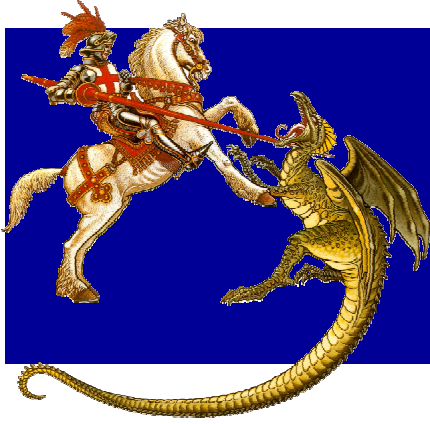


Week of May 22-28, 2008

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Note: Items for the next TIP are due **Monday, May 26**. You may send stories by clicking the Contact Us button above. Please send a copy also to Kit Decker at Kit.decker@earthlink.net.

~Kit Decker, Publications Writer/Editor

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 25**

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

9 AM PARISH BREAKFAST

**10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST II WITH RECOGNITION OF
MINISTRY LEADERS**

11:30 AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Ministry Appreciation This Sunday

Parish says "Thank You" to Ministry Leaders, No Sunday School

As we head into the summer months, we want to recognize and celebrate our ministry leaders here at St. George's for their commitment, efforts and dedication to God's service. All ministry leaders will be recognized at the 10 am service on May 25. Please mark your calendars and plan to be here to express your appreciation to these special individuals

The Next Opportunity for Baptisms Will be Sunday, June 1

If you have a candidate to present for baptism, please call the church office.

Father's Day Jazz Brunch Tickets On Sale This Sunday

Brotherhood of St. Andrew to host the event and sell tickets

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be hosting a special Jazz Brunch for fathers and their families on June 15. The brunch will feature an impressive menu which is still being worked on. The Brunch will also have live music as well. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday so keep your eyes and ears open. Another email will be sent to the Parish with more specific information in a day or so.

Daughters of the King to Host Quiet Day Next Sunday

Day recognizes Jesus' command to renew relationship with God

On Saturday, May 24, 2008, the St. George's Chapter of the Daughters of the King will host a Quiet Day at St. George's Germantown lead by The Reverend Bindy Snyder. The purpose of this day is to follow Jesus' instructions to his apostles when he said, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31). The schedule (from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm) will be designed to give refreshment to the body, soul, and spirit. All women of the parish are invited to attend and renew their personal relationship with their God.

Lunch tickets are \$5.00 per person

There will be an opportunity to register for "Quiet Day" and buy a lunch ticket before and after services (8:,10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.) on Sundays May 11 and 18 or contact Birdie Barker (birdieb2230@bellsouth.net) no later than Tuesday, May 20.



What's Going On At St. George's

Events this week

This Weekend We Pause to Remember

All those we have loved: family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, those nearby and far away, and those who gave their lives in service to our country.

Office Closed Monday

The Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

VBS Cookout and Work Party

Any and all are welcome! Memorial Day VBS Work Party at Church- Cookout! 3-6p May 26, Mon. Bring your paint brush, saw and meat to grill. BYOB too. Sides and dessert provided. Food, fellowship, and fun getting VBS DONE! RSVP to Jenny 233-8270 by this Friday, May 23.



Children's Chapel & Sunday School Teachers Recognized Last Sunday

These people gave their time and talents to educating St. George's Youth about Christ

Children's Chapel Teachers:

Amy Chiozza
Cindy Eggleston
Jen Matthews
Christian and Jennifer Mueller
Krista Cowan
Megan Gallagher
Melanie Jaeger

Grapple Teachers (4th-6th):

Jeff Cummins
Sarah Bettendorf
Jen Matthews
Bob Matthews

PK:

Tracey Black
Anne Higgins
Elizabeth Sellers

K/1st:

Sarah Neudeck
Cindy Sturni
Betsy Lambert

2nd/3rd:

Pat Gallagher
Melanie Lobo
Christian Mueller

You Can Still Register For Vacation Bible School

Help us power up for Power Lab VBS, Sponsor needy children



Tell your friends and neighbors, we've still got lots of places left in our "Power Lab" VBS June 9-13, only 26 children have registered so far for the 50 spaces available. What better way is there for children to spend the hours from 9 – 12 daily, than in the challenging and fun-filled activities we have planned for them? Registration cost is only \$20 per child (sibling discount). Don't have children? Sponsor a child who otherwise could not have this experience. Ministry groups and parishioners are asked to help us provide scholarships for children from Emmanuel Center, schools and other groups. Do you have time to be a hands-on helper for VBS or in preparation for VBS? The following VBS training/work days are planned:

- Sat, May 17, Adult Station Leader Training, 1-3 pm in Meeting Room B
- Mon, May 26, VBS Cookout & Work Party at Jen & Bob Matthews' home
- Sun, June 1, Youth Station Assistant Training, 12-2 pm in Activity Center
- Sun, June 8, Setting Up and Decorating for VBS from 4-6 pm

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.

