project — see www.tnbottlebill.org/ to find out what the bill is, or contact Marge Davis at margedavis@comcast.net.

Even more resources which Christ Church Cathedral Nashville and others houses of faith use to promote water stewardship, can be found at www.christcathedral.org/environmentalgroup.html. — *Joyce Wilding, Coordinator of Environmental Ministry, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville and Province IV.*

Reconciliation Art Exhibit

If intuition and creative energy could make a concept visible, what would reconciliation look like? The dictionary defines reconciliation as bringing back harmony to a situation, the act of adjustment or adaptation. It can mean settling differences, removing inconsistencies or even acquiescence or quiet submission.

For the month of November, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville will host an art exhibition on reconciliation at the Tennessee Art League in their Poston 3 Gallery, located at 808 Broadway, Nashville. The opening at TAL will immediately follow the November 2, 6:00 PM First Friday service, which will celebrate Reconcilers for Peace, Healers of the Broken, and Messengers of Hope.

If you are an artist, professional or amateur, who has a piece that represents the spirit of reconciliation, you are invited to show your work. All media will be accepted as space permits (one per person, please) and pieces should be less than 4 square feet in size. Art must be ready for hanging or placement and will be accepted at TAL on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28.

Please contact Arlene Wilson via email at arlenedwilson@comcast.net if you plan to participate.

God's Green Earth...

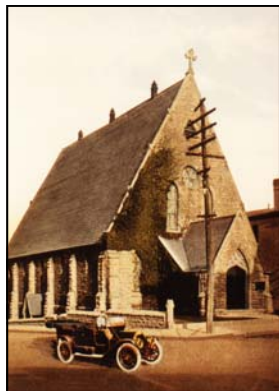
There is a Chinese proverb: “When drinking water, think of its source.” The lack of rain this summer caused a lot of us to stop and think, not only of the source, but of the way we use water.

The Episcopal Church USA's Stewardship of Water Resolution asks that member dioceses, congregations and communicants undertake one or more of the following four stewardship steps:

1. When and where possible, install water saving devices such as low-flow commodes and aspirators on sink faucets to conserve water.
2. Replant parish campuses and home gardens with plants and trees that are drought tolerant and have low requirements for water. It is also advised that plants and trees native to the local region be planted as these will have the capacity to survive local climatic conditions.
3. When and where possible, devise drainage systems that allow rainwater to flow from gutters and drainpipes to spread onto lawn and landscaped areas of parish campuses and home gardens, thereby reducing water lost to sewer systems.
4. Pave new or repave existing parking lots with materials that are pervious so that water penetrates and is sequestered in soil beneath parking area. This will reduce opportunity for automotive oil and other automotive fluids to be washed downstream during rain events.

Church of the Advent Nashville (x 3) Celebrates 150 Years of Worship

Church of the Advent Nashville is a congregation of generations well acquainted with change. The first service of Church of the Advent



the Advent was held in April, 1857. The cornerstone of the original location (*photo, left*) on the corner of Vine Street and Cumberland Alley — now 7th Avenue and Commerce Street — was

laid in 1860; however, the congregation worshipped in the basement until 1870 when the funds became available to complete the building.

In the 1890's, the congregation began discussing a move from the crowded downtown and by 1910, the building had been sold and the congregation relocated to 17th and Edgehill Avenues (*photo, top right*). The church was at the end of the streetcar line; the architect was Robert Sharp, a member of Church of the Advent.

By 1972, the church was surrounded by office buildings and music studios. Many families had moved far away from the church area and membership was on the decline. Another change was needed if Church of the Advent would flourish.



An almost unanimous vote led the congregation to move again — this time, to the suburbs. Seven acres along Franklin Road were purchased for \$60,000 and the church and rectory were built.

The Rev. Tom Hotchkiss, current rector, reflects, "Our Anniversary has helped us look at our past but also has spurred us to work on our vision for the future."



