

LO & BEHOLD

MID-FEBRUARY 2010

New Vestry and Wardens

Our thanks and congratulations to those who were elected to three-year Vestry terms at the Annual Meeting on February 13 -- Fowler Black, Susan Clifton, Dabney Haugh, Ken Schuppert, and Ron Slatick. Their willing and enthusiastic service is greatly admired.

During a brief Vestry Meeting following the Annual Meeting, elections were held for wardens and lay leadership positions for 2011. Phil Counts was elected to serve as Senior Warden, Eddie Narozniak will serve as Junior Warden, and Ron Slatick will serve as Clerk of the Vestry. Our thanks also to Terry Richards who was elected by the Vestry to serve as Treasurer and to Ken Schuppert who will be Assistant Treasurer.

For those who missed the Annual Meeting, copies of the Annual Report and the updated Ministries of Grace Booklet are available in Fletcher Hall, on the website, or they can be emailed.

**A copy of the following certificate was presented
at the Annual Meeting on February 13.**

By Special Vestry Motion this
Certificate of Gratitude

is presented to

Kenneth M. Schuppert

in recognition of fifteen years of distinguished and faithful ministry as Treasurer of
Grace Episcopal Church and for exceptional commitment to
the welfare of the congregation and mission of the church.

To express the appreciation and sincere commendation of this parish,
the signatures of the Vestry and Staff are affixed below.



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, February 27



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The EYC will serve as support staff to the Red Cross personnel during the blood drive on Sunday, February 27. However, many of our youth do not meet the age requirement to give blood (16 yrs. old), so this is a plea to the congregation to donate blood on that Sunday between 8 am and 12 noon. If you attend the 7:30 service, stop in after the service to donate. Those attending the late service can donate afterwards, or anytime in between. While they certainly will take walk-ins, there is an appointment schedule, so contact Stefan to make an appointment. The Red Cross will be equipped to handle about 2 donors every 15 minutes beginning at 8:00. Please give this some prayerful thought. What a great way to give of ourselves - literally - and live out our mission as people of God!

Lenten Suppers and Programs

Wednesdays in Lent - Starting March 16

Two Programs for Adults

Lenten Engagement with Poets

The Psalms are the church's standard engagement with poetry. Like the Psalms, the contemporary poems chosen for this Lent invite discussion. The shortest is 26 lines; the longest is 78. Come, even if only to listen. Discussion leaders are Gloria McElearney and Libby Wade. Copies of the poems will be in Fletcher Hall.

March 16 - Christian Education

Halley's Comet by Stanley Kunitz

Church Going by Philip Larkin

March 23 - Changes in Direction

The Companionable Dark by Kathleen Norris

The Man Watching by Rainer Rilke

March 30 - Sustenance

Mona's Taco by Naomi Shihab Nye

The Big Bands: Liberal, Kansas, Summer of 1955
by B.F. Fairchild

April 6 - Grief

What the Living Do by Marie Howe

The Light-Gray Soil by Gjertrud Schnackenberg

April 13 - War

Memorial Day by Robert Cording

The Redeemer by Siegfried Sassoon

Book Discussion: *The Paradox of Choice*:

Why Less Is More by Barry Schwartz

Do you ever find yourself making a purchase and then wondering if there was a better deal out there? Do you surf 247 channels and still find nothing that interests you? Ever wonder why teenagers, who have more and more gadgets at their disposal, more homework, more extracurricular activities than you or I ever had, still describe themselves as being bored far too much of the time? Psychologist Barry Schwartz suggests that our frequent boredom, restlessness, and our seemingly incessant search for novelty are the result of overstimulation, of having too much choice, which we have mistakenly equated with freedom, but which instead robs us of a sense of satisfaction in even the most mundane areas of our lives.

Join us on five Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 16th for what is sure to be a stimulating hour of conversations as we each weigh in on our take of Dr. Schwartz's theories, which, in my opinion, often reflect the teachings of Jesus and other great spiritual leaders throughout history. Books are \$10 and should be requested by March 1st. The discussion will be facilitated by Stefan Jagoe & Donna Groves.

Programs for Children



Look for more information
about our Lenten Programs
for children soon!

THE FOOD

The church will provide a simple meal (i.e. pizza and salad, pasta, sandwich bar, etc.) to make it a little easier for those who are coming straight from work. We only ask that you contribute a little to the cost. **We are looking for volunteers to help set up for each meal and maybe do a little grocery shopping.** Look for a sign up sheet in Fletcher Hall.

