



# The Messenger

## St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

a community of faith seeking to serve as Christ in word and action

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### ORDINATION

*Q. What is Ordination?*

*A. Ordination is the rite in which God gives authority and the grace of the Holy Spirit to those being made bishops, priests and deacons, through prayer and the laying on of hands by bishops.*

*(The Catechism, Book of Common Prayer. pp. 860-1)*

Dear Friends,

Oftentimes after all the Christmas rush is over I experience somewhat of a down time—but not this year as I look forward to my ordination on January 14th! God and the Bishop willing, this service of worship will be a meaningful celebration, not just for me and my family, but for all the good people of the Diocese of West Tennessee. Indeed, there will be three deacons ordained that day who will serve Christ Jesus under Bishop Johnson's oversight here in this Diocese. Debra Harris DuGard, Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Memphis), and Richard Fletcher, Jr., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Covington) will be ordained as vocational deacons as I am ordained a transitional deacon. All three of us are both excited and humbled by the privilege to serve Christ's Church as signs of his own servant ministry—the ministry to which all Christians are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The Saturday of our ordination falls during the week in which we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord; and that timing seems especially appropriate since baptism is the foundation of the life and ministry of the Church. Jesus' baptism inaugurated his ministry and empowered that ministry by the Holy Spirit. Likewise, our baptisms inaugurate us into the life and ministry of Christ Jesus and give us the gifts of the Spirit by which the Church is sustained and strengthened so that Christ's ministry can continue on the earth. Out of baptism, then, the orders of ministry arise and some Christians are called to and equipped for specific ministries of leadership by ordination.

We learn about the development of the office of deacon in Acts 6:2-7. If you recall, the apostles are a little overwhelmed by all of the ministry demands being placed on them. Not only do they need to teach and preach, but they also need to administer the outreach and benevolent ministries of this new and growing Christian movement. So, in order to more effectively continue Christ's ministry, they have the Christian community choose seven men "of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom" whom the apostles ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands. One of these men was Stephen and the picture



above depicts his ordination by St. Peter. These *diakonoi* (servants) administered the outreach and benevolent ministries so that the apostles could continue their ministry of the Word—teaching and preaching and making disciples in the name of the Triune God. The office of deacon has continued throughout history to be directed toward the servant mission of the Church in the world. Even the liturgical function of the deacon

expresses the movement of the Church into the world. Indeed, the Prayer Book charges deacons to "interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world" and "to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself." (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 543)

Yes, ordination to the office of deacon is an awesome responsibility; a responsibility that could be terribly daunting. However, it is less daunting because of the time that I have spent here with all of you at St. Elisabeth's. In you, I have seen Christ's servant ministry as you have reached out to those in need. In you, I have experienced Christ's love and compassion as you have cared for one another and drawn others into your caring community. You have shared with me the stories of your own faith journeys—the good, the bad and the ugly—and with those stories you have taught me lessons that I will forever treasure. You have given me such rich gifts—gifts of time, patience, wisdom, deep listening, encouragement—just to name a few. And, oh! the gifts of music and song! You have formed and shaped me in the Anglican tradition and Episcopal Church in ways that will continue to inform my own servant leadership in Christ's name, both as a deacon and, if God and the Bishop wills, also as a priest. Because of your love and support, I can go forth as a deacon in Christ's Church more confidently and joyfully.....and I will be forever grateful to you.

May Christ Jesus bless each of you richly in the New Year and beyond,

-Judith Foster Reese

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**Worship, Study and Fellowship throughout the Week**

Everyone is warmly invited to join these ongoing opportunities. Please join us!

We celebrate **Holy Communion** Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Our 8:00 service is a Rite I spoken service, 9:00 service is a children's service with Eucharist, and the 11:00 Rite II service includes choir, hymns and sung responses.

**The Sunday Adult Christian Formation Classes** meet every Sunday from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Our newcomers, confirmation, reception class that began in Nov. will continue until Jan. 22. This class will meet in the Parish Administrator's office. A second adult class will continue in the parish hall. This is a video study around a series of serigraphs that depict the biblical birth narrative. A different painting is presented each week, along with music and the relevant scripture passages. Several Candler professors also add their reflections on the biblical stories and how these paintings bring those stories to life. The title of this study is "A Thrill of Hope" and, in many ways, it captures the beauty and emotion of Christ's birth and infancy.

