St. George's Episcopal Church

March 3, 2016

This Sunday

This Sunday at the Forum

Mother Dorothy continues the Lenten series "Journeying through Luke" with "Facing Jerusalem, Parts I and II" this week and next; optional pre-reading is Luke 9:51-19:27. See the full schedule of the Lenten series below.

EYC Goes to the Grizzlies Game

There are still a few tickets left, so please plan for your youth to join the fun at Sunday afternoon's game! Please let Callie (cksmith827@yahoo.com) know ASAP if your youth would like to come with the group!

Evensong this Sunday from the Friends of Music Series: Memphis Chamber Choir, Sunday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.



Join us this **Sunday, March 6 at 5:30 pm** as the Memphis Chamber Choir offers a Choral Evensong, an evening of prayer and song at St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown. Hear the Song of Mary and the Song of Simeon offered up to the Lord. Hear Psalms and prayers chanted in the ancient style. Ground yourself in the sacred music of Choral Evensong. All are welcome to this beautiful worship service. The music includes works by Charles Stanford, Adrian Batten, Kenneth Leighton, and Maurice Greene. Geoffrey Ward will lead the choir and Brian Campbell will accompany the choir from the pipe organ. The Evensong is free (donations accepted) and open to the public. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come hear this outstanding choral group.

St. George's Friends of Music is hosting a reception following the concert. Donations of finger foods would be appreciated.

Padre's Posting



Who Makes Much of a Miracle (Burning Bushes Included)?

Let me begin by saying that I DO make much of a miracle--"burning bushes" included! I shared with the congregation this past Sunday in my homily three of my personal "burning bush" episodes. "Burning bush"

episodes always catch us by surprise, and require an answer or decision. How one question, posed to me by one of my students at the State University of Iowa while on a teaching fellowship, one question resonated again and again with me toward the end of my first year of teaching, and the answer to it led to my studies for the priesthood. And then there was the decision to adopt a child at five weeks old, who had a bleeding issue (mild to moderate hemophilia)--and with my having hemophobia. And I'm happy to say, my son Mark is doing well, with his wife, my beautiful grand-daughter and three stepgrand-daughters. I concluded the homily by citing the call from the bishop and Michael Christopher asking me to come as "interim" priest-in-charge of St. George's, just after "settling in" at Church of the Holy Communion as pastoral assistant. After prayer came the answer. "let it be." I have had many "burning bushes" in my life and so have you! Think about it! What are yours?

Recently in our studies in the Gospel of John, we looked at the feeding of the five thousand. A miracle, or "sign", as John calls it. In the Gospel of John we can almost always expect to find layer upon layer of meanings and significance for daily living and using our ministries and gifts. From five loaves of bread and two fish, the multitude is fed, with twelve baskets-full left over. Jesus, after giving thanks over the bread and fish, supplies the hunger of all those gathered. Natural laws are laid aside, and our Lord's divinity is fully revealed. Our faith sees the wonderful care our Lord has for our human needs, such as hunger. Now, what might this "sign" also imply for our lives and ministries in the world?

The response of one little boy who has overheard the conversation between Jesus, Philip, and Andrew regarding the need to feed the huge crowd--one little boy offers what he has, five loaves of barley bread and two fish--which Jesus receives, blesses, and has the disciples distribute to the people. I believe we have a small "layer" here in the willingness of one little boy to share what he has, and in turn, perhaps those who have witnessed this act of sharing, also begin to share what

they have, and all are fed. What might this imply in our outreach and willingness to "feed the need"? It means that we share in this ministry every time we serve a meal, donate or give to feed the hungry--we follow the Lord's example. And every time we give thanks or have "grace" before eating, we follow his example.

On a bigger and larger spectrum, what might this say about nations that have the ability to feed the world, so that none hunger--and the willingness to share the bounty without all kinds of "strings attached". We are still a long way from that, but we can begin from where we are and how we share--willingly to those in need in our own community.

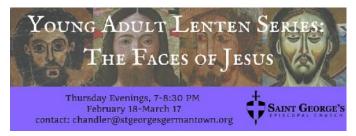
Let me conclude with the Motto ("For His Sake") Statement for the Daughters of the King--which speaks to our ministries:

I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I ought to do, I can do.
What I can do, I will do.
Lord, what would you have me do?

