



# The MESSAGE

## Saint Mary's Episcopal Church

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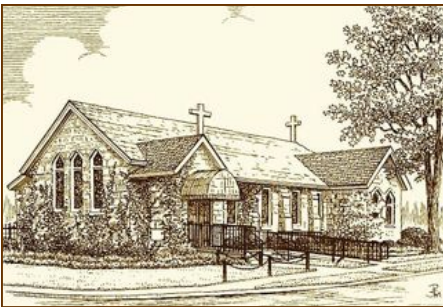
### WORSHIP TIMES

#### 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

Dudley Davis, *Senior Warden*

Bob Dean, *Junior Warden*

Tommy Hopper, *Treasurer*

Brooke Emery

Tiffani Glass

Judi Grunert

Bobbie Milligan

John Reed

Bubba Smith

Anita Toth

### A Message from

## The Rev. Gary Meade, Rector

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."*

— Psalm 103:2, BCP

Lent arrives late this year. In fact, the next time Lent begins any later will be in the year 2038 when Ash Wednesday will fall on March 10. But now that Lent is almost here, we have a few days yet to prepare ourselves for this most holy season. This is our annual opportunity to remember all that God does to benefit us, especially God's continual call to repentance. This call is something to celebrate, for it is a sign of God's love for us.

Some may see Lent as a dark time, filled with deprivation and "woe is me!" moments. But, even though we refrain from saying "Alleluia" during this season, Lent should be a time not only of solemn reflection but also of joyous celebration. We reflect so that we may be more obedient to God's call to holy and righteous living. And we should celebrate that our God never gives up on us.

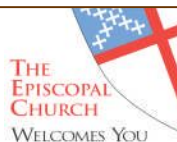
No matter how fallen we may be (or how fallen we think ourselves), God's love remains a lifeline, always tossed our way in the hopes that we will grab on and allow the Holy One to pull us to safety. And God has a pretty long lifeline to throw us, one that is *always* offered no matter how adrift we find ourselves.

Lent is that season in which we pay particular attention to God's never-ending love for us, and our Lord's never-failing offer of grace, forgiveness, and new life. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a schedule of Lenten opportunities for challenge, growth, and renewal. I do hope you will take advantage of one or more of these as part of your observance of a holy and blessed Lent.

Yours in Christ's service,

Father Gary

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## Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday, March 9: Begin your Holy Lent with **Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes**, offered at two services:

- 12:05 PM: a simple service without music
- 6:00 PM: a service with music.

### Sundays

9:30 AM: **Studies in Mark**, our weekly journey through the Gospel According to Mark, continues every Sunday (except March 13). Following a brief time of prayer, we share in lively conversation and shared insights on God's Good News.

### Tuesdays

7:00 PM: The series, **I Want 2 Know!**, continues through March 29. This class, offered for those preparing to be Confirmed or Received as new members of The Episcopal Church, is available for all who wish to learn more about our church. A copy of the schedule of classes is available on our website, [www.stmarysdyersburg.org](http://www.stmarysdyersburg.org).

### Wednesdays

12:05 PM: following Ash Wednesday, you are invited to our regular mid-week celebration of the **Holy Eucharist**. This service includes optional prayers for healing.  
5:30 PM: **Book Study** meets in the Parish Hall. Please call the office for more information.

### Thursdays

5:15 PM: **Bible Study** meets to hear a 30-minute lecture from noted New Testament scholar Dr. Bart Ehrman followed by a spirited discussion. All are welcome as we continue our journey through the New Testament.

### Fridays

12:05 PM: The **Stations of the Cross**. Please join Fr. Gary for this devotional journey every Friday in Lent. We will meet in the nave. On **Good Friday** (April 22) we will join a community observance of the Stations at Holy Angels Catholic Church.

### Every Day

We have copies of a devotional booklet, **Good Lord, Deliver Us: A Lenten Journey**, written by Leonard W. and Lindsay Freeman. Based in large part on the Great Litany prepared by Thomas Cranmer, this booklet offers daily readings to challenge and inspire. Copies are available in the Wheeler Room for a suggested donation of \$2.00.



There will be a Parish Workday on **Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 am**. Bring your gardening tools and your muscles and come on out and help make the church grounds more beautiful!