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Bible Study**

**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing each Wednesday morning. The service is followed by a study and discussion of topics in spiritual formation. Our current study is of the "Path of Love" which is part of the "Walking Bible Studies" by Rev. Becca Stevens. We will NOT be walking during January but we will continue to study and reflect on Rev. Stevens' reflections. Come any Wednesday and share in worship and fellowship. We are also in the discussion phase of expanding our Wednesday bible study, so come and share your ideas.



**Healing Prayer Ministry** has regular Healing Touch sessions from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on the 1st Thursday of the month, and from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of the month. They are now offering sessions on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to schedule a session, please contact Cindy Eldridge.

**Music Ministries**

**Parish Choir** will resume their evening rehearsals on January 11th. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome to come. Regular weekly evening rehearsals are from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

**Junior Daughters of the King**

The Jr. Daughters of the King Chapter meets once a month on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Their next meeting will be on January 15. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Judy Tucker or Lisa Graham.



# Children, Youth & Family Ministries (CYFM)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

## Feast of Lights

Sunday, January 8, 2012

EYC is invited to St Mary's Cathedral for a NYC (Diocesan Youth Council) event from 4:00-6:00 pm. The Feast of Lights service begins at 6:00 pm...ALL ARE INVITED to the service!! Last year, at the service... it snowed!!!!

## Bishop's Bash 2012

Sign up TODAY!!!! Spend a weekend with Bishop Johnson and youth from across our Diocese! Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to St Columba Jan 13, 2012 through Jan 15, 2012. Cost is \$100 (make checks payable to Diocese of WTN)

Enjoy fun, food and fellowship while we explore what it means to follow Jesus!! Register NOW and bring your friends!! Registration forms and release forms are due Sunday, Jan 8 (or pay \$25 late fee). Forms can be found on the CYFM bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Mail them to: Diocesan Youth Council, c/o Trip Gintz, 3245 Central Ave, Memphis, TN 38111

## EYC "Regift" Party

Sunday, Jan 22 from 4:00-6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

We've all done it before...received a gift that was "just lovely" but couldn't really use... so...we REGIFT it!! Look back through all of your Christmas loot and find the perfect gift to "regift" to one of your EYC buddies! Make sure it's nothing too extravagant or expensive...or some family heirloom that your parents will be furious to know you gave away. Just a little something to wrap for a friend who will REALLY enjoy it!! (The "regifting" will be played "Dirty Santa" style!!) If you LOVED everything you got for Christmas then please bring a new gift (nothing more than \$5.00 or so) for the "Regift" exchange!!



## Children, Youth & Family Ministries (CYFM)-Continued



### EYC News (cont.)

# Happening

is a renewal weekend held twice annually

for Episcopal youth in grades 10-12 and adults who work with youth. The weekend provides youth with a way to explore their spirituality while living and learning with others their age who want to share the faith they've found in Jesus Christ. Youth lead all the activities, including small group discussion, large group activities, and singing. The environment is open and honest, as the adults present serve in the background roles of cooks and chaperones. Two priests serve as spiritual directors. Those who attend Happening are given an opportunity to experience Christ's love first hand. For many, it is the beginning of their adult Christian journey.



**Happening #51** will take place **February 17-19, 2012** at St Columba Conference Center. It is now time to apply for Happening #51. Applications can be found on the CYFM bulletin board in the Parish Hall, on the Diocesan website <http://www.episwtn.org/ministries--outreach/youth-programs/> or by contacting Jennifer Smith. Jennifer is the Diocesan Coordinator for Happening and will serve as the "Mom" of the weekend.

If you have any questions or would like more information about Happening, please contact Jennifer Smith, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries at [jenbren222@yahoo.com](mailto:jenbren222@yahoo.com) or the church office at 372.2753.

