

# The Lance: A New Look at our Ministries, 2023



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The Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells, Rector

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What do we envision when we think of the word, “community”?

Taking that word apart, we see two concepts: that which we hold in common, and that which we share in unity.

As Christians, what we hold in common, what we share in unity, is our desire and commitment to live as Christ-followers, to share God's love with all of God's people. That desire and commitment make us one, and make us strong.

Here at St. George's Episcopal Church, we are family; we are community. Our mission statement reminds us that we are indeed part of a whole – a family that gathers as one, grows together in faith and serves one another and our neighbors through the grace and love of God in Christ. We are called to be a place that welcomes all who are hungry for God and seeking to grow in faith, and a place that extends love to all of God's people. Our new mission statement makes clear that all who wish to be surrounded by the love of God are welcome here:

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We express our faith and love for one another and our community through our shared ministries. Through these ministries, we grow as human beings obedient to the first and greatest commandment – to love God with all of our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength – and the commandment that falls from the first – to love our neighbors as ourselves. Our ministries are our expression of the ways in which we follow those commandments. All are welcome – for worship, for serving in any of our ministries, for gathering in fellowship, for sharing fully in and with our parish family.

And, we seek to engage all of God's people in the work of ministry to which we are all called.

- Sunday worship is our time to gather together at the Lord's Table, to be nourished in Word and Sacrament, and to be sent forth to do God's work in the world. Our Sunday worship is livestreamed; while nothing can really replace gathering in community for worship, we are aware that some in our parish family (and beyond!) are unable to be physically present with us, and we do want everyone to have a way to be included.
- Our new Food & Formation series combines formation, food and fellowship to help us all grow in our faith. We'll discuss many topics of interest in our world – and the ways God calls us to respond. Bible study and book study groups also give us a way to focus on scripture and learn to see the world through a theological lens.

- We have opportunities to serve our parish family in times of joy and in times of sadness – by making keeping-in-touch calls, delivering altar flowers, sharing the Eucharist, preparing meals, or running occasional errands for the homebound.
- We have opportunities to serve our neighbors as a parish family and as individuals – from providing holy hospitality through Room in the Inn, to serving meals and more with More than a Meal, to inspiring young readers through Team Read, to sharing food with Collierville Food Pantry or our gently-used items with Calvary Church's and the Lisieux Community's clothing closets.
- Our many and varied music offerings give us all ways to engage in God's gift of music, through music-making in our choirs, our Sanctifica wind and brass ensemble, or Exultemus, our folk guitar and vocal ensemble.
- Our celebration of God's gift of the fine arts is truly a glimpse of God's glory – experienced through our amazing concert series, Concerts on the Garth, and exhibits in The Gallery.

This photolog and listing of ministries shows some of the many ways that we are continuing to discern God's will for us to emerge as a beacon of love and service in our community. We hope that you see in these pages ways that you are indeed part of the tapestry that makes us one. All are welcome – as God's precious beloved. We invite you to take a first look – or a new look – at all of the ways in which we share in ministry in this parish, and find your place, as we care and share together in faith. And, during this season that we are committing or re-committing to one another in faith, know that your faithful pledge of time, talent and treasure is valued, needed and very much appreciated. You may complete a hard copy of the pledge card, or you may make your pledge online at <https://stgchurch.org/giving/>.

In Christ,

Dorothy+



We celebrated our 89<sup>th</sup> birthday in August 2023! We give thanks for the vision of the first persons to seek to bring a mission church to Germantown, and we pray for God's continued blessing and guidance as we serve this community!

Most gracious and everliving God, we give you thanks for St. George's Episcopal Church, and those who helped to bring about this parish 89 years ago. Continue to strengthen us and inspire our witness to our Savior, Jesus Christ, in all that we are and in all that we do. Bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church, that we may be a beacon of Christ's light and love in this community, and that through our ministries all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his Resurrection. Grant these prayers, O Lord, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*We gather as one humanity at  
God's Table.*



Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good! Worship the Lord in gladness, and  
come before the Lord's presence with song!



## **WORSHIP MINISTRIES AT ST. GEORGE'S**

### **As we prepare for worship:**

**Altar Guild** – The beauty of our church is enhanced by dedicated members of the Altar Guild who work in teams to prepare the church for worship each week. New team members are paired with experienced guild members, and all create a sacred worship space. Please contact Marion Rossman (901-755-1084 or dmrossman7@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**Flower Guild** – Are you the creative type who enjoys working with flowers? Members of the Flower Guild select and arrange flowers for our Altar each Sunday, and for other locations on campus for special events. Your artistic gifts would be on display glorifying God with the beauty of his creation. Please contact Charlotte Hayes (901-490-1472 or charlottehayes@aol.com) or Pam Key (901-848-6146 or pamelajkey@outlook.com) for more information.

### **As we arrive for worship:**

**Ushers/Greeters** – Our ushers extend the hand of fellowship in Christ to everyone coming to St. George's. They help visitors find their way, distribute the worship bulletin, collect the offering and tend to technical parts of the service. Please contact Stan Walker (901-210-5516 or stanwalker64@gmail.com) for more information.