Sunday School Year Ends, Children's Chapel Continues

The Sunday School children brought flowers and gifts for their teachers last Sunday, and served them breakfast. As we close out the Sunday School year, we thank our teachers for their time and dedication over the past months. Children's Chapel will continue through the summer for children ages 3 through 2nd grade in the Godly Play Room. Fifty persons attended the Year End Family Outing to the Redbird's game last Sunday; and the Redbird's won

EYC Takes A Break

EYC will not meet on Sunday, May 25, because it is Memorial Day weekend, and so many people will be out of town. Over the summer, we will meet approximately every other week. A calendar of events will be distributed as soon as it is finalized. Thanks to all of you for your attendance and support of the youth group over the past several months. We are in the process of conducting a search for a new youth director, and we will keep you updated. If you have any questions, you may contact Melia Murphy or Sandra Thompson-Jaeger.

Office Volunteers Needed For Summer

Mary Alice Olinger is assisting our administrative staff to recruit volunteer receptionists for the church office for this summer. If you have some time to contribute to this effort, please call her (685-5752). If you can give a few hours 1 or 2 days for a week, 2 weeks, 4 week, whatever – we'll work around your vacation plans! It's important to have someone at the desk to greet visitors, answer phones and assist our office staff; if you can help out, let Mary Alice know so she can schedule you in.



Be A Good Steward, Conserve

If you are in charge of an activity in the church, or just the last participant to leave, please be sure to turn off lights when your activity is ended. Leaving lights burning results in our giving to MLGW what we could be giving to God.

The Giving Tree – Donations at \$2000. and Counting

Branching out for our preschool partner in San Miguel

Last Sunday we enjoyed a visit by Claudia and Paco Vilchis. Claudia is Director of the El Centro Infantil Child Development Center in San Miguel Allende and was here to observe and meet with SGEP Director, Heather Crawford. Paco, a warden at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in San Miguel Allende, spoke about the Day of the Dead outreach trip to San Miguel.

Help us purchase furnishings for our informal partner preschool. Select a furnishing from the tree and provide a donation. Our members who are going on our Mission Trip in June will be assembling, painting and installing the furnishings at the Preschool.



Fr. Sturni with Claudia and Paco Vilchis.



So far, the generosity of our members and friends has enabled us to purchase 37 children's chairs, 3 teacher's chairs, 8 child's tables, 1 teacher's table, 2 bookshelves, 1 principal's desk, 1 playhouse and school supplies. Items still available on our giving tree are 3 children's chairs (which can be purchased individually or in groups of 2 or 3) children's tables, 1 teacher's tables, 1 bookshelf and school supplies.

Collection & Distribution of Outreach Funds

Over \$20,000 distributed to worthy causes since Jan. 1, 2008

A church's mission is not just about its own needs, or growth, or education, but also about how we share what we have with others through our Outreach Projects. Here's a listing of our Outreach collections and funds disbursed or ready to be disbursed from January 1 to May 20, 2008.

- Antiques Arcade **\$10,179.66** to be disbursed among these organizations: Emmanuel Center, MIFA, Church Health Center, Bridges, Samaritan Counseling Center
- Bishop's Discretionary fund **\$649.50**
- Crook Trust to Russian Orphanage **\$2,799.00**
- Fr. Peter Kuria **\$1,200.00**
- Heifer International **\$610.47** (Church donations) + **\$500.00** from SGEP
- Mexico Mission (El Centro Infantil) **\$2,600.00**
- MIFA Soup-er Bowl collection **\$524.83**.
- Rectors Discretionary Fund **\$1,420.00** to people with special circumstances in need of food, gas, rent or MLGW assistance.
- VBS Sponsorships **\$102.00**
- VBS Soccer balls **\$40**

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.

