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THE PARISH LIFE

The monthly newsletter of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, Jackson Tennessee

FROM YOUR RECTOR... by the Reverend Sean Ferrell



is no exception. We've been through much change over the course of the past three years. I told you in my annual report that I would lead you through change, but that it would be nothing like those major changes incurred by the tornado and the split in our congregation. In fact, I told you that I couldn't begin to throw anything at you as big as those changes.

A change of merit was proposed by our Property Committee to the Vestry and me in the last month. That change is moving the Baptismal Font to the front of our worship space to the place where it was originally designed to be. Your Vestry unanimously supported this action, and I am very much in favor of such a move. Moving the furniture is a significant change and so I asked the Vestry to help me by corresponding the moving of the font with this article in the Parish Life so that I could let you know my thinking on the matter. And so friends, the font is moving at the beginning of March and here are my thoughts on the matter.

First off, the "theological rationale." Your interim rector made the case that having the font at the back of the nave is theologically significant and appropriate. There are many congregations who place the font in the back of their nave to remind themselves that it is through the waters of Baptism that we enter the church. That visual reminder is healthy. That is perfectly acceptable theology and having the font at the back of the nave as we've had since last fall is certainly appropriate. However, there is another school of thought. Other congregations have placed the font at the front of the church. Having the font at the front along with the Table points to the importance we give the two primary sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist. Each theological rationale is reasonable, respectable, and appropriate. In fact, I've heard two liturgical theologians (whom I respect greatly) say as much.

I can be swayed by either theological argument. However, there are other important practical matters to consider. A first practical consideration is the ability to see. I believe that it is much easier for the congregation to see a Baptism when the font is at the front of the nave, and being able to see a Baptism helps us to connect with and remember our own Baptism. That's why we bring our children in to watch every Baptism. Second, there is the additional difficulty that a font in the aisle adds; it can become an obstacle. It is easy to see how a font in the aisle can be an obstacle for a casket at a funeral or for a wheelchair bound individual. This wouldn't be a consideration if our aisles and our nave were both larger. In a large cathedral, it would be considerably easier to accommodate a font at the rear of the nave in the aisle, but our aisle simply isn't large enough for the size of our font. The result is that we have "left off" two rows of pews to accommodate the

Well, you knew it was coming... change. It's a natural part of the life of any congregation and ours

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ECW RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 A.M.—12:00 NOON

Remember that one man's junk is another man's treasure! When you are doing your spring cleaning, bring all your unused and unwanted treasures to the church for the annual rummage sale! Items can be stored upstairs in the old EYC room. Any large items we will try to work into the Parish Hall closet or the United Way Building. See you at the Sale.

Please have your sale items at the church by 4:30 p.m. on March 22nd. Proceeds of the sale will fund ECW projects throughout the year.

EASTER BRUNCH

This year's Easter Brunch will once again be prepared by Jimmy Harrison. Brunch will be served at 9:00 a.m. in the Commons. Jimmy's planned menu will include:

Fruit Medley with Poppy Seed Dressing
Country AM Eggs
Corn Pudding
Sausage Biscuits
Coffee-cooked Country Ham
Sunrise Parfaits
Assorted Pastries
Juice
Coffee

Please mark your calendars and enjoy a scrumptious meal with your St. Luke's family as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ our Savior.

PALM CROSS FOLDING

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

10:00 A.M. TILL NOON

Please mark your calendars and join us for our annual gathering for the folding of palm crosses in preparation for the Palm/Passion Sunday services. We will be folding crosses on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m to Noon in the Parish Hall.

FROM YOUR RECTOR...

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extra room needed, which leads me to my third consideration.

I believe that moving the font to the front of the Nave will allow us space to grow. Let me explain. I am told that we have remnants of pews not in use because of the current placement of the font. The folks at the Alban Institute (the church systems experts) tell us that once a worship space is 70% full that those new to a congregation will not see room for themselves. We are running at 75-80% full at our 10:30 a.m. service almost every Sunday. Moving the font to the front of the Nave will create room for two more rows of pews on each side in the back. We will be adding more pews from those remnants as soon as they are reconstructed, and my hope is that we can get them in before Easter.

