



# The Gryphon's Roar

## April, 2011



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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 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
	5:00 PM	AA Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
The Reverend Felicity C. Peck	Deacon
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Ron Balcarras	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Kevin Curtis	Clerk of the Vestry

Deadline for May submissions is Sunday, April 17, 2011  
**Gryphon submissions to: [submitgryphon@aol.com](mailto:submitgryphon@aol.com)**

### **St. Mark's Vestry:**

Sampson Udeh, Don McEwen, George Noren,	(2013)
David Winters, Eileen Cardwell, Ron Balcarras	(2012)
Greg Noren, Cyndy Fahnestock, Kate Pilcher	(2011)



**Father Battle's sermons are now available on the St. Mark's web site.**

Dear people of God,

On the last 4 Sundays of Lent we will be having a study of Generosity, and I am asking everyone to attend. The focus of this time together will be on how we live out our stewardship in time, talent, and treasure. On Wednesday, April 27th we will have a potluck supper with a program focused on our stewardship as a community and as individuals. Again, I am asking each of you to put this on your calendars and plan on attending. The Christian life as Deacon, Felicity Peck, noted in her sermon on March 20th is about continual growth in the life of Christ. As she so bluntly put it; the opposite of change is death. We are a people of the Resurrection, a people of Life and therefore committed to growth. St. Mark's has grown in numbers by a significant amount since I first came here 10 years ago. Our outreach ministries have grown and our Christian education classes have grown, for all of which we can be thankful. Yet there is still much growth to be made in all these areas. We have over the past several years suffered from a lack of growth in our financial stewardship. The vestry is concerned about this and so has chosen to offer these Sunday and evening classes to encourage us to grow in our understanding, attitudes, theology, and living out of what our faith helps us to know about stewardship. Please make plans to join in our continued growth and witness to the faith that as Paul says, "Is in us".

God's peace,  
Battle +



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The Gryphon's Roar is St. Mark's Newsletter by and for the parishioners of St. Mark's and as such welcomes articles and suggestions from ALL parishioners.

This is your venue for expressing your thoughts, opinions, stories, important events in your families' lives, and suggestions you might have to make our parish life better. Please do not hesitate to use it.

Lorna

## Calendar

- April 2 – Spring Thing Planning Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Reynolds Hall
- April 10 – 2nd Sunday for Second Harvest
- April 14 – Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Reynolds Hall
- April 16 – Crafting Day for Spring Thing – 9:00 a.m. Reynolds Hall
- April 17 – Palm Sunday – Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
- April 21 – Maundy Thursday – Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar – 6:30 p.m.
- April 22 – Good Friday – Liturgy for Good Friday – 6:30 p.m.
- April 23 – Great Vigil of Easter – 6:30 p.m.
- April 24 – Easter Sunday – Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- April 27 – Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reynolds Hall – Stewardship Discussion

## Vestry Lock Up.

03/27/11 – Kate Pilcher  
04/03/11 – Cynthia Fahnestock  
04/10/11 – Don McEwen  
04/17/11 – David Winters  
04/28/11 – George Noren  
05/01/11 – Eileen Cardwell  
05/08/11 – Ron Balcarras

# CELEBRATE

## April Birthdays

Bruce Fahnestock	1
Karen Seufert	4
Maryn ClenDenning	10
Elizabeth Gilliam	10
Annabelle Ditinno	15
Ron Balcarras	17
Sampson Udeh	18
Zella Beasley	19
Joylene Crawford	21
Shirley Stewart	23
Dan Ashmead	27

## April Anniversaries

Lesley Worsley-Hynd & Billy Hynd	18, 2008
Richard & Carey Hardison	21, 2000
Brian & Jamie Meyer	21, 2007
Jim & Pauline Hall	26, 1987

## Parish Administration Committee

This committee has three focuses: Finance, Communications, and Building & Grounds.

Some of our goals in the upcoming months include planning and organizing work day schedules and activities, developing better methods of communicating to the congregation about updates and goals in all three of our focus categories, establishing a clear format for our Parish Phone Tree, and sourcing quotes and eventually completing the back fence on our property. As you can see, we've got our work cut out for us!