THE SCHEDULE

To be held each Wednesday in Lent

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Programs Begin

6:45 p.m. - Programs End

SIGNING UP

If you plan to come to one or more of the Lenten programs, please jot your name down on the sheet in Fletcher Hall so we have an idea how much food to prepare.

If having a nursery would encourage you to attend, please let us know.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 8 - 5:30 PM



Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on March 8, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, from 5:30 until we run out of pancakes. In reconsidering the traditional supper, however, a couple questions arise. First, what in the heck does “Shrove” mean anyway? Also, why do we always serve pancakes? To “shrove” comes from the Middle English meaning “to make or go to confession.” Ancient Christian tradition stated

that Shrove Tuesday was a day for people to visit their priest, or shrivener, to repent of their sins before the season of Lent. Church bells would ring throughout the day calling the townsfolk to confession. Likewise, in preparing oneself for Lent, tradition stated that feasts were to be held as a symbol of humanity’s predilections toward self-indulgence. Couple this with a household’s need to use up foods that were forbidden during Lent — foods like eggs, milk, and butter — and the resulting feast was one with copious amounts of pancakes. And so the tradition continues today. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us on March 8 for good food and fellowship.

Ash Wednesday Services



Ash Wednesday services will be held on **March 9 at noon and 6:00 PM.**

Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter Sunday, is the first day of the Season of Lent.

Its name comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on worshippers’ foreheads as a sign of humility before God, a symbol of mourning and sorrow at the death that sin brings into the world. Ashes for the service are made from palms reserved from last year’s Palm Sunday. Should you have leftover palms, please bring them to the church office.

“Faith in Film” Series returns for its fourth season at Maiden Alley Cinema

- Movies are shown on the second Monday of each month at Maiden Alley Cinema.
- Showtime is at 6:30 p.m. with an optional discussion of the film afterward.
- The ticket price is only \$5.
- Look to future emails and newsletters for group dinner options before each movie.

The films for the series are (schedule still tentative)

March 14	<u>Winter’s Bone</u>
April 11	<u>Billy Elliot</u>
May 9	<u>Junebug</u>
June 13	<u>A Straight Story</u>
July 11	<u>Binta and the Great Idea & Other Shorts</u>
August 8	<u>Invictus</u>
September 12	<u>Fearless</u>
October 10	<u>Three Kings</u>

The Faith in Film Series is brought to you by Grace Episcopal, First Presbyterian, the Methodist Churches of Downtown Paducah, First Christian, St. Matthew Lutheran, and Project AIDS Orphan.

**Want to know more about each film?
Look it up at www.imdb.com.**

March’s Movie Winter’s Bone

Oscar Nominated for Best Picture, Best Actress,
and Best Supporting Actor

March 14 - 6:30 p.m.

Rated R

Sponsored by First Christian Church



An unflinching Ozark Mountain girl hacks through dangerous social terrain as she hunts down her drug-dealing father while trying to keep her family intact. **Rated R for drug material, violence, and language.** Source: imdb.com

Dinner Before the Movie Tribeca - \$12

We have a special dinner offering before the showing of Winter’s Bone on March 14 from 5 - 6 PM -- a \$12 private buffet at Tribeca (the price includes your drink, tax, and tip). No reservation is needed for the movie, but if you plan to have dinner, we’ll need you to sign up ahead of time so we can insure we have enough food. Look for the sign up sheet in Fletcher Hall or call/email Matt Jaeger in the church office.

Parish Family

In Memorium...

Dorothy Vick, Sylvia Mathis Jenkins' mother
May light perpetual shine upon her.

Reading Camp Celebrities

Reading Campers Javionne and Jayden Dillard are the subjects of the cover article in the Winter 2011 edition of *Western Baptist Hospital Health Source*. These guys are intent on getting physically fit as a family, and we applaud their efforts. Reading Camp works toward higher levels of academic fitness. Our 2011 camp will be June 27-July 1. Look for info next month about how you can be involved.