### **As we begin worshipping:**

**Acolyte** – For anyone 9 years old and above including adults, our acolytes serve at worship services assisting our clergy by leading the processions and helping with the setting of the Altar for Communion. Being an acolyte gives our youth an “up close and personal” perspective on their church, laying a foundation for a deeper experience of their faith. Please contact Mary Margaret Freeman (901-336-1790 or marymargaretfree@gmail.com) for more information.

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers** – Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) assist the clergy in worship services and during weddings and funerals, in administering the Sacrament of Holy Communion. With training, this important ministry is open to all confirmed persons in the parish. Please contact Andrew Proctor (901-409-0820 or proctorandrew@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Lectors** – The ministry of reading the Lessons and the Prayers of the People is one of the most important and enriching areas of worship. New lectors are always welcome; if you would enjoy giving a voice to the Scripture and Prayers, come join us. Please contact Andrew Proctor (901-409-0820 or proctorandrew@hotmail.com) for more information.

**The Daughters of The King** are united through vows of prayer, service and evangelism, pray for all on our church's prayer list, and act as healing ministers at worship services to pray with and for anyone. Please contact Erika Ewen (ricki32273@gmail.com) for more information.

## Music!

St. George's recognizes the magnificent gift of music given by God to the Church and to all of God's people in the world. Music plays an integral role in the life of St. George's – from worship, to fellowship, to formation. Our choirs and instrumental ensembles give participants the opportunity to share their musical gifts with other musicians, with the parish and with all of our neighbors, while being part of a loving and supportive community in which they continue to grow as musicians and as Christians. Our Music Committee and Friends of Music provide support to our ensembles and our Interim Director of Music, and help to keep us mindful of our ministry to the greater community.

Please contact Steven Karr (901-754-7282 or [music@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesgermantown.org)) for more information.

**Choirs** – Our choral program offers several options for interested volunteers: **Coventry Choir** for adults and **Choristers** for children. The Coventry Choir sings weekly for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. service, as well as for special services throughout the year. The Choristers rehearse weekly, and occasionally sing on their own or with Coventry Choir. The Chorister program helps children develop an understanding of basic musical concepts and their role in the liturgy. Our Interim Director of Music Ministry, Steven Karr (901-754-7282 or [music@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:music@stgeorgesgermantown.org)) can be contacted for more information. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

**Exultemus:** Our folk guitar and vocal ensemble provides music for special events such as picnics, parties and special church services including healing services and the annual Blessing of the Animals. Please contact Tom Fields (901-674-0652 or [tgfields1@hotmail.com](mailto:tgfields1@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**Sanctifica:** Sanctifica Wind Ensemble's mission is to provide instrumental music for the worship liturgy at St. George's. In addition to their role in worship, the ensemble also holds an annual concert in June. The ensemble rehearses on Sundays at 1:30 pm in the church nave. Sanctifica warmly welcomes new members from our parishioners. Musicians who are not members of the church are also invited and encouraged to join. Please contact Billie Moore (901-486-0417 or [scooter.red@hotmail.com](mailto:scooter.red@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**Recorders:** Experienced players play in the St. George's Consort Group. Please contact Angela Saunders (901-438-9975 or [iguanamom3@aol.org](mailto:iguanamom3@aol.org)) for more information.





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Pilgrimage to Israel, April/May 2023

## **Growing as Christians!**

**Inquirers' Series:** For those wishing to know more about the Episcopal Church, especially those preparing for Confirmation, this series is offered before our Bishop's Annual Visitation (December 3, 2023), and is an introduction to the history of Anglicanism, the major influences affecting our worship today, and discussion on our beliefs and spirituality. Class schedule will be based upon the needs of participants. Please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org) for more information.

## **Reading with the Rector:**

**Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7. December 5, January 2, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7.** Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month, this time of discussion and reflection allows participants to reflect on theological themes of certain popular books and share the ways in which these stories - fiction and non-fiction - affect us, resonate with us, and cause us to reflect on our own lives and our journey with Christ. Please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org) for more information.

## **Bible Study:**

**Thursday evenings (7:00 p.m.), beginning September 7, 2023** with Dr. Jimmy Elam as facilitator. We will meet every Thursday evening until May, 2024, unless there is a holiday or other conflict.

Everyone is welcome each week, even if you have been unable to attend any prior weeks. This year the first month we will be covering PBS's "From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians." We will then move to covering various Christian Apocryphal texts. Do you know where the *only* actual written documentation of Christ's resurrection itself can be found? Ever hear of the Gospel of Thomas? What about the actual details of the martyrdom of Peter and Paul? What about the Immaculate Conception of Mary? All of these, and other early information, can only be found in Christian Apocryphal texts. Over the centuries various Church doctrines have been developed from these texts. Join us each week as we investigate these amazing ancient documents. Please contact Jim Elam (jimmyelam@hotmail.com) for more information.

## **Education for Ministry:**

**Mondays, 6:45 p.m. in the Library:** Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year transformational journey of theological study designed to help you gain a deeper understanding of your Christian faith. Through study, worship and theological reflection, EfM helps participants fully explore the ways in which Christian tradition intersects with their experience of the world. Please contact Verlinda Henning (VerlindaH@aol.com) for more information. Students enroll for one year at a time, and remit the course fee at the time of enrollment.

