



# The Messenger

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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

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## CHRISTIAN CARE-GIVING

He [Jesus] said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic . . ." They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

— *Luke 9:3-6*

Someone passed a wonderful story on to me about a Sunday School teacher who taught her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She recalled how a man was beaten, robbed, and left for dead. She described the situation in vivid detail so that her students would understand the drama. After allowing the scene to sink in for a moment, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."



The honesty of that little girl is typically how people respond to the idea of "pastoral care". They instantly go to the most difficult situation, the hardest hospital visit, or the toughest, dying moment of someone they love. When I ask folks to help with pastoral care, I get a look of fear. Folks may not be as honest as the little girl above, but their faces often portray a response not far removed.

In an attempt to de-mystify our work as Christians, and yes Jesus wants all of us to be in the role of the good samaritan, Judith Foster Reese and I will be teaching a class on Christian Caregiving. The name change from Pastoral Care is intentional as well. We are not asking for folks to jump into a regular hospital rotation. We are not asking the wonderful people of St. E's to add another two hours to each week. Instead, we are seeking simply to explore how God calls all of us to love and care for one another in daily life and work.

Jesus repeatedly sends out his disciples to teach and preach and heal. He also sends out a group of 70

followers to do the same. The interesting thing is what Jesus tells them to do, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic." (Luke 9:3) In the past, I have heard many a preacher talk about how Jesus is teaching those who are sent to rely on God. Certainly, the Christian tradition would hold that we are to depend on the kindness of strangers and the generosity of God. I would not disagree with that assess-

ment. As I have walked further down the road of being a priest and pastor, I have discovered a slightly different reading of that verse. What people crave in this world is not food or money or authority or power as much as connection. Carrying items like a spare meal or some cash to get you out of a jam just gets in the way of what we are all called to do - care for those God puts before our path. Kind words, time spent in listening, and finding a fellow-traveler on the road all connect us deeply. Regardless of age, faith, and health, we all want to find that connection with other folks who care and love.

Christian care-giving is a reminder that we are called to bring ourselves as the gift while we receive the gift of someone else. Nothing else is needed! Please join us for this exciting Christian Education class beginning on Sunday, September 11 at 9:45 am. I hope to see everyone there!

*Bill Murray+*  
Bill Murray+

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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 Class** will resume our regular time from 9:45 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of about six weeks, we will be exploring what it means to be Christian caregivers. See article on page 6 for more details.

**Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Bible Study**

**10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing each Wednesday morning. The service is followed by bible study. This fall we will continue our study of the book of Acts. The author of Acts has written fully 20% of the New Testament between Luke and Acts. Often called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit and the History of the Church, Acts reveals the deep and lasting history that the church still engages today! Come any Wednesday and share in worship and fellowship.

**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 Wednesday, September 14. 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 1:30 -3:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining this group should contact Michelle McLachlan or Judy Tucker.



# Children, Youth & Family Ministries (CYFM)

**Sunday school starts  
Sunday, September 11  
For St. E's children and youth**

## Sunday school offerings for 2011-2012

We are offering Rock Solid: Building a Heart of Faith for ages three through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Each Sunday children will be invited to have a personal faith experience with God. They will come to know Jesus as the Son of God and take his message to heart, following where their faith leads them. Rock Solid engages young hearts and minds with age-appropriate multi-sensory activities, crafts, stories and games, all designed to give children an opportunity to know God through Jesus and experience life-changing transformation.



Rock Solid is:

- A personal experience with God
- A relationship with Jesus Christ
- Bible story based and theologically sound
- Fun and interactive

### Classes:

3, 4, 5, K & 1<sup>st</sup> grades (Meets in Sunday school room #1, next to Fr. Bill's office)

Teachers: Sarah Long and Clayann Panetta

2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades (Meets in Sunday school room #2, beyond the copy machine)

Teachers: David and Emily Cook and Molly Cosby

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades (Meets in Fr. Bill's office)

Teachers: Kate Dixon, Judyth Wilson and Kenny & Debra Nichols

## EpiscoPALS News

**EpiscoPALS...Sunday, Sept. 25 (1:00-3:00 pm)**

We will prepare for the Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2:00 p.m. Come join us as we create "goody bags" for our animal friends.