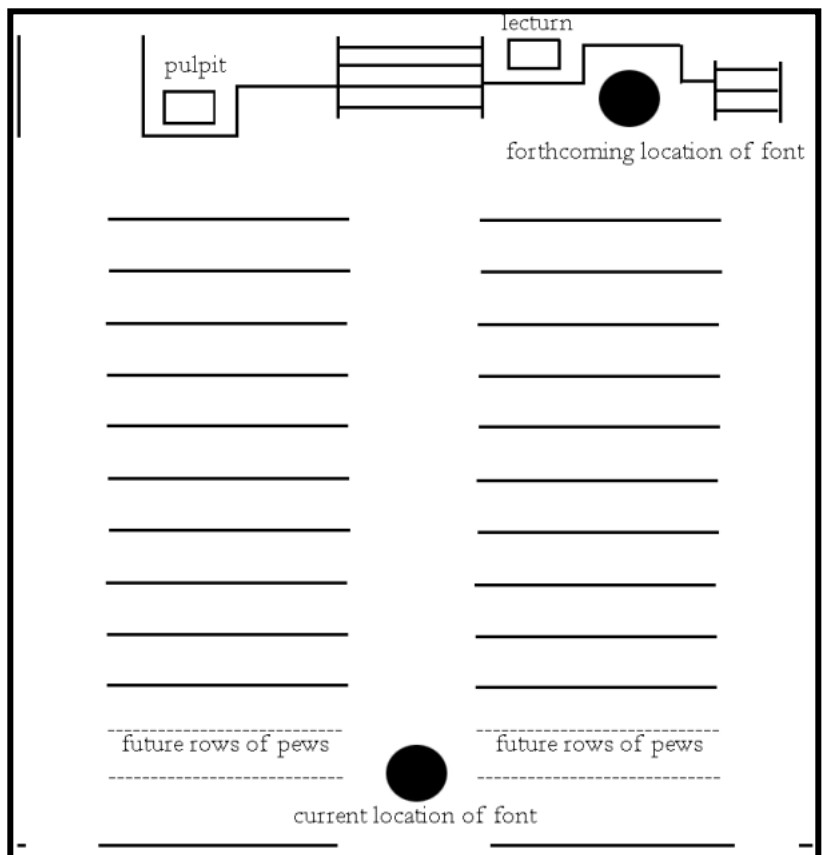
Remember the vision I cast at the annual meeting? "Loose around the edges. Solid at the core." I called us to reflect on ways that we are friendly and welcoming, and I invited us to ask ourselves if we were making space for those who are outside of this congregation. Friends, a great way to "make space for others who are outside" is to add additional space for others inside. Moving the font and adding the pews helps to accomplish just that. I have added a diagram below. It isn't to scale, but I think it might help you to help you visualize the change.

May Christ continue to change and shape us into his image as we continue to walk this pilgrim road of Lent toward the joy of the Resurrection.

Many blessings,



The Reverend Sean Ferrell, Rector



RECYCLE YOUR PAPER & ST. LUKE'S BENEFITS!

