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THE GRYPHON'S ROAR

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April 2007

“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
2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. - May
Wednesdays	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer
	7:00 PM	Choir
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturdays	8:00 AM	Centering Prayer

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt
 The Reverend Battle Beasley
 Frank Brannon, M. Div.
 Andrea Tucker
 George Noren
 Charles Cross & Les Worsley
 Judy Robnett

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Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 22, 2007

Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

Suzie Abrahamson, Jim Johnson, George Kurz (2009)
 Mary Ann Campbell, George Noren, Cheryl Walker (2008)
 Steven Failor, Herb Sievers, Andrea Tucker (2007)



Dear People of God,
As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, I invite you to think about Holy week as a play with 4 acts. Act 1: Palm Sunday with all its celebratory and festive mood to start the day the Blessings of the Palms and our joyous procession into the Church with shouts of Hosanna in the highest; a day that slowly descends into a nightmare of torture and death as we read the Passion. Act 2: Maundy Thursday as we remember the last supper Jesus shares with his disciples. We hear his command to wash each others' feet and we humble ourselves to allow our feet to be washed and to wash another's feet. Act 2 with the betrayal and arrest set the stage for Good Friday when we like the disciples flee from Jesus' side. Act 3: Good Friday we bear witness to our betrayal of Him and His suffering for us; His obedience even unto death upon the Cross. Act 4: the Great Vigil of Easter retelling the stories of God's saving acts down through the history of the world culminating the glorious celebration of Jesus' resurrection. A play in 4 acts that tells our story, the story of who we are and to whom we belong. Come join in the telling, join in remembering. Join in giving witness to the world of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
God's peace,
Battle +

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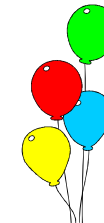
CELEBRATE !!

April Birthdays

Karen Seufert	4
Bridget German	6
Maryn ClenDening	10
Elizabeth Gilliam	10
Meredith Colvin	12
Lucas Provancha	14
Zella Beasley	19
Shirley Stewart	23
Dan Ashmead	27

April Anniversaries

Richard & Carey Hardison	21, 2000
Jim & Pauline Hall	26, 1987
Wil & Maria Christensen	27, 1946



THE GRYPHON

The Gryphon is the newsletter of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and as such welcomes articles and suggestions from ALL parishioners. This is your venue for expressing thoughts you would like to share, important events in

your families' lives, suggestions you might have to make our parish life better.
Please do not hesitate to use it.
Lorna Noren, Editor

COME TO THE BLUEBIRD

St. Mark's member, Allison Kerr with three other Nashville songwriters will host a fun 'early show' benefit at the world renowned Bluebird Café on Friday April 20th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm for the Autism Society of Middle Tennessee.

Songwriter Tammy Vice will highlight some of her heartwarming country tunes and Stephen Lee will share his wonderful rootsy Alabama coast sound. Les Kerr sings a unique mixture of Cajun-blues-rock'n roll and Allison will share some original southern sultry sophisticated blues.

The coffee house atmosphere promotes 'no smoking', good sandwiches/ finger food, plus an open bar.

All proceeds go to the Autism Society and the artists will have their CD's for sale. Tables require a \$7.00 drink/food charge or church pews are available for free. Please call ahead for reservations or arrive early to insure seating. See you there!

Bluebird Café (south on Hillsboro about 1 mile off of 440)
4104 Hillsboro Rd
Nashville, TN 37215
Call ahead for reservations: 383-1461
Allison Kerr with the Ralph Black Classic Jazz Quartet
(last Friday of each month)

Friday April, 27th
7:30 -10:00pm
Italian Street Grill & Café
82 New Shackle Island Road
Hendersonville, TN
824-5557

Great neighborhood café with 'I've known you all of your life' atmosphere.
Good Italian food & jazz standards prevail!

Holy Week Services – 6:30 p.m

April 5th - Maundy Thursday – Washing of feet, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar

April 6th - Good Friday – Liturgy for Good Friday

April 7th – The Great Vigil of Easter

Community Clothes Closet

As part of our mission to serve our community, the St. Mark's Chapter of the Daughters of the King is organizing a Community Clothes Closet. We want to offer clean and gently used clothing at minimal prices (\$1 or under) to those in our community who have little to spend on more than their basic needs. The Closet will be open on Saturday, April 21, and will provide an opportunity for people to "shop" for clothing that their families need.

We encourage you to examine your closets and set aside the good and usable garments that you and your family no longer need. You may give your items to any member of the Daughters. If you have hangers to spare, please put the clothing on hangers or include them in your donation.

You may contact any of the Daughters to arrange to donate your clothing or get more information about the project.

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Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network

Norm and Ann Baker's Granddaughter, Shannon Baker has been working with a non profit organization called the Tennessee Voices for Children (TVC) for a little more than a year. This agency offers programs to children in Tennessee. Shannon works specifically with the TeenScreen Program which screens middle and high school students for mental health issues. Through working with TVC, Shannon has become with several other non profit agencies and is now a part of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN) for the Mid Cumberland Region.

TSPN consists of counselors from many professions. They include mental health professionals, physicians, journalists, social workers, law enforcement officials, and survivors of suicide and suicide attempts.