## **Book Club:**

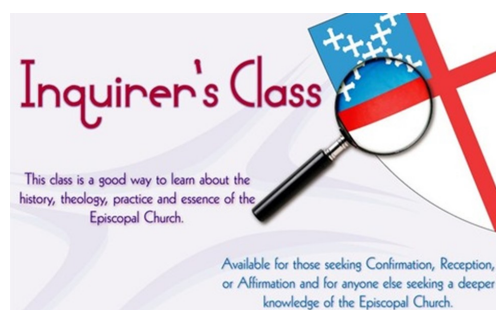
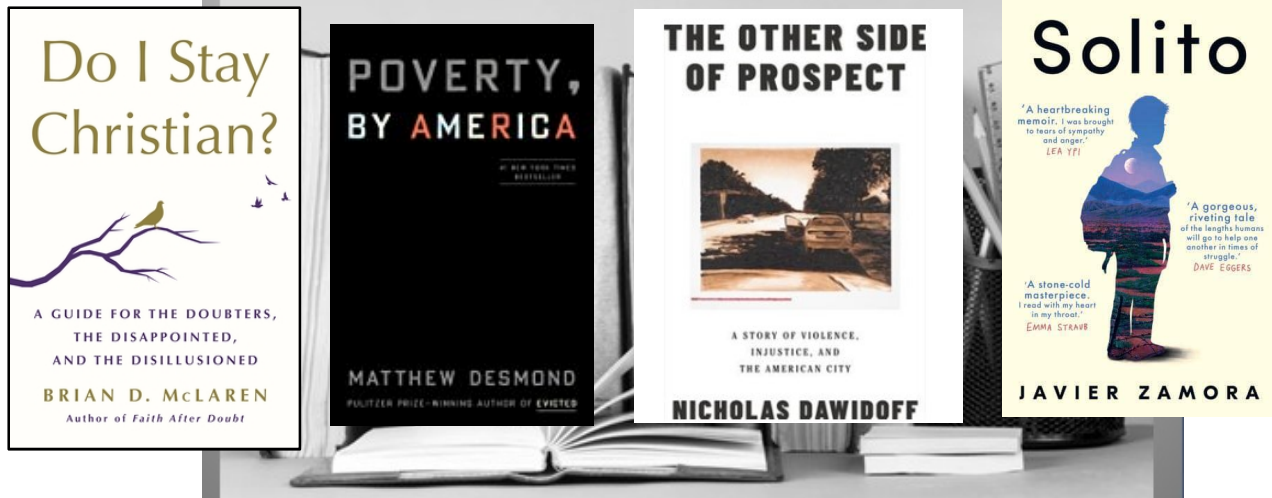
**Second Tuesdays, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12, 2023; and January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m., in the Library/online:** Join this women's group that meets monthly to discuss a wide range of book selections! Authors are often special guests. Please contact Kit Decker (kit.decker@earthlink.net) for more information.

- + Opportunities to grow together as Christians abound: Reading with the Rector, Women's Book Club, Old Testament Bible Study, Education for Ministry, Inquirers Series!

## Reading with the Rector...

### First Tuesdays

### 7:00 p.m.



Our Food & Formation series combines formation, food and fellowship to help us all grow in our faith.



Daniel Connolly, author, *The Book of Isaiah*



Author Greg Graber (left), and Jewish scholar Sally Rosenberg (right)



Eucharist on the grounds of the Church of the Beatitudes,  
Tiberias, Israel, May 2023



Eucharist in the Garden of Gethsemane, May 2023

## Children/Youth/Families!

**Sunday School Teachers** lead children and youth in their respective formation classes. **“Food and Formation”** (the first Sunday of every month with exception of holidays/special events) will follow the 10:30 am service. All parishioners will grab their lunch and proceed to their adult, children’s or youth formation classes.

Families with children and youth are invited to "The Table" where we will spend time in fellowship as families and participate in various family/children/youth formation classes and activities throughout the year. We need your help leading our children and youth in these dynamic education and discussion sessions. Please email Karrie LaCroix at [karrie@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:karrie@stgeorgesgermantown.org) for more information.

**Children’s Chapel Teachers** are needed for this important year round education for our 3 year old to 5th graders (older children will be paired with younger children as helpers). Children are invited to join us for Children's Chapel following the reading of the first lesson. Children will return to their seats during the Peace. Additionally, we will offer something new starting in the Fall of 2023. We will be leading a lesson and discussion for youth aged 6th through 8th grade. We need everyone's support to keep these programs up and running, so please share your time and talent in teaching one Sunday! Please email [karrie@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:karrie@stgeorgesgermantown.org) to be added to the sign up. The commitment is small but the reward is great! [*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*-Helen Keller.]

**Nursery workers** are needed to help the youngest of us grow! Please contact Trish Lange ([langetowne@gmail.com](mailto:langetowne@gmail.com)) for more information.





