



THE GRYPHON'S ROAR



MARCH, 2011



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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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
The Reverend Felicity 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

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 20, 2011

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 Fahnstock, Kate Pilcher (2011)



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

Dear people of God,

There is a lot going on as we enter the season of Lent. The vestry during our retreat came up with a new committee structure. The three major committees under which everything else will fall are Spiritual Formation, Congregational Life, and Parish Administration. The vestry members who are leading those committees are listed on the front of the church directory. You also will read briefly about their beginning work in this Gryphon. Stewardship is going to be a major focus of several Lenten programs and Sunday school time studies. You received an email inviting you to sign up for a series of Lenten meditations; I hope you will avail yourselves of that opportunity for study. Overall St. Mark's is an incredibly generous community. When needs are presented to us we respond quickly with our resources. However we are not so good, it seems, in our general giving towards the mission and ministry of our Church. The finance committee was presented with a report looking at the trend in our giving which pointed towards our being broke sometime in the next year, whereas several years ago we had a bank balance of nearly \$40,000.00. At the end of last year we were down to less than \$12,000.00. We had several large expenditures last year, but we also consistently ran behind budget in our monthly giving. Therefore the vestry and I have decided to re-educate ourselves as it were on what stewardship is all about. I truly hope that when programs or study groups are offered you will make every effort to attend. Our spiritual journey is about growth in our knowledge and love of the Lord. Certainly a part of that growth is continuing education.

We are growing in numbers as well, our average attendance 3 years ago was around 90 people at both services, and we now are averaging 106. Several of you have spoken to me about the need for a building fund, to create space for worship and Sunday school opportunities. We will be exploring this again in the coming year.

You will read an article in this Gryphon about the Peace pole that is next to the portable classroom. This coming Palm Sunday we will bless this peace pole as part of our recognizing the children's education as practitioners of Peace, followers of the Prince of Peace. We want to be witness to our children of the high value we place on their education recognizing that we are all fellow travelers with Christ Jesus. May your Lent be rich with learning and experiences of God's love.

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

Mark Your Calendar:

- March 8 – Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Supper – 6:00 p.m.
- March 9 – Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes – 6:30 p.m.
- March 12 – A Play – Ponder Anew – 7:30 p.m. All donations will go to the Campus for Human Development
- March 13 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 13 – 2nd Sunday for Second Harvest
- March 13 – 2nd Sunday Breakfast hosted by Daughters of the King
- April 10 – 2nd Sunday for Second Harvest
- April 17 – Palm Sunday – Services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 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.

Sunday Lock-Up

03/06/11-Greg Noren

03/13/11-Cyndy Fahnestock

03/20/11-Sampson Udeh

03/27/11-David Winters

04/03/11-George Noren

CELEBRATE

March Birthdays

Benjamas Hayes	2
Gerald Roderick	8
Norman Baker	11
Judy Robnett	15
Christopher Simpson	17
Cyndy Fahnestock	18
Becky Meyer	20
Phillip Simpson	21
Jennifer Sauvie	22
Henry Ditinno	25
Kitty McKee	26



Deacons of the Church

What is the difference between a vocational deacon, and a transitional deacon? There has always been some confusion about the role of deacons in the Church.

There are two kinds of deacons in the Episcopal Church: transitional deacons who are priests in training, and vocational deacons (formerly known as permanent deacons) who are a separate order with a defined call and ministry.

The vocational deacon's ministry is a servant ministry, a servant to the church and the world. Vocational deacons are the bridge, or to put it another way, they stand in the gap between the church and the world and bring the needs of the world to the attention of the church. Although vocational deacons are called out of specific parishes, they are ordained to serve the diocese under the authority of the Bishop, and with the direction of the Rector. From time to time, as needed, vocational deacons are transferred to other churches.

In the liturgy deacons read the Gospel, set the table and clean up after the Eucharist and dismiss the people. Other duties, such as preaching, may be assigned by the Rector.

My ministry in the world is as a court appointed advocate (CASA) for children who are abused and/or neglected. I also serve on foster care review boards.

I am looking forward to talking with you about my ministry in the world, and to encourage you to listen for God's voice in discerning your own particular ministries.

Felicity

Spiritual Formation Committee

The Spiritual Formation Liturgical Committee members, from the vestry are Cyndy Fahnestock, Sampson Udeh, and Eileen Cardwell, with an additional two members to be added. Our committee will consider all aspects of Christian Education for children and adults, including space, speakers, subject matter, special and seasonal events. We will invite input from the congregation for subjects of interest.

Congregational Life Committee

The vestry members on this committee are Don McEwen, Ron Balcarras, and George Noren. This committee will focus on all the aspects of congregational life, including visiting the sick, pastoral care, welcoming/newcomers, and congregational gatherings. Our goals for the upcoming year are varied yet concentrate on expanding congregational involvement in activities both at the church and in the greater community. If you have any questions or would like to get involved on any commitment level, please feel free to contact any of the vestry members listed and we will be more than happy to talk with you.



