

The MESSAGE

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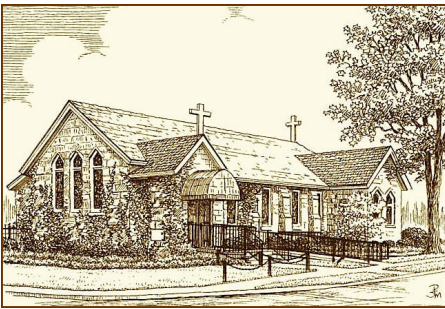
WORSHIP TIMES

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

For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

— 1 Corinthians 15:22

We are alive in Christ! Alleluia!

That's the great message, promise, and hope of Easter, isn't it? That we have new life in Christ, life eternal in our Lord. And how is this possible? Because we believe that through our baptism we share with Jesus not only in his baptism but also in his resurrection to new and everlasting life. But our Christian hope is meant not just for our future but also for our present — for right here and right now.

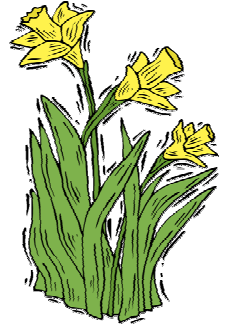
The other day as I was stepping out the back door of the church office, I noticed that a couple of daffodils had not only sprouted once more from the soil but also that they had already bloomed. And here it was, not yet officially spring! The daffodils, of course, don't know about seasons as measured by a human calendar. They don't wait for a certain date to spring back to life, they simply do. They are alive *now*. And they are celebrating life *now*.

Should we not say the same for our Christian hope? Not just it will be alive in a life to come, but that it is alive *now*. In fact, our Christian hope shouldn't just be *said*; it needs to be *celebrated* and *sung* and even *shouted* each day of our lives. Why? For each day we are alive in Christ, blessed by our Father's creation, renewed by our Savior's love, and supported by our Sustainer's care.

We are alive in Christ! Alleluia!

Your servant in Christ,

Father Gary



HOLY WEEK and EASTER at SAINT MARY'S

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 6:00 pm: Share in the annual remembrance of the institution of Our Lord's Supper. We will also have the traditional washing of the feet, offered to help us remember the servant ministry to which we are all called.

Good Friday, April 2, Noon: Saint Mary's is hosting the Stations of the Cross for all in our community who wish to join us on this holy journey of remembrance as we contemplate the Passion and sacrifice of our savior.

Good Friday, 6:00 pm: This is a traditional service in which we devote ourselves to a renewed understanding of and reverence for the Passion of Jesus Christ.

The Great Vigil of Easter, April 4, 6:00 am: We remember anew our salvation history as we welcome the light of a new day and of new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. We also have two baptisms this morning! ***Incense will be used at this service.***

Festival Eucharist of Easter, 10:30 am: Celebrate the Risen Lord in a glorious service of song, praise, and prayer!

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



I am pleased to say that after 4+ years and 300 hours of training, I am officially a catechist in all three levels of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Since the day Susan sat me down and presented the Good Shepherd material to me, my life has never been the same.

Over the years, Susan & I have been so blessed to become wonderful friends with other catechists with whom we have trained with over the years. One in particular is very near and dear to our hearts, Mrs. Donna Turner, our friend & fearless leader. Donna stepped in to help me with the Level III group when Susan lost Todd in August. She drives over from Jackson each Wednesday to be the catechist for our extremely fortunate Level III girls. I have asked Donna to compile a little history of her life in the work of CGS. I wanted to share with you what a gift she is to our children here at St. Mary's.

~Mary Claire

As it is so many times the way God works in us, like the tiny mustard seed, that my journey in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd began. I wanted to work with the children's Sunday morning class in my home parish of St. Philip, so I began taking a catechesis course and opened a parish atrium for children in 1992. Little did I know how it would change things for me. Being with the children has proved to be one of the greatest gifts in my life! While I've worked with children from 3-12 years old, the main focus of my work is on the spiritual formation of the Level III or 9-12 year old child. I continue to work in my parish atrium, and I am a formation leader for the National Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd helping to prepare other adults in the United States to work with children using the Good Shepherd approach. I serve on two national committees, the Formation Committee and on the Episcopal Committee.

It has been a pleasure for me to pitch in to help out in the St. Mary's atrium this year. The Level III atrium is a joyful place of much work and prayer. Our lessons during the Lenten season focused on moral formation. We'll do scripture studies exploring more about some of the parables and the maxims of Jesus and their application for each of us in our own lives.

~Donna

April Birthdays



7: Jim Smith. 11. Emma Cate Dobie. 12: Ava Grace Hudson. 13: Peter Brown. Cheraton Dykes. 14: Peggy Hodges. 19: Grant Dykes. Agnes Ann Moore. 25: Luke Randolph. 26: Judy Burks. 29: Ute Gascho Hudson. 30: Duncan Hudson.



