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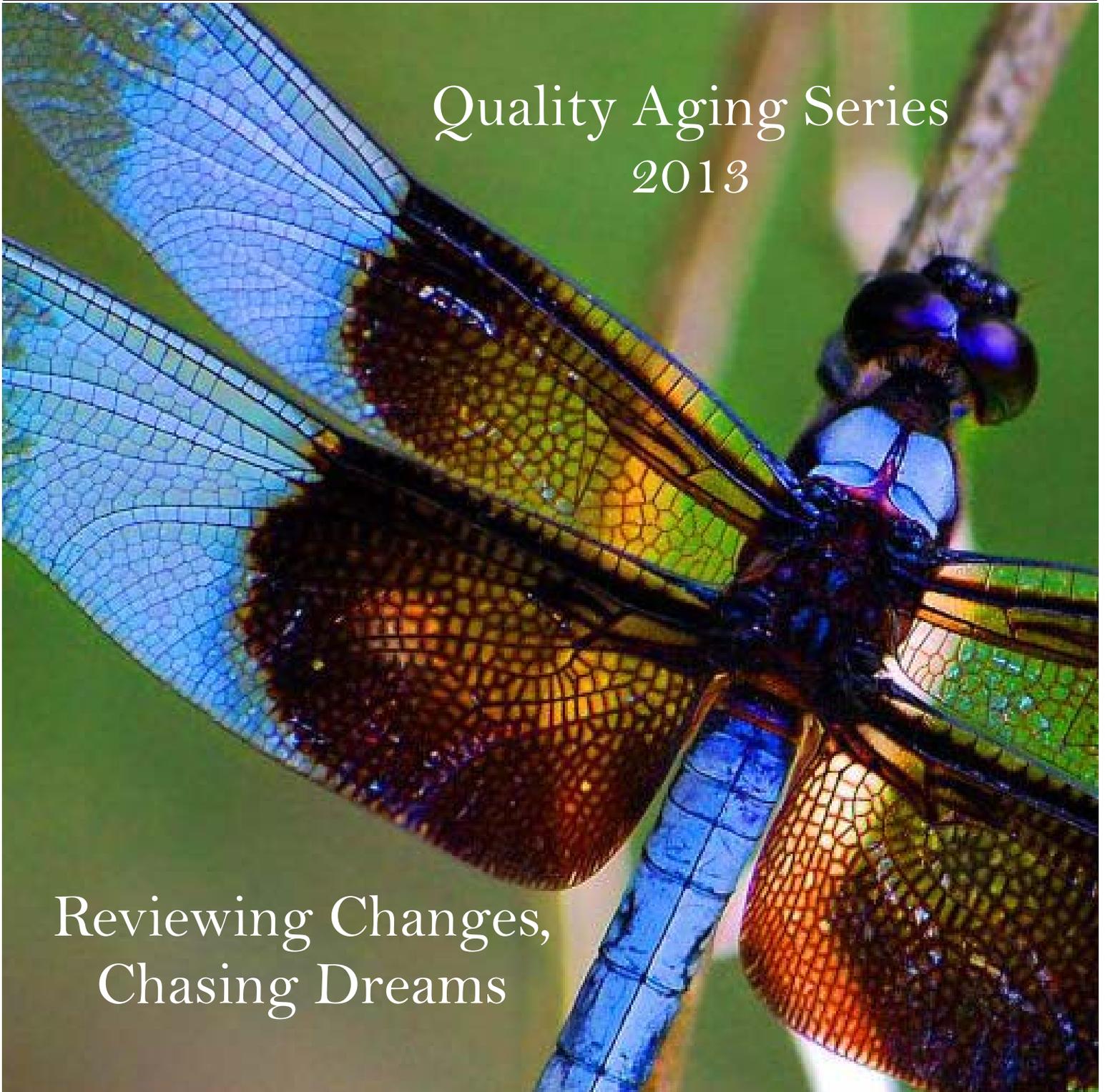
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Welcome to the August 2013 issue of *Connections: home... parish... diocese*. We will accept submissions for *Connections* from throughout the diocese. **As space permits**, we will use as much content as possible, subject to editorial revision. Short announcements of 100 words or less may be sent via email to **chendrix@edtn.org**. For feature-length stories, contact us in the diocesan office at 615-251-3322.

