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THE SADDLEBAGS ARE MOVING — PASS 'EM ON!

This year's stewardship campaign is arriving by Pony Express and most of you are asked to take part in the Trail Ride.



The parish began “riding for stewardship” last Sunday, launching the Pony Express program. Every parish family becomes a “Trail Rider,” passing along a saddlebag filled with information about the annual operating needs of the church from household to household.

By now those saddlebags should be close to the middle of their journeys. Each will have about 10 stops to make before making it back to the Trail Boss.

When you receive the saddlebag, look over the information in the envelope addressed to you. Prayerfully consider and fill out your Estimate of Giving card as well as a Time and Talent survey. Put those back in the envelope and seal it for privacy, dropping the envelope in the pocket on the other side of the saddlebag. Then give the next recipient a call and deliver it there as soon as mutually convenient.

So keep those saddlebags moving. They're due back at the ranch – routes completed – by October 14th. *We'll be much obliged, pardners!*

Don Rossman, Pony Express Chair

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CONSECRATION DATE MOVED TO DECEMBER 1 LETTER FROM DAVID GEORGE, BUILDING CHAIR

Despite the best efforts of all the construction crews, the building will not be ready for our originally planned Consecration date on November 3. Most of the cause of this delay was due to the large wooden trusses in the Nave and Narthex.

These unique members were two months late arriving and have taken longer to finish than anticipated. The crews have worked hard to catch up on the completion of the trusses, but in the end were not able to expedite this process.

I do feel that these trusses are what help to make these spaces magnificent and are well worth the wait. After a meeting with our Construction Manager and Architect I have asked Father Sturni to move the Consecration date to December 1, which is a date that they feel can be reasonably met with the work that is left to complete.

I would like thank all of the members of our church family that have helped to make our new church home a reality. The amount of time, love, and talent that have been poured into this process is almost overwhelming and I feel that the new building reflects all of this effort.

Thank you for your patience and I pray that God continues to bless the construction of our new home. David

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MOVING OUT OF POPLAR, INTO NEW CHURCH

Because of the change of the move in date from November 3 to December 1, we have adjusted our transition schedule in the following ways:

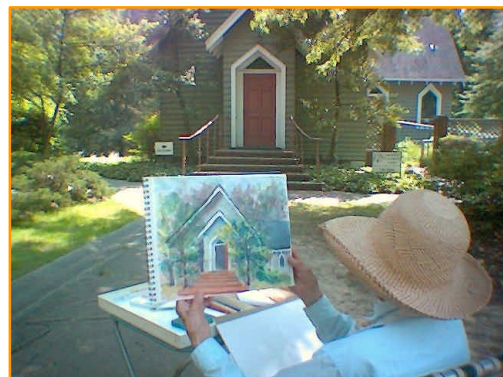


1) MOVING CHAIR LISE VAN STOLK WILL ASK FOR YOUR HELP. NEW DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED. .

2) THE LAST SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL BE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 8AM

(usual Rite I format), AND ALSO **Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 21** (Evening Prayer with Canon Carmean) at 7pm, and **Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22** (Morning Prayer with Canon Carmean) at 10am.

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3) ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 IN THE MORNING, THERE WILL BE ONE SINGLE SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER AT 10:30AM (NO 8AM EUCHARIST), with no sermon, nor music. To be frank, this is the minimal observance of the Sunday morning obligation. The main parish Eucharist for this Sunday will be at 5:30 pm with Bishop Johnson (see below). Those attending in the morning are invited to wear work clothes, and from the Poplar site go over to the new church to help the continuing process of moving in and tidying up in preparation for the consecration.



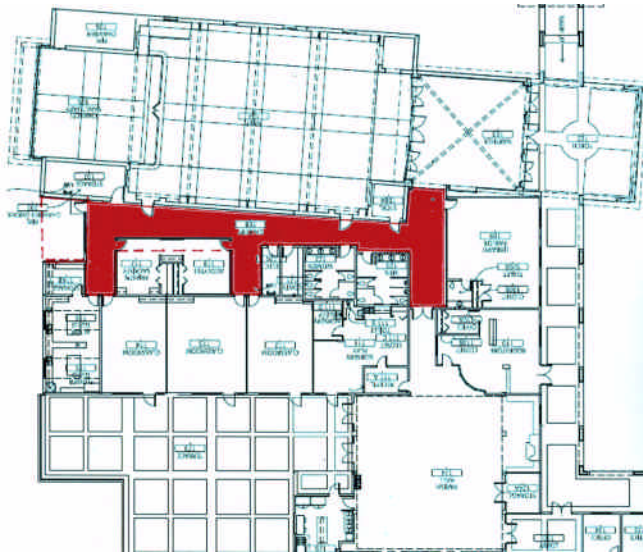
4) ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, AT 5:30PM, BISHOP JOHNSON WILL PRESIDE AT THE FINAL EUCHARIST IN THE CURRENT BUILDING, and at its conclusion read the Declaration of Secularization. The Choir will be present. Because the 25th is within Thanksgiving vacation and many will be gone, there will be no reception following the 5:30 service. People are invited to visit informally with the Bishop and each other, and bid farewell to our beloved building where on so many occasions God was known, worshipped and obeyed.

RECENT VESTRY ACTIONS

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Drew Murphy, Senior Warden

Anne Leonard, Junior Warden



At their regular monthly meeting on September 25, the Vestry, among other actions:

1) Approved a new standing committee of the Vestry called **“The Gallery Committee,”** the draft purpose of which “is to promote the role of the visual arts as they celebrate the full range of human spirituality locally, nationally and internationally.” The goal for the committee is “to stimulate the production of art, and an appreciation of the humanizing role of art in daily life throughout the community.” The Rector appointed Missy George as Chair.

