



The Gryphon's Roar



April, 2009



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
2 nd Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting
Saturdays	8:00 AM	Centering Prayer



The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
George Kurz	Senior Warden
Gilbert Russ	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Currently Vacant	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 19, 2009
Gryphon submissions to: submitgryphon@aol.com

St. Mark's Vestry:

Greg Noren, Cindy Fahnestock, Kate Granger	(2011)
Jim Hall, Suzanne Lindsey, Judy Robnett	(2010)
Suzie Abrahamson, George Kurz, Gilbert Russ	(2009)



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

Dear people of God,

As you read this we will be entering Holy week and Easter. One might say the whole of the Christian Church year points to and leads up to this time. That is to say each day we are called to die to self and rise in Christ. The days of Holy week make sense out of Easter, just as our acknowledging our faults, our sins leads us into new life, so Maundy Thursday and Good Friday lead us to understand the joy of Easter. Much of the season of Lent we have talked about relationship, our relationships one to another and thus with God. Holy week and Easter illumine our relationships in the light of God's gift to us in His Son Jesus. I pray your Lenten journey has been fruitful in deepening your relationships, your "enjoyment" of God. And I pray that the services of Holy week will serve to further illumine and strengthen our relationships with one another and further our "enjoyment " of God in this world.

Peace,
Battle +



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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

Mark Your Calendar

- April 1 – Class on forms of contemplative prayer – 6:30 p.m.
- April 4 - Spring Cleaning & Outside work day begin 8:30 am - biscuits & sausage to begin
- April 5 - Palm Sunday - Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- April 5 - wrap-up of "Zip Code Buddies" List - be sure you are not left out !!!
- April 8 – Class on forms of contemplative prayer – 6:30 p.m.
- April 9 - Maundy Thursday - 6:30 p.m.
- April 10 - Good Friday Liturgy 6:30 p.m.
- April 11 - Great Vigil 6:30 p.m.
- April 12 - Easter Day - Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- April 16 - Vestry @ 6:30
- April 24-25 - "Keys to Church Growth" - Evangelism Committee -St. Georges

Work Day

Saturday, 4 April, This date is firm! - the inside cleaning needs to be done rain or shine!

Projects:

- * Install visitor signs on new posts and handicap sign on existing posts.
 - * Install fence in back.
 - * Install posts to protect backflow preventer.
 - * Smooth soil next to new paving and at entrance in front.
 - * Possibly prepare soil in 2 planter areas in parking lot for shrubs, edging, etc.
 - * Prep for new vegetable garden in front of church.
 - * Inside church cleaning, pews, windows, floors, carpets, straighten up cabinets, closets, etc.
- Kate Granger will coordinate inside work with the DOK.

Vestry person responsible for Sunday lock up:

3/29/09 - S. Lindsey

4/5/09 - Greg Noren

4/12/09 - Fr. J. Hall

4/19/09 - G. Russ

4/26/09 - C. Fahnestock



Blankets for Children

I have recently learned of a group called Project Linus that makes homemade blankets, quilts, and afghans to offer a sense of security to children seriously ill in the hospital or who are traumatized in other ways. The Nashville chapter was organized in Oct. 2001 and has made almost 9000 blankets since then. There are almost 400 chapters all across the U.S.A. They meet once a month in different locations around middle Tennessee and also have drop off sites for people who make the blankets/quilts for them. If you are interested in becoming involved with this group, please let me know. You can also check out their website at www.projectlinusnashville.org.

And if you are not interested in making a quilt or blanket...but you do have some pieces or scraps of fabric (any size!) or yarn you would be willing to donate, please bring them to church. I will either make up a quilt with it or give it to the group for others to use.

Thank you, Susie McEwen (don_sue73@tds.net or phone 793-6298)

Time to Celebrate

April Birthdays

Bruce Fahnestock	1
Karen Seufert	4
Bridget German	6
Maryn ClenDening	10
Elizabeth Gilliam	10
Meredith Colvin	12
Corrie Harr	15
Ron Balcarras	17
Zella Beasley	19
Joylene Crawford	21
Shirley Stewart	23
Dan Ashmead	27

Lesley Worsley-Hynd & Billy Hynd	18, 2008
Richard & Carey Hardison	21, 2000
Judy Vandiver & Cary Stephenson	22, 2008
Jim & Pauline Hall	26, 1987

April Anniversaries





EASTER EGG HUNT

The Teen group is organizing the Easter Egg Hunt this year. It will take place after the late service on Easter Sunday Morning. If you have extra baskets or plastic eggs please consider donating them to the teen group for this thrilling and entertaining event. For more information please see Clara, Gilbert or Journey after Sunday service.