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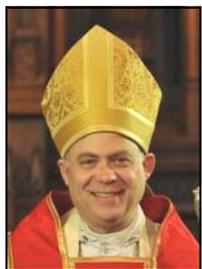
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Sacred Story

For those who pray the Daily Office in the Book of Common Prayer, a regular feature each summer is reading from the historical books of the Old Testament, paired for much of the time with the New Testament's Acts of the Apostles, the story of the early church. I have been saying the Daily Office using this lectionary (or order of appointed readings) since 1976, and its furrows and ridges are familiar ones.



This daily lectionary has its foibles: hardly any of Ezekiel and not much more from Daniel, and the Book of Revelation is read in smallish gob-bets as what appear to be liturgical “filler” when we run out of other things to read. Our daily lectionary also has a tendency to avoid bits of the Bible that might not pass a modern censor, as either too explicit or not “politically correct” enough. Not necessarily a bad instinct to shy away from the sensational, but embarrassing when Christians or even the clergy don’t know what’s actually in the Bible because they aren’t regularly exposed to it.

No matter how familiar some other portions of the Holy Scriptures might have become to us, however, we can always learn something new. That’s been my

experience this summer. I’ll admit that in the past reading from the history of ancient Israel and from Acts has at times been a challenge in its very familiarity.

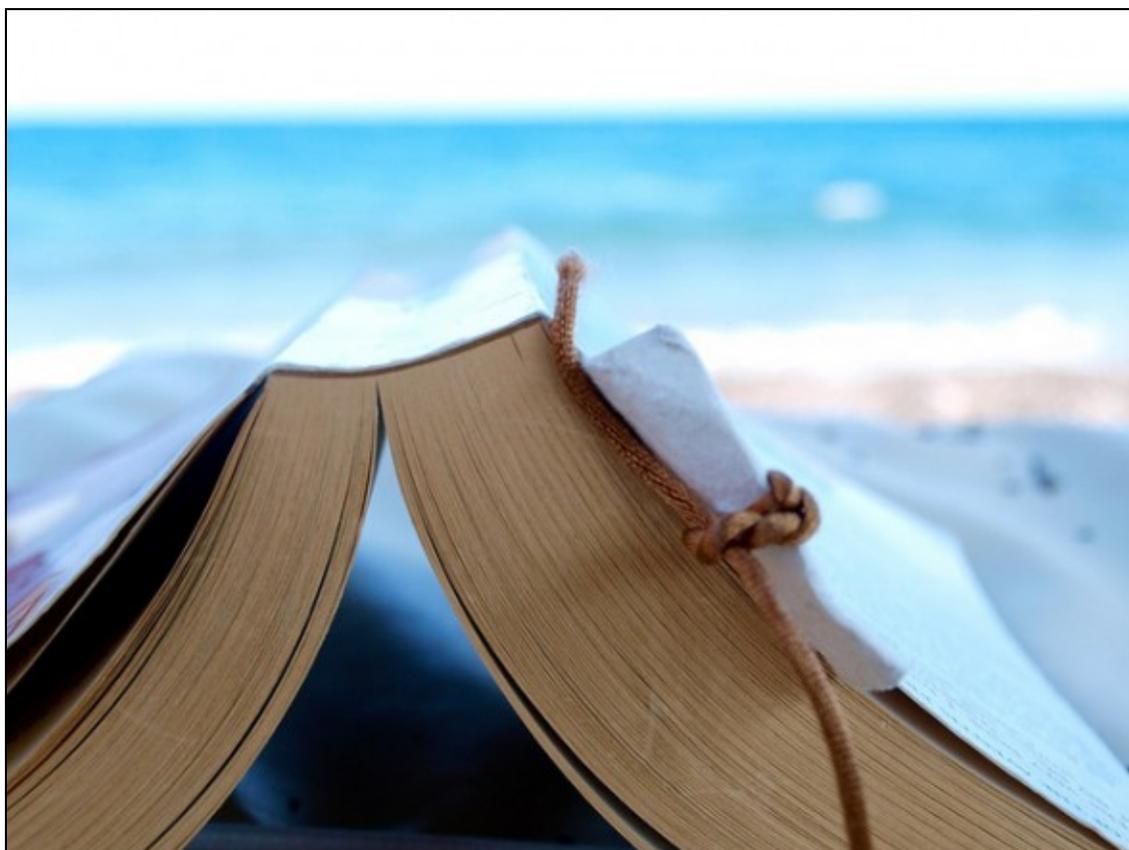
Though I am a student of history there is something to the notion of “too much of a good thing,” and traipsing through the military exploits of Saul, David and Joshua every summer may fall under this rubric. The Acts of the Apostles has its own pitfalls of familiarity, as it is also read every Eastertide in the Eucharistic Lectionary, and so the temptation in the summer is to not pay much too much attention since “we just heard that one last month.”

