

St.  
ANN'S  
150<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary

## St. Ann's Episcopal Church



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### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 24, 2009. 6:00 PM  
\$5 per person or \$15 per family  
Music: Monday Night Jazz Band



### Ash Wednesday Services

February 25, 2009  
The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion  
Noon and 7:00PM

### Staff Information

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### 2009 Vestry

Art Anderson	Travis Loller
John Bledsoe	Carol Mannchen
Rosemary Burdeshaw	Ken Love
Graham Carpenter	David Price
Merissa Costanza	Bill Ralston
Paul Donley	Julia Reynolds
Gary Fitzhugh	Eric Zavaterra

## 2009 Annual Parish Meeting

It was good to gather on January 18<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Parish Meeting.

We gathered to reflect and celebrate about the past year. We gave thanks for the leadership and service offered by many of you. It was only right to offer Ned Overton our gratitude as we gave him a standing ovation and symbolic gifts for his 3 years of ministry as our Sr. Warden. The food was delicious and plentiful after the meeting.

Copies of materials from the Annual Meeting are available in All Saints Hall. Included are the annual meeting packets and the more detailed 2009 mission and ministry operating budget and 2008 year end financial reports.

Here are a few postscripts and corrections from the meeting:

- We congratulate those elected to the vestry: Ken Love, Travis Loller, Gary Fitzhugh, Paul Donley and Graham Carpenter.
- Concerning the pledge report. The correct amount of pledges in 2009 to date totals \$261,201 given by 85 pledge units. The 2008 figure is 90 pledge units pledging \$263,102. This was reported under the wrong years as mentioned in the meeting.
- Carolyn Price and Peg Hardin are also members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee.
- There will be a balance of \$31,476 in the reserved funds after the \$30,573 is deducted to cover the budgeted shortfall in income.

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# ADMINISTRATION

## The Rector's Discretionary Fund

In the Canons of the Episcopal Church the plate offering one Sunday a month is to be designated for the rector's discretionary fund. At St. Ann's it is the first Sunday. This fund is used by the rector primarily to assist people in need or to address any particular need or condition in the parish. It is not to be used for personal expenses.

The loose plate offering consists of undesignated funds (cash or checks). These are donations not designated for things such as a member's annual or capital campaign pledge or for a special appeal. The discretionary fund is part of the churches finances and is included in the yearly audit. Our parish administrator Jackie Harris keeps records of all income and expenses. At St. Ann's she can also sign checks from the discretionary fund with the permission of the rector.

## Sunday Donation envelopes

Some members and guests like to use an envelope when making a donation and placing it in the alms basin during worship. Offering envelopes are available on the kiosk in All Saints Hall. If you would like supply of these generic donation envelopes, contact Charlise in the parish office.

### Financial Highlights Operating Budget Y-T-D December, 2008

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$318,576	\$284,818
Expenses	\$321,391	\$318,544

### Annual Meeting *(continued from previous page)*

- The balance in the reserve funds restricted for youth to cover 2009 youth group activities is \$3,343.55. The original budget amount requested was \$2,050.

My verbal report included these comments as we look toward 2009:

- Our two major and defining commitments in 2009 are the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on June 27<sup>th</sup> and the summer East Nashville Hope Exchange Program. The Presiding Bishop will also visit ENHE on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- I met with 102 members during our Cottage Groups. The common thread found in or discussion about St. Ann's was a value placed upon diversity and authenticity.
- Strengthen the ministry of the vestry.
- Search for a permanent Director of Music. Our interim is eligible to be a candidate.
- Develop and expand our website
- Acknowledged that we collected over 90% of pledged income in 2008 and pledged \$1,900 less in 2009 with
- 5 fewer pledges (to date) than last year.

I also inadvertently omitted my continued effort to become familiar with our members and our partners in the community; to meet pastoral needs and to consider ways to strengthen our ministry to our children and youth, especially as we look toward the fall. The key is planning and recruitment.

As we face a difficult year economically as shown in our budget, we can meet the challenge through the ministry of our laity. Many of the budgetary decisions were based on our ability to call upon members to give their time and talent.