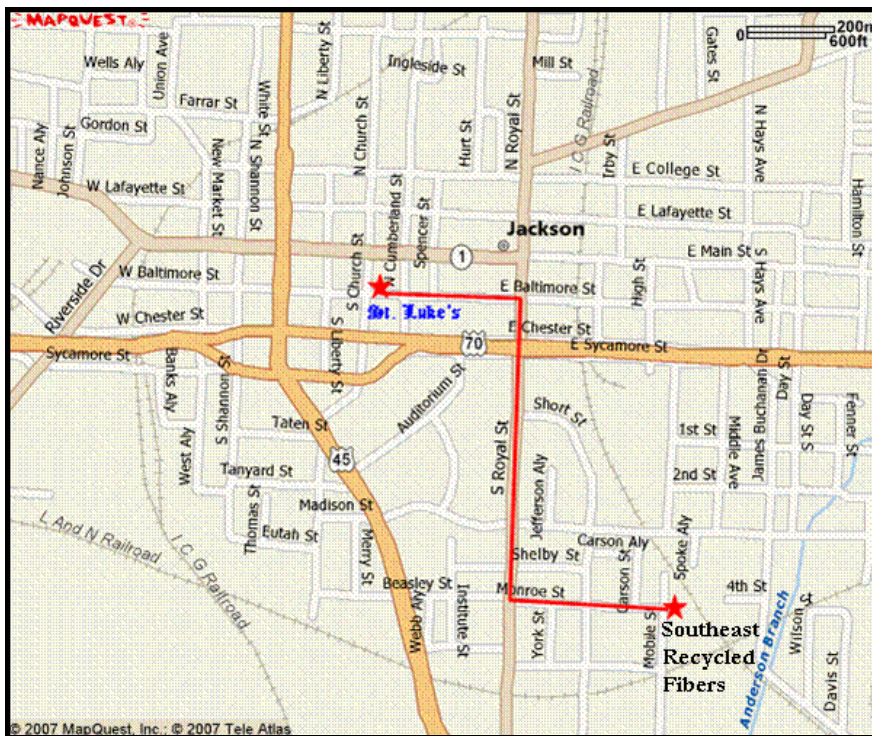
by Tommy Rhoads

In recent months, our parish office has begun recycling all paper products. Why? It is *a great practice of stewardship of God's creation*. Churches do create a lot of paper waste, what with service leaflets, meeting agendas, and so on. It only makes sense for us to recycle our paper.

In the U.S. paper products comprise the largest component of municipal solid waste, making up 31-38 percent of the composition of landfills. Paper accounts for over 40 percent of the trash people throw away each year and takes up the most room in landfills. In 2005 recyclers recovered 51.5 percent of the paper consumed in the U.S. This means that today, we recover over 51 million tons of paper and paper products for recycling annually. Over 73 percent of all old newspapers in the United States are recovered and recycled. But percentages aren't at all that high in the city of Jackson.

Waste Management, the collection contractor for the City of Jackson, no longer recycles municipal waste. **However, we do have a paper recycling center right down the street from St. Luke's.** Southeast Recycled Fiber, L.L.C., at 532 Mobile St. accepts all grades of paper, including magazines, newspapers, magazines, junkmail, cardboard, paper grocery bags, or any other paper products. Just load up your car with your paper products and drive onto Southeast's scales. Then the paper is unloaded and they re-weigh your car. It's just that easy.

Southeast Recycled Fibers is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. To get there, just drive south on Royal St., turn left on Monroe, and keep driving straight until you drive up on Southeast's scale. (See the map below.) Tell the attendant at the window you want your paper to go on St. Luke's account, and St. Luke's will receive compensation for the paper collected. Together, we can make an impact on the amount of trash going to our landfill, be better stewards of God's creation, and raise funds for our church too!



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EASTER EGG HUNT FOR KIDS

WITH

WINE & CHEESE FOR ADULTS

APRIL 8, 2007 AT 2 P.M.

Easter Sunday, please join us at the home of John and Braun Campbell, 63 Northacres, at 2:00 p.m. for a family Easter egg hunt along with a wine and cheese Easter celebration for the adults. For directions to the Campbell's, please see the bulletin board.



PASTORAL CARE SEMINAR

MARCH 4, 2007

2-3 P.M. IN THE COMMONS

Over the past few weeks, we have announced an upcoming seminar on Pastoral Care. Many have expressed interest in creating a group of lay-persons trained in the ministry of Pastoral Care to help support our clergy in reaching those who are hospitalized and homebound. If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please join us on Sunday, March 4th, from 2-3 p.m. in the Commons. The seminar will be led by The Reverend Deacon Nancy O'Shea, Chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, Memphis. There is still time to sign up for this seminar. For all who have already signed up, please mark your calendars.