That’s a temptation to be avoided since we might just be missing the new thing that God wants to say to us through the Holy Scriptures. That

first affirmation is a significant one. Reading regularly from the Bible provides the most basic spiritual direction for Christians, as well as formation in the Faith.

We read Israel’s history because it is our history as well, the sacred story in which we share and in which we find our own spiritual forebears. What impressed me this summer in a renewed way was a sense of God’s providence, working through the entire story, warts and all. We spend so much time trying to “get it right” in our life in the church that we forget that God is at work in all of it, in failure as well as success.

It also struck me this summer how in Acts the Holy Spirit speaks as a Person, which is quite significant for our understanding both of God and of the Christian life. The Holy Spirit is personal, a Person, and God still speaks to the Church. Not too bad for insight in the midst of summer. — *Bishop John*



Announcing 2013's Quality Aging Series

The dragonfly: beautiful, magical, beneficial to the ecosystem... and a symbol of renewal and change. These are some of the reasons the dragonfly was chosen to represent the Quality Aging Series for 2013.

The schedule for the annual event, co-sponsored by St. George's Church Nashville and the Council on Aging, has been announced. With this year's theme, "Reviewing Changes, Chasing Dreams," the series will be held on five Tuesdays in October with three mini-seminars in November.

The underlying principles guiding the "Quality Aging" series are: Through knowledge and planning, help reduce fears plaguing seniors; Empower seniors to make changes which improve their quality of life and their relationships; Bridge the gaps in family relationships so that seniors and those who care for them work together; Em-

phasize God's caring and His desires for our wholeness.

St. George's member Geraldine Bryant wrote a testimony after attending a previous series: "After years of a cognitive disability my cognitive abilities have been returning. I am learning new things and I am re-learning old things. My ability to cope with change is greatly improving. My memory is much stronger now than for the last two decades. Life is wonderful!

"Nevertheless, [the] presentation was priceless for me. I came to see that I need to discover such a passion in this part of my life that it continually leads me to focus on the future and on present steps toward that goal. Lacking such a strong focused passion I am deterred also by the symbols all around which are reminders of things in the past. The presenter set me on a search for what can so drive my engine that my mind is continually focused on the future and on the present steps to take as I trace that dream...



regardless of symbols that might encourage thoughts on the past."

The October workshops will start at 9:30 AM, with a reception and food, plus a chance to browse sponsor exhibits. From 10:00-11:00 AM, the program will be presented followed by prayer and invitation to healing prayers in the chapel. The events will end with questions for the speakers and continued hospitality with the sponsors.

October 1 - "Health for Your Brain and Your Body,"



presented by Dr. Susan Potter Bell, Vanderbilt Cardiologist and Geriatrician. She specializes in heart failure and related complications for seniors.

She will speak about understanding dementia and offer some exercises for home use.

October 8 - "Spiritual and Emotional Health,"



presented by Dr. Joy Samuels, Counselor and Pastor. She is especially helpful to seniors in crisis, particularly in the area of relationships and grief.

October 15 - "Financial Security and



Legal Imperatives-Good Planning Means Less Worry," presented by Mike Yopp, estate and tax lawyer; "2013 Best Lawyer of the Year" by *Best*

Lawyers in America. He will explain the most important aspects of financial security planning as well as show how legal steps taken now will be appreciated later.

October 22 - "Difficult Conversations-Planning Your Wishes About Your Care and Legacy," presented by Dr. Sumi Misra, Vanderbilt Geriatrician and Palliative Care. Palliative Care



focuses on providing patients with relief from the symptoms, pain and stress of a serious illness - whatever the diagnosis. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family. It is a team approach using all the resources available. Dr. Misra will present helpful illustrations.