The answer to that question will resonate in our concrete actions and ministries.

Padre+

Lent at St. George's



Young Adults are invited to gather on Thursday evenings during Lent for a time of discovery from 7-8:30 p.m. We will use Frederick Buechner's, The The Faces of Jesus: A Life Story to guide a weekly discussion about the faces of Jesus, both during his life and in the world today. Our Bookshoppe will have a few copies for purchase, or you can follow the link above to buy it on Amazon. The sections are short and it is not necessary to be able to come each week in order to join the study - come as you can.

3/10 Section 4: Church Library

3/17 Section 5: Chandler Whitman's (278 Arbor Crucifixion Commons Cir, Apt #107, Memphis)

Please contact Chandler

(<u>chandler@stgeorgesgermantown.org</u>) with any questions

Continuing Adult Education Opportunities

Bible Study Group: An indepth look at the Gospel according to John continues on Thursday evenings from 6:45-8



p.m. Using *lectio divina, Ignatian meditation*, and the EFM theological process, the study will seek to see how the gospel relates to our life experiences--past, present, and future. The Rev. Noble Walker, along with June and George Scrivener, lead this study of John's Gospel, Thursdays, from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The group meets in the Choir Room (or alternate classroom TBA), enter by doors next to the Children's Playground. Please bring your Bible and a sack supper or snack.

The Great Courses Series

This group meets on Monday evenings (6:45 p.m. in the Library). They view and discuss recorded lectures from "The Great Courses" series. The current videos are "Jesus and his Jewish Influences" with lecturer Jodi Magness of UNC Chapel Hill. The format is casual, and newcomers are always welcome.

The Forum in Lent

During Lent, The Forum will journey through Luke's Gospel, our assigned Gospel for this Lectionary Year. Each Sunday we will open our eyes to the rich and unique text that we find in Luke. If you are looking for a Lenten practice, you are invited to read through Luke, following the schedule below. Join us for this 6-week series that will end with an in depth look at Holy Week in the Episcopal Church.



Last Call for Israel!!

This seems to be the year for pilgrimages to Israel, as many are embarking on this life-changing journey! We still have a few spaces left on our pilgrimage - and if you've been thinking about joining this group, now's the time! Please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org) immediately if you would like to make the journey!

Love God, Love Others, Change the World!

Can We Help? Yes We Can! Our Lenten Food Drive Continues!

Thank you, St. George's! Thanks to your continued generous support of



our Lenten food drive, as of Thursday, March 3, we have delivered about 875 pounds of food to Collierville Food Pantry - as we make our way to delivering one ton of food during this Lenten season! During this season of Lent, we look for many ways we might be more intentional in our service to God and our neighbors. With three weeks and just over 1,100 pounds to go, we ask that we all make a personal commitment to our Lenten Food Drive. We have many families in local neighborhoods who are hungry and in need of basic supplies. We have a Lenten shopping list (below), organized by week, to help everyone participate and give much-needed items to the Food Pantry. We can't reach our goal without everyone's help in shopping for these items and bringing them to church each week! Please help us Stock the Pantry (Thank you for making certain that your gifts do not include any expired or pastdate items.). If you are able to help transport our donations to the Collierville Food Bank on Thursday mornings during Lent, please contact Sarah Bettendorf (901-896-9581). Thank you for your support!

Weekly Needs

Week Sun. 3/6-Thurs. Canned Fruits (including low and no sugar) 3/10 Week Sun. 3/13-Canned vegetables (including low sodium) & Canned Meats Thurs. 3/17 (tuna) Week Palm Sun. Paper Products & Toiletries 3/20-Maundy (paper towels, toilet paper, Thurs. 3/24 soap, small containers of detergent, small containers of household cleaners, toothpaste,

etc.)

Water for Flint Michigan



The husband of Vera Dantzler, one of the teachers at St. George's Episcopal Preschool, is from Flint, Michigan; his family still lives there. He has committed to transport water to Flint to help during the current water crisis, and the Preschool is supporting this effort by collecting

bottles/gallon jugs of water. If you would also like to support this effort, you, too, can bring bottles/gallon jugs

of water to church. The water that is collected will be shipped to Flint to help our neighbors in that community.