MORE PASTORAL CARE NEWS

On Saturday, March 17, a speaker from Jackson Madison County General Hospital will talk with the Pastoral Care group that gathered March 4 from 10:00 a.m. until noon to share further information about visiting those in the hospital. Please mark this on your calendars!

BAPTISM DATE AHEAD...

The next service that will include Holy Baptisms is the Great Vigil of Easter - Saturday, April 7, at 7 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office if you have someone to be Baptized.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 2	George & Judy Plumb
March 15	Kenneth & Kathryn Newsom
March 22	Ron & Emily Canter
March 23	Jerry & Lynn White
March 25	Kirby & Marian Jones

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	George Pakis
March 3	Karen Lockwood
March 4	Ann Middleton
March 5	Gail Spruill
March 9	Ron Canter
March 9	Edward Hazlehurst
March 11	Larry Butler
March 13	Joel Payne
March 15	Lauren McCrudden
March 15	Irene Orzechowski
March 20	Michele Jackson
March 21	Cassidy Bruno
March 21	Kathryn Newsom
March 21	Jeremie Sparrow
March 22	Jay Campbell
March 23	Christopher Easley
March 26	Frank Long
March 27	Jean Chandler
March 27	Kenneth Newsom
March 27	George Plumb
March 29	Fred Bowyer
March 30	James Craig
March 30	Crittenden Currie
March 30	John Foxx
March 30	Gus Middleton
March 31	Crit Currie

ST. LUKE'S HISTORY LESSON

by Bruce Hamilton

The photo to the right is of three stained glass windows. A full color copy hangs in the hall outside the parish office. The image is blurry, but prior to the tornado, these three windows hung where the exit sign under the balcony now sits. This is the last known photograph of these windows. If you are aware of another copy, please contact the church office.



The window to the right was given in memory of Eliza Geddy

Fenner Vaulx. Eliza was a familiar face at St. Luke's in her day until her death in 1845. Her family, the Richard Fenner family, settled Cotton Grove. Eight of our eighteen founders were of this Fenner family. Eliza's daughters were among the first to be married in our Nave. Her son, James Jr., was the first parishioner from St. Luke's to be ordained to the Priesthood.

Later this summer the story of the founders of St. Luke's Church will be published by the Hamiltons and Janie Giles Carp.

MOTHERS GROUP MEETING AT ST. LUKE'S

by Kiezha Ferrell

Are you a Stay At Home Mom? Or a mom who works but has time during the day with her kids? Beginning in April, St. Luke's will be hosting the monthly meeting for the Jackson area Stay At Home Moms group, which is organized through a popular web site, meetup.com. This group of mothers and young children meets on the first Thursday of each month for playtime, coffee and conversation. Members also organize other opportunities for gathering almost every week, such as going to the playground or park or car pooling to the zoo. They also have regular "Girls Night Out" events to give stay-at-home-moms an opportunity for a break and a monthly book club at which children are encouraged to attend and play while the book is discussed.

Forest Heights United Methodist was the former host for the group, but since the church runs a daytime preschool program, they didn't have nursery facilities available for the mothers' group. With our beautiful nursery sitting empty virtually every morning, it seemed logical to offer the space to them and they are very excited and appreciative of the offer. Allowing community-interest groups to use space in our building helps support worthwhile groups and allows us to be introduced to a group of people who may never have been inside an Episcopal Church.

Members of the Moms group are very supportive of one another and can be excellent resources for everything from pinch-hit babysitting to advice on dealing with a difficult toddler. If you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about the SAHMs meetup group, please don't hesitate to contact Gina Wade, the meetup.com organizer, at ginawade@gmail.com or, for a St. Luke's participant, you can contact Kiezha Ferrell at 426-5803. You can also formally join the group at www.meetup.com, which gives you access to discussion boards and future plans.