4: Bob & Billie Smith.
16: David & Sandy Akers.
22. Glenn & Lynda Thurman.
23. Troy & Jenny Wright, Jimmy & Patty Borden.

Easter Morn



Easter morn with lilies fair
Fills the church with perfumes rare,
As their clouds of incense rise,
Sweetest offerings to the skies.
Stately lilies pure and white
Flooding darkness with their light,
Bloom and sorrow drifts away,
On this holy hallow'd day.
Easter Lilies bending low
in the golden afterglow,
Bear a message from the sod
To the heavenly towers of God.

— Louise Lewin Matthews



Habitat for Humanity needs your help! Our affiliate is looking to build a new home for a family who currently is living in sub-standard housing. Their living conditions must be over crowded, unsafe or unsanitary to qualify for a Habitat home. There must be at least 2 members in the family. Single parents may apply. The family must have an annual income of at least \$11,700. If you know of a family who would benefit from our ministry, please contact our office at 731-287-7600 or hhumanity@peoplepc.com.

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>			<p>1 Maundy Thursday 12:00 pm: Holy Week services at Cumberland. 6:00 pm: Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing <i>See page 4 for Liturgical Schedule.</i></p>	<p>2 Good Friday 12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm: The Good Friday Liturgy <i>See page 4 for Liturgical Schedule.</i></p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Easter Day 6 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study <i>See page 4 for Liturgical Schedule.</i></p>	5	6	<p>7 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	8 5:30 pm: Bible Study: The Old Testament	9	<p>10 9:00 am: Parish Workday</p>
<p>11 The Second Sunday of Easter 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: B. Milligan Lector: A. A. Moore Prayers: D. Davis Acolyte: D. Palmer Usher: J. Lannom Vestry: D. Davis</p>	12	13	<p>14 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	15 5:30 pm: Bible Study: The Old Testament	16	17
<p>18 The Third Sunday of Easter 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study <i>Third Sunday Luncheon</i> Chalice: K. Brunson Lector: L. Thurman Prayers: W. Heathcott Acolyte: S. Emery Usher: J. Emery Vestry: B. Emery</p>	19	<p>20 6:00 pm: Men's Group</p>	<p>21 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	22 5:30 pm: Bible Study: The Old Testament	23	24
<p>25 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study Chalice: M. Hudson Lector: D. Palmer Prayers: K. Horn Acolyte: A. Hawkins Usher: T. Hopper Vestry: B. Milligan</p>	26	<p>27 5:30 pm: Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>28 12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club</p>	29 5:30 pm: Bible Study: The Old Testament	30	

Liturgical Schedules for Holy Week and Easter

Thursday, April 1, 6:00 pm — Maundy Thursday

Chalice: Mary Stuart David
Lector: David Akers
Prayers: Wilma Heathcott
Acolyte: Bubba Smith
Usher: Tommy Hopper
Vestry: David Akers



Friday, April 2, 6:00 pm — Good Friday

Chalice: Bubba Smith
Lector: Bobbie Milligan
Prayers (Solemn Collects): Agnes Ann Moore
Acolyte: Sarah Emery
Usher: Joe Emery
Vestry: Brooke Emery

Sunday, April 4, 6:00 am — The Great Vigil of Easter and Baptism

Chalice: Bubba Smith
Lectors: Mary Stuart David, Donna Palmer, Bubba Smith, Donna Smith
Acolytes: Emily Glass (cross), Bubba Smith (thurible)
Usher: Mary Stuart David
Vestry: Mary Stuart David



Sunday, April 4, 10:30 am — Festival Eucharist of Easter

Chalice: Lynda Thurman
Lector: Murray Hudson
Acolytes: Taylor Hopper (cross), Shelby Hopper, Caley Randolph
Usher: Bob Dean
Vestry: Judi Grunert

OUR PRAYER LIST



Aaron Joshua
Denise Ables
Aden
Alison
Virginia Brunson
Cheryl Campbell
Kaitlyn Cash
Tonya Cochran-Ditzenberger
Jeff Ditzenberger
Dianne Donner
Ben Gilliland
Joe Gilliland
Denver Hawkins
Johnnie Faye Hawkins
Martha Horn
Nickalene Johnson
The Johnson Family
June Lannom
Teresa Layne
Michael Mayfield
Patti Murphy
Beth Neace
Jill Nelson
Kay Norman
George Newsome
Glenn O'Bryan
Jean O'Bryan
John Redman
Pat Roberts
Anita Toth
Bob Toth
Virginia
Ginger Voss

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.

FOR ANY PASTORAL CONCERNS

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

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