Cold Nights Continue; Help Us Make Room in the Inn!

Our season of ministry with Room in the Inn continues; we host again March 10 and 24. March still



brings cold nights in Memphis and the need for food and shelter is always more than the city churches can provide. Through Room in the Inn, we serve up a hot meal, a warm place to sleep and hospitality to about a dozen persons from our community who are without shelter. This ministry needs a lot of hands. We always need an extra passenger to ride in the van or to drive it, and we especially need men who are willing to serve as overnight shepherds. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org) or Rick Patterson (rpatter1@comcast.net, or 901-848-5970) for more information.

Children, Youth & Family News

Christian Education for Children and Youth

Christian Education for all of our young people meets from 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Children (PK-5th grade) meet in Room B, while Youth (Grades 6-12) meets in Room A. We hope that your children and youth will join for this opportunity of fellowship and formation!

The Table meets Next Week

Join us on Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Families are invited to join us for dinner fellowship and a brief opportunity for learning. If you are able to join us, please email Mother Dorothy

(<u>Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org</u>) by Monday, March 7 to let her know that your family is coming so that we'll have enough food!

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) for Youth in Grades 6-12

This Sunday (3/6) - Grizzlies Game (a few tickets left)
Next Sunday (3/13) - Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag
March 20 - Photo Scavenger Hunt
March 27 - No EYC

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) for youth in grades 6-12 now meets weekly. Youth are invited to gather Sunday afternoons from 5-7 p.m. for fellowship and dinner at the church. The schedule is posted on the church website news menu, and Facebook page! Parents are still needed to provide dinner for our youth

gatherings and can sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Callie Smith, Youth Coordinator, at cksmith827@yahoo.com.

Coming Events

Mar. 6	EYC to Grizzlies game (3 p.m.) Evensong by the Memphis Chamber Choir with FOM Reception following (5:30 p.m.)
Mar. 7	Young Adult Fellowship Gathering (at Mellow Mushroom, 7:30 p.m.)
Mar. 8	Book Club "Grey Mountain" by John Grisham (7 p.m. Library)
Mar. 9	The Table
Mar. 10	Room in the Inn / Young Adults Lenten Series (Library, 7 p.m.)
Mar. 11	Lancers' St. Patrick's Day Party at Aintree Farms Clubhouse
Mar. 12	Church Clean up Day (9-12)
Mar. 16	PrimeTimer's Luncheon (12:30 p.m.)
Mar 17	Young Adults Lenten Study at Chandler's (7 p.m.)
Mar 18	Flying Solo
Mar 20	Palm Sunday / Healing Prayers (11:45 a.m.) / Compline (8 p.m.)
Mar 24	Room in the Inn / Maundy Thursday Service (6:30 p.m.)
Mar 25	Good Friday Services (12 noon & 6:30 p.m.)
Mar 27	Easter Sunday (HE at 6:30, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. / Family Egg Hunt (12 noon)
Mar 28	OFFICE CLOSED



Childcare will be available for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (6:30 p.m.) and all Sundays starting at 9 a.m. and through the 10:30 a.m. service.



Sunday, March 13 Fifth Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist I
9:00 a.m. Breakfast / Bldgs & Grounds Committee
9:30 a.m. Children and Youth Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Adult Forum Lenten Series
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II
(Nursery & Children's Chapel)
12:00 pm DOK Chapter Meeting / G-GIFFT
12:30 p.m. Recorder Rehearsals
1:30 p.m. Sanctifica Rehearsal
3:30 p.m. "The Other Choir" Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. EYC Group

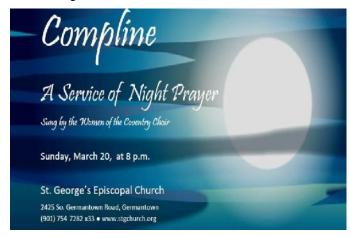
Special this Sunday: The Forum Lenten Series continues "The Gospel of Luke: Facing Jerusalem, Part II" (Luke 9:51 - 19:27); Daughters of the King Chapter Meeting and G-GIFFT for girls 8-12 (12 noon). EYC meets at 5 p.m. for Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag.