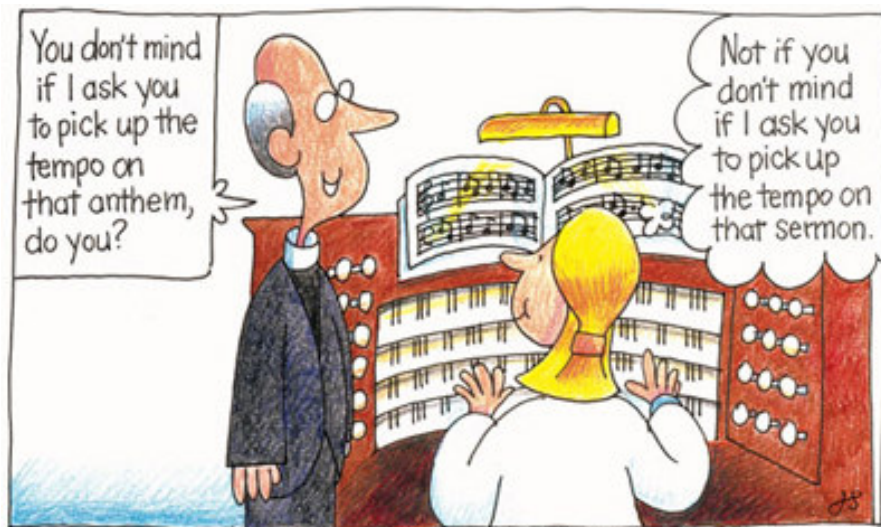
MISSION COMMITTEE - *What Could You Do With \$5?*

by Susan Francisco

The parable of the talents from Matthew's Gospel tells of a master who was leaving his home to travel, and before going gave his three servants different amounts of money. On returning from his travels, the master asked his servants for an account of the money given to them. The first servant reported that he was given five talents, and made five talents more. The master praised the servant as being good and faithful, gave him more responsibility. The second servant said that he'd received two talents, and made two more. The master praised this servant, and gave him more responsibility. The last servant who'd received one talent reported that knowing his master was a hard man, and so he buried his talent in the ground for safekeeping, and therefore returned the original amount to his master. The master called him a wicked and lazy servant, saying that he should have placed the money in the bank to generate interest and commanded that the one talent be taken away from that servant, and given to the servant with ten talents, because everyone that has much will be given more, and whoever that has a little, even the little that he has will be taken away.

The Mission Committee invites you to participate in a "Living Parable of the Talents." Each person will be given \$5. Your job, to see what you can do with \$5. One could buy shoe polishing supplies and polish shoes for a fee. Make a cake and sell it. Pat Craig is making sweet pickles out of dill pickles and will offer them for sale. Let your imagination or entrepreneurial spirit come up with an idea.

The \$5 will be available at the office during the week or from Susan Francisco. Please plan to turn in your earnings by Easter. Funds raised will go towards our El Hogar Mission trip in April. Contact Susan Francisco for more information at 664-9049.



You don't mind if I ask you to pick up the tempo on that anthem, do you?

Not if you don't mind if I ask you to pick up the tempo on that sermon.

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THE MARCH ALTAR CANDLES

are given to the glory of God
by Virginia Kemp

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

If you are not receiving "Church News," the diocesan newspaper, and would like to be added to their mailing list, please contact the Parish Office at 424-0556.

Due to the upcoming Easter celebrations, please note that all information for the April "Parish Life" should be turned in no later than Tuesday, March 15th.

THANK YOU

Special thanks to Kendrick Floral for the lovely table decorations for the Celebration of New Ministry. Also, many thanks to Donna Boren, Mary Anne Barbour and Carol Thompson for all their hard work preparing the wonderful meal. Thanks also to everyone who were presenters or served in some other capacity to make February 3rd a wonderful day.

LENTEN SUPPERS

This year's Wednesday Night Lenten Suppers began February 28th at 6:00 p.m. Each week will feature a different speaker and different cooks! On March 7th Bishop Johnson will be our speaker and the Literary Guild will prepare the meal. Other groups scheduled to prepare meals are as follows: March 14—Altar Guild, March 21—ECW, March 28—Vestry. Mark your calendars and be sure to sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Ben and Monica Harris
on the birth of their new daughter
Riley Morgan Harris
born Sunday, February 25, 2007.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO...