### REGISTER FOR CAMP 2012!

Episcopal Day Camp at St. Columba Conference and Retreat Center (a.k.a. Mud-Camp) has opened for new registrations for 2012. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders have enjoyed EDC for many years and parents appreciate it as a Christ-centered program just on the outskirts of Memphis. Registration is competitive and is exclusively for Episcopalians and veteran campers through February 1, 2012.

Because registration is competitive, eager parents should sign their children up a.s.a.p. at [www.saintcolumbamemphis.org](http://www.saintcolumbamemphis.org).

Employment/volunteer opportunities are available for young people in 7<sup>th</sup> grade or older.

If you would like to volunteer with EpiscoPALS and/or EYC, please contact Jennifer Smith, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at 372.2753 or [jenbren222@yahoo.com](mailto:jenbren222@yahoo.com)



You can also sign up to bring a meal to EYC meetings by going to:

[takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com)

St. Elisabeth's EYC has their very

own page! You can find our group by searching our "last name" which is **EYC** and the "password" is **2911** (which is the church's street address...easy to remember!!) and there you will find all of our dates and info. OR...just call Jennifer Smith and she'll sign you up... whichever is easier for YOU!!!

## Big things on the Horizon for EpiscoPALS & EYC...

Sunday, January 1	NO Sunday school or EYC
Sunday, January 8	First Sunday school class of 2012!! First EYC of 2012...Feast of Lights @ St Mary's Cathedral
Fri-Sun, Jan 13-15	Bishop's Bash at St. Columba Conference Center for 9-12 <sup>th</sup> graders Applications are available from Jennifer Smith, on the CYFM bulletin board or online at <a href="http://www.episwtn.org/">http://www.episwtn.org/</a>
Sunday, January 15	NO Sundayschool
Sunday, January 22	Bishop Johnson visits St. E's!! EYC 4:00-6:00 pm in Parish Hall..."Regift" Party!!!
Sunday, Feb 5	EYC Super Bowl Pre-Party 2:00-4:00 pm (location TBA)
Fri-Sun, Feb 17-19	Happening #51 at St. Columba (for rising 10-12 <sup>th</sup> graders) Applications are available from Jennifer Smith, on the CYFM bulletin board or online at <a href="http://www.episwtn.org/">http://www.episwtn.org/</a>
Sunday, Feb 19	Happening #51 Closing Service 3:00 pm at St. Columba
Friday, Feb 24	EpiscoPALS Movie Night 5:30-7:30 pm
Sunday, March 4	Happening #51 Post Happ 1:00-3:00 pm EYC 4:00-6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday, March 18	EYC 4:00-6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday, April 1	EYC 4:00-6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday, April 8	Easter...Egg Hunt during Sunday school time (9:45-10:30 am)
Sunday, April 15	EYC 4:00-6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday, April 29	EYC 4:00-6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Sunday, May 13	Last EYC 4:00-6:00 pm-MESSY OLYMPICS!!!!!!
Sunday, May 20	Last Sunday school

### A Few Upcoming Summer Events & Opportunities...

May 29-June 2	EYC Beach Trip
June 11-14	Vacation Bible School
June	Camp Gailor-Maxon @Dubose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN <a href="http://www.duboseconf.org/campgailormaxon">www.duboseconf.org/campgailormaxon</a> 7-10 (Pre Camp rising 1-3 grade), 10-16 (Camp 1 rising 10-12 grade), 17-23 (Camp 2 rising 7-9 grade), 24-30 (Camp 3 rising 4-6 grade)
June 17-22	JYP (Jr Young People, rising 7-9) & SYP (Sr Young People, rising 10-12) @ Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC <a href="http://www.kanuga.org">www.kanuga.org</a>
July 9-27	Episcopal Day Camp (EDC) @ St Columba <a href="http://www.saintcolumbamemphis.org">www.saintcolumbamemphis.org</a>
July 27-30	Nat'l Happening Conference @Dubose Conference Center

If you would like to volunteer with EpiscoPALS and/or EYC or have questions please contact Jennifer Smith, Director of Children and Family Ministries at 372.2753 or [jnbren222@yahoo.com](mailto:jnbren222@yahoo.com)

**MEMBER NEWS/UPDATES:****BIRTHS**

Elisabeth Angeth Thokjang  
 (Born Dec. 10, 2011)  
 Daughter of Abram & Rebecca Thokjang,  
 and sister of John Thokjang

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**GRADUATION**

Stephen Berry  
 Bachelor's Degree, Computer Science  
 University of Memphis

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**GOD, THE BISHOP  
 AND THE PEOPLE WILLING . . .**

Our Ministry Intern, the Judith Foster Reese, will be ordained a Transitional Deacon in God's Church at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at St. Mary's Cathedral.