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

### Blessing of the Animals

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm**

Calling all animals! Those with fur, fins, tails and scales are invited to breathe free for the blessing of the animals on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather in the church for a service which celebrates the companionship and love God shows us through creation and our animal friends. Please know that stuffed animals are also welcome for a blessing!



St. Francis, pray for us

## EYC News

### Meet Ryan!!!

Ryan Stephens is our new EYC volunteer!! Ryan is a sophomore at Southwest Community College and will be transferring to the University of Memphis in the spring. He's planning on majoring in Secondary Education. He was very active with EYC during high school at St. Philip.

Ryan participated in Happening, both as a Happener and on staff. He has also staffed Winterfest a winter retreat for High schoolers at Dubose Conference Center.

Ryan is a singer and musician. He's the vocalist for the band "Creator" which has some gigs coming up. Don't worry; we'll share the schedule with everyone soon! Ryan loves to play music and hang out with his friends. His best friend is his sister, Rachel, who is 2 years younger.

If you like TGI Fridays, you're in luck! Ryan works at the Wolfchase location. I asked him if we could get a discount there and he said "No, unless I'm eating with you..." So, feel free to invite Ryan to lunch or dinner at Friday's and perhaps he'll hook you up with a coupon!!

Ryan loves sports, the Titans, the Grizzlies and he's learning to love the Tigers since he'll be one soon!

Please help me in welcoming Ryan! I am delighted to have him as a part of our EYC team!! If you would like to volunteer with the EYC or EpiscoPALS, please contact me; Jennifer Smith, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. [Jenbren222@yahoo.com](mailto:Jenbren222@yahoo.com) or at the church 901.372.2753.



Ryan and sister, Rachel  
Winterfest 2010!

**EYC News (continued)**

## EYC Kick Off Swim Party



Sunday, September 11 (4:00-6:00 pm)  
at the Graham's (3026 Gramercy Cove Lakeland, TN 38002)

Bring your suit, a towel and a friend...or two!!!

## EYC...Sunday, Sept 25 (4-6 pm)

We will prepare for the Blessing of the Animals service on Sunday, Oct 2 at 2:00pm. Come join us as we create "goody bags" for our animal friends, have fellowship and DINNER will be provided!! Bring a friend!!

# Happening

is a renewal weekend held twice annually for Episcopal youth in grades 10-12. 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 #50** will take place **September 2-4, 2011** at Calvary. St. Elisabeth's is very involved with the Happening movement. **Gus Carrington** is on staff for the weekend. **Caleb Hager** and **Richard Townley** will be participating in the weekend. **Jennifer Smith** is the Diocesan Coordinator for Happening and will serve as the "Mom" of the weekend. There will be a closing service on Sunday, Sept 4 at 3:00 pm at Calvary. The closing service is a very important part of the weekend. Attending the service is one way you can support the Happening movement, the participants and the staff. 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.



## ***St Elisabeth's EpiscoPALS and EYC***

***Mark your calendar!  
Save the dates!***

***Here's what's coming up for FALL...***

- Fri-Sun, Sept 2-4 Happening #50 @ Calvary
- Sunday, Sept 4 Happening #50 Closing Service @ Calvary @ 3:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept 4 NO Sunday school
- Sunday, Sept 11 First Sunday school class
- Sunday, Sept 11 EYC Swim Party 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept 18 Happening #50 Post Happ @ Calvary @ 2:00-4:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept 25 EpiscoPALS @ 1:00-3:00pm
- Sunday, Sept 25 EYC in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Fri-Sat, Sept 30-Oct 1 Bartlett Festival
- Sunday, Oct 2 Blessing of Animals @ 2:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct 9 EpiscoPALS & EYC @ 1:00-3:00 pm
- Sunday, Oct 23 EYC in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, Oct 29 Trunk-or-Treat @ 5:30-7:30 pm
- Sunday, Nov 6 EYC in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, Nov 20 Church-wide Sunday school Advent Event
- Sunday, Nov 20 EYC in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, No 27 NO Sunday school
- Saturday, Dec 3 Bartlett Parade
- Sunday, Dec 4 EYC in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, Dec 10 Breakfast with Saint Nicholas 9:00-10:30 am
- Sunday, Dec 18 NO Sunday school or EYC
- Saturday, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Family Service 5:00 pm
- Sunday, Dec 25 NO Sunday school or EYC
- Sunday, Jan 1 NO Sunday school or EYC
- Sunday, Jan 8 First Sunday school class of 2012!!
- Sunday, Jan 8 First EYC of 2012 in Parish Hall 4:00-6:00 pm!!