It is proposed that

- the committee meet quarterly or more often as necessary;
 - normally plan a year long schedule consisting in exhibits lasting an average of two months;
 - undertake work funded by grants and special contributions to promote the arts with special emphasis on children and local budding artists.
- 2) At the same time a **“Liturgical Arts Guild”** was created as a program group, with Vestryperson Amy Morse as Chair. This group will continue the work begun by the “Worship and Arts” group which was one of the early Building Project committees, and the Interior Design Committee, but which will focus on liturgical decoration and enhancement for specific services and worship events after the building is completed.

A number of people have expressed interest in the work of these committees.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Rector.



**ANTIQUES ARCADE COMMITTEE CHAIRS
PREPARE FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT TO BE HELD
NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11 AT THE
GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

1900 So. GERMANTOWN ROAD

Mary Thorsberg, Committee Co-Chair, says “This event takes lots of volunteers; there will be opportunities for everyone to participate.”



Bill Thorsberg, Co-Chair, explains that because of the move this year to the Centre (necessitated by the delay in the construction of our new buildings), there is a shift in the volunteer slots to be filled. Because of Centre rules regarding catering, maintenance and food preparation (they have no kitchen big enough for our needs, for instance) this year we need no wine stewards * no kitchen cooks * no teardown crew

BUT there are needs for

- Ticket takers to help serve tables during the show and the preview party,
- Bake Sale helpers to sell baked goods during the show
- Helpers for Kenny Kyle with The Silent Auction
- Helpers for PR/Communications - including printing & mailings
- And helpers at the site and in the parking lots to give directions and answer questions
- Volunteers to put yard signs in their yards (especially important this year because of the location change)

OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE NEW CHURCH

Our other needs at this time are for help moving the weekend of Oct. 26,27,28 — but longer term, these:

- Office Receptionists — This is truly a BIG need: Training will be provided. This is not difficult work, and days and times are flexible. Any time you could give, even if sporadic, would be much appreciated.
- People who can help with website design and maintenance
- Sunday School and Youth Group helpers and chaperones
- Carpenters / woodworkers / handymen for odd jobs, especially as we move into the new church
- Arts and Crafts — help with the Liturgical Arts group and/or with a variety of projects, e.g., keeping up attractive displays around the new church
- Audio and Visual technicians. We will train. We will have state of the art sound, lighting and video systems in the new church / Help is also needed for Exultemus! performances



3) The Vestry gave approval to the recommendation of the Columbarium Committee, seconded by the Building Steering Committee, to **locate the new Columbarium just to the right of the Porte Cochere** near the main entry of the church. The Columbarium, in the same configuration as it is presently, will be installed, with the present niches, furniture and memorial indicators, after the rest of the construction process is completed. We thank Ken Weid, Chair, David Olinger and Gus Wadlington, for shepherding this project to this good resolution.

4) Received the second report on, and gave approval to join in an application to the City of Germantown for a use on appeal, supported by city staff, with Barbara Apperson and the immediate abutting neighbor to the Apperson property, to use part of the Apperson property for a group in formation called **The Tennessee Shakespeare Festival**. The church would allow parking, use of some rooms during the week and restrooms for outdoor Shakespearean plays in October of 2008. Look for more news on this exciting project as time goes on.



A NEW CHURCH. . .

A NEW MISSION STATEMENT

~ by Verlinda Henning, Vestry member

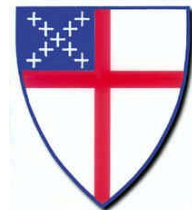
As we at St. George's prepare for the move into our new building and an exciting year of worship, service and fellowship, one of the cornerstones will be our new Mission Statement:

GATHER DISCOVER SERVE

We gather at God's table

We share a journey of discovery

We rejoice in serving others through the grace of God in Christ



Gathering incorporates our community's weekly worship life around the Lord's Table and our fellowship life around dinner tables, whether at Lancers, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Grace & Gravy groups, Flying Solo or numerous other events.

Our **journey of discovery** reflects our Christian formation and spiritual growth programs, including the Sunday School, small groups such as Education for Ministry (EFM), adult education and special seasonal opportunities, including devotional books written by our membership, "quiet mornings" for reflection, and speakers who share their faith stories with us and challenge us to reflect on our lives as persons of faith.

Finally, **servng others** includes our efforts to Feed the Hungry through our school-based kitchen in Mexico, and ministries of outreach, both locally through programs such as our annual food drive to benefit The Food Bank in conjunction with our Boy Scouts, our collection of school supplies for the children of Emmanuel Center, and the Antiques Arcade, which benefits several local charities, including MIFA and the Church Health Center.

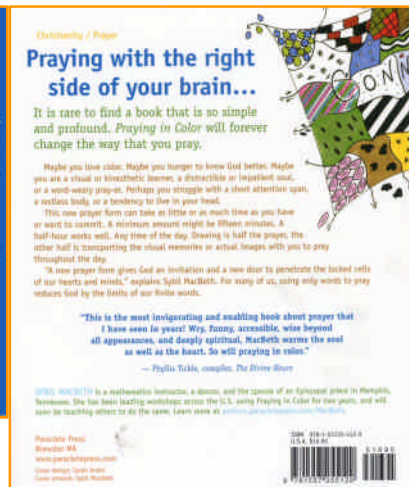
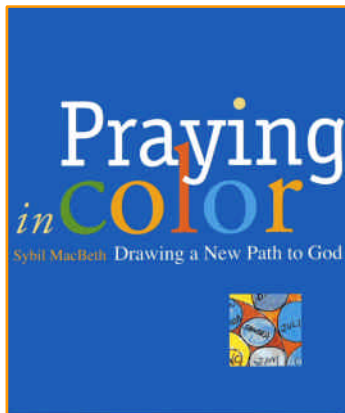
Our Mission Statement, in conjunction with our new church, will serve as the starting point for our resurrected life as part of Christ's Church on earth. May all we do and say, as representatives of our Lord and St. George's, reflect these values and serve to help others experience God's love.