Tri-Church Golf Tournament Tees Off June 23

Get your team together and sign up now



Date: Monday, June 23

Location: Windyke Country Club

Times: 2 tee times (8 AM and 1 PM)—shotgun start

Fee: \$75, which includes lunch, green fee, cart, driving range

Checks made payable to Germantown Presbyterian Church

Checks can be turned in to the church office, along with registration forms

Volunteers are needed to drive beverage carts, help with sign-ins at 8 AM and 1 PM, run the putting contest and 2 par 3 contests.

People interested in playing in the tournament should contact David George (david@mwgsales.com), and people interested in volunteering for the event, or making a donation of goods or services for a door prize, should contact Verlinda

Bookshoppe News

Local Artist's Work On Sale

The dictionary defines small as an adjective or sometimes an adverb but never as a noun. So, we hope you'll forgive us for taking liberties and making that word a noun. You see, we have in the shop some really nice "smalls" which I'd like to talk about today. Sometimes when we are visiting someone who is our hostess, or who is ill, or confined, or low in spirits, we want to take them some small thing, not expensive but unique, spiritually uplifting, having some meaning for them. Listed below are a few of our "smalls", all under \$10, which you might want to consider as a little gift:

- Joseph Shomali's Comfort Cross in olive wood from Bethlehem. It comes in own box with a quote from scripture on the back and really is a comfort to hold in one's hand.
- Beautiful laminated book markers in vivid colors including a biblical quote.
- Dog Psalms and Cat Psalms, lovely little books for the animal lover.
- Icon refrigerator magnets.
- For the tea drinker, an Agnes Stark tea caddy (that used tea bag is always a problem).
- There are so many more but, hopefully, you will have an idea of the small, unique items we have on hand. New things arrive almost daily so do visit us often. Our hours are 10 to 2 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9 to 12:30 on Sundays. We are available by appointment all other days by contacting Louise Deans at 754-3942, Carol Ann Rockett at 754-9755 or Barbara Bongard at 755-2351.



In case you wondered, our overhead is low, there are no paid employees, and all profits go to the church. So, when you shop with us, you are helping the church. We hope you feel as good about that as we do. Come see us.

Art of the Icon Exhibit Comes to St. Georges June 1



American artist Mary Jane Miller, who makes her home in San Miguel de Allende, GTO, Mexico and Sante Fe, New Mexico, will have an exhibit of her work at the St. George's Art Gallery, St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 S. Germantown Road in Germantown. The exhibit, running June 1 to July 20, will also include icons from the personal collections of Episcopal priests and lay persons. All are welcome at the opening reception on Tuesday, June 3 at 4pm.

Ms. Miller was commissioned to create the icon of St. George, which hangs prominently in the nave at St. George's as a memorial for former parishioner Betty McCall. Examples of her other work can be viewed on her website at www.sanmiguelicons.com.

Music News

“ Oh, Say, Can You See ...” *Choir to Sing at Redbirds Game*

The Coventry Choir has been invited to sing the National Anthem for the Redbirds game, **Friday, June 27 at 7 p.m.** (first pitch 7:05 p.m.). This is Germantown night. If you wish to sing with the choir for this event, you and family may attend for free, and we need to know how many singers need tickets, very soon. Call Angela Saunders (754 -7282) as soon as possible if you will sing and need tickets. Hear the audition tape on the St. George's website.



The Coventry Choir needs to borrow St. George's Groundbreaking t-shirts for their debut with the Memphis Redbirds on June 27. If you have a shirt to lend, please let Angela Saunders know, and give the size. Contact her at music@stgeorgesgermantown.org, or call 754-7282 x.33 (she will be out of the office until June 1, but please leave a message).

You're invited to join “Choir Lite”

Summer Choir begins Sunday, June 1. Just show up at 9 a.m. in the church and we'll take care of the rest. You can sing any Sunday -- just show up! If you want to preview each month's music, we will meet on the following schedule:

Wed., May 21 -- 8 p.m. for June music (the Coventry Choir meets at 7 p.m.)

Wed., July 2 -- 7 p.m. for July music

Wed., July 30 - 7 p.m. for August music

These meetings will be in the choir room, and are optional.