Easter on the River Seamen's Church Institute



Seamen's Church in Paducah is gearing up for Easter on the River 2011, and it is seeking help from the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky's congregations to ensure another success. There are at least three ways Kentucky Episcopalians can

help. Parishioners are asked to collect individually wrapped candies for the Easter boxes between now and March 24. (Unwrapped candies tend to bleed on other contents). The ministry's organizers want to pack each Easter box with enough candy for every person onboard to enjoy some. Figuring an average towboat crew at 10 people, that means the program needs lots of candy. The Seamen's Institute also tries to include handmade greeting cards in the Easter boxes going out on the river - when we have enough, that is. Sadly, sometimes we run out. We hope the children and youth at your churches will help out by making cards for the hardworking towboat crews this Easter. Their colorful artwork and frequently creative spelling are a big hit with the mariners and are very much appreciated.

A collection box for your donations will be in Fletcher Hall.

Easter Lilies



It is time to order lilies for our Easter services in thanksgiving or in memory of someone. Please use the forms on the board outside the Vesting Room or contact the church office. Lilies cost \$18 each.

Boy Scout Troop 1

Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Chris Kight, who received Eagle Scout rank on January 30, and to Adam Kiser, Brennan Huber, and Carson Price, who will be awarded Eagle Scout rank on February 27.

Justin Baker's Easter Basket Project



Do you want kids who might not receive Easter baskets to get one this year? I am Justin Baker, a member of Troop 1, the Boy Scout troop our church holds. I am collecting new and like new baskets, stuffed animals, and books. I might add toys. I am performing a service project counting towards a requirement for my Second Class rank. Last year, I started this as a God & Family project, making and donating 7 baskets to the Paducah Cooperative Ministries. It has now become an annual tradition, but I need a little help. Could you donate these items? I will try to make more baskets and donate them to the PCM and the Merryman House. A monetary donation is also an option. I will go out and finish getting what I need to complete the Easter Baskets. The items can be left on a table in Fletcher Hall. So, would you help brighten a child's Easter by donating new and like new baskets, books, stuffed animals, toys, or money? Thank you.

Walk to Cure Diabetes



The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is gearing up for the 2011 Walk to Cure Diabetes on April 16, 2011 at Noble Park at 1:00 PM. JDRF is the leading funder and advocate of type 1 diabetes research. Join in this year's Walk and help continue the fight against type 1 diabetes.

Visit www.walk.jdrf.org to register for the walk. Once there, you can choose to walk as an individual or to walk as a team. You may want to choose to walk with the team Parker's Pack, sponsored by our own Parker Shadoan. The website should be able to answer most of your questions about the Walk, but if you have further questions, feel free to contact Ashley Shadoan at ashleyshadoan@comcast.net or 331-1751.

Quilt Luncheon

Friday, April 29



We extend a very big thank you to Genie Drossos for volunteering again to be this year's Quilt Luncheon Coordinator. This church-wide sponsored event will be held on Friday, April 29, and we'll once again need the help of many of you to pull it off.

There will be a few changes this year. We will only have two seatings: 11:15 AM and 12:15 PM. The cost for the lunch is \$8.95, and we'll really push the

take out and delivery options this year.

Look for more information about how you can help -- cooking, hosting, waiting tables, kitchen crew and more -- in the coming weeks. If you'd like tickets to the luncheon, please call 554-3443 or email gracequiltlunch@gmail.com.

PCM Fresh Start

On Feb. 27, after the 9:45 service, PCM Executive Director Heidi Suhrheinrich and Greg Baur, a PCM Board member and chair of the Fresh Start Development Committee, will discuss a new PCM program known as Fresh Start. The program is designed to assist women who have been released from the McCracken County jail after serving time for a non-violent offense. These women need assistance in making the transition back into the Paducah community as productive citizens. In the past, these women have a nearly 70% likelihood of returning to jail and the program is designed to reduce this percentage. Come and hear how you can help! The session will be held in the Langstaff Room.

PCM Pantry



Our Paducah Cooperative Ministry Pantry assignment for February and March is pasta mixes -- macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, Lipton pasta packets, and the like. Of course, PCM will take any other food donations as well. Please bring your donations to church and put them in the cupboard next to the Coke machine.

Flag Donations

It is getting time to replace the US and Episcopal flags that hang outside. They are showing signs of wear and tear from the weather. The cost to replace both flags is about \$100. If you would like to donate the cost of one or both of the flags in thanksgiving or memory of someone, we will gladly put an announcement of your donation in the bulletin. Just be sure to write on your check or envelope that your donation is for the flag fund.

Repair Affair



Repair Affair is now in its third year bringing together churches, businesses, contractors, and individuals to help low-income homeowners with critical repairs. The Midtown Alliance of Neighbors is currently in the process of organizing this spring's Repair Affair and has

funding to help 20 families during their workday scheduled for Saturday, May 7.