Again, using the words of Paul found in the Book of Thessalonians (5:16-18), may we find reasons in 2009 to rejoice in our life as the church, lift in prayer all that we do to sustain and guide us and with a sense of thanksgiving serve one another and others in confidence and hope.

Yours in Christ,  
Rick

## PARISH LIFE



### Don't Forget Lunch on Souper Bowl Sunday

The youth group plans to serve homemade soups and grilled cheese sandwiches after the 10:30 service on February 1. Donations will go to St. Luke's Community House and Second Harvest.

### Christian Education Opportunities

#### Adult Sunday Christian Education Class

**February 1- March 8.** *Religion and Science Examines Genes, Behavior, Sin and Freewill.* This class begins on February 1 and ends March 8<sup>th</sup>. It is led by Graham Carpenter and Tom Hardin.

#### Adult Inquirer's Class to start March 1

Rick Britton will teach an Inquirer's class for six weeks beginning in Lent. It can be used as a preparation for Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church. This is an excellent class for those just exploring their faith or wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church. The class will meet for six weeks beginning on March 1. Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitation is Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. For any questions about the class contact Rick.

### Parish Pictorial Directories

If you have not picked up your directory, please contact Charlsie in the parish office to make arrangements to get one. You can also get a plain directory without pictures upon request.

*Corrections to the Pictorial Directory.* Members are asked to submit any corrections and additions in the directory to Charlsie. Forms will also be available in the All Saints Hall to update your information. A list of changes will be made and available to update your directory as needed.



### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Lucille and Jim Hughson, parents of Jim Hughson, as she recovers from surgery and Jim as he copes with his health problems.*

*Bob Smart as he faces failing health at The Health Care Center, West Meade Place, Room 2083B, 1000 St. Luke Dr. 37205, 690-2983.*

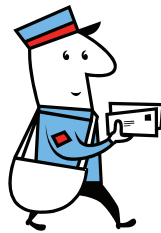
*Geoffrey Butcher, a priest in the Diocese, as he recovers from a stroke.*

*Kevin and Kristy Adams, granddaughter and grandson-in-law of Charlsie Holmes.*

*(Members can submit prayer requests to Charlsie in the parish office at 254.3534.)*

### Biddings Added to our Sunday Worship

There is a common practice of adding special biddings before reciting the Prayers of the People found in our Book of Common Prayer. These 'bidding prayers' give us the opportunity to prayer for conditions, needs and people that are important to us as a congregation. The Intercessor will read them just prior to leading us in the Prayers of the People



### E-Mail or Snail Mail

The Epistle is now being delivered to you by e-mail with paper copies being sent to those who do not use e-mail. If you did not receive a copy or want to change the method of delivery, please contact the office at 254-3534 or [office@stannsnashville.org](mailto:office@stannsnashville.org).



## Reflections on Prayer (Part III)

by John Michael Shrewsbury, TSSF

In prior months, I shared my reflections on prayer as oblation, petition, and intercession. This month, I will share my thoughts on thanksgiving and penitence. In prior months, I have shared some of the characteristics that make each of the forms of prayer difficult. Like the others, thanksgiving has its challenges. It is so easy to say “Thank you God” (although we often forget to do so) like thanking someone who held the door for us as we enter church on Sunday morning, but it can be a real challenge to truly express our gratitude for the extreme gifts God has given us. To do this, we have to admit, not only to ourselves, but to God the debt we really owe for the gifts God has given us. In “Prayers for a Privileged People”, Walter Brueggeman (2008), describing his prayers in thanksgiving for our “well ordered lives” he states that “along with our joy and thankfulness, we recognize in our moments of candor the gap between the privileged and the not-so-privileged” (p. xiv). So in this “thanksgiving” prayer we may find a moment of self awareness. An awareness, that not only of how indebted to God we really are, but also that the gifts and blessings God has given us can never be taken for granted or abused. True thanksgiving is a true gratitude that acknowledges our neediness for Gods gifts, while manifesting itself in true joy at what God has given us.