***“And they’ll know we are Christians  
by our love, by our love, yes,  
they’ll know we are Christians by our love.”***

That’s the refrain from a hymn written in 1968 by Peter R. Scholtes, a Roman Catholic priest. And, in this day and age when Christians are often known more by their political rhetoric or exclusionary practices, this hymn calls us rather to be known by a way of life that makes God’s own love clearly visible. After all, that’s what Jesus did. In our readings from Matthew over the past months, over and over again, we’ve seen God’s love as Jesus feeds hungry people, cares for the sick and suffering and welcomes the outcast and the sinner. His was a ministry of care and compassion; and, he sent his disciples out also to be agents of God’s care and compassion—just as he sends *us* out to continue that ministry and to demonstrate God’s love. So, care giving is at the very heart of who we are as Christians.

On September 11<sup>th</sup> our adult Sunday School class resumes at 9:45 a.m. and over the course of about six weeks, we will be exploring what it means to be Christian caregivers. And, yes, we are ALL Christian caregivers. Some may participate in more formal programs of pastoral care; but, others may simply speak a word of comfort and concern to a co-worker or take a meal to someone who’s going grieving. But, we are ALL Christian caregivers. And the good news is that we can all grow in our care giving skills, even if it is simply finding words of comfort or reaching out to someone who is hurting. My hope is that in this class we can help one another to be more confident Christian caregivers; and that more and more “they will know we are Christians, by our love, by our love.”

Grace and Peace,  
Judith

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### **RAINBOW BAGS AND CHILDREN’S BULLETINS**



In the nursery, is a “tree” with our Rainbow Bags, colorful bags that contain activities for our youngest parishioners to entertain themselves during the service. Please be mindful of the contents and return all items to the bag and the bag to its proper place at the end of the service.

We also have “Children Worship Bulletins” available for ages 3-6 and 7-9. These contain information related to the weekly gospel readings. They are printed on brightly colored paper and located on the table as you enter through the rear door of the church.

# Outreach Opportunities

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

## HOMework HELPERS



Homework Helpers has resumed. This year’s program began on Monday, Aug. 22nd.

More volunteers are needed to support this very worthwhile program—service to God at our own back door. If you can spare 2 hours one day a week, please consider joining our team. The rewards will be plentiful. You can reach Al Hayes at hayesva@earthlink.net.

## 5th Sunday Sharing

The monies collected during our 5th Sunday sharing in July were designated for the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund for their relief efforts to support the people devastated by the spring storms and tornadoes in April across the Mid-South and Southeast. We collected \$510.00 for the Episcopal Relief & Development Fund.



Our next **5th Sunday** will be October 30th and the Outreach Committee has designated Baby Steps with Centering Pregnancy to be the recipient of those funds. Meris and Shaun from Centering Pregnancy plan to attend all services on Oct. 30 to report on how the program is going now and how St. E’s support has assisted them.

## Emmanuel Center Needs Our Support, so.... Keep those cans coming!!!



St. E’s continues to assist Church of the Annunciation with their outreach project to assist the children supported by the Emmanuel Center. Proceeds from the money obtained by selling the cans is used to purchase supplies and school uniforms for the children supported by the Center. Cans should be placed in **securely closed** plastic bags just outside the Parish Hall back door.

Volunteers are needed to take the cans to Church of the Annunciation. If you would like to help in this area, please contact Cathy in the church office.

## SAVE THE DATE:

### HANDS-ON OUTREACH WITH UNITED HOUSING! SATURDAY, OCT. 1

MORNING SHIFT: 9:00 A.M.—12:30 P.M.

AFTERNOON SHIFT: 11:30 A.M.—3:00 P.M.

We need your help cleaning, landscaping, and tearing out the old in order to prepare a house for resale through United Housing, Inc. Sign up in the Parish Hall for the morning or afternoon shift, or both! The shifts overlap so that we can all have lunch and fellowship together. All ages and abilities are invited and will be put to work. More details about the location and the type of work to come.