From Children's Chapel each Sunday, to Vacation Bible School, to The Table, to opportunities for service and just plain fun, our Children's/Youth ministry brings together a wonderful group of children, youth and adult leaders to help us grow in the knowledge and love of God. Our Children's/Youth/Family Ministry Coordinator, Karrie LaCroix, would love to hear more from our families about how we can serve even better – and how all of our families can be involved!





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**The Caring Roundtable** helps to coordinate our parish support for those who are ill, grieving, or otherwise in need of our love and support. For more information, please contact Mother Dorothy ([Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org)).

•**The Flower Guild prepares vases of flowers** to be delivered to ill, homebound or grieving parishioners; we can always use extra hands to help with flower delivery, so please contact Charlotte Hayes (901-490-1472 or [charlottehayes@aol.com](mailto:charlottehayes@aol.com)) or Pam Key (901-848-6146 or [pamelajkey@outlook.com](mailto:pamelajkey@outlook.com)) for more information.

•**Our Knitting Ministry creates prayer shawls** to wrap people with love. The knitting ministry at St. George's has a main purpose...it is love. Too nebulous? Not really. Whatever we make is made with love. Each item is given as an earthly representation of divine love Contact Marcia Meisinger ([marciameisinger@ymail.com](mailto:marciameisinger@ymail.com)) who can provide more information.

•**The Worship Transportation Ministry Team helps bring parishioners who are no longer driving to worship on Sunday mornings** and to other parish activities. Please consider becoming part of this very rewarding ministry – and helping those who cannot drive continue to be full participants in the life of our parish church. For more information, please contact Mother Dorothy ([Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org)).



Caroling at The Village (December 2022)



Eucharist and Lunch at The Village (September 2023)



**#Serve901 Roundtable** helps to coordinate our parish support for area ministries. Some of these ministries are ministries that the St. George's parish family regularly serves; often, **#Serve901** will help make the parish family aware of opportunities to serve throughout our community.

Among the ministries that we regularly serve are **Room in the Inn** and **More Than a Meal**. We serve **Room in the Inn** at The Cottage at Germantown United Methodist Church, and on the first and third Thursdays of November through March, we provide hospitality, a hot meal and overnight shepherds for guests who are without shelter – and who are grateful for the warm place to sleep and the hot meal that we are able to share. **Coordinator John Remsen (jremsenjr@yahoo.com) can share all of the details of this rewarding ministry.**

We also regularly serve **More Than a Meal**, which is held at Grace-St. Luke's Church in Midtown (corner of Peabody and Belvedere); see pictures, below. St. George's leads the **3rd Sunday cooking team** – preparing the meal on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month – and helps with set-up and clean-up for the meal, as well as serving the meal to guests. We start setting up at 3:00 p.m., and the meal is served at 4:00 p.m. If you enjoy making your way around a kitchen, and would love to have a hungry crowd to appreciate your cooking, here's your opportunity! **Please contact PZ Horton at hortonpz@gmail.com for more information about joining the cooking team.** Many thanks to PZ and Selby Horton for leading the cooking team!

In addition, we share a day of community service with our neighbors at Germantown United Methodist, Germantown Presbyterian, and New Bethel Baptist Churches. Held on Labor Day weekend, our shared **Labor of Love** day allows us in community with each other to take part in a number of ministry opportunities.

**For more information about our #Serve901 ministries, please contact Susan Westbrook (westbrooksb@gmail.com).**





We continue our Room in the Inn ministry – now in our ninth season of holy hospitality as we share with neighbors who are without shelter November through March.





We continue to share a day of service with our Germantown neighbor churches; during Labor of Love 2023, we packaged over 10,100 meals through Rise Against Hunger, delivered six routes of meals for MIFA, and gathered hundreds of diapers, incontinence supplies and feminine hygiene supplies for families struggling to afford those items.



We collect clothing and supplies for the Lisieux Community and Calvary Church's Clothes Closet. We continue to share food with Collierville Food Pantry – and we were privileged to be able to share food boxes, coats and other necessities with the households of children served by Emmanuel Center.



Our No Sweat Soirée is our annual fundraiser to help us with support of community ministry partners. We thank our No Sweat Soirée team, and everyone who gave wines, spirits and goods, and everyone who purchased pulls and goods for your generous support! In 2023, our proceeds – totaling \$19,768.42 – support Carpenter Art Garden, Emmanuel Center, Church Health, MIFA and Room in the Inn-Memphis!