Repair Affair teams do all sorts of exterior work at homes and also with many interior jobs: clean up, painting, carpentry and dry wall, minor plumbing, electrical, and heat and air needs. The goal is to address the most critical needs to make the home safer and more livable.

Jobs are available for all skill levels. If you think you might be interested in helping with Repair Affair on May 7, please sign up on the poster on Richard's office door. You can also visit kymidtownalliance.com for more information.

Doughnuts



A reminder to please make a contribution to the doughnut basket if you enjoy a doughnut on Sunday morning. There is no line item in our budget for doughnuts, and we rely on your contributions to pay for them.

Faith in Fiction

The Faith in Fiction class is finishing up its current book of short stories and will start a new one just in time for the beginning of Lent. Perhaps it can be part of your Lenten discipline to join the class. The class, facilitated by Matt Jaeger and Gerry Gutfreund, meets on Sundays following the 9:45 AM service. We always discuss short stories, so if you have to miss a week you can always skip ahead to the next story. The class has decided our next anthology will be "Eyes to See, Volume One" edited by Bret Lott, but in the meantime, while we finish our current book, all are welcome to come sit in on a class to see if it's for you.

183rd Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky

February 25-26, 2011

St. Matthew's Episcopal, Louisville KY

Our thanks to those who will represent Grace as deputies to Diocesan Convention: Fowler Black, Juliette Grumley, Sara Lewis Meyer, David Meyer (alternate), Richard Paxton, and Libby Wade.

Prayer for a Church Convention from page 818 of the BCP

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Saints Episcopal Center Summer Camp 2011 Dates

Sr. High (enter 9 - grad 12 grade): June 12-17 (\$300/camper)

Counselors-in-Training (CIT) (enter 9 - 12 grade):
June 19-23 (\$150/CIT)

Primary (enter 2-4 grade): June 19-23 (\$270/camper)

Family Weekend: June 24-26 (\$99/person)

New Horizons (enter 5-6 grade): July 3-8 (\$300/camper)

Jr. High (enter 7-8 grade): July 10-15 (\$300/camper)

Look for more information and registration forms at www.episcopalky.org.

Mark Your Calendars: Grace Church's Family Weekend at All Saints will be July 22-24.

Website Update

We now have a sermon section on our website featuring sermons from The Rev. Libby Wade, The Rev. Richard Paxton, and The Rev. Kempton Baldrige. Check it out at www.gracepaducah.net.

Community Kitchen Thanks



Thanks to the men of our Vergers Guild who served lunch to over 100 people at Broadway UMC on Sunday, February 20. If your family or church organization would like to sponsor a lunch for the Community Kitchen project, please contact Julia Schaberg at 442-3184 or call the church office.

Thank You from Libby and Jim

Since Jim's sudden hospitalization for anemia on February 15, both he and I have been the recipients of much good care from all over the place, but most of all from people here at Grace. We are very grateful for the meals, visits, cards, e-mails, phone calls, and prayers. While the anemia is under control, two small tumors (one on each kidney) were discovered. We hope they are benign, but will not know until surgery, which will be scheduled soon. Please join me in praying for Jim's health.

I also ask your prayers for strength as I deal with this family crisis along with the responsibilities added to my job by the lawsuit against the Boy Scouts, Grace Church, and the Diocese. There will be times in the coming weeks when I am not able to keep up my normal work load. I hope you will understand that I am doing the best I can. I will make every effort to keep the essentials covered. I am grateful to The Rev. Nick Jaeger, The Rev. Kempton Baldrige, and Stefan Jagoe for helping with Wednesday and Sunday worship services so far. Many of you have offered to help in any way possible, and we will call on you as needs arise.

The gospel lesson for this Sunday ends with Jesus saying, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." Jim and I intend to take that message to heart as we lean into Christ's love. I hope that you will, also.

Libby+

Pub Theology



The Pub Theology Group for Young Adults is back in action. The group is now facilitated by Pastor Aaron Stamper of St. Matthew Lutheran. We meet nearly every Wednesday at 8:00 PM at Mother Duncans for a beverage and a little discussion. Feel free to join us. If you have any questions, feel free to call

Matt Jaeger or check out our Pub Theology page on Facebook.