While the location is not at St. Elisabeth's, we will still hope to be a big part of the celebration for a holy moment in the life of our church and a sacred moment in the life of Judith and her family.

Everyone in the congregation is invited and encouraged to attend. Please join us in celebrating that Saturday morning with Judith!

**BIRTHDAY SUNDAY SIGN UP SHEET**

The 2012 new year is here and a sign up sheet for volunteers to bring cakes and/or cup cakes for monthly Birthday Sundays is now in the Parish Hall.

January's first Sunday is Jan. 1st, so we decided to move January's Birthday Sunday to the 2nd Sunday of the month, January 8th. A BIG THANKS to Dorothy Meeks for volunteering to bake for us in January.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



We would like to thank our 2011 cake baking volunteers:

January	Audrey Hager
February	Michelle and Beth Anne McLachlan
March	April and Chris Caldwell
April	Chris and Athena Martin
May	Cathy Dunn
June	Chris Hadley
July	Kenny and Debra Nichols
August	Holly Hawkins
September	Jane Hemphill
October	Brenda Johnson
November	Jim Pogue
December	Judyth Wilson

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**SERVICE SCHEDULE UPDATE****CHRISTMAS I** January 1, 2012

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

**10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**COMBINED SERVICE - NO Christian Education**

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL VISIT** January 22, 2012

Bishop Johnson will be here for all three services

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am Children's Service with Holy Eucharist

9:45 am Christian Formation

11:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**ANNUAL MEETING** January 29, 2012

12:00 pm Annual Meeting following the 11:00 service  
 State of Parish Address and Review of  
 Proposed Budget and Vestry Elections

# Outreach Opportunities

*“Showing the face of Christ in what we do”*

## HOMESCHOOL HELPERS



Homework Helpers will resume on Monday, January 9th. Homework Helpers provides assistance with homework for children in grades 1-5 who live in the apartment complex behind the church. We provide our services on Mondays-Thursdays. The children arrive around 4:00 p.m. and stay until they complete their homework assignments, but no later than 6:00 p.m.

If anyone is interested in this very worthwhile outreach program, please contact Al Hayes via email at [hayesva@earthlink.net](mailto:hayesva@earthlink.net).

## ST. TABITHA'S GUILD

This group is for anyone who enjoys knitting/sewing/crocheting or for those interested in learning how.



We took the name of St. Tabitha's Guild because in the Bible, Tabitha was known for making clothes for the poor. After she died, Peter brought her back to life in Jesus' name. We hope to make baby blankets, hats and booties to donate to Baby Steps.

Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary! We have had a great time at our meetings and look forward to more time spent together. **We will meet again on Sat. January 28th at 10:00 a.m.** Bring your yarn and supplies if you have some and bring a friend!

If you want more information, please contact Jessie Murray at: [jessicamurray79@gmail.com](mailto:jessicamurray79@gmail.com).

## CENTERING PREGNANCY

### END OF THE YEAR PARTY



On Thursday, December 8th, the Centering Pregnancy staff hosted an End of the Year Party for all the 2011 patients at the Hollywood Health Loop Clinic. The event was the biggest celebration they have ever had, and it was made possible because of the Fifth Sunday Sharing donations from St. Elisabeth's. There were over 200 women invited and at least 150 moms attended, many with babies and partners.

The event was held in the Hollywood Community Center gym. Upon entering the front doors, the first thing I saw was balloons and decorations everywhere. There were two long lines of tables with tablecloths and chairs set up in the middle of the room. At one end was a long table set up with metal containers of food for lunch. The right hand corner had a table full of baby and maternity clothes and the left hand corner had a table full of small gift bags for each mom. There were two big laundry baskets full of necessities and big boxes of diapers and wipes to be raffled off.