** Passed by the Vestry, February, 2007*

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

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PRESENTED BY THE BOOKSHOPPE



PRAYING IN

COLOR is a book by local author Sybil MacBeth. The title refers to a prayerful kind of “doodling,” that causes our minds to linger over a person, or our address book, or a particular joy. A number of us met with Sybil at the Rectory recently and produced some drawings that were given to Helen O’Brien during her illness. We hope to have Sybil give a workshop and display some of her book illustrations in our new Gallery in January.



LOCAL CHILDREN’S BOOKS AUTHOR LAURIE PARKER AT ST. GEORGE’S ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, FOLLOWING THE MAIN EUCHARIST.

Check out her website at: <http://www2.netdoor.com/~lauriep/afor/angels.html>



FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

(Continued)

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCHMEN CAPTURE THE "BUCKET"

Seventeen men from St. George's won honors at the 61st conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee. St. George's attendance was large enough to overflow a cabin at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle and win this year's "bucket" trophy for bringing the largest percentage of its parish to the conference among West Tennessee Churches.



Bishop Johnson with Charles



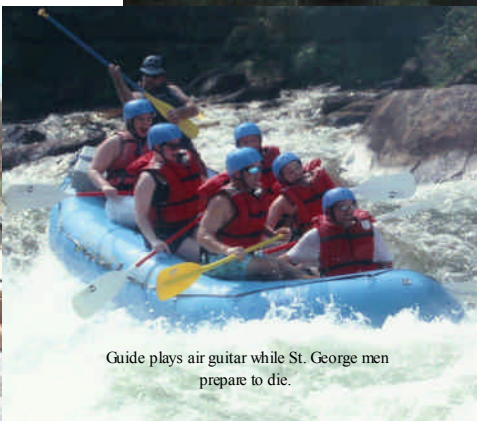
Bob Matthews was elected regional vice president-elect for ECT. The three-day conference will be scheduled again for next August.

For the full story with more additional photos, read Bob Mathews story on the church website at www.stgeorgesgermantown.org/

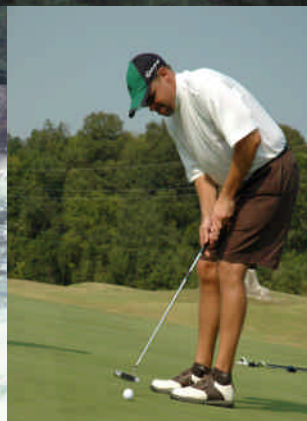
The 2007 program emphasized fellowship, worship and presentations about the work of Episcopalians to improve the plight, health and education of children from Central America to Africa to Tennessee. Oh yes: There was also time for golf, white water rafting, swimming and such, as well as relaxing evenings on the cabin porch.



Bishop Barth enjoys a soda with George and a cigar with Brent



Guide plays air guitar while St. George men prepare to die.



WATCH FOR "BIBLE, BURGER AND BEER" MEN'S GROUP GATHERINGS, AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF SAINT ANDREW

FAITH FORMATION

"We're not trying to overcrowd your calendar— we only want to help deepen your faith."

Adult Education Committee

Family Life Committee

Youth Council, Sandra Thompson-Jagger, Chair

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Friends, As we've watched the trusses go up in the new church, and the studs and framing rise, and sheet rock and paint go on, the old spiritual from Ezekiel comes to mind: "The head bone's connected to da neck bone, ...the leg bone's connected to the foot bone," till the whole skeleton is put together. Then the body gets muscle, tendons and ligament — meat— on "dem dry bones" —

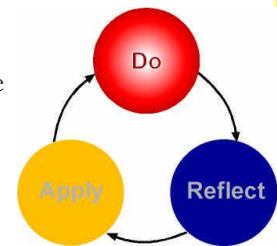
and they shake, rattle, and roll down on into the valley.

The word "religion" has its roots in joining together parts of a corporate body: Practicing "re-ligion" is about "re-ligamenting" the body — strengthening connections, in our case, with each other and with God in Christ. Gathering together around the Altar in Christian fellowship, coming together to discover our mystical roots in God, joining together in servant ministry to meet human need, (so our motto "Gather, Discover, Serve") are ways we practice our faith, our religion. Faith is not primarily intellectual assent to propositions, but mostly "practice" —action in one mode or another, including prayer— that puts sinews and ligaments on the otherwise dry and arid bones of "belief" (understood only as a set of propositions or philosophy). When we gather, discover and serve, we are transformed, the Body of Christ grows stronger and the church fulfills its mission.

The Pony Express can help put some meat and muscle on the body. We are growing — Margaret Morely says 69 people will be invited to a newcomer reception at the Bakers on October 21 — and so we want to offer consistent, imaginative, well planned programs for all who will worship at St. George's. This takes resources, which hopefully be in hand.

Another way of putting some meat on the body is offering adult education programs of real interest and impact. As adults are involved in learning and formation, that interest will spill over and trickle down among our teenagers and young children and will be reflected in Christian service. The results of our recent adult ed questionnaire —still being compiled — will be reported in a future edition of the Lance. Responsive programming, combined possibly with a proposed new schedule (see p. 11) will put more meat on the bones.