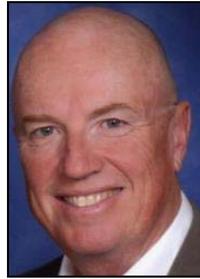
October 29 - One Family's Journey-Three Generations Dealing with End of Life Issues," presented by Molly and Ed Powell based on real life personal experiences. The Powell family dealt with the illness and subsequent death of Ed's father, considerations of innovative medical interventions, concern for Ed's siblings, as well as their own four sons. It was a compassionate balancing act, prayerfully carried out. Molly says, "We now grieve, but not as those who have no hope. We look forward to sharing lessons our family learned on this journey, from the practical to the profound."

Molly adds that they will cover other topics such as preventing medication errors, caring for the caregiver, communicating effectively with doctors, sharing quality time across the generations and moving from denial to acceptance.



The November mini-seminars, added this year as a result of the need for important subjects to be covered sooner than next year, are expected to be smaller events with programming starting at 10:00 AM.

November 5 - "Affordable Technology Now,"



presented by Jay Waddock, Always Connected Solutions. Technology can bring information and assistance to both the patient and the family.

November 12 - "Early Dementia and Alzheimer's"



presented by Dr. Angela Jefferson and Stephanie Mayers, Vanderbilt Memory & Alzheimer's Center. Early dementia affects more and more seniors as well as their loved ones. Alzheimer's treatment has many aspects and there is a great need for the caregivers to be in a network for support and resources.



November 19 -



"Downsizing and Related Concerns" presented by Sara Beth Warne, Aging in Place Services. Downsizing causes great stress within

families as to when it is desirable and how it is accomplished.

The presenters will not only provide wonderful programming and the opportunity for attendees to ask questions but many are available after the event has come and gone to provide even more advice.

Geraldine says, "I had more or less been managing my own portfolio in the past, although often letting it coast. The presentation on finances provided a great deal of valuable information." Following last year's program, she began working on a will, and completed the open enrollment period with health insurance. She then took time to study her handouts and notes. After organizing herself, she was able to get a professional assessment of her finances. She says she wanted to be a good steward of the resources with which God has trusted her.

Now that she has her affairs in order, she has much more time to enjoy her hobbies without worry.

The Rev. R. Leigh Spruill, rector, says, "St. George's Church is very pleased to sponsor a new Quality Aging series in partnership with The Council on Aging of Greater Nashville. This offering will provide useful and encouraging information for senior adults and their children. Of significant value, the program will provide practical guidance in wise planning and good communication among senior adults, the professionals who often advise them, and family members. Last year's series was such a great success that we are expanding it for this year, offering sessions on all five Tuesdays in October as well as the first three in November. There is no charge for any of the sessions. We not only invite your participation but hope you will help us get the word out to the entire community. All are welcome."

Advance reservations appreciated for one, several or all sessions. Send to reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org. Please include the session by name or date. For more information on the series, call 615-385-2150 ext 262.

Parish News -

Recent baptisms: Kate Riebau, **St. David's Church Nashville**; Benjamin Davis, **Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood**.

The Rev. **Monica Carlson** says goodbye to the Diocese of Tennessee as she has accepted a call to St. Matthias Church in Tuscaloosa AL. **Church of the Messiah Pulaski** is welcoming Martin Methodist College Students back to campus, helping them on Move In Day, Saturday, August 24 by distributing bottled water and with a Potluck on the Green on Tuesday, August 27. If you would like to participate in either of these events, contact the church at 931-363-1454 for details. The Rev. Tracy Wells Miller will lead a group from **St. Paul's Church Franklin** to visit the Mosque in Murfreesboro on Sunday, August 18. The visit should offer a presentation from the imam about Islam and the chance to engage with members of the community there. If you would like to go on the field trip, contact tracy@stpaulsfranklin.com for information. The Prime Time Speakers Series of **St. George's Church Nashville** will tour the Sam Davis Home on August 15. The 1850s home is a museum featuring a film about Davis' heroism. From there, the group will visit All Saints' Church Smyrna for lunch with the largely refugee congrega-

tion there. To join them, contact Martha Livengood at 615-942-6977. **St. Luke's Community House Nashville** still has the call out for donations of school supplies. Items can be delivered to St. Luke's or to the This N That Thrift Store. Folders and binders, pencils and pens, erasers, graph paper, glue and other standard supplies are needed. Please join the Parish Choir of **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville** in leading the music at the 10:00 AM Liturgy on Sunday, August 4. Bring a friend and encourage anyone who might be interested. Rehearsal starts at 9:00 AM in the Choir room on the 3rd floor. No experience is required. Contact Michael Veltling or Jon Johnson at 615-255-7729 to learn more. **Church of Our Saviour Gallatin** is finishing up the summer and easing into the fall with two Family Fun Nights, August 16 and September 20 at the church. The church will provide burgers, brats and 'dogs, buns and condiments. Parishioners are asked to bring a favorite side or dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. They are also encouraged to bring friends and neighbors. The Back to Sunday School Bash for **Church of the Good Shepherd Brentwood** will be held on August 11 at River Park, 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM. Call 615-661-0890 for info on bringing sides and desserts.