Choirs Celebrate at End of Year Parties

[Photos on Angela's desk] The Canterbury Choir finished a very successful year with a treasure hunt and pizza party. Two teams searched for clues around the church to win prizes. Here is a sample of the clues: "Suffer little children", "bawl" room, "Ding, dong!" Can you locate these places?

“Kitchen Crew” of the Coventry Choir readies the potluck dinner.

Sign up now for June 8, 22 & 29 Romanian Icon Art Workshop

Workshop will teach one of the oldest forms of Christian Art

Fr. John Moloney, former rector of Grace-St. Lukes. will teach a three-session workshop on creating Romanian Icon Art. Romanian iconology is reverse oil painting on glass. This class will use acrylics. Fr. Moloney will prove that if you can draw a crooked line and a lopsided circle and find it difficult to read directions, you too can paint a Romanian icon. Fr. Moloney has taught several liturgical art classes on Romanian iconology, Celtic illuminations, and calligraphy. The three classes run June 8, 22, and 29 after the 5:30 pm Sunday service (6:45-8:45 pm). The cost of \$75 will cover all supplies and dinner before each workshop (\$60 w/o dinner). Call the church office at 754-7282 by June 4, to register for the class.



Attendance Report 2006/2007/2008

	2006	2007	2008
JAN	768	839	1044
FEB	835	1135	1295
MAR	1155	846	1770
APR	1177	1489	1044
MAY	664	698	800
Totals	4599	5007	5953

For the month of May, we saw an increase in attendance of 19% and a 19% increase year to date.

151 people attended the Germantown Chorus concert May 10.

Community Events

Here is what is going on around town

Mullins “Summer Stage” Presents a Summer Theater Program for Children ages 6-12.

Weekly sessions from May 27 through August 8 from 9-3 Mon-Fri and provides training for young thespians in the art of theater, including drama, music, choreography, improv, costume design, set construction, and script writing and concludes with an end of summer performance. Located at Mullins United Methodist Church, 4 North Mendenhall, Memphis. See poster on the Parish Hall bulletin Board. Call 681-9217 for information, registration and fee schedule.

Next St. Clare Silent Retreat for Women is June 6

The 1st Friday half-day Silent Retreat for Women will be Friday, June 6 at 8:30 am.

This month's retreat will be led by Ron Delbene, poet, artist, author of books and videos, spiritual leader and Episcopal priest. Cost is \$20 which includes morning coffee and lunch. For reservations call Dana Sue Percer, 829-3251. Make checks payable to St. Claire Retreats and mail to Dana Sue Percer, 8921 Pleasant Ridge Road, Arlington, TN 38002. Reservations requested by June 2; next retreat will be Sept. 5.

Upcoming Parish Events

Mark your calendars, You won't want to miss these

Thurs, May 29	6:30 pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew at Fino Villa; fundraiser for Relay for Life
Sun, June 1	10:00 am Holy Eucharist II with Baptism "Art of the Icon" Exhibit opens in St. George's Art Gallery
Tues, June 3	4:00 pm "Art of the Icon" Reception
Fri, June 6	8:30 am St. Clare Silent Retreat, St. Columba Center
Sun, June 8	11:30 am EFM Sunday 12:00 pm EYC Outing (Boaz cabin) 3:30 pm DOK Monthly Meeting 5:30 pm Romanian Icon Art Workshop & Dinner
Mon, June 9 -13	9:00 am – 12:00 noon "POWER LAB" Vacation Bible School
Tues, June 10	7:00 pm Book Club at Charlotte Hayes' home; book selection for 2008/9
Fri, June 13	6:30 pm Lancers at Curtis & Anne Higgins' home
Sun, June 15	10:00 am VBS Presentation and Blessing of the Soccer Balls w/ Fr. Kuria 11:30 am Jazz Brunch on the Apperson Terrace
Fri, June 20	Mission Trip to El Centro Infantil departs
Sun, June 22	6:30 pm Icon Workshop & Dinner
Mon, June 23	8am & 1pm Tri-Church Golf Tournament at Wyndyke Course
Fri, June 27	7:00 pm St. George's Choir Night at the Redbirds

Prayer List

Please Pray For . . .

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 Kibbe, 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, Caroline Turns, Ted Denning, Stephen Gates, Michelle Cortese, 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, Barbara Blumenfeld, Fay Turley, Marian Blumenfeld, Donna Bettison, David Mattox, Kathy White, Elizabeth Moreton, Karen Whyte, Robert W. Nissen and Bill Bettison.