I recently saw a bulletin from St. James Episcopal Church in New York City. Over the calendar section was the note *"We're not trying to overcrowd your calendar— we only want to help deepen your faith."* Adult Education programs, and all the activities of the parish, are there to bring us together, to give this Body some muscle and strength, now that the skeleton is up. *"We're not trying to overcrowd your calendar— we only want to help deepen your faith —" so we also may shake, rattle and roll.* GKS



SAINT FRANCIS DAY 2007

ATTENDANCE

Caroline Brown, Verger and Chair

For the month of September 2007 we enjoyed a total attendance of 1051 which was an increase of 23% above our attendance in September 2006 and year to date we are 9% above our attendance in 2006.



	2006	2007
JAN	768	839
FEB	835	1135
MAR	1155	846
APR	1177	1,489
MAY	861	874
JUNE	749	779
JULY	888	968
AUG	833	855
SEPT	856	1,051
OCT		
TOTALS	8122	8836

"...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds . . . encouraging one another, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near" (Heb. 10:25).

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

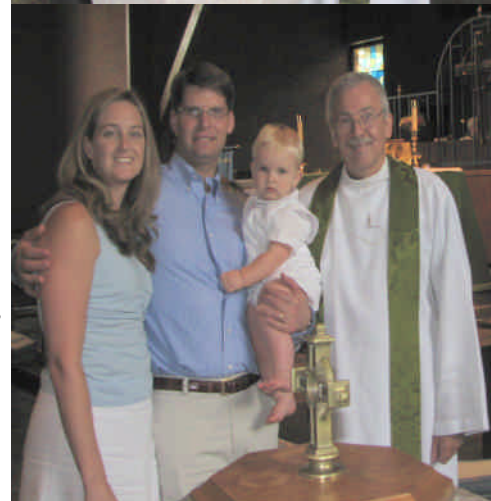
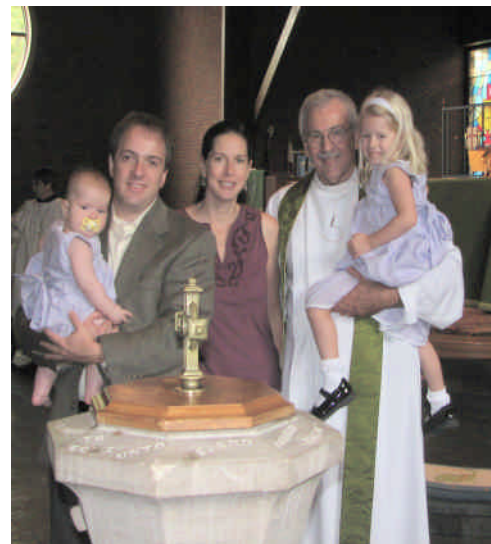
Baptism: Nolan Andrew Bernard, son of Sarah and Matthew Bernard on August 19, 2007; Ava Lisette Lange and Helena Anne Lange, daughters of Patricia and Daniel Lange on August 19, 2007; Daniel Carl Lange on August 19, 2007

Marriage: Wheeler Stephanie Morris to Alberto Luis Alcala on July 7, 2007; Julia Page Robbins to Paul Edward Humble on July 28, 2007; Karla Sue Backus Chaffins to Harry Steven Morris on August 18, '07

Transfer In: William and Robin Wilson and Lisa Harrison from All Saints Memphis; Nancy Ligon from St. Mary's Cathedral Memphis; Michael and Deborah Kuykendall from Holy Communion, Memphis

Transfer Out: Karen and Phillip Scott to Holy Communion Memphis; Walter and Patricia Meginniss to St. John's, Tallahassee, FL; Tom, Stephanie, Katlyn, Meredith and Nathaniel Kerlin to St. Philip's Memphis ; John Tait to St. John's Memphis

Deaths: Glenn E. Horton on June 14, 2007; Paul Clark, August 18, 2007



RECENT VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

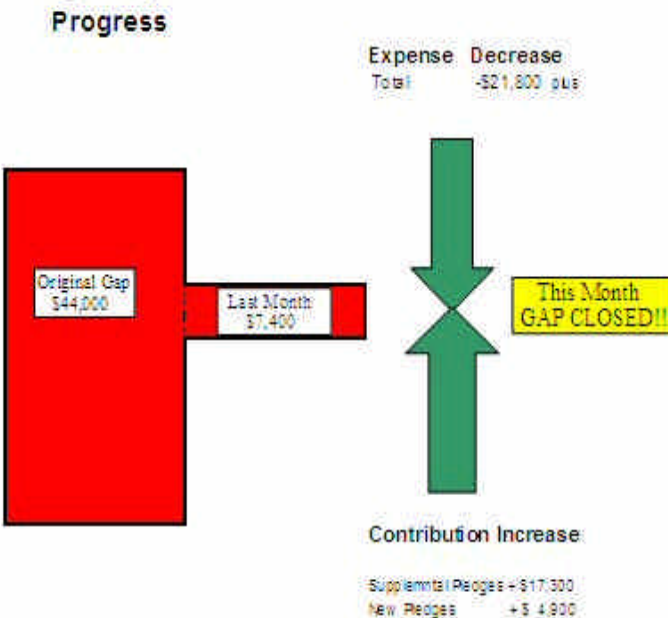
Margaret Morley, Chair

Edward Pomainville
 Rob & Andrea Whitfield
 Michael & Pat Christopher
 Bill Garland & Brintha Vilvarajah
 Nolan & Katie Knecht
 Jim and Alta Simpson
 Alida Scarbrough

Matt & Ashley Bedingfield
 Mike & Susan Young
 John & Kathryn Carter
 Trey & Jessica McClain
 Jon & Jennifer Buhler
 Jeff Woods & Natalie Dunfield
 Charles & Rachel Campbell
 Steven & Leslie Dobbs

NEWCOMERS AND OLD TIMERS ALIKE: : LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED? Two suggestions: 1) Sign up for one of the Coffee Hour slots to work with other parishioners furnishing snacks for a Sunday morning; 2) Sign up for the Arcade positions for Nov. 9,10,11, AND be sure to attend; 3) Men, volunteer for the Helping Hands Committee, helping fix and repair items as we move to the new church; 4) Sign up to help move to the new church Oct. 26,27,28. 5) Be a volunteer office receptionist.