Some churches in the Diocese of Tennessee return to their fall worship times as early as August. Be sure to check out your parish's schedule in the upcoming weeks.

Blessing of the Belmont Bell At St. Luke's Springfield

A landmark event occurred on June 23, 2013 at St. Luke's Church Springfield when the Right Rev. John Bauerschmidt consecrated a historic bell that previously had hung at the Belmont Mansion. The Bell was donated to St. Luke's by Springfield residents Jim Johnson and the Rev. Geoffrey Butcher who purchased it after it was



removed during the Mansion's 2006 renovation. The Rev. H. Jacoba Hurst, vicar at St. Luke's, indicated that during the consecration ceremony, the Bell was blessed by the Bishop with holy water mixed with chrism and was named "Luke." Congregants from St. Luke's and St. George's Church Nashville were present as witnesses to new Baptisms, Confirmations and Receptions and a special ceremony to consecrate the Bell.

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The Bell now resides in a specially constructed tower adjacent to the front of the church that was constructed in mem-

ory of Dr. Robert E. James, Sr. who with his wife, Elizabeth, were the founders of St. Luke's in 1980. David Allen, master carpenter, donated the time and labor for the tower construction.



The tradition of ringing bells in churches to call the faithful was first introduced by Paulinus of Nola in AD 400 and officially sanctioned by Pope Sabinianus in AD 604. By the early Middle Ages, church bells were common throughout Europe. Church bells ring at every aspect of human life - at the hours of prayer and celebration of the liturgy

as well as to alert us to important events (both happy and sad) in the life of the Church and the community. They invite us to worship telling us that it is a time of public prayer, inviting all who can to come to join in, and for those who cannot, to remind them to raise their hearts and voices to be in communion with us in spirit if not in body.

May "Luke" peal loudly throughout the Springfield community to remind us that we are all one family, coming together to show our unity in Christ.— *Agatha Nolen, St. George's Church Nashville*

Living In Leadership:

Ed Arning

I currently engage in leadership in the Diocese of Tennessee through my role on the Property & Finance Committee and as chairman of the Commission on Ministry. Over the years, I have participated in our annual conventions and, just this past year, served as a lay deputy to the General Convention.



Basically, my desire to more fully participate in the life of the diocese is based upon the fact that I grew up in a family that believed in being an active participant in life, not simply a spectator. I have spent my entire life in the Diocese of Tennessee and have always been open to serving when the opportunity arose.

As I learned more and more about our God-given gifts and talents, I became even more committed to participating in life with zest.

Serving as a leader in the diocese is one of the ways that I have fulfilled my goal to be a participant, not simply a spectator in life, and most-importantly, to do my best to put the gifts and talents God has given me into action.

If so asked, I would be more than happy to mentor others in leadership. I think the “leadership” trait is needing to be developed in more and more people. In other fields, I have had the opportunity to mentor others and have felt that it was time well spent.

And if I were asked to encourage others to participate, I would say my approach in speaking to people regarding participating more fully in life is to share my journey and my strong view of putting God's gifts into action.

Ed Arning is a life-long middle Tennessean and a self-described cradle Episcopalian. He grew up at worshipping at St. George's Church Nashville



then transferred to St. Paul's Church upon moving to Murfreesboro to go to college at MTSU in the 1970s. He has enjoyed a long career in the graphics arts industry and is currently director of printing at MTSU. He, along with wife Janet, and two sons, Wesley and Jake, reside in Murfreesboro.

Judy Homan

Twelve years ago a yellow postcard arrived inviting me to a get-acquainted dinner for a new Episcopal church being planted west of I-24 in Murfreesboro. Twenty years earlier a personal loss in my young family brought anger and a “great sorrow” (to borrow from The Shack) that had kept me from away the Church. God entered with that little postcard; it was time.