Vestry Update from Parish Administration

You will have heard from Battle that there has been a change in the organizational structure of the Vestry by identifying three major types of Parish activities.

One of the three divisions is dubbed **Parish Administration**. Parish Administration encompasses three areas of interest; Building & Grounds, Communication, and Finance.

Three members of the vestry are charged with the task of advancing these areas of interest. Greg Noren, Kate Pilcher, and I, Dave Winters. Some of the tasks we want to accomplish this year are outlined below.

Communication: Establish one or more groups to identify and Improve the current methods to, “Get the word out” by utilizing the Newsletter and other means, such as the Telephone Tree to provide a meaningful place to get and disburse information in a timely manner. Clarify needed signage around the building making St. Marks’s more welcoming and easier for visitors to find their way around.

Building and Grounds: Establish one or more groups to organize maintenance needs and schedules both within the Buildings and on the grounds of St. Mark’s. There are a number of initiatives that need attention.

Finance: There is a Finance Committee that reports to the Vestry. Its intent is to provide fiscal guidance and recommendations to the vestry regarding the best means of accomplishing our Parish Goals.

To that end, the Parish Administration division is seeking two individuals from the congregation who with us will form the leadership for these three areas of interest within Parish Administration. The goal is that we five will develop a core of committee leaders to draw input from the congregation to fulfill the needs and interests that you express. Our immediate need is to have people who can organize work-day activities.

Please contact me at davidwinters@comcast.net, or call me at my cell phone 477-6836 to discuss what role you can play. We have only two weeks to get started, so call me now. If you expressed an interest through your Time & Talent Form, one of us may call you. Our calling is to serve you, the congregation.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. Mark’s will be having its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8th. It will be hosted by the vestry and the cost will be \$3 per person and \$10 for families. We hope you will take the opportunity to attend and join in the food and fellowship!



God's Pals Peace Pole

One outcome of teaching about the rituals of the church (e.g., Sharing the Peace) has been talking about the meaning of peace and how peace expresses itself in our relationships with one another. Thus was born the idea of participating in the Peace Pole project.

The Peace Pole project was started in Japan in 1955 by Masahisa Goi who believed that peace begins within each individual. Peace poles carry the message “**MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH**” in the languages of the earth and are erected all over the planet as reminders to carry peace within our hearts & minds.

The Peace Pole project is the official project of the World Prayer Peace Society. Peace Poles can be found in front of parks, churches, schools, city halls, gardens, offices, and restaurants in over 200 countries. Some of the extraordinary locations where peace poles can be found are: the Pyramids of El Giza in Egypt, the Magnetic North Pole in Canada, Gorky Park in Russia, Angkor Wat in Cambodia., Sarajevo, the Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima, the Allenby Bridge on the border between Israel and Jordan **AND SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE.**

God's Pals Peace Pole is located on the left side of Margie Lane as you turn off Murfreesboro Pike (a few yards before the Youth Hut). The languages on the God's Pals Peace Pole are: English, Spanish, Arabic and Hebrew. The Peace Pole is gift from the children of Saint Mark's to all who see it in hopes that it will be a reminder to honor one another, our environment, and all creation.

Companions in Christ Lenten Retreat - March 19

Christ Church Cathedral will host a Lenten retreat for those who wish to start or continue on their spiritual formation journey in our Christian faith. Come and experience the practices used for centuries by those who have formed our traditions. The Reverend Marjorie Thompson, the chief architect of Companions in Christ will lead attendees through a day of scriptural reflection, prayer, and exercises in discernment. We will explore “Discerning Seeds of New Life” and listen for God's call afresh. It's on March 19 from 8:45am to 3:30pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway in downtown Nashville. \$30 will cover lunch and materials (scholarships provided). Register online at christcathedral.org or call 615-255-7729 and ask for Becky Rochford.

Vestry Profile

My name is George Noren and I am the newly elected Junior Warden. I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know a little about myself. I am what some would call a “cradle Episcopalian” meaning I was baptized and raised in the Episcopal Church. I have attended St. Mark's for the last 14 years and have served on the vestry twice before. I look forward to serving the church again and as Junior Warden would ask if you have any questions or notice anything that needs fixing in the church please contact me either at 542-2837 or e-mail me at nabbygln@aol.com.

Ponder Anew-What the Almighty Can Do

On July 4, 1989, Lieutenant Herschel Ponder wrote to his three daughters – Anne, Carol and Schell, “...I had a sudden urge to tell you about my war, WWII – and the subsequent coping – my peace. After 45 years some of the events are as vivid as ever...There is no fiction in what is to follow. The time, places, the people, the involvements are as I remember them.”

