



The Gryphon's Roar

February, 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
Vacant	Clerk of the Vestry

Next month deadline for submissions is Sunday, February 15, 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,

This month we will end our celebration of Epiphany and begin the season of Lent. There are a number of things on schedule for our community to gather together for worship, fellowship and educational opportunities. Shrove Tuesday the Vestry will be hosting a "fat Tuesday" pancake supper. Ash Wednesday service will be at 6:30 pm. A play about Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of Uncle Tom's cabin will be performed here on Feb 28th. On the Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30 pm. a class on forms of contemplative prayer will be given. The season of Lent is of course a time of reflection on our spiritual lives and a journey towards the Easter Resurrection. People often either take on some spiritual discipline during Lent or choose to give up something for those 40 days. I would invite you in the words of St. Teresa of Avila to "enjoy God's presence in your life.

“What a burden I thought I was to carry -
A crucifix, as did He.

After a night of prayer, He
Changed my life when
He sang,

"Enjoy Me."

In what ever discipline we endeavor this Lent, as we seek God, may we find ourselves enjoying God's presence.

God's Peace,
Battle +

Poem from; Love Poems from God, Daniel Ladinsky Translator, Penguin compass"

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The Reverend Battle Beasley via email:
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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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 7th – Vestry Retreat
- February 16th – Prevention of Sexual Misconduct classes – All Saints Smyrna – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – required for new vestry members and nursery workers if not previously trained.
- February 19th – Prevention of Sexual Misconduct classes – Christ Church Cathedral – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- February 19th – Vestry Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- February 24th – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – 6:30 p.m.
- February 25th – Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes – 6:30 p.m.
- February 28th – Harriet Beecher Stowe play – 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays during Lent – Class on forms of contemplative prayer – 6:30 p.m.

On Saturday February 28 at 6:30 pm, St. Mark's will host the one act drama Harriet Beecher Stowe a literary soldier. This one woman play is a dramatic presentation of an imagined encounter between Mrs. Stowe and one of her foremost critics. It speaks to the issues of prejudice and racism not simply in her time and in her book Uncle Tom's cabin, but to our time and our lives today in a multi-racial society. Please plan on attending and inviting your friends and neighbors to come as well. There will be light refreshments served after the performance and time for discussion as well.



Dear Congregation,

I am Cyndy Fahnstock, one of the vestry members installed on January 11, 2009. This is a new position for me. My husband, Bruce, and I have been attending St. Mark's for about a year where I have been in the choir. As a child I was confirmed a Methodist, (my maternal grandfather was a Methodist/Episcopal circuit rider), but as a teen I attended Church of the Ascension, (Episcopal) in Lexington Park, MD and was confirmed at Washington National Cathedral in 1969. Bruce and I were married at Ascension and our two daughters, McLean and Erica were baptized there.

In 1981 we moved to Fairfax, Virginia and attended Truro Episcopal, a charismatic church under the guidance of John Howe, now bishop of Central Florida. There we participated in the Arts Ministry, singing in the choir, acting in various drama productions, playing guitar for the interdenominational Friday night Praise service (contemporary music) and traveling the East Coast providing music for Episcopal Renewal Conferences.

Upon moving to Tennessee in 1991, I attended St. Bart's for about a year, Brentwood United Methodist Church (2 years), and New Hope Community Church for 13 and you guessed it... I sang in the choir and participated in drama. Also while at New Hope, I was the mentor for the MOPS (Mother of Preschoolers) group and attended video Bible studies made by Kay Arthur, an Episcopalian. We moved from Brentwood to Smyrna in August of 2006 when my husband retired from Volunteer Corporate Credit Union in Nashville.

My business experiences are: teaching music (my BA is in Music), marketing for a local credit union and working retail and teaching at the Beaded Bungalow. I teach piano, play guitar, sing, and make jewelry. As this is my first go at being a vestryman, I hope to quickly learn how I can be of service to the Kingdom here at St. Mark's.