Marion Jones and family
whose brother Chad Core entered
the nearer presence of Christ on January 14.

EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN OF TENNESSEE

61ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 17, 18, 19, 2007
DUBOSE CONFERENCE CENTER
MONTEAGLE, TENNESSEE

All Episcopal Laymen of the Dioceses of East Tennessee, Tennessee, and West Tennessee are cordially invited to attend this year's Conference, the theme for which is "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Come and hear the Youth Orchestra of the Church of the Holy Spirit and the Childrens Choir of St. George's Church. Hear the Rt. Rev. Leo Frade talk about Our Little Roses in Honduras, Dr. Scott Howard talk about the work of St. Jude Childrens' Research Hospital, and Chris Newlin talk about the work of the National Childrens' Advocacy Center and the need for childrens' advocates. Bring your parish banners and participate in the Procession of Banners on Friday night as we open the Friday Evening Session singing "Lift high the Cross".

Please make your plans to attend. Bring guests. Enjoy a wonderful week-end on the Mountain with friends from all over the State of Tennessee.



EYC SCHEDULE

March 4	5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Living Light—Each person bring something he/she wants to get rid of.
March 11	5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
March 18	5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt
March 25	5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Prepare for Christ
April 1	5:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Help stuff Easter Eggs
April 8	No EYC

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE HOUSE!

by Kiezha Ferrell

Most people think that Fridays are pretty fabulous, and the Jackson Downtown Development Corporation has capitalized on the sentiment by organizing a monthly downtown event called "Fabulous Friday". Held on the last Friday of every month, the event showcases downtown businesses and offers special programming, including art openings, special sales (including a free beer!) and even murder mystery dinner theater.

So what's missing from this fun event? We are! As vital members of the downtown community, St. Luke's will be participating in the March Fabulous Friday by transforming the Commons Room into "Holy Grounds Coffeehouse" from 8 to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 30. We have secured the talents of parishioner the Rev. Dr. Gene Davenport, professor of religion at Lambuth University and professionally recorded western musician, to offer live music during the coffee house, and will be serving simple coffee drinks and H.R.H. Dumplin's desserts.

The JDDC estimates that during the winter months they have seen between 100 and 200 additional people in the downtown area for Fabulous Friday and expect that number to increase significantly as the weather improves. This is a "fabulous" opportunity to showcase our parish's outstanding new facilities, as well as nurture our church neighborhood. All of the participating downtown businesses will be featured in the press release distributed by the JDDC and flyers showcasing special events will be posted all over the area.

We welcome donations of your time, talent and prayers to this event. We will need volunteers of all ages to help serve food and drinks, as well as set up and decorate for the event. Come out and show Jackson how fabulous St. Luke's and its parishioners really are!

For more information on this event and to volunteer, please contact Larry Greer (695-8680) or Kiezha Ferrell (426-5803).

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

by Larry Greer

The hospitality committee at St. Luke's oversees the external witness of our congregation, seeking to raise the profile of our congregation in the community and draw others in, and seeks to help facilitate a positive experience for those who are new to the congregation. This committee has a number of activities and projects planned. Many opportunities for service are available. If you are interested in helping, please call the church office or email Larry Greer at larrygreer@aeneas.net.

SPECIAL THANKS TO...

...George Plumb for assembling and mailing the newsletter.
...Norma Greer, Evelyn Kipp, Carol Thompson, Debbie Torstrick, George Plumb, Angela Williams, Bruce Hamilton and Dolores Moore for helping in the office.
...George Plumb for assembling and mailing *The Parish Life*.
...the EYC, Lee Sparks and Melissa Moore for preparing the Pancake Supper.
...The Borens for hosting the Super Bowl Party.
...The Whites for hosting the EYC Super Bowl Party.