This committee includes David Winters and Kate Pilcher at the moment, and we are seeking 2 or 3 other members from the congregation to join our group this month. Your commitment would require a few meetings, but primarily our communications as a committee will come via email. If you are interested in joining our committee, please call Kate at 995-2449 or David at 477-6836.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Peace,  
David and Kate

### **LIVING IN CREATION GREEN TIP**

Keep the Sabbath

By devoting a day to the Sabbath not only will you find you consume less energy on that day, but you will undoubtedly find that you and your family are enriched spiritually by the experience.

- ~ Read Psalm 92, the psalm for the Sabbath Day
- ~ Avoid eating out and buying things on the Sabbath.
- ~ Turn off your computer, and keep it off all day.
- ~ Take a Sabbath walk.
- ~ Spend at least ten minutes completely surrounded by nature each Sabbath.

## Save the Date!

Saturday, June 11, 2011

There will be a parish celebration Saturday, June 11 at 2 pm. to honor Father Battle for ten years as our rector! You will be getting more information about this reception as the time nears.

Cyndy Fahnestock

## For Celtic Music Lovers

Franko Hashiguchi [celticjamboy@gmail.com](mailto:celticjamboy@gmail.com) (615)480-5598 cell

New venue for us! Come out and support us in our debut at 3 Brothers, which is located at 223 W. Main St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130. You can find our gigs here:

[http://tscband.com/The\\_Secret\\_Commonwealth/Shows.html](http://tscband.com/The_Secret_Commonwealth/Shows.html)

Sat - April 9th at [The Celtic Cup](#) in Tullahoma, TN • No Cover • TIME: 6PM

The Celtic Cup is located at 106 N. Anderson St., Tullahoma, TN

Fri - April 15th at [Kimbros Pickin' Parlor](#), Franklin, TN • COST: \$3 • TIME: 8PM

Sat - April 23rd at [3 Brothers Deli and Brewhouse](#), Murfreesboro, TN • No Cover • 8PM

Big, big thanks!!! Franko

## Thank You for the Dresses

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who helped with the dresses for Haiti project. Thanks to all the volunteers who came to one of the two sewing days to help cut fabric, sew dresses, and press seams. Thanks to all who donated yards and yards of fabric. Thanks to those who took cut pieces of fabric home and sewed at home. Thanks to those who donated money. We had so much fabric donated that we were able to use the money to purchase boys and girls underwear and t-shirts for the boys. Thanks to Ann Honig for coordinating the shipment of the dresses to an orphanage in Haiti. Thanks to Fran Oroson for suggesting this project in the first place! After all was finished we were able to provide 183 dresses for the little girls in Haiti...an incredible accomplishment!

One central question we all long to answer is “How do we have life, and life more abundantly?” Gordon McDonald, in his study on Generosity, says that “inside the soul of every Christian is a God-inspired desire for the generous life.” Lent is a time of reflection—somber in some ways, yet always moving towards the joyous resurrection season of Easter, the ultimate expression of Gods generosity to us.

This thought-provoking Sunday morning series on *Generosity* led by Elizabeth Power focuses on

- How do we move towards the Transformation to a more generous life in Christ?
- What is the way to embrace the freedom of “Giving with reckless abandon” in the face of our culture?
- How do we trust that when we open our hands in giving, we receive more than we can imagine?
- What do the seven principles that ignite the flame of generosity and the grace of giving have to do with our lives?

Join us for this thought-provoking exploration! Begins Sunday March 27 at 9:15 – Meeting in the Nursery.

## Will You Serve?

I am looking for volunteers – who isn't these days... for someone interested in serving on the Diocesan Evangelism and Congregational Development Committee, fondly known as the ECDC (like ACDC only with an E) something I've been a part of for the last two years.

Why would you want to and what do we do, you might ask. Let me start with what we do.