The Mid Cumberland Region plans to make people aware of their efforts by distributing information about suicide and suicide prevention. They will be asking churches to insert suicide prevention brochures in their church programs and to post them for parishioners to read as well.

Shannon thanks you in advance for your help and consideration in your efforts to do whatever you can in the prevention of suicide. Her letter to Battle will be posted on the bulletin board in Reynolds Hall for everyone to read.



Episcopalians believe their rectors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.
Episcopalians usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
Episcopalians believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
Episcopalians feel that applauding for their children's choirs will not make the kids too proud and conceited.
Episcopalians think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.
Episcopalians drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
Episcopalians feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
Episcopalians are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at church.
Episcopalians still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and Episcopalians believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you know you are an Episcopalian when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."
- And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

Yours in Christ,

Garrison Keillor on Episcopalians
(Adapted from an essay by Garrison Keillor)

We make fun of Episcopalians for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese. But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in Des Moines, a relatively Episcopalianless place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Episcopalians, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach!And down the road!

Many Episcopalians are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Episcopalians to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison.

When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this, people: Episcopalians, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you could call up when you're in deep distress. If you are dying, they will comfort you. If you are lonely, they'll talk to you. And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad!

Episcopalians believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud. Episcopalians like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

WHAT DOES SILENCE SOUND LIKE TO YOU?

The following is an excerpt from a newsletter from the Friends of Silence in Hannibal, Missouri, courtesy of Father Battle.

“As a young man just 25 years old, the reality that my father was dying gave me the strength to find silence again. I spent uncounted afternoons by his side talking and listening to pure sound, not noise. He told me to be my own man. He helped me recognize the noise so I could stop listening to it. His dying pushed it away and created a space where silence could bloom and thrive. And in that silence, perhaps for the first time since I was five, I heard the voice of my spirit. It told me what I value. It showed me my weaknesses, illuminated my strengths, and gave me the clarity to decide for myself how I ought to live.

I believe the noise of our world is killing people, stifling spirits, and limiting the potential of humanity...I believe there is a person inside all of us that needs to be heard.”

...Andrew Flewelling

THINK SPRING

Do you have a fence in the sunshine that could be made prettier? I have saved seeds for old fashioned sweet pea perennial vine that yields pretty pink blooms. Maybe you would want to plant some seeds in spring for blooms later in the summer. I am putting 18 seeds in an envelope. If you are interested, call me at 331-4022 and I'll bring some seeds to church.

...Kitty McKee

EASTER STORY COOKIES - to be made the evening before

Easter.

You need:

1 cup whole pecans	1 tsp. Vinegar
3 egg whites	Pinch salt
1 cup sugar	Zipper baggie
Wooden spoon	Tape
Bible	

Preheat oven to 300 degrees (this is important-don't wait until you're half done with the recipe)!

Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

Read John 19:1-3

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. Vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.

Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

Read John 10:10-11

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.

Read Luke 23:27

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.

Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents --in God's eyes-- the purity of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Read Matthew 27:57-60

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give

each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

Read Matthew 27:65-66

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed.

Read John 16:20 and 22

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read

Matthew 28:1-9

Happy Easter

ATRIUM NEWS

We started our church year during Advent with the changing of the Liturgical Colors to purple and working with the Infancy Narrative materials in *preparation* for Christmas. These included the "Annunciation" and the "Nativity and the Shepherds". The colors changed to white for the *celebration* of Christmas and during the Christmas season we worked with the materials for the "Presentation in the Temple" and the "Magi". The colors then turned to green for the *growing* time and we have had the Practical Life lessons which help prepare us for later lessons and also give us a means to care for our classroom. These include pouring water, table washing, and polishing glass, wood, and brass objects.

Now we are in another time of *preparation*, Lent, and the colors have changed again to purple. During this time the children have been introduced to the concept of parables and have been working with the Good Shepherd material. Coming up will be the kingdom parable of the Mustard Seed. As we approach Holy Week, the materials will offer the stories of the Entrance into Jerusalem and the geographical layout of the city and the places associated with the events of Jesus' last days. One main lesson introduces the children to the Cenacle, from the Roman word for "upper room", and the Last Supper. Here the children learn that this is the first time the words are spoken over the bread and wine: "This is my body." "This is my blood." The practical life lesson introduced during this time will be a Foot Washing lesson, work for two people. How impressive is this work as the children are

linked with Jesus' message of service and humility as he washed the feet of his disciples.

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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 PALM SUNDAY	2	3	4 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	5 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service 6:30pm	6 GOOD FRIDAY Service 6:30pm AA Meeting 8:00 PM	7 AA Meeting 2:30 PM THE GREAT VIGIL 6:30pm
8 EASTER	9	10	11 Choir 7:00 PM	12 EFM 6:00 pm	13 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	14 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
15 EASTER II Healing Service	16	17	18 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 PM	19 EFM 6:00 pm	20 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	21 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM Community Clothes Closet
22 EASTER III	23	24	25 Choir 7:00 PM	26 EFM 6:00 pm	27 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	28 Centering Prayer 8:00 AM AA Meeting 2:30 PM
29 EASTER IV	30					