# *Sharing with our Community*

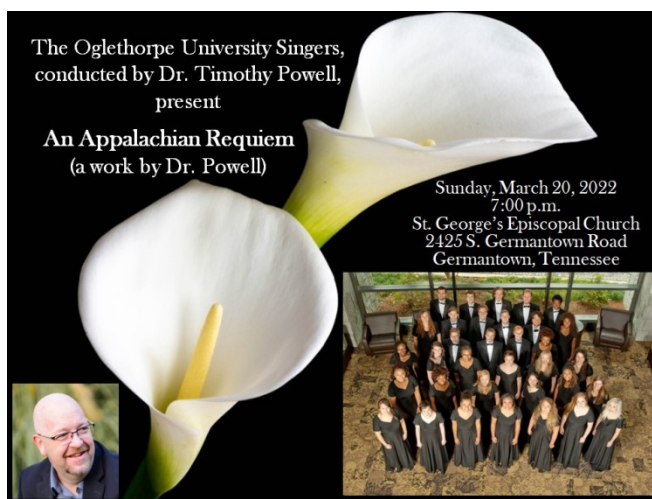
*We are blessed with a beautiful campus and are privileged to share in abundant ministries — from our award-winning Preschool, to a rich and varied concert series, to an annual Blessing of the Animals service in honor of St. Francis, to an Art Gallery which hosts delightful exhibits by local artists, to an Episcopal Bookshoppe, to hosting a number of 12-step recovery groups and supporting our neighbors on their recovery journeys.*



**St. George's Episcopal Preschool** is a ministry of St. George's Church. Our mission is to provide a loving Christian environment within which your child can grow in mind, body, and spirit and in relationship to God and others through developmentally appropriate learning experiences. If you're looking for a preschool that has consistently achieved the highest ratings and has an incredible, dedicated faculty and staff, please contact Sarah Bettendorf ([sarah@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:sarah@stgeorgesgermantown.org)) for more information.

**Mother's Day Out:** St. George's Episcopal Preschool is proud to offer a Mother's Day Out program in our church nursery space. Mother's Day Out is for families with infants from 6 months of age. Mother's Day Out infants meet for two days a week and are either in our Tuesday/ Thursday class or our Wednesday / Friday class. We have two teachers and four children in each class. Please contact our Preschool Director Sarah Bettendorf (phone 901-757-2675) if you have an interest in learning more about our Mother's Day Out Program.





St. George's concert series features a variety of exceptional musical events. Guest artists appearing recently have included Gesualdo Six, Memphis Light Opera, Philharmonia Quartet Berlin, AYA Trio, the Escher Quartet (shown, below), organist Cherry Rhodes, and Collegium Musicum. Composers who have appeared in-residence, conducting their original works, include Dr. Tim Sharp (*Come Away to the Skies: A High Lonesome Bluegrass Mass*) and Dr. Timothy Powell (shown, above, conducting his work, *Consider the Lilies: An Appalachian Requiem*).

A Friends of Music committee has been established to support St. George's concert series in a myriad of ways including publicity, fundraising, artist hospitality and hosting receptions. We are looking for additional supporters to join and lead this committee in helping us to continue offering inspiring music to the community. For more information, please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org).





Organist Cherry Rhodes in concert (April 2023)



Gesualdo Six in concert (November 2022)



Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (December 2022)