Joining the newly formed Church of the Holy Cross changed my life. I was



a member of the first Mission Council and my participation in several areas has not stopped from that first step. The involvement

in the church has provided me with a new and loving family, a greater appreciation of our liturgy, a huge appreciation of our clergy and, most meaningfully, an enhanced love of the Trinity.

However, Holy Cross and two other churches split from the Episcopal Church in 2008. Seven members elected to “keep the faith” with Holy Cross. Bishop John appointed me as Senior Warden and I was once again on the Mission Council. It was necessary for me to act as Church Administrator for the two and a half years of the interim vicar period in

the church's recovery. I have never worked so hard in my life!

Why? I truly love the Episcopal Church and especially Holy Cross. I have a huge desire to reach out to as many people as possible with our loving liturgy. Active participation in the church fulfills me and broadens my understanding of the purposes, goals and world-wide aspirations of our ministry.

I have served twice on the Mission Council and was also Treasurer for one term. I served on the Dandridge Trust, was a Convention delegate and am currently a member of the Bishop and Council. I participate as much as possible in several ministries of Holy Cross.

I would encourage every member in our diocese to step up and take an active role as your personal responsibilities permit. Donating your talents and experience can have a huge impact on your life and hopefully that of others.

Judy Homan is a child of the Great Depression, participated in paper drives during WWII and is grateful for every experience. She was raised in an ecumenical family of Baptists, 7th Day Adventists and Lutherans with a Jewish grandmother. Her professional background is as varied: a City Clerk/Finance Director; Vice-President of Administration with a large commercial contractor; contract administrator with the DoD for a defense contractor; a financial planner, CLU and registered representative with the NASD. Judy lived in Arizona for 30 years. She is twice widowed, her daughter Kimberly resides in Arizona. Judy is the proud “nana” to five adopted grandchildren ranging in age from 22 to 7.

St. Ann's Invites All To Walk Their Labyrinth

Fifteen members of St. Ann's Church Nashville, along with their rector the Rev. Rick Britton, gathered on July 13 to restore the labyrinth found at the entrance into the building. The labyrinth was first introduced to St. Ann's by the Rev. Battle Beasley when he was associate priest.

The earliest Christian labyrinth was most likely discovered in the 4th century basilica of Reparatus, Orleansville, Algeria. Walking the labyrinth is to make a pilgrimage to discover something about oneself and God.



The task was completed in 2 and 1/2 hours on a beautiful day with unusual low temperatures.

Fr. Rick says, "All are welcome to walk the labyrinth. The parish would love to have people use it who find the labyrinth a vital part of their spiritual discipline. It is easily accessible, so come."

Planned Giving Workshop Set For August

"Planned Giving - A Legacy for the Congregation - Now and Into the Future" will be presented at St. George's Church Nashville on August 24, 2013.

The program will deal with the major aspects of planned giving and endowments: Organization and Preparation-Documents, Procedures, Structures; Relationships and Solicitation-Themes, Practical Methods; Response and Recognition -Timeliness, Appreciation and Recognition. Handouts will be distributed to attendees.

One resource will be *Funding Future Ministry*, published by the Episcopal Church Foundation; it is available through www.forwardmovement.com.

Note to Rectors and clergy: Please appoint a willing lay person for a several-year term and ask him/her to attend. Planned giving takes time, planning, and patience.

For more information, contact Seawell Brandau, 615-352-4824 or brandausj@comcast.net.

Fall Youth Eucharist Announced For September

The Rev. Dixon Kinser, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, has announced that the Fall 2013 Youth Eucharist and



Picnic will take place on Sunday September 15 at 2:00 PM.

The Eucharist will be at All Saints Chapel at the University of the South, Sewanee, with the picnic at Otey Memorial Parish.

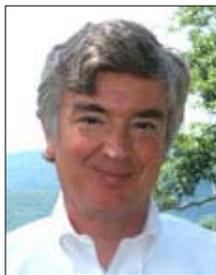
All youth from the Diocese of Tennessee are encouraged to mark their calendars for this singular event!

Fr. Dixon says, "The bi-annual Youth Eucharist is happening in one of the most impressive spaces and beautiful places our diocese has to offer. Come on up the mountain for an afternoon of worship."

RSVP using your smartphone and the QR code below to let them know if you're attending.