The present Church of the Advent (*photo, above*) carries several reminders of the two previous locations. Four stained glass windows between the narthex and nave were originally in the first church and moved to the second and now to the current home. The large cross which was on top of the first two buildings is now in the garden of the columbarium.

Other parishes have pieces of Church of the Advent's history: The altar and eagle lectern from the second location was contributed to All Saints' Church Smyrna and the communion rail is in the chapel at Church of the Resurrection Franklin.

This church, however, is all about the people. Fr. Hotchkiss says "The strength of a parish like the Church of the Advent after 150 years can be read like a book in the lives of its people. We have enjoyed hearing the stories of some of the people on whose shoulders we stand."

Here's to the next 150 years at Church of the Advent Nashville!

Church of the Advent: fertile ground for Bishops in the making

Church of the Advent may hold the record as the church home of most future Bishops, providing five Bishops serving the Episcopal Church.



The church's second rector, Dr. Charles Todd Quintard, was elected second Bishop of Tennessee in 1865.



Their ninth rector, William Crane Gray was elected Missionary Bishop of Florida, 1892.

The Rt. Rev. William E. Sanders was elected eighth Bishop of Tennessee in 1983, the same year his brother, Sidney Sanders was elected Bishop of East Carolina. Both were members of Church of the Advent from early childhood to their consecrations. Bishop William Sanders recalls, "Families made the church the center of their religious and social lives. For my younger brother and myself, this included service as acolytes, in the boys choir, church school and scouting. Members have remained constant in their participation and Advent is situated in an area in which it may grow, serve and witness in years to come."



More recently, in May, 2004, former member Granville Porter (Bam) Taylor, was elected Bishop of Western North Carolina. He says, "I will always have a warm place in my heart for Church of the Advent. I think of the cars speeding down the Interstate and there is this white church reminding them that there is a sanctuary amid our overly busy lives. Because Advent is such a wonderful church, it inspired me to proceed with my call to serve the church as an ordained person. I know it has inspired many others in its rich history."

Please join us...
**Church of the Advent
 Celebrates 150 Years!**

October 13, 2007
 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 The Peg Leg Porkers and
 Men of the Church
 prepare their
 award winning barbecue !

There will be a bake, book and
 craft sale; silent auction;
 kids games and activities
 and live music.

For ticket information, call
 615-373-5630 or visit
 www.adventnashville.org

Who is a minister?

God calls ordinary people to do extraordinary things in his kingdom. If we look at what that looks like, we see Moses (Ex 3:4



-12) interrupted in the middle of his daily routine to have an encounter with the living God, who had a job for him to do.

And who was Moses? No one. God doesn't actually say that, but when Moses asks,

"Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" God doesn't build him up, or try to tell him what a great personality he has or what a great leader he is. Instead, God replies, "I will be with you." That's the first thing that we need to realize as we step into this ministry that God has for us: we are nothing, but He will be with us.

When God puts something on our heart, we have to take action, for even though He will be with us, we still have a job to do. When Nehemiah went back to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Neh 2:11-20), he first took action, returning in the first place, and then scouting out the walls and the task that needed to be done before he talked to the people (see Neh 2:12, 13, 16, 17). After he had a grasp on the situation, he cast the vision to the people and the leaders and also told them about how God

had made the way for him to come back and do this. After the people agreed, they started on this task. Hence we come to the second thing that we need to realize in ministry: God has called and equipped us, but we still need a game plan and the people of God to recognize the vision or nothing is going to get done.

There are three primary places in the New Testament where the gifts are mentioned: 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12 and Ephesians 4. Each of these times it is clear that it is not the specific gift that is important, but rather, what is emphasized is that everyone is needed in the body. One gift or calling is not more important than another, for the body cannot survive without its internal organs that no one sees.

Despite that fact that God is no respecter of persons or of callings, there is the need for leadership roles. The leader is supposed to be the shepherd (1 Peter 5:1-3). As 1 Peter says, this is not a position to be flaunted, but rather, it is one of service where the leader is given the opportunity to be an example to the people God has placed under his/her care.