Budget Gap Closure

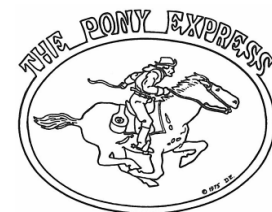


TREASURER'S REPORT

It is my pleasure to report that based on preliminary data, pledge increases and expense reductions are now at levels which indicate that our budget gap is closed! Our cash flow (contributions received less actual expenses) continues to be positive. Year to date contributions less expenses is approximately \$43,000.

The support of the parish in giving of financial resources is greatly appreciated.

Nelda Griffith



FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITIES

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DAUGHTERS OF THE KING STUDY GROUP FOR NEW AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS CONTINUES ON SUNDAYS October 14th and 21st at 3:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The sessions will last about one hour.

Regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of the King is the 1st Sunday of every month at 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall for fellowship followed by a devotional, book review and short business meeting and prayer.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE PROPOSED FOR NEW BUILDING

RECTOR REPORTS ON EXPLORATION OF NEW SCHEDULE: When the congregation moves into its new building on December 1, we will have a family Activity Center, stocked by the generosity of one parish family with basketball and volleyball equipment. Outdoors we will have our own woods for nature walks. Most importantly, we will have the dedicated paid and volunteer staff for Sunday School (Staff: Jen Matthews), the Youth Group (Staff: Elizabeth Whitlock), and Children's Choirs (Staff: Angela Saunders, Susan Hailey), many, though not all, of whom are pictured on p. 14 below. But we need to look carefully at how our current schedule (*8am Eucharist, 9am Breakfast, 9:30am Adult Ed and Sunday School, 10:30am Eucharist with Children's Chapel*) might be affecting our ministry to families and adults, both new and long time members.

We have had imaginative, well attended programs with families and children But that has not helped our Sunday morning Sunday School and Adult Education attendance. We have to wonder from all this whether the current schedule plays some part in the poor attendance for the 9:30am Sunday School hour.

EFFECT OF CURRENT SCHEDULE ON NEW PROGRAMS: Because the fastest growing segment of new members are families with young children — three weeks ago we reached a new record in the Nursery: 14 children under 4 years old — and because we have a special monetary gift for the purpose, we are starting a children's choir such as St. George's has had in the past. But if the only time on Sunday morning those children could warm up before singing in church would be the Sunday School hour, then Choir children would miss Sunday School instruction frequently -- and I've already heard from loyal parents who very much don't want that to happen: their children, they feel, need to be in Sunday School, as well as take part in these exciting new programs.



(See full version of the schedule study on our website: www.stgeorgesgermantown.org)

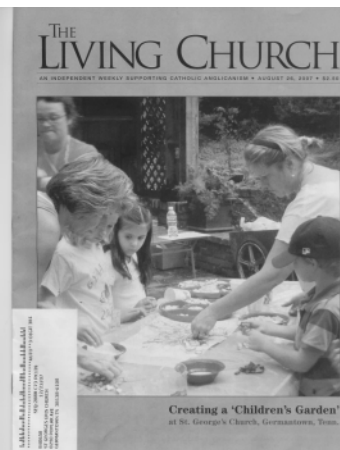
A PROPOSED SOLUTION: Many churches have reported good success and high energy with services at 8 and 10 (we would have breakfast at 9), with Sunday School for both children and adults following.

This schedule worked well in my last parish in Philadelphia, where the demographics are almost exactly the same as ours. Families would get to church slightly later, but would still leave for home at the same time they do now, around noon. My last words at announcement time would be "Stay for coffee after the service, then take your coffee into one of our adult classes. Today the children are learning about XYZ, and the Adult Classes are X and Y, led by N."

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Sunday School Teachers Retreat at Lobos in August



ST. GEORGE'S CHILDREN'S ARTS MAKES FRONT COVER

of the national church's weekly magazine, [The Living Church](http://www.livingchurch.org/). This is the largest circulation magazine in the US Episcopal Church, and is noted for its diversity of opinions and timely news. To subscribe, go to their website:

<http://www.livingchurch.org/>

PROPOSED NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 8AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I. Music: An opening hymn and the Gloria and a sequence hymn. No music from the Offertory on. (Angela will need to rehearse the Choir, who arrive at 9AM.)
- 8:45AM – 9:45 Breakfast every Sunday, as now.
- 9AM Choir Rehearsal for Adults, and Children’s Choir Rehearsal occasionally, as needed
- 10AM – 11:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with Children’s Chapel)
- 11:15AM-11:30 Coffee Hour (extending further for those not attending adult education classes)
- 11:30AM – 12:15 Sunday School for children; Adult Classes
- 5:30PM Rite II, with hymns.

MANY OPTIONS: This schedule provides a number of options: adults may attend the classes while waiting for their children to finish Sunday School. In my previous church, other adults didn't attend the classes, but hung out amiably and sipped coffee and chatted, or simply left for home. Those who came at 8am had a cup of coffee in the narthex, stayed for breakfast on the first Sundays, or left. Some parents still brought their children to church at 10, and the children attended the Children's Chapel, but didn't stay for Sunday School and just left. Most stayed. There were a lot of choices, and everybody fit in where they were most comfortable.

