



THE GRYPHON'S ROAR

JANUARY, 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
	5:00 PM	AA Meeting
2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
1 st Saturday	8:00 AM	Quiet Day

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
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

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, January 23, 2010
Gryphon submissions to: 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,

Happy Epiphany! This is the season of Light, as the Gospel of John proclaims the light has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it. That proclamation is for me not simply a promise, it is the declaration that the whole of scriptures continually tells us and that is God will work Her purpose out to bring us all to health and salvation. Bishop Reynolds pointed out that when a child falls and begins to cry, parents will rush to them telling them they are ok, it will be all right. He said either parents are the greatest liars or they are proclaiming a cosmic truth. The truth is God's love for us will overcome whatever adversity that may befall us. And our love for God will join in that great Light overcoming the darkness others encounter on this journey returning us to the heart of God.

Peace,
Battle +

Contact us:

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The Reverend Battle Beasley via email: stmarksrector@bellsouth.net or pathwayspartners@yahoo.com

Calendar

- 29 December –6:30 p.m. Wednesday night class—School of Prayer: Study of Prayer of Healing.
- 05 January –6:30 p.m. Wednesday night class—School of Prayer: Study of Prayer of Healing.
- 09 January – Second Sunday for Second Harvest
- 12 January –6:30 p.m. Wednesday night class—School of Prayer: Study of Prayer of Healing.
- 19 January –6:30 p.m. Wednesday night class—School of Prayer: Study of Prayer of Healing.
- 20 January — Vestry Meeting 6:30pm
- 21 – 22 January – 179th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee at St. Bartholomew's Church.

Vestry person responsible for Sunday lock up:

01/02/11 – George Noren
01/09/11 – C. Fahnestock
01/16/11 – K. Pilcher
01/23/11 – S. Udeh
01/30/11 – D. Winters

January Birthdays

Kayla Jackson	8
Journey Button-Hale	10
Parker ClenDening	10
Jeff Miller	16
Chelsea Udeh	16
Dean Meyer	17
Kingsley Oku, Sr.	20
Steven Failor	21
Donna Floyd	28

Vestry Update

At the Annual Meeting on 5 December, we elected three new Vestry members. The new members are: Don McEwen, George Noren, and Sampson Udeh. We welcome them and look forward to working with them! We want to recognize and thank the three members whose terms are expiring: Fr. Jim Hall, Suzanne Lindsey, and Judy Robnett. We also want to thank Greg Noren, Senior Warden, and Kate Pilcher, Junior Warden, for their service during this year. Greg and Kate will remain vestry members. Congratulations to Ron Balcarras our new Senior Warden, and to George Noren, our new Junior Warden.

Protecting our Children - Children's Act for Clean Indoor Air

It has come to the attention of the Vestry that the Tennessee State Law for Children Protection has a clear legal guideline in place for defined smoking areas. In order to adhere to this law, we will be posting No Smoking signs in critical areas where children have access. We hope everyone is able to adhere to these new rules. The current designated area for smoking will continue to be near the storage shed off the side of our parking lot. Thank you for your understanding.

In accordance with the Tennessee State Law:

2010 Tennessee Code: Title 39 - Criminal Offenses
Chapter 17 - Offenses Against Public Health, Safety and Welfare
Part 16 - Children's Act for Clean Indoor Air

Link: <http://law.justia.com/tennessee/codes/2010/title-39/chapter-17/part-16/39-17-1604/>

39-17-1604. Places where smoking is prohibited. (Paraphrased from the original document)
Smoking is not permitted, and no person shall smoke, in the following places:

(1) Child care centers; provided that the prohibition of this section does not apply to the services provided in a private home. Adult staff members may be permitted to smoke in designated smoking areas to which children are not allowed access. However, written notification shall be given to the parent or legal guardian upon enrollment if the child care center has an indoor designated smoking area;

(6) All public and private kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools. Adult staff members may be permitted to smoke outdoors but not within fifty feet (50') of any entrance to any building. Adults may also smoke in any fully enclosed adult staff residential quarters, but not in the presence of children attending the school;

(8) Youth development centers and facilities. Adult staff members may be permitted to smoke in designated smoking areas to which children are not allowed access;

Many Thanks

The congregation of St. Mark's owes more thanks than we can properly express to Pat and Les Worsley for their gift of a silver communion service, and to Les for his skillful production of an Advent Wreath stand, and for the extension of the book racks on the backs of the pews. Thank you both for your thoughtful generosity.