The ECDC is a committee that serves the Diocese of TN under the direction of the Bishop by offering education, resources and opportunity for all the churches in the diocese which generally covers the middle part of TN, St. Mark's being one of them. We do this by offering conferences and workshops, usually twice a year. We report to the General Convention on what we've done and what we hope to accomplish during the coming year and we meet with the Bishop annually. We do this by meeting monthly for about an hour and we attend the conferences and workshops. Each committee member takes an active role in the discussions and in the offerings we provide to the churches. It might be at the registration table, bringing and setting up food or even speaking but it's always a team effort.

For last year's conference, we brought in Andrew Weeks who spoke on the Magnetic Church. He gave us so much. He covered everything from the outside in, even how to greet people when they walk in the door. We held a couple of workshops, one on Social Networking which covered Facebook, setting up a website and how to market through the internet. The second workshop offered a day of training on how to run the Alpha Course.

At the General Convention, we offered a list of committee members who would be willing to come to your church and do a walk-thru on the curb appeal of your church, a look through the eyes of a visitor. We followed this up by offering a Curb Appeal workshop this past weekend. We brought in a landscaper, a lighting expert and also looked at signage.

The committee's efforts these past two years have focused on evangelism, on how to bring people to our church and how to make sure they feel welcomed when they come. This year, we will be focusing more on Congregational Development. The conference this fall is Congregational Development for the Small Church and it's being held at St. Mark's Antioch. What better place than right here!

Why would you want to serve on this committee? It's fun! I have enjoyed getting to know so many people, those on the committee and those who have attended the workshops and conferences. I have also found a voice, a way to be a part of something that speaks to my desire to bring people to Christ.

Finally, I have enjoyed representing St. Mark's in the diocese. They know we're here and that we care about doing God's work in our community. My time, however, to serve on this committee is almost at an end. Each committee member is asked to serve for three years, and I will roll off at the end of 2011. And I want us to continue to be represented in the diocese.

So I'm asking for volunteers – Will You Serve?

If you're interested in learning more or would like to volunteer to be a part of this ministry by serving on this committee, please see me or Fr. Battle. I promise you won't be sorry.

- Donna Floyd

# *The Spring Thing at St. Mark's!*

**Exciting things are happening at St. Mark's as we prepare for the big, big Spring Thing! It is simple for you to be part of this fun-raising, fund-raising, friend-raising effort.**

## *10 am, Saturday, April 2 – Planning Meeting*

**Everyone is invited to the first major planning meeting for The Spring Thing. Many of you have already committed to heading up an area, helping to set up and take down, working during the event, contributing baked goods and other items. If you haven't yet selected how you want to be involved, plan to come to the meeting and see how it's going to happen. Your ideas will help make The Spring Thing even better!**

## *9 am – 12 noon, Saturday, April 16 – Craft Day!*

***We're making treasures to sell at The Spring Thing!***

**Bring something to make or just show up; there's plenty for everyone to do to be a part of this day of fellowship and fun -*PLUS* we will be helping to make Spring Thing 2011 a little more money!!!**

**If you want to sew, Fran Oronson is bringing materials to make dozens of really cute items from table runners, to aprons, from dresses to purses. And she promises you'll be a big help even if you've never done any sewing before.**

**If you want to make beaded things, Donna Floyd is bringing loads of beads. From rosaries, to bracelets, to key rings and necklaces, you'll have fun creating and making these from every kind of bead.**

**So come and join in. We guarantee you'll have fun, and you just might surprise yourself at what you can create.**

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>April</b>					<b>1</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>2</b> Planning for The Spring Thing 10:00 AM
<b>3</b> LENT IV  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>4</b> DOK 6:30 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00  Choir 7:00 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> LENT V 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Choir 7:00 PM	<b>14</b> Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>15</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>16</b> Crafting Day 9:00 AM
<b>17</b> PALM SUNDAY Services 8:00 & 10:15  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00  Choir 7:00 PM	<b>21</b> Foot Washing Holy Eucharist Altar Stripping 6:30 PM	<b>22</b> Liturgy for Good Friday 6:30 PM  AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>23</b> THE GREAT VIGIL 6:30 PM
<b>24</b> EASTER Services 8:00 & 10:30  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Stewardship Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 PM  Choir 7:00 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>30</b>

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## APRIL 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

Please watch for your name each month. If you are unable to serve on the assigned date, please arrange a swap with someone else listed for that month, and let Les Worsley (361-6005) know the name of the person with whom you swapped. If that isn't possible, please call Les or the Rector (361-4100) **in advance**. Nursery Workers, please call Lynn Poehl (367-1330). We want to avoid last minute substitutions. A SUGGESTION: Place this schedule on your refrigerator door and highlight your name as a reminder when it is your turn to serve.