**6:** Barbara Reed. **7:** Dianne Donner.  
Ally Hawkins. Shelby Hopper.  
**8:** Emily Glass. **9:** Jamie Owens.  
**15:** Jodie Courtney. **16:** Robert Toth.  
**17:** Judy Brown. **19:** Pat Buchannon  
**21:** Glenn Twilla. **25:** Jim Horn.  
**27:** Tippy Roach. **30:** Wilma Heathcott.



**2:** Keith and Kathy Burns  
**5:** Raley Thomley and  
Agnes Ann Moore  
**11:** Jimmy and Teresa Hawkins  
**21:** Rick and Tiffani Glass



Vestry will meet at 5:30 pm on **Sunday**, March 27. All are welcome to attend!

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>REGULAR WORSHIP &amp; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b> 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			1	2	3	4	5
			7:00 pm: Confirmation Class	12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	5:15 pm: Bible Study-The New Testament		
<b>6 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</b> 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study  Chalice: J. Emery      Lector: M. Hudson Prayers: D. Davis      Acolyte: S. Emery Usher: B. Dean      Vestry: B. Emery		7	8	9	10	11	12
			7:00 pm: Confirmation Class	12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 6:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service <i>(See Liturgical Schedule below)</i>	5:15 pm: Bible Study-The New Testament	12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross	
<b>13 The First Sunday in Lent</b> 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study  Chalice: L. Thurman      Lector: B. Reed Prayers: M. Hudson      Acolyte: T. Hopper Usher: P. Viar      Vestry: T. Glass		14	15	16	17	18	19
			6:00 pm: Men's Group 7:00 pm: Confirmation Class	12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	5:15 pm: Bible Study-The New Testament	12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross	
<b>20 The Second Sunday in Lent</b> 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study  Third Sunday Luncheon Chalice: B. Reed      Lector: B. Smith Prayers: W. Heathcott      Acolyte: D. Palmer Usher: P. Viar      Vestry: A. Toth		21	22	23	24	25	26
			7:00 pm: Confirmation Class	12:05 pm: Eucharist & healing prayers 3:20 pm: Atrium 5:30 pm: Book Club	5:15 pm: Bible Study-The New Testament	12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm: Movie Night	
<b>27 The Third Sunday in Lent</b> 8 and 10:30 am: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am: Adult Bible Study  Chalice: J. Reed      Lector: D. Palmer Prayers: M.S. David      Acolyte: B. Smith Usher: J. Lannom      Vestry: B. Dean 5:30 pm: Vestry Meeting		28	29	30	31	Liturgical Schedule for Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 pm Ash Wednesday  Chalice: M. S. David      Lector: B. Milligan Acolyte: A. Hawkins      Usher: J. Hawkins Vestry: J. Reed	
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## Summary Budget Report for February 2011

	Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>Regular Income</b> (pledges, plate, etc.)	10,216.00	11,669.57	1,453.57
<b>Income from Endowment</b>	5,833.34	5,000.00	-833.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$16,049.34	\$16,669.57	620.23
<b>Expenses — Operating</b>	7,562.67	15,212.70	7,650.03
<b>Expenses — Outreach</b>	1,324.43	1,425.55	101.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,952.10	16,638.25	7686.15
<b>Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,097.24</b>		
<b>Value of Endowment (as of 1/31/11)</b>	\$1,198,056.36		

## OUR PRAYER LIST

*Those with immediate needs:*

Jessica  
Steve  
Steve Crouch  
Jean Butler

*Those with ongoing needs:*

Aaron Joshua  
Adam  
Andy  
Avery  
Chloe Bird  
Virginia Brunson  
Sue Burks King  
Kaitlyn Cash  
Dianne Donner  
Allen Freemont  
Johnnie Faye Hawkins  
L. D. Gant  
Lechia Holbrook  
Martha Horn  
June Lannom  
Teresa Layne  
Patti Murphy  
Amy Nance  
Jamie Owens  
Pat Roberts  
Ewell and Margaret Ruth Tucker  
Ginger Voss

*Names will be removed from our list of immediate needs after one month unless specified otherwise. Names from our list of long-term needs will only be removed upon request. To add yourself or another to this list, please complete a Prayer Request Card in the pew. You may also 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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