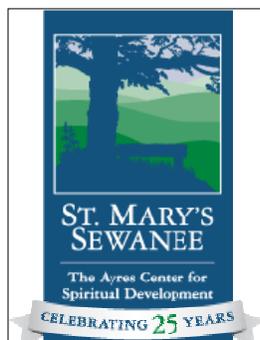
Thomas Morris To Depart St. Mary's



It has just been announced that St. Mary's Sewanee Executive Director the Rev. Thomas Morris has recently accepted a call to become the next chaplain at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler Texas.

"We are sad to see Thomas go, but we're excited for him, Hadley, and Jack. Thomas has had a huge impact on St. Mary's Sewanee's programs and management over the last five years. We are grateful," says SMS board president Dale Grimes.

During Thomas' five years at St. Mary's Sewanee, the center has advanced tremendously. Programming has strengthened and expanded, Phase I of the View and Vision Campaign was completed, the new lodging facility and the McRae Meeting room were completed and the Annual Fund has more than doubled.



Thomas also provided strong leadership during the center's 25th Anniversary Celebration, including a record-breaking year of fundraising and the successful completion of the 25 for 25 Challenge.

The St. Mary's Sewanee board of trustees is already discerning the next steps to ensure that a new executive director is called that will continue to move the center forward in both programming and organizationally.

"We are moving forward with the search for a new executive director and we are already excited about some of the possibilities," adds Dale.

St. Mary's Sewanee's calendar of programs offered is set through 2014, including the upcoming favorite, Sunset Serenade on September 1.

For a complete list of offerings, please visit their website at www.stmaryssewanee.org.

God's Green Earth

Whether your gardening plans include winding down for the end of summer or gearing up for the fall, there are many things you can do to make the transition pleasing to the eye.

If your flower buds are fewer and slower to bloom, don't give up - there is still a chance for a late season comeback. Mature plants need more water than when they were newly planted and the fertilizer you tilled into the soil in the spring is long gone. Annual vegetables and herbs are heavy feeders. So change your routine just a little bit and reap the rewards. Supplement your watering with deep soakings; create a "basin" around each plant so the water can soak the entire root zone. Adding a second round of fertilizer in August can also make a big difference in extending your harvest. Select an organic fertilizer blend which contains diverse minerals and nutrients and work it into the soil around each plant.

It's also a good time to divide perennials - though not all perennials benefit. Consult your favorite resource materials to determine if dividing is right for you. Continue to deadhead your flowers to encourage new blooms.

In your flower or vegetable garden, clear out what has stopped working for you to make room for new plantings. Plant carrots, beets, broccoli, salad greens and other cool weather growers but make sure the still warm sun doesn't dry out the soil in which your seeds are germinating. A lightweight shade netting is can protect your fragile plants.

A little further into the fall is a good time to plant new trees and shrubs... but don't even think about pruning; it is not recommended for this time of year.

Finally, as summer comes to a close with the Labor Day weekend, many gardeners make it a tradition: lawn fertilization day. This will help your lawn store up food that it will need to green up nicely in the spring. A high potassium content will strengthen your lawn to get through winter. Some people like to re-seed or overseed in the early fall with a Perennial Ryegrass or Kentucky Bluegrass.

And some people just like to take the winter off. That's okay too. Spring will come around again next year.

ECW 125th Fall Annual Meeting

The Diocese of Tennessee Episcopal Church Women's 125th Fall Annual Meeting will be Saturday, September 14, 2013, at Church of the Messiah Pulaski. The theme for this year's meeting is "Women's Evangelism."



The guest speaker will be Caroline Bauerschmidt, wife of The Rt. Rev. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Diocese of Tennessee.



Caroline Bauerschmidt was born in New York City and is the eldest of three daughters. They lived on the West side and attended school on the East side. Summers were spent in the foothills of the Berkshires in Columbia City, New York.

Her family were members of the Presbyterian Church. She was active in a youth group and was the first female acolyte at the church they attended.

In high school she joined a youth group at Grace Church and became reacquainted with Episcopalians.

Caroline attended college at Kenyon where she fell in love with the Book of Common Prayer and also her future husband.

After college she moved back to New York City and taught at a private school for eighteen months before marrying. After their wedding, the Bauerschmidts lived in Worchester and from there they moved to Oxford England. While at Oxford she was a shop assistant at Culpeper's and also a manager of a food emporium where she sold fine cheeses and charcuterie as well as wonderful chocolates and other treats from France.