Heifer Project

On Easter Sunday we will also be collecting the mite boxes for the Heifer Project. If you have questions about the Heifer Project please take the time to check out the calendars and flyers explaining all about it. Filling your mite box with loose change we hope to collect enough money to purchase animals for the Heifer Project.



FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Every Easter we flower the cross before the service. Please remember to bring fresh flowers for our children to accomplish this task.

Tidal Power

By Greg Hall

“As the World Turns” is usually thought of as a popular soap opera rather than as a major source of power in the world. But the rotation of the earth and the revolution of the moon around it create the power of tidal motion. Even the wind, which plays an important role in the strength and height of the tides, comes from uneven solar heating caused by Earth’s rotation.

Anyone who has vacationed on the coast and watched the waves crashing on the shore or seen the destructive force of tidal surges can have no doubt of the power of the tides. How can we harness this powerful resource to produce electrical energy? Early efforts focused on placing turbines on the ocean floor in coastal areas to be driven by the ebb and flow of the tides. However, when placed in tidal estuaries like San Francisco Bay, this has been shown to reduce the natural cleansing action of the ocean as the tide ebbs and flows through these incubators of shellfish and sea life.

The most popular method now focuses on the undulating action of the ocean as the tide ebbs and flows. This method does not interfere with the estuarial flow necessary for the life of these tidal nurseries. Neither will this method interfere with the coastal vista, a concern of some who haven’t understood the beauty of wind energy and who objected to offshore windmills.

But these floating tidal power generators are invisible from the beach. Located directly on the surface of the sea a mile or more offshore, these tidal generators consist of several long segments linked together like a long floating pier. Each generator would be 1500 feet long- for that matter they could be a mile long.

These are then tethered in place while allowing the free and unobstructed undulation of the segments, reach like you might imagine a snake would move as the waves move its body up and down. This generator is free to rise and fall with the tides. The up and down motion of each segment would operate hydraulic cylinders to generate hydraulic pressure which in turn drives turbines to generate electric power. The electrical energy would be sent directly into the power grid via undersea cable.

Although in its early stages of development, tidal power holds tremendous potential because installations of these floating generators can be very easily and conveniently located off shore from the coastal cities where the power would be used. Therefore, it has the advantage of being “home grown” so to speak. It doesn’t require miles and miles of transmission lines to distribute. Coastal cities from Boston to San Francisco could benefit.

Considering that we have more coastline than the combined length of our borders with Canada and Mexico, tidal power represents a vast untapped and constantly renewable energy source that is renewed with each new dawn. Tides rise and fall throughout the 24 hour daily cycle so they can generate power throughout the day and night.

Take the case of Hawaii: here is a state ideally suited to gather most if not all its power from naturally renewable sources. Think of it - nearly year round sun for solar - both PV and concentrator solar power; the Pacific trade winds there are a steady wind to operate multi-megawatt wind turbines. The presence of volcanoes National Park is evidence of geothermal power sites near the surface that can be tapped without destroying the Park’s natural grandeur. Hawaii’s agricultural industry provides plentiful material for both cellulosic ethanol and methane from bio-mass. Being an all island state, Hawaii is surrounded by tidal power. With all these renewable sources for electrical generation combined with a program of energy conservation and efficiency, it is totally inconceivable that this state should generate 95% of its power from fossil fuel. There should be no reason to continue to rely on dirty coal and dangerous nukes any longer than we absolutely must.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
April			1 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Contemplative Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	2 Arwen's Dance Class 6:30 PM	3 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	4 Work Day 8:30 a.m.
5 PALM SUNDAY AA Meeting 5:00 PM	6 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	7	8 Contemplative Prayer 6:30 Choir 7:00	9 Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 6:30 p.m.	10 Liturgy for Good Friday 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting 8:00 PM	11 Centering prayer 8:00 Great Vigil 6:30 p.m.
12 EASTER AA Meeting 5:00 PM	13 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	14	15 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00	16 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	17 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	18 Centering prayer 8:00
19 EASTER II Healing Service AA Meeting 5:00 PM	20 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	21	22 Choir 7:00	23	24 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	25 Centering prayer 8:00
26 EASTER III AA Meeting 5:00 PM	27 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	28	29 Choir 7:00	30	2009	



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