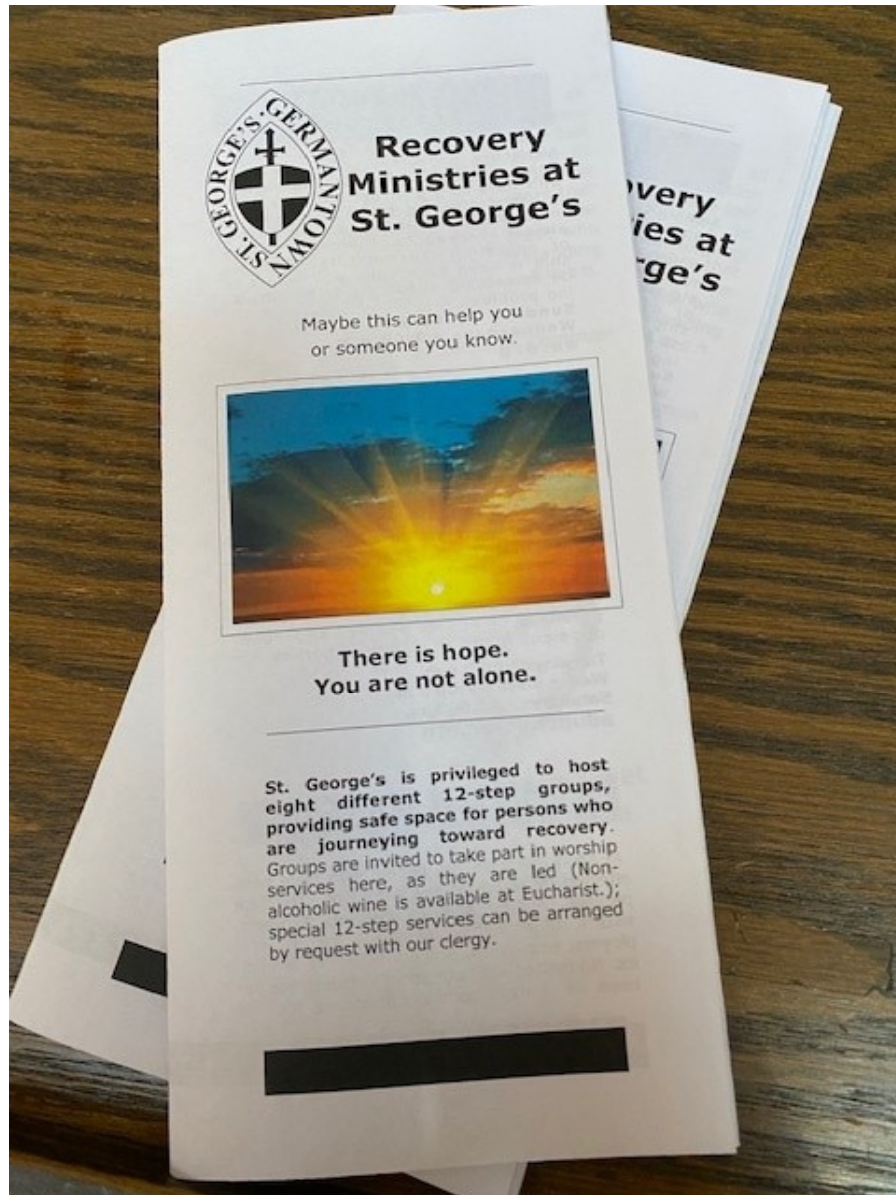


**Concerts on the Garth** is our outdoor concert series showcasing local musicians. Grab your folding chair and join us for fun, festive music during warm weather. Bring a picnic or purchase food and beverages from our youth group. If you would like to help with this ministry please contact Mother Dorothy ([dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org)) for more information.





We continue to welcome 12-step groups to share our campus, as neighbors follow their paths to recovery.

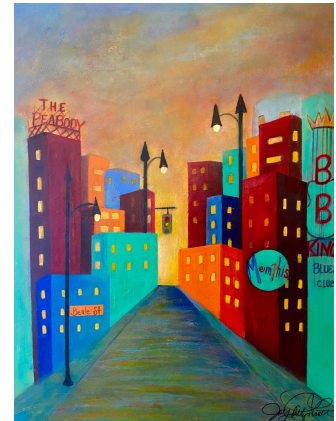


O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through mental illness or addiction have lost health and freedom. Restore to all the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove the fears that beset us; strengthen us in the work of healing and recovery; and to those who care for and support the struggling, give patient understanding and persevering love. *Amen.*

### **Discover the visual arts, on exhibit in our Gallery!**

The Gallery Team helps bring works of art to the walls of St. George's Gallery. This ministry promotes art exhibits which reflect God's gifts of creativity and a portion of sales proceeds supports the ministry of Carpenter Art Garden, Binghampton. Our exhibits have included Artist Group of Memphis Art Show, Artist Link, Colored Pencil Exhibit, and Memphis/Germantown Art League.

Please contact Joy Routt (901-721-3686 or [joyroutt24@gmail.com](mailto:joyroutt24@gmail.com)) for more information.



### **St. George's Bookshoppe!**

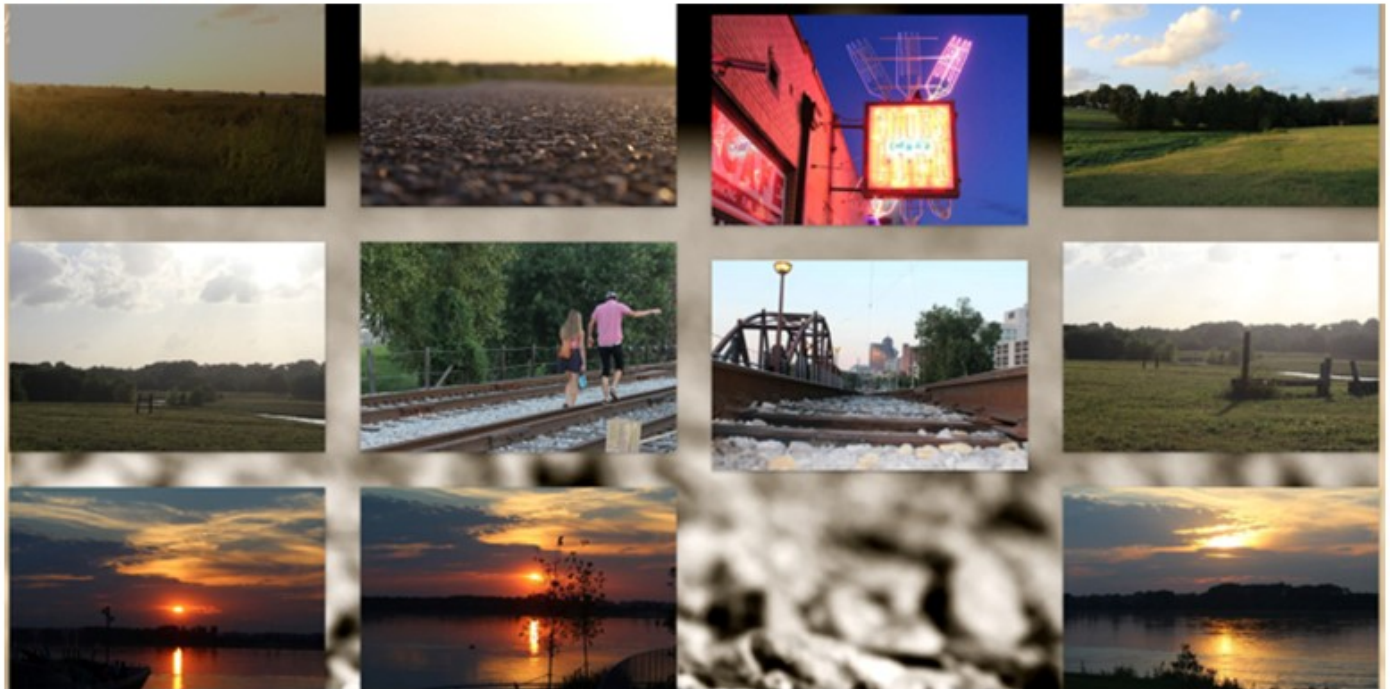
The Bookshoppe has been part of St. George's Church since 1995! This ministry serves our parish by selling reasonably priced unique jewelry, crosses, home decor, specialty books, baby gifts, cards, and other religious themed items. We would love for a few volunteers to assist us in this fun and meaningful ministry. The Bookshoppe is open on Sundays from 9:30 - 12:30, and on other announced special occasions. Please contact Pat Gallagher or Connie Douglass (901-753-4147 or [bookshoppe@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:bookshoppe@stgeorgesgermantown.org)) for more information.



