



St. George Episcopal Church's

Tip of the Lance

Gather, Discover, Serve

Week of Apr 23 -30, 2008

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST I

9 AM BREAKFAST

10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST AND HOLY CONFIRMATION

BISHOP DON JOHNSON

11:15 AM CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

11:30 AM RECEPTION FOR BISHOP JOHNSON & OUR NEW CONFIRMANDS

NO EYC

ST. GEORGE'S NURSERY IS AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN THROUGH AGE 3

Note: Items for the next TIP are **due Monday, Apr 28** to communications@stgeorgesgermantown.org. Please send a copy also to Kit Decker at Kit.decker@earthlink.net. ~Kit Decker, Publications Writer/Editor

Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation Sunday

10am Eucharist will welcome new members to our church family



Bishop Don Johnson will preside at the 10:00 am service to confer the rite of confirmation on our young people and members who have been attending the Confirmation Classes with Fr. Sturni in preparation for this event. We have approximately 9 youth and 2 adults preparing to be confirmed and one adult being reaffirmed

- The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a reception in honor of Bishop Don Johnson and our newest confirmands following the 10:00 am service.

Ted Morley and the Hospitality Committee ask all members of the parish to help with the Bishop's visit by bringing food for the reception (finger sandwiches, mini-quiches, vegetable/fruit trays, brownies/cookies, chips/dip, etc.) Let's all come together to make this a very special day.

Usher Appreciation Dinner Slated for Tomorrow

Church says “Thank You” to its Ushers

All ushers, those hardworking herders of the flock who pass out bulletins, help us find a seat and pass the plate, are being recognized for their faithful service to our church.

On Friday, April 25, beginning at 6 P.M., Curtis & Anne Higgins will host a dinner for the ushers at their home, located at 1996 Brandon Hall. The Higgins’ phone # is 755-3897.

All ushers are encouraged to attend; for more information, contact Tom Griffith, Usher Chair, at 756-7393 or via email to trgriffith2@comcast.net.

EYC Lock-In This Friday

Lots of fun and fellowship, but not a lot of sleep

The EYC of St. George’s will celebrate this weekend with a Lock-In, which begins here at church at 6 P.M.

The first activity on the schedule is a trip to see the St. George’s Independent School’s production of “Godspell,” followed by an exciting battle at Laser Quest. Then it’s back to church for ice cream sundaes, a movie and sleep (ha ha). The lock-in wraps up with breakfast and parent pick-up **no later than 9 A.M. Saturday, April 26.**

Be A Lifesaver, Sign Up For CPR Training

This Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon



On Saturday, April 26, from 9 A.M.-12 noon, the Health Ministry is sponsoring a CPR certification/recertification course in the Parish Hall.

The course instructor is Ms. Shirleatha Lee, RN/MSN, a certified CPR instructor. The fee for the course is \$40, and successful completion of the course certifies participants for two (2) years, and helps make our church a safer place for everyone.

Call the church office to register by Wednesday, April 23; if enough participants do not register, the course will be cancelled.

Sybil MacBeth: “The Visual Prayers of a Word-Wearied Prayerer”

Praying in Color Workshop, book signing, and exhibit at St. George’s May 3 & 4 SIGN UP NOW BEFORE SPACE RUNS OUT

St. George’s is honored to have Sybil MacBeth, wife of Calvary’s rector Andy MacBeth, and a published author, math teacher and spiritual pilgrim, for a workshop based on her text *Praying in Color* (available in the Book Shoppe).

The workshop, scheduled from 9 AM-12 noon, will offer insights into the techniques found in Ms. MacBeth’s book, and also allow participants opportunity for hands-on experiences. No artistic talent is necessary—just an open heart and searching spirit.



Registration for this event is required—you may register by calling the church office at 754-7282. The cost for the workshop is \$20.

Vacation Bible School is Only 40 Day Away

Help us power-up for Power Lab VBS

There are several ways you can help us get ready for VBS, which will take place Monday-Friday, June 9-13, from 9 A.M.-12 noon daily. Fees are \$20 per child, with a discount for siblings.

Like to be a “hands-on” helper in advance? The following VBS training/work days are planned:

- Wed, April 30 VBS Work Night* 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- **Open to all – we’ll be painting props, assembling bags, making name tags and lots more!
- Sat, May 17 Adult VBS Training, 1-3 pm in the Parish Hall
- Sun, June 1, Youth VBS Training, 12-2 pm in the Activity Center

We’re looking forward to an exciting program. Check out our VBS website for more information, to register your children, or to volunteer on line at <https://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/stgeorgesgermantown> or call Jen Matthews at 754-7282.

Science Donations Wanted!