## 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.

We hope to collect enough items to donate one basket each month. 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.**

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## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES (CONTINUED)

### ST. TABITHA'S GUILD

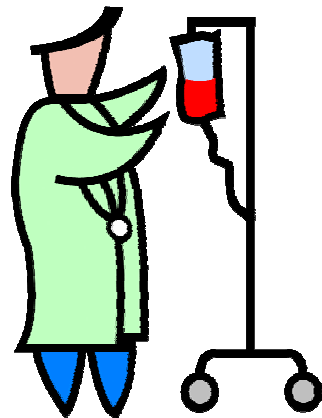
Our newest group for those who enjoy knitting/sewing/crocheting or for those interested in learning how is officially St. Tabitha's Guild!



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 first three meetings and look forward to more time spent together. **We will NOT meet in Sept. due to the St. Mary's Guild Retreat. We will meet again on Sat. Oct. 29 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).



July Year-to-date Results  
32 pints collected  
64% of our goal  
achieved.

THANK YOU!

### St E's Challenge 50 Pints!

Following a strong start the more relaxed summer months have resulted in a slowdown in blood donations due to vacations and our busy lives. Please make an extra effort to give in the coming months as we strive to hit our goal. Be sure to tell them that you want SEEC (our code) to be the group being credited with the donation.

## POET'S CORNER

The Poet's corner is actually a famous space in Westminster Abbey where they have buried or recognize in burial stones the famous authors of the English Language.

In our usage, it is not a burial spot but a corner of *The Messenger* to feature a brief poem, prayer or reflection upon which St. Elisabeth's can reflect. Some may have great weight, others may be silly and flippant, and one or two may be insightful and spiritual.

This month's selection was submitted by Brooks Evans. If you have something to share, please contact Cathy Dunn at [cathyd06@bellsouth.net](mailto:cathyd06@bellsouth.net), or call the church office at 372-2753.

### Shirley & Marcy

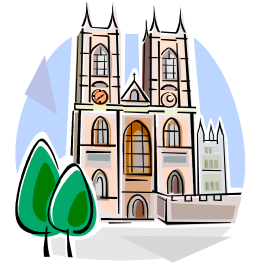
A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence but yet know that he was safe. So she had an idea of how to handle it. She asked a neighbor if she would please follow him to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her. She said that since she was up early with her toddler anyway, it would be a good way for them to get some exercise as well, so she agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor girl he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the two walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally she said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her?" Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The little girl said, "Well, who is she?" "That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied, "and her daughter Marcy." "Shirley Goodnest? Who is she and why is she following us?" "Well," Timmy explained, "every night my Mum makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, 'cuz she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest (surely goodness) and Marcy (mercy) shall follow me all the days of my life', so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace. May Shirley Goodnest and Marcy be with you today and always.*



# All Hallows Eve Trunk-or-Treat Spectacular

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 29  
(5:30-7:30 pm)**

Trunk-or-treating — also known as Halloween tailgating — is returning to St E's! What is Trunk-or-Treat? It's when families in the church get together and open the trunks of their cars and kids come around to each car to "Trunk-or-Treat" like going house to house to "Trick-or-Treat". Cars are decorated in various creative ways! A sign-up sheet will be in the Parish Hall soon, we'd love to have at least 20 cars!! We will also have music food and more! Mark your calendar and come join us!!



## DIOCESAN-WIDE EVENTS

### Diocesan Picnic

**Sunday, October 16; 1:00-5:00 p.m.  
St. Columba Conference Center**

The annual Diocesan Picnic will be held at St. Columba this year. There will be food, fun and games for all ages!

Rain date is scheduled for October 23.

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### EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 14th

All of the women of the Diocese are invited to the Fall Luncheon Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of West Tennessee on Wednesday September 14, 2011. This year we will again be welcomed at the newly renovated Trezevant Manor, (901) 325-4000. For more information contact Agnes Gordon, President, ECW of West Tennessee, [jefferds@aol.com](mailto:jefferds@aol.com) or go to [www.ecwwtn.org](http://www.ecwwtn.org).

Invite your friends and your mom, daughter or sister and join us for this enjoyable luncheon!