# Memphis-area church honors Tyre Nichols by exhibiting his photography

BY MELODIE WOERMAN

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Tyre Nichols, 29, who died at the hands of Memphis police on Jan. 10, was an aspiring photographer. An Episcopal church in Germantown, Tennessee, is honoring Nichols by displaying eight of his photos. Photo: Screenshot of Nichols' website

[Episcopal News Service, [https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2023/02/16/memphis-area-church-honors-tyre-nichols-by-exhibiting-his-photography/?fbclid=IwAR30mwz2z\\_b6wIMfnzQOxuw3A0c2Sy\\_E8ShGWG4DjcP0gcyc9GrNRv94vfw](https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2023/02/16/memphis-area-church-honors-tyre-nichols-by-exhibiting-his-photography/?fbclid=IwAR30mwz2z_b6wIMfnzQOxuw3A0c2Sy_E8ShGWG4DjcP0gcyc9GrNRv94vfw)]

St. George's Episcopal Church in Germantown, Tennessee, a Memphis suburb, is honoring the life of Tyre Nichols by displaying eight of his photos in the parish's art gallery.

The exhibit, entitled "Through Tyre Nichols' Eyes," will be on display in the main hallway between the narthex and parish hall through Feb. 28.

The goal of the exhibit is "to honor Tyre as a person," the church's rector, the Rev. Dorothy Sanders Wells, told Episcopal News Service, and to help people see him as more than just a victim. "We wanted to show the lens through which he saw the world."

Nichols, who was 29, died on Jan. 10 after being severely beaten three days earlier by Memphis Police Department officers who had pulled him over for a traffic stop. His death sparked an outcry across the country against police violence.

The eight photos in St. George's exhibit were among the many images Nichols had posted on his photography website. Wells said the church had the photos printed and framed, and they plan to give them to Nichols' family after the exhibit closes.



The exhibit, entitled "Through Tyre Nichols' Eyes," will be on display in the main hallway between the narthex and parish hall at St. George's Episcopal Church through Feb. 28. Photo: Dorothy Sanders Wells

In looking at the images on Nichols' website, Wells said she was struck by how many bridges he included, so seven of the eight pieces in the exhibit are of bridges. But besides helping people see these everyday structures through Nichols' own eyes, she hopes those images will call others "to think about how they might be bridges to understanding, peace and justice."

The eighth photo depicts the statue of Tom Lee that stands by the Mississippi River in a park named for him. Lee, a Black man who in 1925 was working for a company repairing levees along the river, is credited with saving 32 people after their boat capsized. Using his own small boat, he pulled people out of the cold water and deposited them on a nearby sandbar until he couldn't reach anyone else. Almost 30 people drowned.

It was important to include that photo in the exhibit, Wells said, because it poses a question almost 100 years after Lee's actions. "Where was Tyre's Tom Lee that night? Where was the one person who could say, 'We can't do this'?"

In a statement about Nichols' death issued by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Jan. 28, he also noted that no one on the scene had offered any aid to Nichols the night he was beaten. "Not one Good Samaritan," Curry wrote. He added, "Just throwing up our hands in despair is not an option lest we leave a brother, a sister, a sibling on the side of the road again. No, let more Good Samaritans arise so that Tyre Nichols' death will not be in vain."

St. George's is open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 3 p.m.

*—Melodie Woerman is a freelance writer and former director of communications for the Diocese of Kansas.*



## *Sharing in Fellowship*



## Fellowship/Hospitality!

**The Kitchen Committee** schedules annual kitchen clean-up required by municipal code and enlists a team to help, keeping our kitchen in tip-top shape. Please contact Laura Sperry (901-756-5493/mimilaura@bellsouth.net) for more information.