Each person who entered the gym stopped at the registration table to sign in and fill out nametags and paperwork. There was a media release form for the local news and a "Who am I?" questionnaire for a baby game. Each mom received 3 raffle tickets upon arrival and could earn more tickets by participating in later events.

Our friend and Baby Steps contact person, Meris, opened the event by welcoming everyone and introducing Dr. Linda Moses. Dr. Moses is one of the ob/gyns

## 5th Sunday Sharing January 29, 2012

Our next 5th Sunday is January 29, 2012. As of press time, the outreach committee had not designated the recipient of this month's sharing.

If you have any suggestions, please contact Jessie Murray or call the church office..

who work at the Hollywood Health Loop Clinic and was someone our very own **Julia McMillen** looked up to. She gave an inspirational opening speech. She told the moms about growing up in their neighborhood and listed all the schools she attended - schools many in the audience also attended. She told them, "You don't have to be a doctor like me, but I want you to know that you can achieve your goals and be successful in life." Everywhere she went, Dr. Moses was a strong presence in the room.

Next, one of the Centering Pregnancy moms led a Zumba class. She had her 9 month old baby with her and told the other moms that she lost over 20 pounds after becoming certified to teach Zumba. The moms who participated in Zumba received another raffle ticket.

After Zumba, everyone sat back down at the long tables. Meris spoke about the support that St. E's has given Centering Pregnancy and how our connection began with **Julia McMillen** when she was in med school. Julia had attended some Centering Pregnancy monthly meetings and immediately recognized their need for support and facilitated the partnership with St. E's. Meris read out loud a letter that **Molly Cosby** wrote last year to the new moms to be included in the laundry baskets we gave away. I was touched that she had saved a copy to share with everyone and I understood why - the letter was very moving. Then, Meris introduced me and I explained that Father Bill could not attend because we were breaking ground on our new church building in two days. (There was a murmur of support when I said that.) I told them that we have really enjoyed getting to know Meris and Shaun and everyone at Centering Pregnancy and that we were looking forward to many more years of supporting their wonderful program. Then I said a short blessing so everyone could eat!

The spread of food was noteworthy in its amount and variety. They had the lunch catered by Holiday Deli and it was like a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. They also had a beautiful cake and cupcakes for dessert. Everyone enjoyed the home cooking and almost all of it was finished off!

After everyone had time to eat and socialize, they played a 'Who am I?' guessing game to get to know some of the babies. Then Meris and Shaun snuck in some educational time by teaching about car seat safety and showing the group appropriate car seats for growing children. The final fun was the raffle - several lucky moms won diapers, wipes, clothes, and the two large laundry baskets full of baby items. Everyone went

home with something, even if it was just a small gift bag.

When Meris and Shaun called me to invite us to their end of the year party, I did not understand just how big a party it would be. **I felt so proud to represent St. Elisabeth's and proud that our church had made it all possible.** Afterwards, Meris said they are already planning how to improve the party for next year, and I told her that it was a fantastic event, especially for the first time they had ever tried it. They planned everything so thoughtfully - from the food to the decorations, to the gifts, to inviting the media. **It was a very special day and I am so thankful that Centering Pregnancy has been enhanced by the generosity of our church.**

**Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has donated money or baby items to Baby Steps. I am so blessed to have seen the results of your donations and I want you to know that it has touched many, many women and families in Memphis.**

Jessie Murray

See Pictures on page 9

## BABY STEPS



If anyone would like to donate more baby items, a basket remains at church and the items will be delivered to the Hollywood Health Loop Clinic and MedPlex as needed.

When you make your next trip to Walmart, Target, or other store, consider picking up a few extra items for this outreach program. There is a list of needed items in the basket at church, or you can help with anything listed below. Thanks!

### Baby Steps Needed items:

- o Toiletries for the moms
- o Basic baby items (diapers, wipes, thermometers, diaper rash cream)
- o Gently used, clean, baby & toddler clothing
- o Gently used, clean, maternity clothing
- o Baby and adult hangers - no wire please
- o Breast pumps

St. Mary's Guild continues to collect hotel soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc. We are now donating these items to the Centering Pregnancy program. **Donations may be left at the back of the church, or in the office.**

**CENTERING PREGNANCY PARTY PICTURES**



Left: Dr. Linda Moses speaks to the crowd.