Back by Popular Demand

Friends of The Groom - March 12-13



Friends of the Groom is a Cincinnati-based, non-profit Christian drama group founded in 1980, which specializes in performances for churches and schools. In their 30 year history, they have performed plays and led theater workshops in thousands of locations from Anchorage to London, including a few performances at Grace.

Friends of the Groom haven't been to Grace since we celebrated our Sesquicentennial Celebration, but were remembered so fondly that we received a very generous donation to bring them back again for a weekend of performances and fun. More information about Friends of the Groom is found at www.fog.homestead.com.

Schedule

Saturday, March 12 - Free Dinner and Performance with Friends of the Groom. Fun for the whole family! *Special consideration has been made for those of you with Carson Center tickets. You should be able to take in both the F.O.G. performance and Wizard of Oz in the same night...plus you get dinner. Please sign up in Fletcher Hall for the dinner.*

Sunday, March 13 - Friends of the Groom will perform during a Vergers Breakfast, during the 9:45 AM service, and offer a workshop following the service.

Save the Date

Lenten Retreat – Saturday, March 26
Open to All. Sponsored by Daughters of the King

Who Is that Saint?

Most Wednesdays our Noon Holy Eucharist focuses on the life of someone from *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*. It can be interesting to learn about these people of faith. Their stories can inspire us as we move through the liturgical year. Here's a bit about two March saints.

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield

That's Lichfield, England, of course, although one of the outrigger dorms at our own All Saints Center in Leitchfield, KY is named after Bishop Chad. Chad was trained in the Celtic tradition and was abbot of a monastery before being appointed Bishop of York by the King. Following apostolic tradition, he traveled about his diocese on foot. (Our new Bishop, Terry White, undoubtedly is happy not to be expected to follow that tradition!) Lichfield was the see city of Chad's next bishopric of Mercia and Northumbria. This humble and devout bishop died of the plague in the year 672 CE.

James T. Holly, Bishop of Haiti and the Dominican Republic

James Holly was born a free African American in Washington, D.C. in 1829 and was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1856. He founded an organization that was the precursor of the Union of Black Episcopalians and worked with Frederick Douglas on many programs. In 1861, he led a group of African Americans settling in Haiti. It was not an easy life, as his wife, mother, and two of his children died in the first year. When Holly became the first bishop of Haiti and the Dominican Republic in 1874, he was the first Black man raised to the office of bishop in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Holly doubled the size of his diocese and established a number of medical clinics, serving as bishop until his death in 1911.

Could These Become Part of Your Lenten Discipline?

Sundays at 5 pm
Taize-Style Worship w/HE

Tuesdays at 8 am
Centering Prayer Group

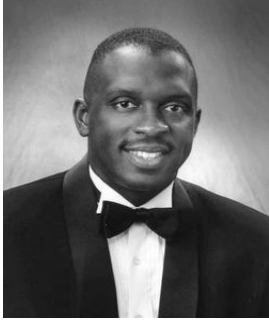
Wednesdays at Noon
Rite 1 Holy Eucharist

Lenten Book Table

Many of you choose to do some extra spiritual and theological reading during Lent, so we are bringing back our Lenten Book table, which will feature suggested reading materials, handpicked by our staff, from our own church library. Look for it in Fletcher Hall.

The Anthem for Sunday, February 27

“Hear My Prayer” by Moses Hogan



Acclaimed African-American pianist, conductor and arranger of the American spiritual, Moses George Hogan was one of the most celebrated directors and masters of spirituals who created dozens of new original arrangements of classic spirituals, and formed several choirs that performed them with new vitality. He is recognized as a leading force in promoting and perserving the African-American musical experience. Hogan was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 13, 1957. He went on to graduate from the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) and Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. He also studied at New York's Juilliard School of Music and Louisiana

State University in Baton Rouge. Hogan soon became one of the most influential names in modern choral singing by rejuvenating the genre of African-American Spirituals for both choral singers and audiences. With over 70 published works, Hogan's arrangements have become staples in the repertoires of high school, college, church, community and professional choirs worldwide. Moses Hogan died on Feb. 11, 2003 at age 45 from a brain tumor.

Sunday Morning **Christian Formation**

8:40 AM

Lectionary Bible Study -“Feasting on the Word” (Adult Library)

During the 9:45 Service

Good News Time and Nursery

11:00 AM

Faith in Fiction (Adult Library)

Outreach Speakers Forum
(Langstaff Room)

Weaving God’s Promise (Children - meets upstairs)

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