



The MESSAGE

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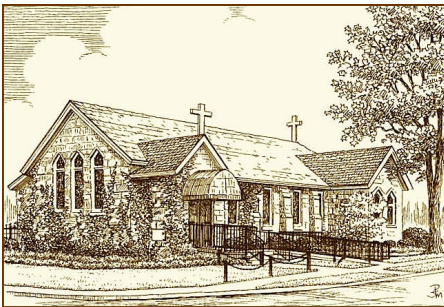
WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays: Holy Eucharist

8:00 am: Traditional Rite I without music
 10:30 am: Contemporary Rite II with music
 (sung Eucharist on the first Sunday)

Wednesdays

12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers
 3:20 pm: Atrium



CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rt. Rev. Don E. Johnson,
Bishop of West Tennessee

The Rev. Gary Meade, *Rector*
 Dr. Scott Roberts, *Organist*

Mrs. Melissa McLaughlin, *Parish Secretary*

VESTRY AND LAY LEADERSHIP

John Lannom, *Senior Warden*

Dudley Davis, *Junior Warden*

Tommy Hopper, *Treasurer*

David Akers

Karen Bowyer

Mary Stuart David

Bob Dean

Agnes Ann Moore

Bubba Smith

Teresa Stavely-Hawkins

A Few Words from

The Rev. Gary Meade, Rector

I love you, I love you, I love you. That's all I want to say.

— “Michelle,” Lennon / McCartney

9/9/09 was an important day for devoted Beatles fans everywhere. For on that day The Beatles released remastered versions of all their original albums. Was this a big deal? Well, yes. Audiophiles had long decried the relatively mediocre quality of the CDs that had originally been released over twenty years earlier; these new versions promised to be much improved.

First, engineers lovingly transferred music from the original (and by now somewhat fragile) master tapes to a high quality digital format. From there they spent countless hours working to remove hiss, pops, scratches, hums, and other audible noise from the recordings while at the same time restoring the remaining music to purer form. When they were done, audiophiles proclaimed the result to be cleaner and clearer recordings that captured the original sound in fresh clarity.

I'm not so sure about all the technical details, but the new CDs sound pretty good to me. More importantly, they have given me an excuse to reconnect to some great music. Consider, for example, “Michelle,” from the 1965 album *Rubber Soul*. Almost three and a half decades later, this remains a beautiful and touching love song.

Let me admit to you a preacher's secret (well, *this* preacher's secret, at least): I always tremble a bit when I see a very familiar parable or story in the Sunday readings as I begin to prepare my sermon. I ask, “how can I ‘re-engineer’ my message to remove the noise and leave the message sounding pure and fresh?” The challenge is even greater when I'm preparing to preach on something as familiar as the Nativity or the Resurrection. I sometimes worry, “how can I bring something new to an old message?”

And then I remember: the message is not even mine. The message is God's, and it is timeless. At its most basic, God's Word for us is, to borrow the words from The Beatles, “I love you, I love, I love you. That's all I want to say.” Sounds pretty simple and pure, doesn't it? No matter how I may try to dress up or re-imagine God's message for us, its power lies in the message itself, not in my delivery.

“Michelle” is a beautiful song, no matter if you are listening to an original vinyl record or a shiny, new CD. The new CDs just gave me a reason to connect again with a great old song.

God's love song to us is also beautiful. Are you waiting for a reason to connect again with God's song of love for you? And how can you answer God's promise of love for you with your own song of love back to your creator, redeemer, and sustainer?

Your servant in Christ,

Father Gary

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A **Blessing of the Animals** will be offered on **Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m.** Please bring your favorite pet to this special service, which honors the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi. We'll gather in the garden off King Avenue, then process into the nave for the liturgy. If your animal can't (or shouldn't) be brought into the church proper, Fr. Gary will gladly offer God's blessing outside.

THE
EPISCOPAL
BOOKSHOP



OPEN HOUSE

All Welcome!

Tuesday, October 13 ~ 10:00a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14 ~ 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 53rd YEAR. We carry one-of-a-kind prayer beads, crosses, and clergy stoles made by local artists, and most of our nativities and ornaments are fair trade items. Browse through this interesting collection of hand-crafted gifts and objects, and take time to look over our wide selection of cards. Look ahead to Advent and Christmas in a relaxed, pleasant atmosphere. Light refreshments will be served and conversation encouraged. *Hope to see you!*

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Just across the parking lot from St. Mary's Cathedral

DIOCESAN PICNIC 2009

****RESCHEDULED****

Sunday, October 25 from 1:pm - 4pm
St. Columba Conference Center
4577 Billy Maher Road



Due to inclement weather, the picnic that was planned for September 20 has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 25th. Paid registrations will be transferred to the new date. If you have paid and are unable to attend and would like a refund, please contact the Diocesan Office at 901-526-0023. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Parish BBQ on October 18.