Holy Communion is excited to announce the  
**First Annual "Book It 5K for Kids"**  
**October 1, 2011**

**Book It for Kids** and help make a difference in the lives of Memphis and Shelby county children and youth. Join your fellow parishioners and Church of the Holy Communion for the first annual "Book It 5K for Kids" on **October 1, 2011 at 9 a.m.** The race will start and finish at Church of the Holy Communion (4645 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis) and will feature a 5K for all ages, 1-mile family fun run/walk and 400-meter dash for children 10 and under. Awards will be given out and there will be food, drinks and music after the race. The proceeds will benefit Emmanuel Episcopal Center and Books from Birth. Registration forms are in the Parish Hall or Register at [www.bookit5k.racesonline.com](http://www.bookit5k.racesonline.com).

## NEWS AND EVENTS



### It's Still Not Too Late To Sign Up Women's Fall Retreat

The Annual St. Mary's Women's Fall Retreat is just around the corner, and it's still not too late to sign up!

We will gather on Friday-Saturday, September 23-24, 2011 at St. Columba/Sanders Lodge. All women of any age of St. E's are invited as well as all women from other churches.

The program will be facilitated by The Rev. Deacon Nancy O'Shea. A weekend of fun, fellowship and good food. We begin with "In the Company of Strangers", as a guide, but with the guarantee that there will be no strangers at the end of the retreat. It will be the best \$35.00 you have ever spent.

Dinner on Friday will begin around 6:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, discussions, and activities will fill your time on Saturday until about 1:00 p.m.

Reservations are currently being taken in the Parish Hall every Sunday, or contact Cathy Dunn in the church office at 372-2753.

### ST. MARY'S GUILD TO MEET

St. Mary's Guild will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Ann Andrews. We will be making final preparations for our Women's Retreat. Please read Chapter 21, Bama, from our study book "*Alive and Loose in the Ordinary*".

All women of the church are invited to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Rieman or Cathy Dunn.

### ANNUAL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

As you know, St. Mary's Guild recently held its annual continental breakfast. We had a great variety of food and lots of hungry people to feed. We made \$250.00 from this event. The proceeds from the breakfast were designated for the building fund.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



### PARISH CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME SEPTEMBER 14

As we begin a new year of programming at St. E's, we want to extend warm and hearty thanks to members of our Parish Choir.

The choir is a visible and active ministry at St. E's and a wonderful group of people who enjoy singing, growing, and worshipping together.

The choir continues an ambitious agenda of ministry and outreach, and new members are not only very welcome – new members are critical to our continued ministry. As a participant in this ministry, you can be assured of meaningful, caring relationships, significant spiritual opportunities, and a chance to make an important contribution in the life of our parish.

The Parish Choir practices each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for about an hour and fifteen minutes. Besides practicing anthems and hymns, we laugh together, celebrate together, learn together and even travel together. We participate in regular worship outreach to congregations throughout our diocese and beyond.

So, as we welcome our faithful members back to rehearsal, please consider joining us! No audition is necessary, and while experience with singing and reading music is helpful, it is not required.

I'm looking forward to welcoming you on Wed., September 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Jim Walsmith  
Director of Music

### BARTH-SANDERS GUILD TO MEET

The Barth-Sanders Guild will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing our future projects for the year, so members are asked to bring their ideas.

Anyone interested in joining the BSG is invited to attend this meeting. It will be Debbie Nelson's choice for lunch afterward.

### J.U.L.I.E.T.S.

**Just Unique Ladies Indulging Eating Talking Socially**

The J.U.L.I.E.T.S. will continue to go out to lunch on the third Saturdays of each month. Edna Scott has graciously invited us to her home on Sept. 17th. Please contact Debbie Nelson for more information.