THE JACKSON SYMPHONY PRESENTS STRING MASTERCLASS AT ST. LUKE'S

On Friday, March 9, The Jackson Symphony will sponsor a string master class under the direction of David Kim, Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra. The class will be held at the Parish Hall of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 309 E. Baltimore, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.. Five West Tennessee violin and viola students have been selected to perform for the class. The public is invited to observe the "mini-lesson" as Mr. Kim offers suggestions and techniques to improve performance.

David Kim is an internationally renowned violinist. He has been the concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra since 1999, and an active soloist with many orchestras including Dallas, Pittsburgh, Korea, and Moscow. Mr. Kim was the only American to capture a prize at the 1986 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, and in 1990 was a prize winner at the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from The Juilliard School. He devotes a great deal of his time every year to educating young people, presenting master classes annually at the Manhattan School of Music and the Curtis Institute, as well as many other institutions.

West Tennessee music students and teachers are encouraged to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Admission to the class is FREE. Mr. Kim will perform Tchaikovsky's masterful Violin Concerto with The Jackson Symphony on Saturday, March 10th, at 7:30 PM at the Carl Perkins Civic Center. General admission tickets are \$12 for students or seniors, and \$20 for adults. Tickets are available through the Symphony office, or online at www.TheJacksonSymphony.org. If you'd like more information about this concert or to schedule an interview with Mr. Kim or any of the students participating in the master class, please call Lynn White at 731-427-6440 or email Lynn White at jso@aeneas.net

NEWS FROM THE NURSERY

by Amy Craig

In an effort to simplify your Sunday morning, the nursery staff would like to offer parents the opportunity to store some baby essentials in the nursery. If you would like to bring a few diapers, an extra bottle, pacifiers, or whatever your child may need, please bring those items to church and we will store them for you. Please put your child's name on all items. The nursery does keep a supply of diaper wipes, extra diapers in various sizes, snacks and juice, and disposable sippy cups.

MORE NURSERY NEWS

by the Reverend Sean Ferrell

You may have noticed a new face in the nursery. In December, I hired our own Bryghte Godbold, a high school junior and long-time member of Saint Luke's to be our new permanent Nursery attendant. She has good bit of childcare experience and has been doing a fabulous job these past few months. In fact, my 15 month old son Cian is thoroughly enjoying his weekly nursery experience! A special thank you to Bryghte for taking such great care of our youngest parishioners!

RIFA SNACK-BACK-PACK

MARCH NEEDS

Oatmeal Packets
Microwave Popcorn
Canned Soup
Full Size Canned Ravioli
Cereal Bars
Small Cans of Fruit
Individual Packs of Raisins

Please bring your items to church and place them on the table outside the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Braun Campbell at 265-8223.



USHER ORIENTATION

An orientation and training for ushers will be held on Tuesday, March 27th, at 5:30 PM by Jim Bevis. This session will be for current and new ushers. Please consider this ministry which is vital to our welcoming church community. If you would like to serve but cannot attend this session, a follow-up session will be scheduled. If you are interested in being an usher for the first time, or for more information, please contact Jim Bevis at 421-9905.

THE CHOIR NEEDS YOUR VOICE!

If you like to sing, please consider becoming a part of St. Luke's choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM and on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. We are particularly seeking more men's voices for the choir. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Larry Greer at 668-5058 or email at larry-greer@aeneas.net.

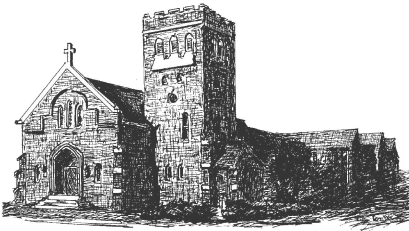
RECRUITING MORE ACOLYTES

St. Luke's is looking for a few good young men and women to serve as acolytes in our acolyte program. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Tommy Rhoads at 660-1530 or email him at tommyrhoads@yahoo.com.



THE CELEBRATION OF OUR NEW MINISTRY TOGETHER

Photos by Mike Booher



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