Even more difficult sometimes than Thanksgiving is penitence. Margaret Guenther describes Penitence as “the other side of the coin from Thanksgiving” (“The Practice of Prayer”, 1998, p.51). In thanksgiving we see our need reflected in what God has given us and how needful we are of God’s gifts, in penitence we must acknowledge our weakness to sin in comparison to God’s perfection. Our prayer book offers us some guidance in this. Every time we participate in worship, we share together in the “general confession.” This is a corporate act of penitence, we as the church perform. The Book of Common Prayer also contains a rite for “The Reconciliation of a Penitent” (p. 447). This provides a framework for “confessing” to God our shortcoming as an outward sign of contrition for our sins, but this is not the only form for penitential prayer. We can be penitent in our own personal prayer. Margaret Guenther in her further discussion of penitence, explains that it is “looking at ourselves with clear eyes, not groveling or condemning, but wholly honest. This is where the rite of reconciliation can be most helpful. My Order (Franciscan) requires all members of the order to be under spiritual direction and to participate in this rite at least annually. I find that my spiritual director or confessor (Sometimes the same person if my SD is a priest), can help me see myself a little more clearly and honestly and to put my sins in “perspective.” My “real” penitential prayer is often my prayer in preparation for the rite, rather than those said in the rite.

## Diocesan Committees

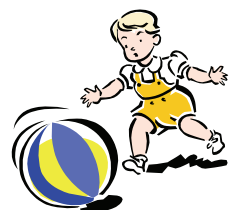
**Rick Britton and Tom Hardin are serving on diocesan committees.** Tom Hardin was elected for another two year term as a member of the diocesan *Bishop and Council*. He is serving as the representative from The Northeastern Convocation. The Bishop and Council acts like the vestry to the bishop. It works with the bishop in setting the vision for the diocese, managing the budget, following the canons of the church, setting policy and seeing that the resolutions passed at the Annual Convention are addressed.

Rick has been appointed by Bishop Bauerschmidt to serve on the *Ecclesiastical Trial Court*. The Court is established by our national canons for the trial of a priest or deacon.

Keep Rick and Tom in your prayers. We are proud that St. Ann’s continues to contribute in service to our diocese and bishop.

## Sunday Childcare Volunteers are needed

Members are asked to provide childcare for the nursery and toddlers during our 8:30AM and 10:30AM services. Sarah Goodrich is our staff person and will be working with our volunteers. There is a serious need for your help. If you can give any time, please contact Jennifer Painter at 424-8646 or [mira.painter@mnps.org](mailto:mira.painter@mnps.org).



## OUTREACH



A few months ago, I read a memoir entitled *When a Crocodile Eats the Sun*. This book was about Zimbabwe and the tragedy there caused by absolute power corrupting absolutely. Mugabe is the Crocodile -- Zimbabwe is the sun. This book was written by a member of a white family who settled in Zimbabwe during colonial times. He isn't living there, but his parents were still there when he wrote the book.

Zimbabwe is a country that enjoyed many years of prosperity until its leader went crazy bad. The white settlers were forced off their land and replaced by young hoodlums who knew nothing about farming and enjoyed destroying the farms and equipment. The results have been predictable for anyone with any sense. Elections were held and Mugabe was voted out, but will not give up power. There is 80% unemployment, no food, and a cholera epidemic. HIV and malaria are also prevalent. Life expectancy has dropped from in the sixties to mid thirties. One can only imagine the horror of being trapped in this place.

ERD has also partnered with The Church of the Province of Central Africa to protect the most vulnerable through the Nets for Life program which helps prevent malaria. This program is active in 15 African countries. The current hot spot is Gaza, where Israelis went in with troops in an effort to stop Hamas from bombing Israel. Many innocent people have been killed there. ERD has sent emergency funds to Al Ahli Arab Hospital, providing emergency care to civilians.

Check out the ERD website <http://www.er-d.org/index.php>. It will make you proud to be an Episcopalian and if you feel so moved, you can make a donation right on line.