**MEMBER NEWS/UPDATES:**

**BAPTISM**

Amita Lillian Keim  
August 21, 2011

**TRANSFER IN**

Christopher B. Martin

**DEATH**

Marie Cornelius



**September Birthdays**

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2-Joan Curd          | 12-Dennis Hawkins    |
| 3-Michelle McLachlan | 14-Mable Boskey      |
| 3-Helene Wilson      | 15-Mabry Ford        |
| 4-Mary Bush          | 15-Freda Boskey      |
| 5-Jim Pogue          | 15-Dawn Currica      |
| 5-Linda Stine        | 15-Chris Hadley      |
| 7-Jane Hemphill      | 16-Challon Gintz     |
| 8-Emily Cook         | 17-John Gintz        |
| 9-Ellen McGowan      | 18-Patricia Fleming  |
| 9-Cheryl Henderson   | 22-Jeanette McCrady  |
| 9-Michael Caldwell   | 22-Victoria McCoy    |
| 9-Carrie Paulo       | 22-Jo-jo Bynum       |
| 10-Dot Adams         | 24-Sam Teel          |
| 10-Penny Wiley       | 27-Connor Muse       |
| 10-Gary Hager        | 29-Judyth Wilson     |
| 10-Matt Meeks        | 30-Nancy Somodevilla |
| 12-Dwayne Byrd       | 30-Maggie Bonicelli  |
|                      | 30-Abigail Caldwell  |

**FINANCIALS, AS OF JULY 2011**

	Month	Budgeted	Year to Date	Total Budget
Pledge	\$29,443	\$26,174	\$184,217	\$314,093
Plate	\$ 1,155	\$ 917	\$ 9,144	\$ 11,000
Other	\$ 21	\$ 13	\$ 283	\$ 1,000
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$30,619</b>	<b>\$27,175</b>	<b>\$193,644</b>	<b>\$326,093</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,268</b>	<b>\$27,146</b>	<b>\$181,030</b>	<b>\$326,093</b>

Looking good!!! Thank you again for timely giving. It makes all the difference!!

-Carolyn Pruitt, Treasurer



**AUTO-DEBIT AVAILABLE**

If you have made your pledge to the Capital Campaign and would like to use our auto-debit system for your payments, please speak with Carolyn Pruitt or Jack Nelson.

**WEEKLY SUNDAY ATTENDANCE  
AUGUST 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.

- AUGUST 7, 2011 - 145**
- AUGUST 14, 2011 - 146**
- AUGUST 21, 2011 - 132**
- AUGUST 28, 2011 - 128**



**September Anniversaries**

- 3-Andy and Roberta Bush
- 3-John and Nancy Balestrini
- 6-Johnny and Molly Cosby
- 25-Chuck and Jeanne McMillen
- 29-Mabry and Kim Ford

**Help keep our church records current**

Please contact the church office at 372-2753, or email the office at: [cathyd06@bellsouth.net](mailto:cathyd06@bellsouth.net), to add, delete, or make changes to the church directory or your birthdates and/or anniversary information.

## 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*

### October

1-Daughters of the King  
1-United Housing Work Day  
2-Birthday Sunday/Blessing of the Animals  
4-Barth-Sanders Guild  
4-Worship Committee  
6-Healing Touch Ministry  
9-EpiscoPALS and EYC  
11-Building Committee, St. Mary's Guild  
14-Healing Touch Ministry  
15-JULIETS  
16-Diocesan Picnic  
18-Vestry Meeting  
20-Messenger Deadline  
21-23-St. Clare Silent Retreat  
22-Healing Touch Meeting  
22-Newcomer Dinner  
22-Newcomer Dinner  
23-EYC (4-6 pm)  
29-Healing Touch, St. Tabitha's Guild  
29-Trunk-or-Treat  
30-5th Sunday Sharing  
EfM Classes 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

### November

1-Barth-Sanders Guild  
3-Healing Touch  
5-Daughters of the King  
6-Birthday Sunday  
6-EYC  
8-Building Committee, St. Mary's Guild  
10-Healing Touch Ministry  
11-Pledge Ingathering  
15-Vestry Meeting  
17-Messenger Deadline  
19-Healing Touch Meeting  
19-Diocesan Convention  
19-JULIETS  
20-Advent Wreath Event  
20-EYC  
24-Thanksgiving  
26-Healing Touch Meeting  
26-St. Tabitha's Guild  
27-Advent 1  
  
EfM Classes 7, 14, 21, 28

Articles and announcements for *The Messenger* must be submitted no later the Thursday after vestry meeting. Information and announcements for a Sunday bulletin must be submitted by noon of the preceding Tuesday. All submissions must be signed with contact information in order to be considered for the Messenger or Bulletin. Please help us provide timely information to the parish.

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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