Below: Lunch foods catered by Holiday Deli and homemade desserts for everyone.



**52ND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
VESTRY ELECTIONS—JANUARY 29TH**

Our annual parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th, following the 11 o'clock service. We will share a meal then move into the church for a State of the parish address & review of the 2012 proposed budget, and vestry elections.

At press time, the nominees who have agreed to run this year are:

- Chris Hadley
- Sam Perrin
- Laurie Rieman
- Judyth Wilson

Biographies for each candidate will be posted in the parish hall and copies will be available at the entrance to the church.

**You must be present to vote.**



**St. Mary's  
Annual Christmas Jar Sale**

All the members of St. Mary's Guild would like to thank everyone who purchased some of our Christmas jars. The proceeds will go to the YWCA -Abused Women's Services.

As of press time, we do not have the final Figures from our sales, but we are sure that we will be able to make a sizeable donation to the Center.



Above: Zumba class

Below: Clothing for mothers and children.



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## ST. MARY'S GUILD TO MEET

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Tuesday, January 10th in the home of Jane Cox at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing the results of our Christmas jar sale and finalizing plans for our 25th Mardi Gras celebration at St. E's.

Please read Chapter 24, "Feeding the Wolves Within" from our study book, *Alive and Loose in the Ordinary*, but Martha Sterne. All women of the church are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rieman or Cathy Dunn.

## BARTH-SANDERS GUILD TO MEET

The Barth-Sanders Guild will meet on Tuesday, January 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be electing new officers and planning activities for 2012.

Anyone interested in joining the Barth-Sanders Guild is invited to attend this meeting.

It will be Marilyn Wright's choice for lunch.

FYI - Michelle, Norm and Beth Anne would love to hear from any and all of you... Their new address and phone

number are: The McLachlan Family  
21200 E. Country Vista Dr., Apt. K-106  
Liberty Lake, WA 99019  
Phone: contact the church office  
(Their emails are the same)

### MARDI GRAS 2012

### **COWBOYS AND ALIENS**



On Saturday February 11, 2012...  
at the Country Club Estates Clubhouse,  
LaCosta Dr., Bartlett.

The cost is \$12.50/person or \$25.00/couple which includes dinner and entertainment. We will have Shrimp Creole, salad, rice, desserts, and wine (for an additional donation).

Prizes will be awarded for "outstanding" costumes. And a new King and Queen will be crowned by last year's winners Susie Hayes, Queen, and Michael Bilger, King.

We will be having Square Dancing (no experience necessary). **Reservations are limited to 60 people. Sign up begins January 8th.**

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### **King and Queen Voting Begins Sunday, January 8th**

This year's nominees are:

King  
Dennis Hawkins  
Bryan Pieritz  
Tom McCrady

Queen  
Cathy Dunn  
Debra Nichols  
Laurie Rieman

Vote with money and vote often to help elect your favorite candidate. Boxes are available for your donations. All proceeds will go to an outreach program (TBA).

## **BARTH-SANDERS GUILD AND J.U.L.I.E.T.S. (Just Unique Ladies Indulging Eating Talking Socially)**

We will be going out to lunch on Saturday, January 21st. The location to be announced at a later date. Anyone interested in joining this group is invited to attend.



## **CONGRATULATIONS, AGAIN, TO...**

**Jessie Murray and Terri Mathis**

**Winners of a FREE Mardi Gras Pass for 2012**

**FINANCIALS, AS OF NOVEMBER 2011**

	Month	Budgeted	Year to Date	YTD Budget
Pledge	\$25,006	\$26,174	\$273,414	\$287,919
Plate	\$ 1,203	\$ 917	\$ 13,391	\$ 10,083
Other	\$ 32	\$ 84	\$ 370	\$ 137
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$26,241</b>	<b>\$27,175</b>	<b>\$289,647</b>	<b>\$298,918</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$23,709</b>	<b>\$27,175</b>	<b>\$285,638</b>	<b>\$298,947</b>

We are a little behind on pledges for the month of November, but I hope we will catch up in December!!