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### Refugee Program Needs Help

- 1) The unexpected increase in refugee arrival numbers has caused the depletion of the supply of backpacks for new arrivals. School supplies basics, like paper, are also starting to run low.
- 2) Following are two cases who are really in need.
  - One Family ( 10 members in the family) with a new baby
  - Second Family ( 7 members)

They are in need of diapers for kids, all sizes, body soap, and basic needs. (Dish liquid, wash powders, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, razors, combs, sanitary napkins, comet, body lotion, and last but not least lots of toilet paper).

You may bring the items to the office for pick up or contact Marcheta Claus at [mclaus@cctenn.org](mailto:mclaus@cctenn.org) or phone: 615-760-2790 for more information.

## IN THE DIOCESE

Events at Christ Church Cathedral,  
900 Broadway, downtown Nashville

February, 2009

Everyone Welcome

[www.christcathedral.org](http://www.christcathedral.org)

**Wednesday Evenings at Christ Church Cathedral offers two series in February.** Wednesday evening dinner is available at 5:30 p.m., with reservations to 615-255-7729 the Monday prior. Cost for dinner is \$5, \$3 for children. Childcare is provided.

**“African Roots of Christianity in America”** is a four-part series January 28-February 18, 6:30 p.m.

**Art and Theology Workshop – “A Celtic Journey through Art to a Renewed Relationship with Jesus”** is a six-week series beginning Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m. Participants will renew their physical experience with Jesus through the five senses and allow guided imagery to walk and talk with Jesus.

**First Friday Sacred Soul Space, February 6, at 6:00 p.m. is a "Celebration of Candlemas,"** features music with a medieval chant flavor by the Gallery Musicians and three liturgical dances performed by The Epiphany Dancers. Admission is free, childcare is provided and a reception follows.

**Diocesan Chorister Festival Evensong with guest director, Dr. Jeffrey Smith, Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, Sunday, February 8, 4:00 p.m.** Admission is free.

**Fisk Jubilee Singers, February 13, 7:30 p.m.** The performance is part of the Sacred Space for the City Arts Series sponsored by Friends of the Cathedral. Tickets are \$10 general, \$5 student. Advance tickets are available at [www.christcathedral.org/sacredspace/ticketsales](http://www.christcathedral.org/sacredspace/ticketsales) or by calling 615-255-7729.

**Winter Symposium – “Creation and Care of the Earth: A Theological Approach to Environmental Concern” with Luke Timothy Johnson from Emory University, February 27-28, beginning 5:15 p.m. on Friday.** Cost is \$25, including dinner. Contact Becky Rochford at [brochford@christcathedral.org](mailto:brochford@christcathedral.org) or 615-255-7729.