Time to Celebrate

February Birthdays

Lynn Worsley	1
Thom Granger	2
Betty McKee	4
Frank Brannon	6
Laura Button	8
Iva Kurz	11
Susie McEwen	13
Mary Ann Campbell	14
Clara Robnett	15
Ann Baker	17
George Kurz	24
Doug Baxter	25
Lesley Worsley-Hynd	26



February Anniversary

Don & Susie McEwen – 17, 1973

You are invited:

Dear women of St. Mark's,

The women of The Church of the Good Shepherd cordially invite the women of St. Mark's to join us at the 2009 Women's Retreat at Dubose Conference Center being held Friday evening, February 27 through Sunday, March 1. It is a wonderful weekend to relax, rejuvenate, get to know other women at Good Shepherd and to be renewed in faith and devotion to Christ.

The Rev. Cynthia Seeliger, assistant rector of COGS will be your speaker though the program really is a group effort. Our theme is "You Are the Branches" from John 15:5.

Our plans for this retreat include exploring ways to find strength in God to enable us to be revitalized and continue to bear "fruit" in our lives. Come join us on the mountain for fellowship and restoration.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Donna Floyd at 399-2211. Registration forms are available in the parish hall.

Come and bring a friend!

The Rev. Cynthia Seeliger and
All of the Women's Retreat Planning Team

Safeguarding God's People*

Protecting children from sexual abuse.

Preventing adult sexual misconduct.

A diocesan workshop for vestries, nursery workers, Sunday school teachers, volunteer youth leaders and employees, part- time and full- time, anywhere in the diocese.*

February 16 6PM-9PM - All Saints' Church Smyrna

February 19 6PM-9PM - Christ Church Cathedral Nashville

Please call the diocesan office at 615- 251- 3322 to sign- up.

***Newly elected vestry members should attend.**

Safeguarding God's People is a curriculum provided by the Church Pension Group.

Our Congratulations to...

Vestry Members elected in December - Cynthia Fahnestock, Kate Granger, and Greg Noren, and to the vestry officers: George Kurz – Senior Warden, and Gilbert Russ – Junior Warden, installed in January.

And Thanks to...

- ❖ Outgoing vestry persons, Cheryl Walker, Mary Ann Campbell, and George Noren (jr. warden)
- ❖ Volunteers Marcia Williams, Janet McDonald, Dale McDonald, Susie McEwen and Elizabeth Gilliam who serve at Hamilton Church Second Harvest Food Bank, also Kathy Barney for transporting food from our church.
- ❖ John Seufert and Mary Ann Campbell for organizing the Mac and Cheese challenge for Second Harvest Food Bank. We collected over 1600 boxes of Mac and Cheese, plus peanut butter, tuna, salmon, and chicken.
- ❖ To Elizabeth Gilliam for keeping us informed regarding food and serve needs for Room in the Inn.
- ❖ Daughters of the King for ten years of serving breakfast the second Sunday of each month.
- ❖ Vestry and building and grounds committee for providing additional parking spaces and refurbishing existing spaces.
- ❖ Pauline and Marcia for donating dress fabrics to be taken to Ecuador.
- ❖ Kathy Larson for donating in the name of DOK fire rescue saw blades and a reciprocating saw for the firefighters.
- ❖ Daughters of the King who filled three Welcome Baskets for residents at Magdalen House for Christmas.
- ❖ Jennifer and Martin Sauvie, Donna Floyd, Mark Tantaros, Charles Cross, Sandy Winters, Pat Worsley, Robert Kiefer and many others for their help with Christmas decorations – St. Mark's looked beautiful!
- ❖ And a final thanks to all who contributed to the Daughters of the King self-denial container. The collection will be sent to the national office to help support missionaries.

News from Santiago Apostol and Rev. Mariana

Dear Brothers and Sisters from St. Mark's Episcopal Church,

All of us that are part of Santiago Apostle Church have come together so you may receive loving greetings. Greetings to the Church Youth also.

It is a great joy for us to have a sister church.

Thanks be to the Holy Trinity, we thank you for having and sharing such fellowship.

We will be praying for you.

Thank you for the Bibles, flags (banners), and other things that you have sent as gifts.

May the All Powerful bless you forever.

Church Members

Greetings from Rev. Mariana,

How are you? We are all well, thank you.

You asked me a question (during the 2008 visit) – What do I think of the leaders of the church?

Response – They are all very good, nice, and kind people. I do believe that there is a lack of commitment towards God's work. Some are not committed and I do need to help them.

They have to have the 3 T's: Time, Treasure, and Talent.