Happy New Year!

-Carolyn Pruitt, Treasurer



**January Birthdays**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1-Abraham Garang        | 19-Corry Ray       |
| 1-Abram Thokjang        | 20-Molly Brennan   |
| 1-Tyler Cook            | 21-Bob Taylor      |
| 3-Andy Graham           | 22-Greg Meeks      |
| 6-Drake Henley          | 22-Missy Lutterloh |
| 15-Timothy Ann Caldwell | 22-Alayna Cloyd    |
| 15-Jim McCutchen        | 22-Ava Valdez      |
| 17-Deborah Barnes       | 25-Gus Carrington  |
| 17-Camille Hadley       | 25-Emma Ray        |
| 18-Peggy Culpepper      | 31-Kim Muse        |

**WEEKLY SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

**DECEMBER 2011**

Since there are always questions about the numbers of new families, our growth, and interest in how many souls are coming to St. Elisabeth's, we are going to list our Sunday Attendance for each Sunday for 2011.

<b>DECEMBER 4, 2011</b>	-	<b>159</b>
<b>DECEMBER 11, 2011</b>	-	<b>141</b>
<b>DECEMBER 18, 2011</b>	-	<b>144</b>
<b>DECEMBER 24, 2011</b>	-	<b>227</b>
<b>DECEMBER 25, 2011</b>	-	<b>25</b>



**January Anniversaries**

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| 3-Brad and Mary Henry Thompson |
| 5-Brian and Eva Sladen         |
| 5-Terry and Cathy Dunn         |
| 26-Abram and Rebecca Thokjang  |
| 31-Fred and Mickey Glidewell   |

**Help keep our church records current**

Please contact the church office at 372-2753, or email the office at: cathyd06@bellsouth.net, to add, delete, or make changes to the church directory or your birthdates and/or anniversary information. A draft directory is in the Parish Hall for your review to make additions, changes, etc.

## Looking Ahead

### Clergy & Staff

The Rt. Rev. Don E.  
Johnson  
*Bishop of West Tennessee*

Rev. Bill Murray  
*Rector*

Judith Foster Reese  
*Ministry Intern*

Jim Walsmith  
*Director of Music*

Jennifer Smith  
*Director of Children, Youth,  
& Family Ministries*

Cathy Dunn  
*Parish Administrator*

Andrew Morgret  
Debbie Nelson  
*Vergers*

### February, 2012

2-Healing Touch Ministry  
3-4-Pre-Happening Meeting  
4-Daughters of the King  
5-Birthday Sunday/EYC  
7-Barth-Sanders Guild  
7-St. Mary's Guild  
9-Pre-Happening Meeting  
10-Healing Touch Ministry  
10-11-Vestry Retreat  
11-St. Mary's Guild Mardi Gras  
14-Building Committee  
16-Outreach Committee  
17-19-Happening #51  
18-Healing Touch Meeting and JULIETS  
21-Vestry Meeting  
23-Messenger Deadline/Happening Mtg.  
24-EpiscoPALS Movie Night  
25-St. Tabitha's Guild  
25-Healing Touch Meeting  
26-1st Lent

EfM Classes 6, 13, 20, 27

### March, 2012

1-Healing Touch Ministry  
3-Daughters of the King  
4-Birthday Sunday  
4-EYC  
6-Barth-Sanders Guild  
9-Healing Touch Ministry  
11-Daylight Savings Time Begins  
13-St. Mary's Guild  
13-Building Committee  
15-Outreach Committee  
17-Healing Touch Meeting and JULIETS  
18-EYC  
20-Vestry Meeting  
22-Messenger Deadline  
23-24-Jr. High EYC Spring Fling  
24-Healing Touch Meeting  
25-5th Sunday Sharing  
30 or 31-Palm Cross Folding Event

EfM Classes 5, 12, 19, 26

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Notices and articles can be put in Cathy's box or E-mailed to: [Cathyd06@bellsouth.net](mailto:Cathyd06@bellsouth.net)

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