These will be returned to you after VBS week. Here’s how it works: Pick an item you can donate, write the name of the item on an “atom,” and put the atom in the basket. Check the item off on the list. **Bring the item, labeled with your name, to the Parish Hall no later than Friday, June 6.**

Items needed:

Lab coats	Snorkels & masks (2 sets)	Cinder blocks (10)
<8 lb bowling ball	Small oscillating fans (2)	Rope lights – all colors
>13 lb bowling ball	Large oscillating fans (2)	Quart size spray bottles
Children’s wading pools	Children’s microscope	Pool noodles



OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP WITH VBS

There are things to do behind the scenes at home prior to VBS. If you can help, contact Jen Matthews at 754-7282.

Sponsor a child for \$20

Give \$10 for a soccer ball as part of our VBS Outreach Project for Kenyan children

Donate needed items:

- used water bottles
- appliance boxes
- unwanted CDs
- PVC tubing
- Dryer venting
- Pool noodles

The Giving Tree Supports Mission Trip

Outreach Ministry looking for support from Parish



St. George's is proud to be growing our relationship with the people of San Miguel de Allende as part of our international outreach focus.

The first mission trip, scheduled for June 20-30, will be dedicated to helping with construction and furnishings of our sister preschool.

We know that not everyone has the resources to make the trip, but we want everyone to have the opportunity to participate, so.....

Our Outreach Committee presents:

The Giving Tree

Help us purchase furnishings for our informal partner preschool, El Centro Infantil Child Development Center in San Miguel Allende. Select a furnishing from the tree and provide a donation. Our members, led by Jon Rindin, who are going on our Mission Trip in June will be assembling, painting and installing the furnishings at the Preschool.

Boater Education Class To Be Taught At St. George's



Instructors from the Memphis Sail and Power Squadron will offer the Tennessee Boat School Course on **Saturday, April 26 and May 3 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm**. This two-session course covers boating's rules of the road, safe handling, emergency procedures, and navigation which **meets the requirements for a Boating Education Certificate**. All children between the ages of 10-19 must possess a Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency certificate of education completion while operating a boat, seadoo, wave-runner or similar water sports vehicle. Course cost is \$15 for youth and adults and includes the textbook. Youth must also obtain a ticket from a major sporting goods store that sells hunting and fishing licenses to take the certification exam at the second session. Space is limited. Call Reese Austin, (901) 755-3665 or email raustin1@comcast.net to register for the class.

Upcoming Events

ST THOMAS BOYS' CHOIR IN CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S, MEMPHIS

Friday, April 25, 7:30 pm

The St. Thomas Boy Choir from New York will present a concert at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3245 Central Ave., Memphis. Tickets \$20, call 323-8597.

LIFELINE SCREENING COMING TO ST. GEORGE'S

Friday, April 25, 8 am to 4pm

Life Line Screening will be available at St. George's from to conduct screenings for Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis. **Pre-registration is required**. Call Life Line at 1-800-679-5192 to schedule your screening appointment. Sponsored by the Health Ministry Team of St. George's.



St. George's Night at the Redbirds

Tickets on sale this Sunday

St. George's Family Outing to the Redbirds will be after church, Sunday, May 18. We have a block of tickets at \$8.50 a seat. Gates open at 1pm and game time is 1:35pm. Call Jen Matthews at 754-7282 to order your tickets.

Have You Seen The Big Red Cans?

St. George's DOK recycles cans to buy food to raise animal awareness



You really can't miss it, and "PLEASE USE IT!" to recycle your drink cans. This conservation effort is a service project being initiated by the St. George's Chapter of the Daughters of the King. We want to follow the work begun in the Diocese of West Tennessee to care for the world in which we live.

DOK is first and foremost an order devoted to prayer, but prayer should lead to service. The project provides opportunity for our entire parish to be a part of the diocesan endeavor of "Creation Care".

Yes, we know there is no drink machine at the new St. George's-Germantown, but at every event with food, some people bring drinks in aluminum cans, and even though Germantown provides recycling service, many of you may want to bring your cans here to help the Memphis/Shelby County Humane Shelter.

One (1) pound of discarded cans will buy two (2) pounds of food for lost or strayed dogs and cats. Some people do not care for their animals properly by failing to have them spayed or neutered, so there are many more puppies and kittens in the Memphis/Germantown area than people willing to adopt them. In addition today, many people who have lost their homes have been forced to abandon their beloved pets. **WE CAN HELP OUR SHELTER** by simply placing our aluminum (only aluminum) drink cans in the **BIG RED CAN!**

Other Announcements, Events

Soccer Balls for Kenyan Children

This year's VBS Outreach Project will be to collect soccer balls to ship to children in Kenya. Fr. Kuria will come and bless the balls on Sunday, June 15. Your \$10 donation buys a soccer ball.

"Mothers in May" Family Night Plan now to join us for our May Family Night (first Wednesday, May 7 at 6-8pm). We'll be painting flowerpots and planting seeds to give as gifts. . Bring a salad to share.

Cathy White Is Recovering –Gus Wadlington

We are pleased to report that Cathy White come through her surgery with flying colors and all looks good. As a precautionary measure she will be undergoing Chemo weekly for the next six months. If you would like to send her a card her address is P O Box 12960 - Alexandria, LA 71315

Attendance

	2006	2007	2008
JAN	768	839	1044
FEB	835	1135	1295
MAR	1155	846	1770
APR	995	1020	779
	3753	3840	4888

To date, through the month of April, we saw an decrease in attendance of 24% and a 27% increase year to date, however, in 2006 and 2007, Easter was in April, where in 2008, Easter was in March.