ADULT EDUCATION: Our adult education program, too, has had poor attendance at 9:30. The Adult Education Committee has been circulating a questionnaire. Forty six responses have been received already. One question is *“What (if anything) has inhibited your participation in adult education at St. Georges’s in the past, or might affect your attendance in the coming year?”* Of 39 responses, 15 say they are “always” or “most often” in a meeting when adult ed is going on. If we add those who responded “sometimes,” the number is 30 out of 39 — who do not attend an adult ed offering at least partly because of our current Sunday morning schedule.

My Friends, I believe, and others do also, that the move into the new church is the time to make the move to the proposed new schedule.

We will be having many visitors — more than normal, if only out of curiosity — and to fulfill our mission we need to be poised to offer the best possible ministries for the sake of these others, and take the opportunity to include them in our fellowship.

Some of the “cons” to this proposal might be persuasive: “We are having a lot of change: now is not the time to add more change. Let’s wait till next year.” I am not convinced by these, however — speaking for myself alone. I think the timing of making this change, precisely because of the conjunction with the move, is in fact optimal.

I believe, with some experience as back up, that we will realize the fruit of making this change in increased attendance among our own members, increased Sunday School and family attendance, and then an increase in newcomers. I have confidence that our members are mission minded, and that this proposal is mission oriented. Archbishop Temple said “The Church is the only organization designed to serve those not yet members of it.”

We have had several “focus groups” within the congregation, representing the diversity of our congregation — those without children at home attending at 10:30, those active in Sunday School at 9:30, those not active at 9:30 — to test the idea of this new schedule, and the response so far has been overwhelmingly positive. That piece of news, however, is not mentioned in order to sway you: it is now your turn to respond as you might wish.

May I ask you, please, before final passage, to give this proposal prayerful thought, and communicate your reactions to me, or to the Senior Warden, Drew Murphy, by phone, mail or email? Many thanks. Gary

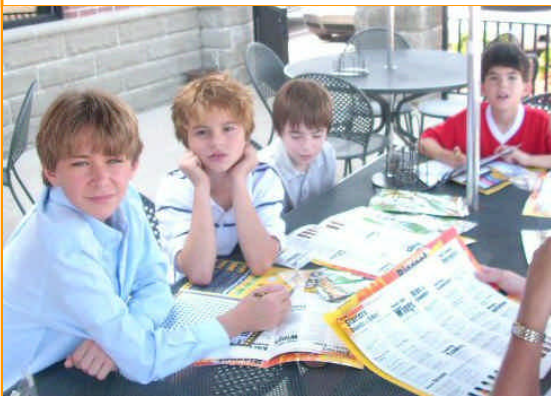
Coming Events: SUNDAY, OCT. 28TH WILL BE OUR 3RD ANNUAL PUMPKIN



CARVING EVENT at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall All ages are welcome. **Please bring your pumpkins and tools for a carving good time. We will have an interesting skit, "I'm Just a Pumpkin" put on by the Grapple Group. It will surely add some meaning to the carving tradition. Goodies will be served and pumpkin poetry read. At our service, children will receive "seal of Protection" for safety. (do you want to include this?)

OCT. 28TH IS ALSO REMEMBRANCE DAY- when we remember our loved ones who have died. Bring in a photo, memorabilia, and or other item to display for remembrance during our service. We do ask that you leave your pumpkin and come back to the 530p service for pumpkin lighting, Remembrance prayers, and cider.

WEDNESDAY OCT. 31ST TRUNK AND TREAT AGES 2 –5 We will be offering a safe haven for the younger children to go trick or treating from 6-7:30pm. Little ones can walk around our lighted and safe parking lot while trick or treating out of the trunks. Games and surprises await! Come join the festivities. Even if you don't have kids to trick or treat, come on out to see the little goblins and open your trunk of goodies! Please RSVP to church office, 754-7282, if you will be joining us "trunking and/or treating".



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We have changed our division of the age groups based on a large number of Preschool and Kindergarten children. The new breakout is as follows:

- PK and K Gibson Bldg / 1st-3rd grade Gibson Bldg
- 4th-7th grade Grapple, McCarroll Bldg / 7th-HS Youth, Cooke Cottage

GRAPPLE IS NOW OPEN TO 4-7TH GRADERS!

7th Graders may also choose whether they attend EYC and/or the Youth Sun. School- kid's choice. Welcome 4th graders- Joe George, Alexis Higgins, and David Okuski.

GRAPPLE GOBBLES CHICKEN WINGS! Eight Grapple Sunday School kids went for wings at Buffalo Wild Wings last Sunday. We all had a yummy lunch, although very messy, the Grapple way! For the month of October, Grapple kids will be going to the Corn Maze for our monthly Grapple Go Trip. It will NOT be the "scary" one!

WAIT TILL YOU SEE THIS! GRAPPLE FASHION SHOW OF PEACE- Grapple has been grappling with the question "Why can't we all just get along?" In response to this the kids made costumes of peace (think: the vest of mercy and gloves of forgiveness). We had a fashion show modeling our new wares of serenity for peace in our families, school, and world.





"Called to teach," a high calling, a holy privilege and a happy responsibility. Our prayer for you is, "That our God would count you worthy of the calling and that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in him according to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thess. 1:11 & 12)





IF YOU MISSED LANCERS YOU MISSED A GREAT TIME!