Herschel Ponder’s WWII memoir, entitled *Ponder Anew – What the Almighty Can Do*, was written in his storytelling voice – droll, sincere, and sometimes almost cruelly straightforward. In it, he wrote of his fears, his joys, and his struggle to remain human during and after an inhumane war. Herschel was born in Asheville, North Carolina, in 1922. At the age of 20, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and flew 51 missions in his beloved P-47 Thunderbolt in the European Theatre. His war memoir, written for his daughters in 1989, is warm, funny, tragic, and poignant by turns. Carol Ponder and Robert Kiefer have crafted a performance of Herschel’s words, family stories, and some of the songs he and his family loved, both popular and traditional. The show, also called *Ponder Anew*, was premiered as part of the Hermitage Artists’ Retreat Series (where Carol had a Fellowship) at the Historic Asolo Theatre in Sarasota, Florida, January 13, 2011. It is a beautiful production that evokes the essence of war and warriors, their victories, sacrifices, loyalty to each other, and the sweet pain of coming home.

Carol Ponder, Herschel’s middle daughter, and her husband Robert Kiefer have both been theatre artists since the 1960s. Carol is an actress, singer, and musician with three critically acclaimed CDs and other awards in recognition of her artistic excellence. She is also a master Teaching Artist who has worked for dozens of organizations including The Lincoln Center Institute and the John F. Kennedy Center for the performing arts. An accomplished actor, Robert is also a director with a specialty in one-person shows, whose work has been seen at the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC, and in colleges, universities, and arts centers around the country. He also directs and produces Carol’s music – concerts and recordings. Together, Carol and Robert have acted, sung, and danced in thousands of performances and hundreds of productions for over 40 years.

The performance will be Saturday March 12, 2011 at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church at 7:30. A donation of \$5.00 is requested but not required. All donations will go to The Campus for Human Development.

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The Secret Commonwealth at Kimbro's Pickin' Parlor

The venue has a small food/drink minimum

Celto-Eclectic music! Whazzat, you may ask.... Our kind of Americana, Irish, Scottish, English, Folk, Blues, played on a sheep-load of instruments. Sung with abandon! Traditionals, ORIGINALS, and some tasty covers of bands such as the Pogues, Flogging Molly, Silly Wizard, Old Blind Dogs, the Waterboys.....

For band info, tour dates, bio, etc! go to our web site
<http://www.tscband.com/>

For camaraderie and getting FB updates and invitations from us!
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Secret->

Next show

Thursday - March 17th - The Boro Bar 'n Grill, Murfreesboro, TN • COST: \$6 • TIME: 8PM

The Secret Commonwealth's 18th anniversary St. Patrick's Day celebration! This year promises to be more rowdy, rockin', & raucous than ever before!

The Boro is located at 1211 Greenland Dr. Murfreesboro, TN 37130 21+ venue

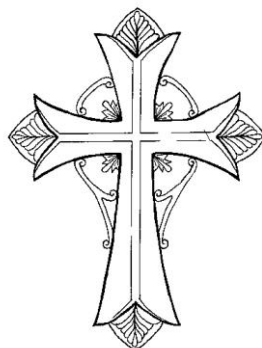
HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Thank You From Room In The Inn

The Room In The Inn community offers thanks to all of the congregations and volunteers who take part in the life-saving ministry of Room In The Inn. During this winter's extreme weather, many of you have gone the extra mile to take in extra guests or add additional nights of shelter. Your dedication and sacrifice serve as a witness to God's loving care. You continue to bless your guests as well as the greater community with your generosity.

God bless you,
Mary Wilder
251-7019 email mary.wilder@roomintheinn.org.



Get your name in lights!



**Okay, not in lights, but on some very important lines:
Sign-up sheets in Reynolds Hall.
Please get your name on as many lines as you can!**

As you will see (or have seen), there are many places for YOU at the Spring Thing! Please share your ideas, thought, talents, and labor with the chair folks, Eileen and Susie (see below) and/or with your friends who have already volunteered to take on responsibilities for the the event.

There is still a LOT of room on the Management Team.

**Baked Goods &
Home-Made Yummies**

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Look for an announcement of a planning meeting in March. *Plan to come plan.* Your ideas, whether or not you have already taken on a specific responsibility, are most needed and welcome.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	3	4 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	5
March						
6 LAST EPIPHANY AA Meeting 5:00 PM	7 DOK Meeting 6:30 PM	8 Pancake Supper 6:00 PM	9 Imposition of Ashes 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	10	11 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	12 A Play – Ponder Anew 7:30 PM
13 LENT I Daylight Savings Time begins 2 ND Sunday Breakfast AA Meeting 5:00 PM	14	15	16 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	17 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	18 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	19
20 LENT II Prayers for Healing AA Meeting 5:00 PM	21	22	23 Choir 7:00 PM	24	25 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	26
27 LENT III AA Meeting 5:00 PM	28	29	30 Choir 7:00 PM	31	2011	

MARCH 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 - Candy Burger and Pat Worsley

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

APRIL 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

ALTAR GUILD - Judy Robnett and Karen Seufert

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
8:00 a.m.				
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
10:30 a.m.				
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. Hammtree	D. Russ / S. Winters	C. Campbell / M.A. Campbell	P. Carr-Brannon / K. Curtis
NW	L. Poehl / K. Tantis	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris
GR	V. Mashingaidze	P. Carr-Brannon	B. ClenDening	G. Kurz

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 – March, 2011



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