**The Hospitality Committee** provides hospitality support for specific parish events: Fifth Sunday Newcomer luncheons, the Stewardship in-gathering luncheon, Pentecost Picnic (on Pentecost Sunday), and the luncheon following the church's Annual Meeting. The Hospitality Committee ensures the large church fellowship meals and events are setup, staffed, and kitchen returned to normal. We spread this work throughout our team so that others may enjoy time visiting, welcoming, learning, and building church community. For information, please contact Margaret Hatter (margarethatter1@aol.com).



**Cooking teams for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Food and Formation:** Do you love cooking? Is making a meal for others your language for service? We're looking for some teams to help make "breakfast for lunch" or a fun lite lunch for the Sundays on which we have Food and Formation, and for The Table, our monthly family formation offering. If making a meal for others sounds like your way of sharing with our parish family, please be in touch with Sarah Bettendorf (sarah@stgeorgesgermantown.org).

**Lancers:** Adults of the church gather for fellowship and dinner, often on the 2nd Friday evening of the month, at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Kit Decker (kit.decker@earthlink.net).

**Primetimers:** If you would like to be part of a steering committee to develop programming and plan lunch for a daytime "lunch and learn" for senior adults, please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org).

**Flying Solo,** for unmarried women, meets 3rd Friday of each month for dinner. Please contact Sandi Bethel (sandi.bethel@ipaper.com).

**The Newcomers Committee** helps to welcome the newest-among-us and facilitate their meeting others in our parish family at our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Parish Luncheons – where we all enjoy a time of fellowship with our parish family. Please contact Mother Dorothy (Dorothy@stgeorgesgermantown.org) for more information.

## **Office/Parish Administration!**

**Office Volunteers** come in for a few hours a week, greet those who are stopping by the church office, answer the phone, relay messages, and help with occasional light office work (inserting flyers into Sunday bulletins, mailings, etc.). Help our great staff be even greater! Please contact Eileen Fields (901-754-7282 or [eileen@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:eileen@stgeorgesgermantown.org)) for more information.

**Wedding Hostesses:** Do you love weddings? Does seeing a couple begin their new life together fill you with joy? Then be a Wedding Hostess and help them begin their journey through this ministry. Please contact Sarah Bettendorf (901-896-9581 or [bettendorfw@bellsouth.net](mailto:bettendorfw@bellsouth.net)) for more information.

**The Buildings and Grounds Committee:** The B&G Committee is charged with the supervision, maintenance, and improvements of St. George's church building and property. These duties include making recommendations to the Vestry when major projects are needed for these activities. The Committee needs individuals who can provide expertise in minor building repairs and gardening. Also, "young" legs are needed to help keep roof drains uncluttered, especially during autumn and spring months when leaves are a problem. Please contact Don Rossman (901-755-1084 or [dmrossman7@bellsouth.net](mailto:dmrossman7@bellsouth.net)) for more information.

**The Columbarium Committee** A serene setting befitting the sacred nature of our Columbarium is maintained by church members after a 2019 renovation. This special green oasis sitting just to the right as you walk up to the church offers solace and comfort for those who mourn the passing of a loved one. What a perfect opportunity to serve St. George's for those who may have downsized and want just a little gardening from time to time. Contact Carolyn Martin (901-494-3605 or [carolynmart@comcast.net](mailto:carolynmart@comcast.net)) for more information. The St. George's parish family is invited to meet with Mother Dorothy learn more about the purchase of niches and pre-planning for final arrangements.

**The Endowment Committee** oversees our investments, which support many of our core programs. Terms are 3 years, with meetings held quarterly. Please contact Lynn Shaw (901-494-6858 or [Lynn.Shaw@RaymondJames.com](mailto:Lynn.Shaw@RaymondJames.com)) for more information.

**The Finance Team** supports the church treasurer and advises the vestry regarding the fiscal status of our church, and assists with the budgeting process. Please contact Jim Vogel (901-212-6383 or [jmvogel@comcast.net](mailto:jmvogel@comcast.net)) for more information.

**The Stewardship Committee** plans and executes our annual stewardship drives that help people connect to ministry and discern God's use of their time, talent and treasure. Please contact Taylor Key, Senior Warden ([jtaylorkey@gmail.com](mailto:jtaylorkey@gmail.com)) for more information.



# St. George's Episcopal Church

## CLERGY, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The Rt. Rev. Phoebe A. Roaf, *Bishop of West Tennessee*

The Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells, *Rector*

The Rev. Amanda McGriff, *Assisting Priest, Part-Time*

The Rev. Peter W. Hawes, *Rector Emeritus*

Stephen Karr, *Interim Director of Music Ministry*

Eileen Fields, *Parish Administrator for Operations and Finance*

Karrie LaCroix, *Children, Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator*

Kane Bradley, *Graduate Assistant in Choral Conducting*

Sarah Bettendorf, *Preschool Director*

Kelly Flaherty, *Assistant Preschool Director*

Joe Austin, *Webmaster*

Sarah Bettendorf, *Wedding Coordinator*

Trish Lange, *Nursery Coordinator*

Andrew Proctor, *Cantor*

Kit Decker, *Volunteer, Communications*

Tom Fields, *Volunteer, Exultemus Director*

Billie Moore, *Volunteer, Sanctifica Director*

Joe Austin and Herb Wells, *Volunteer, Video and Live-streaming*