What a feast! What fabulous cuisine Hilda Osarogiagbon prepared for the forty or so persons who attended at her and Ray's home last month. Our food at Lancers is always varied and very good but never anything like this. If you need a caterer, Lancers' members would certainly recommend you call Hilda.



“GRANDPARENTS ARE GREAT” WAS A SLURPING SUCCESS! Family members gathered from near and far to celebrate Grandparents last Sunday when the Family Ministry Program at St. George's observed Grandparent Appreciation Sunday with scoops of ice cream and an array of toppings.



**THE BUILDING COMPLETION FUND—
NAMING RIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES**

*Stewart Wilkinson, Committee Chair;
Linda Miller, Memorials Chair*



Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

This is a historical time in the life of St. George’s Episcopal Church. We are honored that many have chosen through donations or pledges to the Building Completion Fund to be a part of this unique and special time in our ministry.

If you are interested in a Naming Opportunity for a gift to the Building Completion Fund, please review the list of opportunities — only a small sample of which are displayed below — and notify Linda Miller at 767-2878 as soon as possible—preferably by the end of October. We are scheduled to move into our new church by December 1. Your prompt response regarding your preference for a memorial or honorarium will make it possible to have everything we need for our church in place when we move.

As we near completion of the church, we are at the point of maximum cash outflow. Please consider paying as much as possible toward your pledge. Any payments of your pledge now will lessen the interest cost on the construction loan.

If you have driven past the new church or walked through it, you will recognize that this is a unique opportunity to leave your mark on our new spiritual home, St. George’s Episcopal Church. You even might consider increasing your commitment! If you have questions, please call me at 374-9817.

Speaking on behalf of Stu Wilkinson, the BCF Chair, and Linda Miller, our Memorials Chair, we thank you for your support, and we ask for your prayers as we seek to fulfill our mission to GATHER

DISCOVER SERVE.

Sincerely, Drew Murphy, Senior Warden

Opportunity	Gift Amount	Funds Mgmt	Notes
Parish Hall & Activity Center	\$500,000	Budget	
Kitchen	\$40,000	Budget	
Bookshoppe	Subscribed	Budget	
Nursery	\$45,000	Budget	
West wing	\$500,000	Budget	
Choir room	\$40,000	Budget	
Pre-school classroom (large)	Subscribed	Budget	
Pre-school classroom (large)	Subscribed	Budget	
Pre-school classroom (small)	\$35,000	Budget	
Pre-school classroom (small)	\$35,000	Budget	
Vestry meeting room	\$40,000	Budget	
Clergy conference room	\$30,000	Budget	
Gallery	\$50,000	Budget	
EYC room	Subscribed	Budget	
Christian education room	\$40,000	Budget	
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Priest Sacristy & Acolyte/LEM vesting room	\$40,000	Budget	

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Opportunity	Gift Amount	Funds Mgmt	Notes	
Deck	Subscribed	Budget		
Garth	\$50,000	Budget		
Great Oak Tree plaza	\$35,000	Budget		
Apostolic trees (12 trees)	\$1,000 ea	Budget		
Other plantings	\$500	Budget		
Playground	\$35,000	Budget (\$20k) + Extras		
Porte Cochere	Subscribed	Budget		
Fireplace & seating area	Subscribed	Budget		
Narthex chandelier	Actual cost	Extra		
Donor Tree	Subscribed	Extra		
Rector's office	\$10,000	Budget		
Kitchen	\$40,000	Budget		
EYC room	\$10,000	Extra		
Bookshoppe	\$12,000	Extra		
Choir room	\$12,000	Extra		
Altar	Subscribed	Budget		
Pulpit	Subscribed	Budget		
Pews (30)	\$5,000 each	Budget	5 Subscribed	
Tabernacle for Reserve Sacrament	\$10,000	Extra		
Baptismal Font	Subscribed	Extra		
Nave chairs (39)	\$500 each	Budget		
Choir chairs (40)	\$500 each	Budget		
Stations of the Cross (14)	\$2,000 each	Budget	4 Subscribed	
Columbarium fountain & paving		Subscribed	Budget	
Furnishings Associate's office		\$6,000	Budget	
Furnishings for staff office (6)		\$2,000 ea	Budget	
Furnishings Clergy Conf. Room		\$4,000	Budget	
Expansion of Organ		Subscribed	Extra	
Mahogany backlit frames, stained glass windows fm Church (2)		\$5,000 each	Extra	
Mahogany backlit frame for round stained glass Chapel window f		\$5,000	Extra	
Sconces (6)		Actual cost	Extra	
Ambry		Subscribed	Extra	
Special lighting		Actual cost	Extra	
Cross refurbishing		\$3,000	Extra	
Prayer desks in Sanctuary (2)		\$1,500 each	Extra	
Hymnals (200)		\$25 each	Extra	Label inside cover
Prayer Books (200)		\$25 each	Extra	Label inside cover
AV/Audio equipment		Actual cost	Extra	
Paintings & icons		Actual cost	Extra	1 icon subscribed
Outdoor benches		Actual cost	Extra	
Deck furnishings		Actual cost	Extra	
Furnishings: large pre-school room		\$8,000	Extra	
Furnishings: large pre-school room		\$8,000	Extra	
Furnishings: small pre-school room		\$5,000	Extra	
Furnishings: small pre-school room		\$5,000	Extra	
Furnishings: Christian education room		\$5,000	Extra	
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ST. GEORGE'S EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER HAS A NEW NAME, A NEW LOGO AND A NEW (TEMPORARY!) LOCATION!

We are now St. George's Episcopal Preschool! Our darling new dragon logo was designed by none other than Clare Sturni! And, we are currently located at Cumberland Presbyterian Church while we await the comple-

tion of the new building!

