



The Gryphon's Roar



December 2007

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
 3100 Murfreesboro Pike
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“We at St. Mark’s are on a journey seeking God in you, ourselves and all creation”

Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 AM	Sunday school
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. - May
Wednesdays	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer
	7:00 PM	Choir
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturdays	8:00 AM	Centering Prayer

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Andrea Tucker	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Judy Robnett	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, December 16, 2007

Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

Suzie Abrahamson, Jim Johnson, George Kurz	(2009)
Mary Ann Campbell, George Noren, Cheryl Walker	(2008)
Steven Failor, Herb Sievers, Andrea Tucker	(2007)



Dear People of God,

As we enter the season of Advent it's a good time to ask ourselves just what are we preparing for? The obvious answer is, of course, the coming of Christ. So then what does that mean to each of us as individuals and what does it mean for the community of St. Mark's? It could mean a renewed commitment to our spiritual journeys. For others, it might mean a time of reflection on how we have lived out our Christian faith in the past year. It may be a time of great expectation, looking forward to new beginnings. I would suggest to you that for our community, it may be the beginning of an intentional Listening for God and God's call to St. Mark's.

During this season, on 3 consecutive Wednesday evenings, we will hold a contemplative prayer service. The purpose of these services is multifold. Setting some time for us as a community to draw away from the mad rush of the season and to "be still and know that God is". A time for listening to where the spirit is leading us. A time to offer our time to God and trusting God will use our offering as may be best for all. A time to offer ourselves and our sanctuary to the wider community for their rest and peace. The service is based on the structure of evening prayer. It will consist of songs, collects, silence, scripture, response to the scripture, prayers of the people, confession, absolution, dismissal. The service will last around 30 minutes, beginning at 6:30 and ending at 7:00. There will be short periods of silence throughout the service allowing us time to rest in God's presence. I invite all of you to consider offering this service as a gift to yourselves during Advent and in turn offering the gifts of ourselves to God.

Peace,
Battle +



Contact us:

St. Mark's Website – <http://www.stmarksantioch.org>
The Reverend Battle Beasley via email:
stmarksrector@bellsouth.net or
pathwayspartners@yahoo.com

The Gryphon is the newsletter of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and as such welcomes articles and suggestions from ALL parishioners. This is your venue for expressing thoughts you would like to share, important events in your families' lives, suggestions you might have to make our parish life better. Please do not hesitate to use it.
Lorna

St. Mark's Abbreviated Financial Report
October 2007

	Budgeted	Actual
Total Receipts	\$12,416.67	\$14,676.75
Total Expenses	\$12,416.67	\$14,535.31

Account Balances:	
Operating Account	\$51,431.87
Designated Funds	\$29,216.14
Memorial Endowment	\$3,888.59

A full financial report is on the bulletin board in Reynolds Hall. If you have questions, please speak to the Rector, Senior Warden, or the Treasurer.

Provided by Charles Cross, Treasurer



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

Christmas Eve – Monday, December 24th

Services will be at 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day – There will be one service at 11:00 a.m.



Prevention of Sexual Misconduct Classes

Below, you will find the dates and locations for upcoming prevention of sexual misconduct classes. These classes are open to all, but there are some people who are required to attend. All adults who are teaching a children's Sunday school class or are working in the nursery are required to attend one of these classes. Also, all members of the Vestry are also required to attend.

You can call the diocesan office (251-3322) to sign up.

January 12, 2008, 9am-3pm, St Ann's Nashville

April 12, 2008, 9am-3pm, St Paul's Murfreesboro

June 21, 2008, 9am-3pm, Holy Trinity Nashville



Celebrate!!



December Birthdays

Candy Burger	1
Holly Granger	7
Gail Leverett	7
Andrea Tucker	10
Greg Hall	20
Carey Hardison	21
Edward Emesibe	22
Shelley Davis-Wise	29
Colin Jackson	30
Matthew Tantis	31

December Anniversaries

Peggy & Bert Tucker - December 19, 1970
 Janet Turner-McDonald and Dale McDonald
 – December 30, 2000

Transferring In

Jim Hargrove from St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Stephenville, Texas. We warmly welcome Jim to our St. Mark's family.

Church Directory Update

It is time to update St. Mark's directory. Please review the information listed in the current directory for accuracy: spelling of names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers. Please make sure that your children's names are listed.

Please submit corrections and new information to Pat Worsley, 3348 Country Way Road, Antioch, TN 37013, or email Pat at lhvorsley@comcast.net. Your assistance in keeping this information accurate is much appreciated.

Peace Be With You

There's a new banner hanging in St. Mark's narthex. You can't miss it - it's bright blue with a big white dove, but what's important about the banner is that it's a copy of a banner hanging in Santiago Apostol, our companion church in Ecuador. The Ecuador committee had asked that a banner be made for the companion church and those that made it decided that a 'companion' banner would be a good idea, so two matching banners were made.

The hope is that every time you see the banner, you will be reminded of those in Ecuador who share our heritage and our faith, that when you read the words, you will, just by reading it, be offering peace to them as well as to ourselves here in St. Mark's community.

Oh, there is one difference - instead of Peace Be With You, theirs says La Paz Sea Con Ustedes. Hopefully, it means the same.



VESTRY ELECTION & MEMBERSHIP AT ST. MARK'S

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2007. We will elect three new members to the Vestry. There are several important criteria for people to be nominated and elected to our Vestry:

- Be at least 18 years of age,
- Have received the Sacrament of Confirmation,
- Be a communicant of St. Mark's (having been either confirmed or received at St. Mark's or enrolled as a communicant by Letter of Transfer from another parish),
- Be a "giver of record" (The person must submit a pledge card – the amount does not matter, but the fact of making a written commitment matters a lot.)
- Have completed - or agree to attend the first available "Prevention of Sexual Misconduct" training,
- Attend the Vestry Retreat.

Vestry members are expected to be actively involved in the activities and spiritual life of the parish. Members should regularly attend worship services, monthly Vestry meetings, and be willing to serve as a member of at least one other committee.

If you wish to nominate someone for the Vestry, please discuss it with the person to determine their willingness to serve and their eligibility.

I nominate: _____

Nominee's phone number: _____

My name is: _____

My phone number: _____

Christmas Open House

Thursday, December 20 2:00 - 4:00 PM

*You are invited
to the offices of
the Diocese of Tennessee,
to join us for
light snacks and punch
and a tour of our workspace.*

**If you are able to attend,
call Cathy Hendrix at 615-251-3322
or email cathy@episcopaldiocese-tn.org
by Friday, December 14.**

*We are located in MetroCenter
50 Vantage Way, Ste. 107, Nashville*



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
December						1 Quiet Day 8 am -Noon 2:00 PM
2 ADVENT I	3	4	5 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	6	7 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM	8 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM Wedding 1:00-5:30 PM
9 ADVENT II 2 nd Sunday Annual Parish Meeting 9:00 AM	10	11	12 Choir 7:00 pm	13	14 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	15 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
16 ADVENT III Healing Service	17	18	19 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	20	21 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	22 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
23 ADVENT IV Greening of the Church	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Services: 4:00 PM 10:30 PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Service 11:00 AM	26 Choir 7:00 pm	27	28 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	29 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM
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