After William, their first child, was born in Oxford, they returned home to a small parish in North Carolina where she taught Sunday school and had her own catering business. While there, Henry, the second child, was born. From North Carolina they moved to Louisiana where Caroline was the lay chaplain for the school and taught Christian Education classes for grades K through eighth. While in Louisiana, their third child, Caroline, was born.

Caroline said "After Hurricane Katrina, another big wind blew through the house. It was the Holy Spirit and we were moving to Nashville. It has been full of excitement and challenges."

Caroline has always been an altar guild member and taught Sunday school. At Christ Church Cathedral, where Caroline attends church, she leads a Level II Catechism Class for third graders.

Caroline is a devoted mother and wife and very active in God's ministry. The ECW is happy to have her as the guest speaker.

The Rev. Carolyn Keck, rector at Messiah, welcomes everyone to this event and says it is an honor for Messiah to be the host this year.

All Episcopal Church Women are invited to attend. The cost of the event is \$20.00 per person. Registration forms are available online at www.ecwtennessee.org or by contacting Marquenda Dunnivant at kedadunnivant@hotmail.com. Deadline for registration is September 1, 2013.

Core Values at St. Anselm's

Seventeen members of St. Anselm's Church Nashville gathered in the fellowship hall in June to unearth the shared Core Values of the congregation. The group used material from the Congregational Development Department of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas for the four-hour meeting. The purpose of discovering the core values was to create a common foundation on which to later develop a mission and strategic vision.

After a welcome and introduction to the process, the group split into small groups to write a "book" about St. Anselm's. The groups created chapter titles and outlined details on "why the church was founded," "what value it had been to its members" and "to its community" and finally, "why the church does the things it does." The groups then gathered together to report on their work.

After the groups presented their material, the large group worked together to highlight the key words and phrases that appeared frequently among the groups. Eventually, the small

groups got together to put together an initial draft of a core values statement for the church. Again the small groups presented and the large group identified the key phrases and words to cull down into a first draft.

The wardens and the vicar, the Rev. Cynthia Seifert, were charged with hammering out a draft to present in survey form to the parish. After receiving the feedback from the congregation they will present a draft for approval by the Mission Council (Vestry).

The hope is that by coming together to benefit the parish, parishioners will find a common foundation in their hearts and minds on which to plan for the future of the church. Stay tuned, the mission statement development workshop for St. Anselm's is coming in August.

For more information about the process, see the Episcopal Diocese of Texas website: <http://www.epicenter.org/congregational-development/> or contact Mary MacGregor who is the Director of Evangelism and Congregational Development in the Diocese of Texas. (Mary@epicenter.org).

The Diocese of Tennessee presents

The Second Annual

Vestries', Wardens' and Treasurers' Day with Bishop Bauerschmidt



St. David's Church

6501 Pennywell Drive, Nashville

Saturday, August 24, 2013 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Bishop Bauerschmidt will open this second annual gathering of senior lay leaders of the diocese with a Eucharist.

He will speak about the diocesan vision and strategic situation, entertain questions and close with a Bible study.

The concurrent afternoon workshops will be:

“Clergy and Church Relations”

*Presenters: The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt
and the Rev. Canon Pamela Snare*

“Pension and Health Insurance, 2013 and Beyond”

Presenter: Kathy North, Regional Acct. Specialist, Medical Trust

“Planned Giving to Benefit Your Congregation”

Presenter: Seawell Brandau

Members of parish vestries or mission councils, clergy and other interested parties are also invited to attend.

**Lunch will
be provided.**

**To attend, *rsvp*
by Tuesday,
August 20
via email to
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- 4 Blessing of the Book Bags, St. Peter's Church Columbia
- 11 *Bishop's Visitation, St. Mary Magdalene Fayetteville*
- 25 *Bishop's Visitation, St. Anselm's Church Nashville*
- 16-17 Laymen's Conference, DuBose Conference Center Monteagle
- 23-25 Parish Weekend Away, Christ Church Cathedral Nashville
- 24 Vestries', Wardens' and Treasurers' Day, St. David's Church Nashville
- 25 Potluck Supper, St. Ann's Church Nashville

Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations
**This is a sampling of events in the Diocese of Tennessee.
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see the Calendar of Events at www.edtn.org**