Plaudits also to the Daughters of the King for preparing and hosting the tasteful reception after the funeral of Betty McKee.

A Special Thanks!

Thank you to all who contributed their time and money for the two St Luke's families we adopted this year. As usual, the St Mark's congregation was amazing when called upon! I asked for help and everyone gave so quickly and generously. Over \$1200 in gifts was delivered to the families and they were so very blessed and excited.

Thank you all for your love and support for this fantastic ministry!

What really matters....

This past Saturday I lost one of my dearest friends to a rare and aggressive form of stomach cancer. He was 38 years old, and had a two year old son. His wife, also one of my closest friends, lost her mother to cancer just a few months ago. My heart is broken for them....

As she (Kelly) and I cleaned her house in preparation for the wake for Paul, all I could think about were these things:

1. Time is precious and life is a flash in the pan, every moment is to be treasured every breath to be counted.
2. Love is truly the answer to everything. God's immeasurable love for us is such a gift, and we must give it freely, constantly and without fail.
3. I am so grateful. For my life, for the love around me, for the toes on my feet, for the clouds in the sky, and even for the annoying lady in line ahead of me with chip on her shoulder and a bad attitude. Thank you, God, for all of it. They are all reminders of this beautiful gift that is life.

I am reminded today of the things that really matter..... I hope that you all can be reminded too...hold your loved ones close, give them your heart, and thank God every day. We are so lucky and we are so loved....

Kate Pilcher

Did You Know

The feast of the Epiphany, from the Greek word (Epiphaneia), meaning "appearance" or "manifestation". The feast takes place on January 6, and the season after the Epiphany continues until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The season begins with the "appearance" of Jesus (the extension of his ministry) to the Gentiles, specifically to the wise men of Matthew's gospel. Epiphany thus proclaims that Jesus Christ is savior of the whole world and that God's promises of salvation to Israel now apply to all the peoples of the earth.

Humeral Veil

A square cloth that covers the chalice and paten on the altar or credence table when they are not in use. The veil is often made of material that matches the design and color of the vestments. It is also called a chalice veil.

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THISTLE FARMS™

November 2010

FROM THE COMMUNITY OF
magdalene

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
The Reverend Battle Beasley
3100 Murfreesboro Rd
Antioch, TN 37013

Dear Congregation of St. Mark's,

Every other month we are hosting an Education/Immersion day for individuals and organizations from across the city, region or country who want to learn more about Magdalene/Thistle Farms. This week approximately 30 new friends spent the day at Thistle Farms and Magdalene and got to see first-hand what this community is about. One of the visitors from a program in Columbus, Ohio wrote us afterwards to say:

How do I begin to say thank you for all that you did to make yesterday an absolutely wonderful experience. I couldn't get all of the names of all of the women who spoke with us, gave us tours, shared their stories, and their hearts. I was encouraged and inspired. Sometimes it feels like there is so much pain and brokenness and we are doing so very little. But you are all doing remarkable things at Magdalene and Thistle.

We believe deeply that all of us can be involved in the work of healing. Thank you to everyone at St. Mark's for continuing to support this work. St. Mark's is helping us to not only bring women at our back door off the streets, but to spread the news far beyond that healing is possible for all of us.

Amount: \$300.00
Check No: 8212

Thistle Farms is a non-profit business for women who have survived lives of prostitution, violence and addiction. Magdalene is the residential program where the women live in community for two years. No gifts or services were given in exchange for this donation. Value of In Kind donations must be set by donor. For questions, email marlei@thistlefarms.org

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with gratitude from the women of magdalene / thistle farms. Love
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October 28, 2010

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of our board, staff, volunteers, and homeless guests, thank you for your donation of \$375.00 on Monday, October 25, 2010. Your gift is an encouragement to us all.

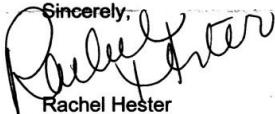
Because of you and others who support our work, over 4,000 of the poorest of the poor will receive care this year through Room In The Inn, Respite Care for the medically fragile, Guest House for those in treatment and other ministries of love provided by Room In The Inn's Campus for Human Development.

Although homelessness is an enormous and complex problem, we celebrate one victory at a time as we provide emergency and long-term support of the most broken among us. Each day we see a glimmer of hope in the eyes of someone for whom there was none a short time ago. We celebrate each day of sobriety, each class attended, and all the different ways, day by day; our homeless guests are rebuilding their shattered lives.