Combine these thoughts on leadership and gifts with the idea that we, the body of Christ as a whole are a royal priesthood (1 Peter 3:9), then we get the idea that ministry is not what happens up front, rather, it ought to be a part of every Christian's life every day. The job of the leaders is to equip, model and serve the rest of the people in the body so that they can do what God has called them to do. — *Anna Howard, Diocesan Youth Coordinator*

Spotlight on...

Anna Howard, Diocesan Youth Coordinator

So, what does the youth coordinator do, and how can she help my church?

Here are some examples of the things our youth coordinator, Anna Howard, has been doing or will be doing around the Diocese:

- Leading equipping sessions for volunteer youth leaders. These sessions include sections on youth culture, what it means to mentor and how to effectively utilize curriculum.
- Meeting with search committees or representatives from search committees as a resource in hiring a new youth minister (or a first youth minister).
- Meeting with representatives from congregations that want to start youth ministries.
- Conducting seminars for the parents of teenagers.
- Coordinating retreats for our youth leaders throughout the Diocese.
- Consulting about existing youth programs. This can include helping the church to discover its vision for youth ministry and program towards that vision, and re-assessing existing programs to see how well they are doing what they were intended for.

There are also a number of resources for youth ministry in the Diocese that Anna would like to make you aware of:

The diocesan youth website is www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org

Youth ministry discussion site (mostly youth leaders in our Diocese) is www.ymcafe.org

Online catalog of diocesan resources for youth ministry that you can borrow. You can find a link to the catalog at either website above.

Youth worker's handbook, uploaded in draft form at both websites above. Please feel free to point out errors, and make suggestions on this.

You can reach Anna via email at anna.howard@episcopaldiocese-tn.org.

St. Michael's Church Cookeville's Creative Writing Group will host a writing workshop on Saturday November 10, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, in two sessions. The first session is Mining the Mother Lode: Getting a Grasp of Your Material. The second session is Finding Fiction in a Photograph: A Workshop on Character Development.

Guest speaker is Darnell Arnoult, author of the novel, "Sufficient Grace" and "What Travels With Us", a book of poetry. He is a former TWA board member and the 2007 Tennessee Writer of the Year.

To register for one or both sessions by November 1, or for more information, contact Marianne Rohr at jmrsmom2003@charter.net.

REGISTRATION FORM

(See story on page 5 for planned events and activities)

All Women Are Daughters: A weekend for women young & old, November 9-11, 2007 Dubose Conference Center Monteagle

Register online at www.duboseconf.org

or return completed form with registration fees to:

DuBose Conference Center
PO Box 339
Monteagle TN 37356

or FAX form to 931-924-2291 and mail check to:

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PO Box 339
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For information about accommodations,
call DuBose at 931-924-2353
or email: dubose@blomand.net

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Scholarships are available
To contact the Rev. Gene B. Manning,
call 615-319-1906
or email: genebmanning@mac.com

Planning Committee:
Caroline Bauerschmidt and Susie Ries, co-chairs
The Rev. Vicki Burgess
Jane Hardy
The Rev. Gene Manning
Jo Dee Prichard

Registration Fees

MEALS COST

\$90, Early Bird Fee – prior to October 10

\$100, after October 10

Includes meals only, not accommodations

ROOM COST

(Two night stay, per person)

I prefer first floor accommodations

Select your room accommodations from the following choices:

Two Group Cabins: Each cabin sleeps 24;
Two bedrooms with 12 bunk beds that share a
common area with sofas.
\$36, 14 person minimum

Claiborne Hall (dorm style rooms): One or two twin
beds in each room with shared restroom and showers.
\$72, single occupancy
\$48, double occupancy

Bishops Hall (motel style rooms): One or two double
beds with private bath. There are 32 motel style rooms.
\$100, single occupancy
\$68, double occupancy

Thursday Arrival Option –
Meals (Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast)
\$22
One night stay (1/2 the cost of weekend)
\$_____

Friday excursions (no charge but please check if you
planned to participate)

- Monteagle Assembly tour 10-11:45a.m.
- University of the South tour 1-2:15p.m.
- Hike to Fiery Gizzard 3-5:00p.m.