In the future, we would like to have people concerned with their spiritual life and that they may receive much needed evangelism in order to be strong in their faith and able to defend Christ's Church.

Sincerely,

Rev. Mariana

2008 Work plan that is taking place at La Iglesia Santiago Apostol De la Pila

Pastoral and Evangelistic Activities

- ✓ Every Sunday morning at 8:00 am, Christian education classes take place. Mrs. Virginia Quije is responsible for the First Communion and Confirmation classes. The Bishop will visit these children on December 12, 2008. 24 Children will be confirmed.
- ✓ Ms. Kathy Mesones teaches the 7, 8, 9 year-olds. 8 children attend her class. Katty reads and explains the Bible stories.
- ✓ Anderson Quijije and Ingrid Mesones help the 3, 4, 5, 6 year-olds and there is an attendance of 10. The children color and cut out pictures related to Creation, Jesus Christ, etc.
- ✓ Every Sunday morning at 9:00 am, Eucharist is held and preceded by Rev. Mariana Loo Cedeño and Mrs. Virginia Quijije. There is an attendance of 40-50 people including parents (visitors) and church members.
- ✓ Every fifteen days on Sundays at 10:30 am the Board gets together with Rev. Mariana to discuss regarding Evangelism and some topics such as Jesus the Good Shepherd, Communion, Spiritual Gifts, Talents, Stewardship, etc.
- ✓ On Wednesdays from 3:00 – 6:00 we get together with the Board and a group of women that has started to work with the church, and discuss the Bible topics mentioned earlier and we organize fundraisers and other financial activities.

Financial Activities Report:

The Board and the women’s group reached out to the community and requested its cooperation. Some donations were received and it was possible to do the following:

- ✓ Artificial flowers, vases, candelabrums, tablecloths
- ✓ Cement was bought and we were able to cover up the holes on the wall, where bats were found.
- ✓ Tar was bought in order to cover the holes on the roof, where wood swallows and sparrows would get in. Some Zing (a type of patching material for metal) was bought in order to change some tin sheets from the roof and we were also able to put in the roof ridge which was also another way in which the birds were getting in.
- ✓ We still need to paint the front of the church.

Episcopal Church Santiago Apostol Work Plan for 2009

Day	Time	Evangelism, mission work, Christian Education and Liturgical activities	People in Charge
Sunday	8:00 am	Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation	Mrs. Virginia Quijije
Sunday	8:00 am	7, 8, 9 yr old children read Bible stories	Ms. Katty Mesones
Sunday	8:00 am	3, 4, 5, 6, yr old children cut out and color bible figures	Anderson Quijije and Ms. Yngrid Mesones
Sunday 9:00 am	9:00 am	Eucharist	Rev. Mariana Loor Mrs. Virginia Quijije
Sunday	10:30 am	Board Meeting every 15 days	Rev. Mariana Loor and Mission Board
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Bible studies congregations and friends	Rev. Mariana Loor and Mrs. Mirian Lucas
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Women’s group meeting every 15 days Home visits	Rev. Mariana Loor

Economic Activities

Date	Activity	Cost	Economic Resources
January 2009	Fix the main entrance door as well as the pews	\$450.00	Donations: \$800.00
	Purchase of two whiteboards for Christian education classes	\$90.00	Bingos: \$300.00
	Showcase purchase To store books, bibles, tablecloths, etc.	\$250.00	Raffles: \$220.00
December	Electricity bill payment	\$650.00	Food sales: \$120.00
Totals		\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 EPIPHANY IV	2 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm DOK 6:30 PM	3	4 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	5	6 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	7 Quiet Day 8:00-Noon Vestry Retreat
8 EPIPHANY V 2 nd Sunday	9 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	10	11 Choir 7:00 pm	12	13 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	14 Centering prayer 8:00
15 EPIPHANY VI 3 rd Sunday Healing Service	16 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	17	18 Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00 Choir 7:00 pm	19 Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	20 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	21 Centering prayer 8:00
22 EPIPHANY VII	23 Domestic Violence Intervention Group 6-8 pm	24 Pancake Supper 6:30 pm	25 ASH WEDNESDAY Imposition of Ashes 6:30 pm	26	27 AA Meeting 8:00 PM	28 Centering prayer 8:00 Harriet Beecher Stowe play 6:30 pm

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