**ALTAR GUILD** - Judy Robnett and Karen Seufert

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>				
CB	J. Seufert	M. Torlay	C. Burger	D. McEwen
R	S. Lindsey	D. McEwen	M. O'Reilly	D. Parsons
A	S. Rice	J. Seufert	M. Torlay	B. Meyer
U	S. Stewart	H. Stewart	D. Parsons	S. Stewart
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>				
CB	E. Gilliam / D. Floyd	C. Hardison / S. McEwen	J. Parris / L. Worsley	D. Baxter / G. Noren
R	I.J. Udeh / K. Curtis	E. Gilliam / G. Kurz	C. Hardison / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / George Noren
A	B. ClenDening / H. Hashiguchi	D. Floyd / G. Noren	G. Russ / C. Udeh	L. Worsley / L. Russ
U	C. Robnett / S. Udeh	P. Carr-Brannon / B. ClenDening	K. Curtis / E. Gilliam	P. Hall / I. Kurz
OB	S. McEwen	S. Udeh	P. Worsley	P. Carr-Brannon
CH	P. Hall / S. Hammontree	D. Russ / S. Winters	C. Campbell / M.A. Campbell	P. Carr-Brannon / K. Curtis
NW	L. Poehl / K. Tantariss	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris
GR	V. Mashingaidze	P. Carr-Brannon	B. ClenDening	G. Kurz

## MAY 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

**ALTAR GUILD** - Shirley Stewart and Kevin Curtis

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>					
CB	D. Parsons	J. Seufert	M. Torlay	C. Burger	D. McEwen
R	L. Poehl	M. Rice	C. Burger	G. Leverett	S. Lindsey
A	D. McEwen	S. Rice	J. Seufert	D. McEwen	M. Torlay
U	H. Stewart	S. Stewart	D. Parsons	H. Stewart	S. Stewart
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>					
CB	K. Curtis / B. ClenDening	D. Floyd / E. Gilliam	C. Hardison / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / G. Noren	L. Worsley / J. Parris
R	G. Noren / L. Noren	C. Ogubie / J. Parris	C. Robnett / I. J. Udeh	D. Winters / D. Baxter	P. C-Brannon / B. ClenDening
A	D. Floyd / F. Aryeetey	B. ClenDening / H. Hashiguchi	G. Russ / C. Udeh	L. Worsley / L. Russ	D. Floyd / G. Noren
U	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen	C. Robnett / S. Udeh	P. C-Brannon / B. ClenDening	K. Curtis / E. Gilliam	P. Hall / I. Kurz
OB	E. Gilliam	K. Curtis	B. ClenDening	D. Floyd	P. Hall
CH	J. Dunlap / E. Gilliam	H. Granger / K. Pilcher	P. Hall / S. Hammontree	V. Mashingaidze / D. Russ	C. Campbell / M.A. Campbell
NW	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / K. Tantariss	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris	L. Poehl / B. Meyer
GR	I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze	S. Udeh	P. Carr-Brannon	B. ClenDening

**KEY:**

**CB:** Chalice Bearer. First name reads the Prayers of the People. Second name leads the Psalm.

**R:** Reader     **U:** Usher

**A:** Acolytes. First name is the Server and the second name is the Crucifer.

**OB:** Oblation Bearer. Takes Bread and Wine to the Altar during the Offertory.

**CH:** Coffee Host. Makes coffee, provides refreshments for coffee hour, and tidies the kitchen after coffee hour.

**NW:** Nursery Workers     **GR:** Welcoming Team Greeters



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