Music for 3 Lent C, March 13
Psalm 126, Gelineau, *In convertendo*Offertory: I will lift mine eyes by H. Helvey
Communion Music: TBD

Music Notes

Compline on Sunday March 20 at 8 pm.

will be sung by women from the Coventry Choir. The Sarum service will be sung, along with an anthem by Heinrich Isaak. Join us for this lovely, candlelight, end of the evening service.



The Other Choir

The "Other" Choir - Kitty, Mary, Mary Beth, Tom, Tracey, Jackie, and Janet - will share their gifts of music as they help lead the singing at the 8 a.m. service on Sunday, April 3. This will be the group's first service, and we thank them for their commitment. Yes, there is still time to join! We meet to learn and rehearse on Sundays at 3:30 pm. Contact Angela Saunders (901) 754-7282 x33 or lguanaMom3@aol.com.

Sanctifica Pays Tribute to One of Their Own

Sanctifica members said goodbye to one of their own on Feb. 23rd when they played for Gene Nichols' funeral. His empty chair, euphonium, and a draped music stand honored their colleague.



Fun & Fellowship



Young Adults--Join us this Monday!

All 20 and 30 somethings--mark your calendar for the next Young Adult fellowship gathering for trivia!

St George's Book Club

Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. in the Church Library. Pat Christopher will lead the discussion of <u>Gray Mountain</u>, by John Grisham, which focuses on the issues and ecology of strip mining and coal mining in the Appalachian region.

Read ahead:

April Irish Country Doctor

by Patrick Taylor

May Annual Book Selection Meeting

June Queen Sugar

by Natalie Baszile (debut novel)

Lancers: The Wearin' O' the Green!

All adults are invited to the Lancers' Annual St. Patrick's Day Party, Friday, March 11. Join our hosts Grant & Mary Ruth Bales, David & Mary Alice Olinger, Richard & Jean Riley, Van & Barbara Conaway, and Jim & Kay Russell. It will be held at the Aintree Farms Clubhouse, 3331 Winners Circle, Germantown, TN. Entertainment will be by "Shamrocks and Shield" (our own Mark Van Stolk, Tom Fields and Bill Thorsberg) playing Irish music and leading a Sing-a-long. Social Hour (BYOB) begins at 6:30 p.m.; potluck dinner (with lots of Irish goodies and more) at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share.

The entrance to Aintree Farms is one block south of Poplar Pike on C.D. Smith Road. Please tell the security team that you are attending the St. George's party at the clubhouse. You will be on Winners Circle as you leave the guard house. The clubhouse will be on your left at the fourth stop sign. Please do not park on Winners

Circle! If there are no parking spaces left in the parking lot, please park on a side street. If you have difficulty locating Aintree Farms, please call Grant Bales on his cell phone, 902-336-7110. Please join us for a fun filled evening. We look forward to seeing all of the adults of the parish at this very festive event

"Play Ball!"

PrimeTimers will meet the third Wednesday, March 16, at 12:30 p.m., to hear a speaker from the Redbirds, enjoy ballpark fare (hot dogs & hamburgers, chips, soft drinks and apple pie), and maybe win a free ticket or two. Cost \$10, sign up during Coffee Hour. Hesitant about driving at night, or looking for a daytime social group? St. George's PrimeTimers is a lunch & learn group for seniors that meets on the third Wednesday of each month, usually at the church unless a "field trip" has been planned.

Flying Solo will gather on Friday, March 18th!

Flying Solo meets on Friday, March 18, at 6:30 pm, at the home of Cyd Mosteller, 1510 Grove Ridge #104. Germantown, TN 38138 (This is in The Retreat apartment complex off Germantown Parkway.). Please contact: Sandi Bethel (Sandi.Bethel@ipaper.com 901.485.2436), or Cyd Mosteller (cydmos@aol.com, 901.340.0885) for more information. Come and join this St. George's group for single women of all ages for an evening of food, fun and fellowship.

Parish Notes



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
"Spring Forward"

Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead Saturday

night, March 12, or you'll be an hour late for church Sunday morning!