## February 2009 Ministry Schedule

	<b>Feb 1 - Epiphany 4</b> <i>Deuteronomy 18:15-20</i> <i>Psalms 111</i> <i>1 Corinthians 8:1-13</i> <i>Mark 1:21-28</i>	<b>Feb 8 - Epiphany 5</b> <i>Isaiah 40:21-31</i> <i>Psalms 147:1-12, 21c</i> <i>1 Corinthians 9:16-23</i> <i>Mark 1:29-39</i>	<b>Feb 15 - Epiphany 6</b> <i>2 Kings 5:1-14</i> <i>Psalms 30</i> <i>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</i> <i>Mark 1:40-45</i>	<b>Feb 22 - Last Epiphany</b> <i>2 Kings 2:1-12</i> <i>Psalms 50:1-6</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4:3-6</i> <i>Mark 1:40-45</i>
<b>Anglicans pray for</b>	Diocese of Manicaland, Central Africa	Diocese of Maseno South, Kenya	Diocese of Matlosane, South Africa	Anglican Church of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
<b>Diocese of TN prays for</b>	Christ Church, Tracy City	Clergy & Staff of the Diocese of TN	Church of the Redeemer, Shelbyville	Otey Memorial Parish, Sewanee
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chip Boykin Sandy Bennett	Sue Carpenter, Helen Ralston, Meg Sherrill	Carol Mannchen Peg Hardin	Meg Sherrill Cathy Sanford
<b>Bread Guild</b>	Scott Markley	Ken Love	Meg Sherrill	Steve Locke
<b>Eucharistic Visitors</b>	John M Shrewsbury	Lauren Cardwell	Andy Peterson	Joyce Peacock
	<b><u>8:30</u></b>	<b><u>8:30</u></b>	<b><u>8:30</u></b>	<b><u>8:30</u></b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Emelyne Bingham	Bill Ralston	Hank Cardwell	John Michael Shrewsbury
<b>Chalice</b>	Andy Peterson	Emelyne Bingham	John M Shrewsbury	Madeline Walls
<b>Greeters</b>	Peggy Hardin Tom Hardin	Rosemary Burdeshaw	Andreas Claus Bill Ralston	Bill Weems Bev Weems
<b>Lector</b>	Cathy Corral	John M. Shrewsbury	Leigh MacMillan	Kristen Deitrick
<b>Prayers</b>	Madeline Walls	Pat McAnally	Rosemary Burdeshaw	Scott Markley
	<b><u>10:30</u></b>	<b><u>10:30</u></b>	<b><u>10:30</u></b>	<b><u>10:30</u></b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jim Hughson	Emelyne Bingham	Mary Kantanie	Terry Lawrence
<b>Chalice</b>	Alvin Burt	Mary Kantanie	Terry Lawrence	Jim Hughson
<b>Counters</b>	Jeff Smith Todd McEachern	Cathy Corral Madeline Walls	Joe Taylor Terry Lawrence	Bill Patrick Paul Donley
<b>Greeters</b>	Steve Locke Sandy Bennett	Anita Bugg Aaron Painter	Kristin Wells Jeff Smith	Armanda Costanza Merissa Costanza
<b>Lector</b>	Joyce Peacock	Kristin Wells	Emelyne Bingham	Roger Gray
<b>Prayers</b>	Sue Ross	Carol Mannchen	Aaron Painter	Anita Bugg

# FEBRUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Epiphany 4</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Christian Education 10:30 Holy Eucharist 5:00 Youth Group 6:00 Stonewall Church 7:30 Cocaine Anonym	<b>2</b>     6:15 EFM	<b>3</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:30 am YOGA   6:30 AA 7:00 Choir rehearsal	<b>5</b>      Charlsie—Vacation	<b>6</b>    Vestry supper @ Gary F home 7:00 CA Charlsie—Vac	<b>7</b> 10:00 ENAA 10-2 Vestry Retreat @ St. David's 3:00 CA  Charlsie—Vacation
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<b>15 Epiphany 6</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Christian Education 10:30 Holy Eucharist 5:00 Youth Group 6:00 Stonewall Church 7:30 Cocaine Anonym	<b>16</b> <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b> Office closed   6:15 EFM	<b>17</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting 11:30 Life Enrich lunch   7:00 Vestry	<b>18</b> 6:30 am YOGA   6:30 AA 7:00 Choir rehearsal	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>EPISTLE articles</b>  7:00 CA	<b>21</b> 10:00 ENAA 3:00 CA  5:30 RITI
<b>22 Epiphany Last</b> 8:30 Holy Eucharist 9:30 Christian Education 10:30 Holy Eucharist 5:00 Youth Group 6:00 Stonewall Church 7:30 Cocaine Anonym  St Mary Parish Ann Arbor, MI	<b>23</b>    6:15 EFM  St Mary Parish Ann Arbor, MI	<b>24</b> 9:00 Staff Meeting   <b>6:00 SHROVE TUES</b> <b>PANCAKE SUPPER</b>  St Mary Parish Ann Arbor, MI	<b>25</b> 6:30 am YOGA <b>12:00 ASH WED</b>  6:30 AA <b>7:00 ASH WED</b>  St Mary Parish Ann Arbor, MI	<b>26</b>    St Mary Parish Ann Arbor, MI	<b>27</b>   7:00 CA  St Mary Parish Ann Arbor, MI	<b>28</b> 10:00 ENAA 3:00 CA  St Mary leaves

Deadline for the March Epistle articles is February 20.