In place of our usual Third Sunday Potluck, we will be having a barbecue following the 10:30 am service on October 18. The church will provide burgers and more for the grill, and of the men of the church will be in charge of firing up a couple of grills. Please bring a salad, side, or dessert to share as we gather in the garden.



Interested in digging deeper into the Christian faith, studying the Bible and developing skills in thinking and reflecting – theologically? Join **EfM, Education for Ministry.** An EfM Group of six to twelve people and a trained mentor meet

weekly for about three hours, over the course of a nine month academic year. There are weekly assignments, involving about two to four hours of preparation. EfM is a four year commitment: the first year is Old Testament, second year – New Testament, third year – development of the Church and fourth year - theological issues. All materials are provided, and the cost each year is \$340, but scholarship funds are available through the Diocese. Please contact Judi Grunert at 731-285-9900 for more information.



October 5: Betty Jean Hammond. **9:** Betty Ashley. Eddie Davis. Maurine Ponder. **13:** Patti Murphy. **15:** Richard Lunn. **22:** Tommy Hopper. **24:** Patty Borden. **25:** Russell Ward. **27:** David Buchannon. **28:** Bob Dean.



to...

Thomas & Alicia Langford
on **October 16!**




If you would like to order a Hymnal or a Book of Common Prayer in honor or in memory of a loved one, now is the time! We will be placing an order soon to replace some of our more well-used books. Hymnals and Prayer Books are available for suggested donation of \$20.00 each. If you are interested, please e-mail Melissa or call the church office and drop a check in the offering plate with "Hymnal Order" or "BCP Order" in the memo line. Please include the following information below so we can mark your donations with an appropriate bookplate. Thanks!

Number: ___ Prayer Book(s) ___ Hymnal(s)
In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center">REGULAR WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</p>	<p>Sundays: Holy Eucharist 8:00 am: Traditional Rite I without music 10:30 am: Contemporary Rite II with music (sung Eucharist on the first Sunday) Sundays: Christian Education 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Wednesdays 12:05 pm: Holy Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium</p>			1	2	3
<p>4 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Blessing of the Animals 3:00 pm Chalice: L. Thurman Lector: L. Thurman Prayers: D. Davis Acolyte: A. Hawkins Usher: T. Hopper Vestry: D. Davis</p>	5	6	7 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	8	9	10
<p>11 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: M. Hudson Lector: D. Palmer Prayers: A.A. Moore Acolytes: T. Hopper Usher: J. Lannom Vestry: A.A. Moore</p>	12	13	14 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	15	16	17
<p>18 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Parish BBQ Chalice: J. Emery Lector: B. Milligan Prayers: D. Palmer Acolyte: E. Glass Usher: B. Dean Vestry: B. Dean</p>	19	20 6:00 pm: Men's Group	21 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	22	23	24 9:00 am: Parish Workday 
<p>25 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Diocesan Picnic 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Chalice: K. Brunson Lector: M. Hudson Prayers: K. Horn Acolyte: D. Palmer Usher: T. Hopper Vestry: T. S.-Hawkins</p>	26	27 5:30 pm: Vestry Meeting	28 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	29	30	

Summary Budget Report for August 2009

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Regular Income (pledges, plate, etc.)	10,080.51	12,508.32	2,427.81
Income from Endowment	4,000.00	4,000.00	0
TOTAL	\$14,080.51	\$16,508.32	2,427.81
Expenses — Operating	10,753.90	14,576.08	3,822.18
Expenses — Outreach	1,286.68	1,658.32	371.64
TOTAL	\$12,040.58	16,234.40	4,193.82
Income Less Expenses	\$2,039.93		
Value of Endowment (as of 8/31/09)	\$1,310,304.34		

OUR PRAYER LIST



Aaron Joshua
Aden
Chuck Broyles
Chuckie
Virginia Brunson
Judy Burks
Kaitlyn Cash
Genenda Clark
Pauline Dittmer
Dianne Donner
Jimmy Haley
Denver Hawkins
Martha Horn
Nickalene Johnson
Trace Kimler
June Lannom
Teresa Layne
Penny Lloyd
The Meade Family
Marty Moody
Patti Murphy
Jamie Owens
The Randolph Family
Scott Rankin
John Redman
Hank Rice
Earl Roberts
Pat Roberts
Robbie Scott
Alan Sherlock
Anita Toth
Bob Toth
John Viar
Ginger Voss
Elizabeth Walker

Names will be removed from our list after two months unless specified otherwise. To add yourself or another to this list, please call or email the office.



PARISH WORKDAY— OCTOBER 24

FOR ANY PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please call Father Gary at home, 882-4925; or on his cell phone, 589-3370.

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