The goal of our program is to nurture and educate children ages 15 months to 5 years old in a Christian environment. We focus on the social, emotional and academic skills necessary for future school success while instilling basic Christian values.

We currently have 60 families and 82 children enrolled in our program. We have 15 teachers as well as the director and the business manager. We occupy four classrooms and an office at our current location and will do the same at the new location. Our music class will take place in the choir room.



We are looking forward to a bright future in our new building, continuing to grow and provide top quality care for all of our kids. If you would like to learn more about SGEP, please call Heather at 757-2675!

SGEP "PINK DRAGONS" WILL WALK IN LOCAL RACE FOR THE CURE



St George's Episcopal Preschool teachers, parents and friends will walk as a team called the SGEP Dragons in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, October 27th. We would love to have as many people walk with us or support us in our effort to raise our team goal of \$1000 for breast cancer awareness and research. So far, we have \$545. If you would like to join us or support us, please go to www.raceforthecurememphis.org and follow these steps:

- Click on Register
- On the sidebar, click on "find a participant to sponsor" (if you just want to donate money) or "join a team" if you want to walk with us
- On the search page, type SGEP in find a team. Our team page will come up and you can join us or choose someone to sponsor. Follow the links and you'll be done! If you have questions, please call Heather Crawford, SGEP Director, at 757-2675.

MUSIC NOTES

Dr. Angela Saunders, Chair



THE NEW ORGAN – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The truck with our new organ in it will arrive around the first week of December. (There's a good excuse for an organ-welcoming party!) We have arranged for the loan of a three-manual electronic instrument from Amro (Allen Organ) to get us through until the pipe organ is built.

The organ truck will be unloaded, and the organ stuff will be moved into the church. You will see crates of pipes all over the place, windchests, and of course, the console (the part with the keyboards). There will be other parts, such as the blower, which works like the air exchanger in your heating/air conditioner at home, and it supplies pressurized air to the pipes. This is a good time to vacuum the church.

The winding system will be installed in the two organ chambers (located on either side of the choir). Once that is in place, the pipes will be placed on the windchests (wooden boxes filled with pressurized air). The wind pressure is regulated, and the pipes receive their "tonal finishing" – their final voicing. This process is critical to the organ, and is unique to each building and instrument. Expect to hear strange noises while this



is going on. Then the organ is tuned. This takes a while the first time because the tuner has to *set temperament*. – that is the relationship between the frequency of each note to the other notes. There is an excellent site on equal-tempered tuning (the method we use for most pianos and organs) at <http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/music/et.html>. Hint: High school math and physics students – the study of musical temperament is an EXCELLENT senior project!

Once the organ is tuned, we test-drive it, looking for problems, and of course, listening to the sound. Oftentimes, adjustments need to be made to allow for changes in climate, humidity, etc. Once this is done, we may vacuum the church. We may also play the organ.

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From: IguanaMom3@aol.com [mailto:IguanaMom3@aol.com]
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Subject: Things are coming along

As you know, the organist doesn't play only the organ, he/she plays the building, too.

Dear Jason and Dennis -

As is my custom on Sunday afternoons, I walked around the new church site today. The nave is now closed off and climate-controlled, and I was able to "hear" the building for the first time. The wood ceiling is complete, and the big window is almost complete. The wood floor won't be put in until the walls are painted, but I am very encouraged by what I hear.

First of all, I did not detect any drop-off in sound walking from the choir to the nave. That might become more obvious when the furnishings are put in, but the choir is very open. The ceiling, of course is high throughout -- a big plus. Jason, I "heard" the organ in there! That large scaling is just so right, and the organ will project very well. It will have a wonderful presence. Dennis, you knew this all along, but "hearing" the building in the flesh makes it real for me. As you know, the organist doesn't play only the organ, he/she plays the building, too.

SUSAN HAILEY, ASSISTANT CHOIRMASTER, WORKS WITH THE ST. CECILIA CHOIR, AGES 4-7



will be rounding up her recruits for their first rehearsal, Wed., October 24 at 5:30 p.m. (the rehearsal will finish at 6:15 p.m.). They will rehearse in the choir room, while the Canterbury Choir will rehearse in the church. That will be only until we are in the new building. The first Sunday for the little ones to sing at 10:30 a.m. is Nov. 18 which is earmarked for St. Cecilia's Day.

So far, these children are signed up:

Emma and Jack Callaway / Ryan Matthews / Julia Young / Luke Bettendorf

Alexis and Alyssa Higgins / Abby Ayers / Hayley Lambert



Senior Choir Member George Hume Receives Birthday Greetings at the recent Choir Retreat



Rhodes College Singers will present Lessons and Carols at the new St. Georges on Sunday, December 2



Exultemus! at the Blessing of the Animals, St. Francis Day, October 4.



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH See story on p. 18



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING: A PARISH NURSE FOR ST. GEORGE’S?

Our own Jenny Matthews, RN, along with 12 other registered nurses recently completed the Basic Preparation Course for the Faith Community Nursing program and was commissioned as a Faith Community Nurse on Saturday, September 29th. Jenny has been an RN for 20 years with experience in a number of different areas of health care and education. Jenny maintains her license through continuing education and volunteer work. At St. George’s Jenny works with the Health Ministry Committee to sponsor a variety of health and wellness programs such as Health Fairs, the Lifeblood Blood Donor program, and wellness activities. The Faith Community Nursing training is an ecumenical cooperative effort between the Office of Community Health Ministry, Catholic Diocese of Memphis and Union University School of Nursing. During the course process the nurses reflected on the integration of effective, practical Parish Nurse Practice in a church health ministry and Jenny looks forward to sharing her training and skills in our Health Ministry at St. George’s.

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