We also celebrate larger more easily quantified advances in the past year: 39,000 shelter beds and 102,000 meals provided, 1,745 individuals attended 1,871 classes, 301 medically fragile people received respite care for an average of 19 days, 176 Spanish speaking people were served and 2,344 people received showers, clothing vouchers, and bus passes.

Heartfelt thanks for your part in bringing God's love to the homeless.

Sincerely,


Rachel Hester
Executive Director

Love you all,

Charles Strobel
Founding Director

Please retain this letter as acknowledgement of your donation for tax purposes. No goods or services were provided in whole or partial consideration for this contribution. The Campus for Human Development is registered with the I.R.S. as a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit religious organization.

Thank you!

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
January						1
2 CHRISTMAS II	3	4	5 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Class on Healing Prayer 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	6 Renaissance Dance Class 7:00 PM	7 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	8
9 EPIPHANY I 2 nd Sunday for 2 nd Harvest AA Meeting 5:00 PM	10	11	12 Class on Healing Prayer 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	13	14 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	15
16 EPIPHANY II AA Meeting 5:00 PM	17	18	19 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Class on Healing Prayer 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	20 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	21 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	22
23 EPIPHANY III AA Meeting 5:00 PM	24	25	26 Class on Healing Prayer 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	27	28 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	29
30 EPIPHANY IV AA Meeting 5:00 PM	31				2011	

JANUARY 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 - Shirley Stewart and Kevin Curtis

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
8:00 a.m.					
CB	C. Burger	D. McEwen	D. Parsons	J. Seufert	M. Torlay
R	L. Poehl	M. Rice	C. Burger	G. Leverett	S. Lindsey
A	M. Torlay	B. Meyer	D. McEwen	S. Rice	J. Seufert
U	S. Stewart	D. Parsons	H. Stewart	S. Stewart	D. Parsons
10:30 a.m.					
CB	L. Worsley / D. Baxter	B. ClenDening / K. Curtis	C. Hardison / E. Gilliam	D. Floyd / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / G. Noren
R	S. McEwen / Greg Noren	L. Noren / C. Ogbie	C. Robnett / D. Winters	D. Baxter / P. Carr-Brannon	B. ClenDening / K. Curtis
A	B.ClenDening/V.Mashingaidze	L. Worsley / K. Oku	G. Russ / G. Noren	L. Worsley / C. Udeh	D. Floyd / L. Russ
U	K. Curtis / E. Gilliam	V. Mashingaidze / I. Kurz	P. Hall / S. McEwen	C. Robnett / S. Udeh	P.C-Brannon / B. ClenDening
OB	K. Curtis	D. Floyd	P. Hall	E. Gilliam	V. Mashingaidze
CH	P. Hall / V. Mashingaidze	S. Hammontree / D. Russ	S. Winters / P. Carr-Brannon	C. Campbell / M.A. Campbell	K. Curtis / J. Dunlap
NW	L. Poehl / H. Hittle	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / K. Tantis	L. Poehl / B. Meyer
GR	S. Udeh	V. Mashingaidze	B. ClenDening	P. Carr-Brannon	G. Kurz

FEBRUARY 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

ALTAR GUILD - Suzie Dobbs and Donna Floyd

	February 6	February 13	February 20	February 27
8:00 a.m.				
CB	C. Burger	D. McEwen	D. Parsons	J. Seufert
R	D. McEwen	M. O'Reilly	L. Poehl	D. Parsons
A	M. Torlay	B. Meyer	D. McEwen	S. Rice
U	H. Stewart	D. Parsons	S. Stewart	H. Stewart
10:30 a.m.				
CB	J. Parris / L. Worsley	D. Baxter / B. ClenDening	K. Curtis / E. Gilliam	D. Floyd / C. Hardison
R	D. Floyd / E. Gilliam	C. Hardison / G. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen	Greg Noren / George Noren
A	B. ClenDening / V. Mashingaidze	D. Floyd / G. Noren	G. Russ / K. Oku, Jr.	L. Worsley / C. Udeh
U	K. Curtis / E. Gilliam	P. Hall / I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen	C. Robnett / S. Udeh
OB	S. McEwen	S. Udeh	P. Worsley	P. Carr-Brannon
CH	P. Carr-Brannon / P. Hall	E. Gilliam / S. Hammontree	H. Granger / K. Pilcher	D. Russ / S. Winters
NW	L. Poehl / H. Hittle	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris	L. Poehl / K. Tantis
GR	I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze	S. Udeh	P. Carr-Brannon

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



The Gryphon's Roar – January, 2011



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