April 19th, 76 attended the Chandelier Dedication and 69 attended the Clarinet concert.

Haven't You Always Wanted to Give Someone a Cow? A Sheep? A Water Buffalo? Deadline for gifts is May 4
Just two more Sundays to do so!



In gathering for Heifer International will be Sunday, May 4. We've collected \$ 774.03 (SGEP - \$500, Congregation - \$274.03). Don't forget to bring in your children's Arks as they fill up. Donations from adults are welcomed also. Birthday offerings from now through May 4 will also go to this project, offering envelopes available in the pews. Cards are available for honoring a friend or family member with a gift to Heifer Int'l. For information, call Jen Matthews at (901) 754-7282.



Immediate Opening for a Children's Chapel Coordinator and two teachers. Jen Matthews would be happy to talk with anyone interested about what this entails. Call her at 574-7282.

For the April schedule of Children's Sunday School, EYC and Adult Education topics see the Sunday School Schedule for April on the St. George's website at www.stgeorgesgermantown.org

Music Schedule for April & May

Sunday,	April 27,	10 a.m. -- Confirmation, Coventry Choir "If Ye Love Me" Tallis
Sunday,	May 4,	10 a.m. Youth Sunday, Exultemus!
Saturday,	May 10,	7:30 p.m. Germantown Community Chorus, show tunes, sacred music
Sunday,	May 11,	10 a.m. THE FEAST OF PENTECOST Coventry and Canterbury Choirs, "Lone, Wild Bird" (Heather van Stolk and Megan Gallagher, soloists), and "O Spirit, All-Embracing" Martinson

Looking Ahead – Mark Your Calendar Now

- May 4 (Sun) –** 10:00 am *YOUTH SUNDAY* – Heifer International In-gathering
9:00 to 12:00 Book Signing with Sybil MacBeth
11:30 am Youth Patio Party
3:30 pm DOK May Meeting, Holy Eucharist and Reception
- May 7 (Wed) –** 6:00 pm Family Night “Mothers in May”
- May 9 (Fri) -** 6:30 pm *Lancers* at Pete & Thelma Pinckney’s home
- May 10 (Sat) -** 7:30 pm Germantown Chorus Concert & Reception
Fr Peter Kuria’s graduation from Memphis Theological Seminary
- May 13 (Tues) –** 7:00pm Book Club at Cindy Sturni’s, [A Thousand Splendid Suns](#)
- May 14 (Wed) –** 5:30pm Canterbury Choir End of Year Party, St. Cecilia Choir final rehearsal
7:00 pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew’s Brotherhood Night at Sturni home
- May 16 (Fri) -** 9:30 am SGEPC Celebration – Last day of classes
- May 17 (Sat) -** 1:00 pm Adult VBS Station Leader Training
5:00 pm Coventry Choir End of Year Party at Humes’

Prayer List

Please Pray For . . .

Updated April 24, 2008

Myrtle Cook, Jane, James Gentry, Claude Cook, Francis Lesperance, Sherry Walker, Susan Cabaniss Robert Whyte, John, Mark Goodman, Syrilla Moore, Vivian Robinson, Kay Easson, Carol Francisco, Chris Beach, Nancy Williams, Bill, Curt Burkett, Gary Hunt, Kelley, Katherine Herring, Karen Kibby, Kim, Catherine Fitzmaurice, Kathy, Sylvia, Lawrence Boltz, Jerry Martin, Aarin Stephens, Wes Morgan, the Cummins family, Dennis, Valarie Ott, Phyllis Bailey, Helen O’Brien, Ruth Thorsberg, Herb White, Carolyn Horton, Thomas Lambert, Joy Randolph, Greg, John Daniels, Mica Harris, David Couch, Pete Tucci, Ellen Walker, Bob Vermillion, Glenn Mitchell, Glenda Davidson, Caroline Turns, Ted Denning, Stephen Gates, Michelle Cortese, Paul Green, Jeff Jones, E.A. Carmean, Bob Dubey, George and Nancy Mellios, Earl Myers Welch, Dennis Griffin, Elizabeth Mosley, Brayden Prater, Karen Crouch, A.C. Sisk, Jean Hoyt, Dana Oswalt, Olivia Sigman, Dale Crow, Nancy Morris, Denise Gilmartin, Carl Davis, Raybon Hawkins, Diane Lawler, Alice Saunders, Barbara Okpavec, Stanley Sampson Sr., Barbara Blumenfeld, Fay Turley, Marian Blumenfeld, Donna Bettison, David Mattox, Kathy White, Andrew Christopher and Elizabeth Pinckney-Moreton.

These names are remembered daily by the Daughters of the King and the Parish Rector. If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please contact us at communications@stgeorgesgermantown.org