Coffee Hour Hosts for March

Mar 6 Choirs

Mar 13 Outreach

Mar 20 Vestry

Mar 27 LEM (A) & Ushers

SAVE THE DATE! ST.GEORGES SPRING/EASTER CLEANUP

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 9AM TO NOON

Buildings and Grounds needs a little bit of your TIME for the annual SPRING/EASTER clean-up. Projects will include window washing, wall wipe down, and forest and garden area clean-up. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO HELP!

New Time for Healing Prayers on Third Sundays

Now continuing on the third Sunday of each month, there will be an opportunity for healing prayers after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. If you would like to participate, please come



to the front of the church and join us for a brief litany of prayers with the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil by a clergy member to begin as the church quiets. You may receive it for yourself, or as a proxy for another.



It's Registration Time...

at St. George's Episcopal Preschool. If you are interested in your child attending a fun, nurturing and active learning environment a few days a week, please take a look at our excellent Tennessee Three Star rated program - we'd love to see you. Children from 6 months through 5 years of age are welcome. Contact Sarah Bettendorf, Director for more information 901 757 2675.

From the Bookshoppe Shelves...

March will be in full swing by the time you read this, and this year that means Easter is just around the corner, on March 27!

Come in to help the Easter Bunny fill up your baskets with stuffed animals, children's books, cross necklaces and earrings and more! For older kids or grownups, we have "Color the Psalms"



coloring books, candles, CDs and wall/desk top crosses.

And after Easter, we'll be having a Book Blowout Bonanza - buy 5 books for \$10!

Come visit us-we're open Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 AM - 2 PM and 9 AM - 12:30 PM Sundays-and we want to be your first stop for gifts, cards and books!



Join us for Breakfast & The Forum every Sunday

St. George's Breakfast Club

For \$3, enjoy a delicious breakfast, prepared by our Breakfast Crew, and help support St. George's ministry with Room In The Inn - helping to provide shelter and a hot meal to those who

are without a place to sleep in the winter! What a great way to start your Sunday!

Sunday Ministries

Church services go on, even if you're unable to be here. If you are scheduled to serve on a Sunday (Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Acolyte, Usher/Greeter or other service) and won't be available, **please remember to identify a substitute** by emailing or phoning others in the group to ask for assistance. It is not the Sacristan's duty to find someone Sunday morning to fill in for you. The Monthly Ministries calendar can be found on the website, from the Worship pull-down menu or as a link from the Sunday Schedule. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mind the Gap!

Mother Dorothy, the Vestry and the Staff all thank you for your continued generous support of the ministries here at St. George's. As a gentle reminder, please be aware that the ministries of the church continue year-round. We appreciate your pledge and keeping it current. Thank you for your support!

It's never too late to make a pledge! Pledge cards are available on the table in the Narthex at the rear of the church.

MIND THE GAP: A REMINDER



Offerings received thru Feb 21 \$ 112,370

Budgeted <u>\$ 113,334</u>

Shortfall (\$ 964)

Please Pray for (Updated March 3)

Sylvia, Stuart Owen, George Spivey, Rusty Gates, The Rev Ronald Valentine, Elizabeth Mealey, Susan Gregory, Lee Bell, Rob Jones, Nadine Lyons, Roger and Kay Easson, Adasia Zinselmeyer, George and Nancy Mellios, Fr. Jim Marquis, Janna McCormack, Susan, Gay Bond, Mary Cifuni, Alyssia Butler, Willie Dixon Jr, Bob Beighley, Jayde Pelt and Family, Betsy Etz, Don McGregor, Bonnie McKeever, John Lambert, Betty Morris, Bill & Belle Phillips, Elizabeth Hall, Keegan Provost, Patsy Lum, David Trammell, Nell Newcomb, John Webb, Alice Saunders, Carol Payne, Joan Webb, Cornelia Baddeley, John Meggs, Renee Clark Guibao, Jim Posner, Allison Meredith, Pat Halprin, Diana Reid, Jean Peyton, Victor Robilio, Gadi Lum, Tori Johnson, Sharon Walker, Lauren, Jackie Gray, Billie Moore, Gwynne Barton, Patricia Howard, Pete Pinckney, Linda Goodrich, Robert Wogan, Penny Mays, Blake and Claire Adams, the Nichols Family, Randy Shepard, Laura Shepard, the Brophy Family, the Tyler Family, Larry Conn.

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