MEALS \$ _____

ROOM \$ _____

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Roommate Preference:

Around the diocese

October 2007

- 2 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 4-13 Blessing of the Animals, Various Locations, see page 7
- 4 Breakfast with Bishop, St. Luke's Community House Nashville
- 4 Theology on Thursday, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 5 First Friday Service, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 6-7 Board of Trustees Meet, St. Andrew's School Sewanee
- 6 Cooking Class, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 6 Yard Sale, St. David's Church, Nashville
- 7 *St. Francis' Church Goodlettsville*
- 7 Pig Roast., St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 9 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 11 Young Adult Dinner, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 11 Theology on Thursday, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 11 Anniversary Dinner, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 12-14 Fall Retreat, St. Mary's Episcopal Ctr. Sewanee
- 13 BBQ and Fall Festival, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 14 *Trinity Church Winchester*

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
- 8 Theology on Thursday, St. Paul's Church Franklin

December 2007

- 1 Cooking Class, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 1 Gingerbread Madness, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 1 Alternative Gift Market, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 2 *Church of the Advent Nashville*
- 4 Early Music Ensemble, 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*

- 16 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 16 Clericus, St. James' Church Dickson
- 16 Mark Jarman Poetry, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 18 Theology on Thursday, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 19-20 David Miller Symposium, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 19 Choir of Winchester Cathedral, St. George's Church Nashville
- 20 Cooking Class, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 21 Thomas Murray Concert, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 21 Choral Concert, Church of the Advent Nashville
- 21 Savvy Seniors Lunch, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 21 Admissions Preview, St. Andrew's School Sewanee
- 23 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 25-28 Cursillo #63, Dubose Conference Center Monteagle
- 25 Theology on Thursday, St. Paul's Church Franklin
- 26-28 Fall Youth Retreat, Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood
- 28 *St. Bede's Church Manchester*
- 30 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville

- 9-10 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*
- 13 Galatians Study, St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville
- 18 *St. Joseph of Arimathea Hendersonville*
- 18 Floral Workshop, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 22 Boulevard Bolt, St. George's Church Nashville
- 25 *St. Barnabas Church Tullahoma*

- 12 Nashville Unlimited Concert, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 16 *Church of the Epiphany Sherwood*
- 16 *St. Agnes' Mission Cowan*
- 16 Lessons and Carols, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 23 *Church of the Holy Comforter Monteagle*
- 23 *St. Bernard's Church Gruetli-Laager*
- 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

Coming soon...

The 176th Annual Convention
of the Episcopal Diocese
of Tennessee

January 25 and 26, 2008
St. Bartholomew's Church Nashville

Christ Church Cathedral

Presents

Mark Jarman, poet

reading from Epistles
as part of their

Sacred Space for the City Art Series

Tuesday October 16, 7:30 PM

This event is free and open to the public.
For more details, 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 Children and Youth

St. Ann's Church Nashville is seeking a person to work part-time with parish youth ranging from in-

fants to high school seniors. For a full job description and application information, call 615-254-3534.

Communications Coordinator

Christ Church Cathedral Nashville seeks a full-time PR and publications professional. Website management experience desirable. Send responses to Eileen Hosking at ehosking@christcathedral.org or call her at 615-255-7729 for more details.

Youth Choir Leader

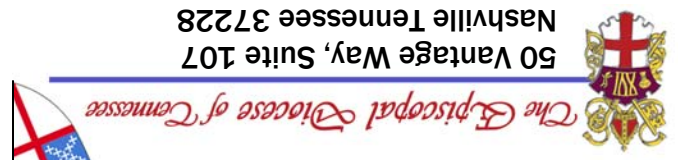
Otey Parish Sewanee has a position for the right person to start a Youth Choir. For more information, call Kell Owen at 931-598-5926.

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

**The November/December issue will be a double edition,
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Contact *Connections* with stories of extraordinary efforts.**

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