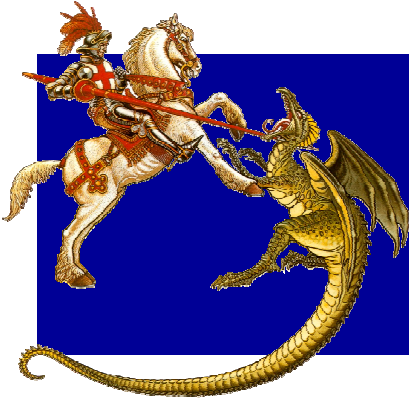


Spring 2008

St. George's Episcopal Church



# The Lance

*Gather, Discover, Serve*

2425 South Germantown Road  
Germantown, TN 38138  
(901) 754-7282

## Normal Service Schedule

8am Holy Eucharist I  
9am Breakfast  
10am Holy Eucharist II  
11:15am Children's Sunday School  
11:30am Adult Education  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist II

*St. George's Nursery is available in the mornings for infants and children through age 3*



## A FEAST OF FELLOWSHIP

Dear Friends, Our Mission Statement is *"We gather at God's table. We share a journey of discovery. We rejoice in serving others through the grace of God in Christ."* The first, "Gather," refers to bonds of unity and fellowship. Psalm 133 says it with feeling: *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to*

*dwell together in unity!"* The next verse adds: *"It is like the precious oil upon the head, coming down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, coming down upon the edge of his robes."* St. George's has experienced both lately: We have had some times of notable dining ("oil upon the beard," if you will) at the Seder dinner, the April Family Night, and the Parish Picnic, each attended by over 100 people. Last week Bishop Johnson was here to celebrate recent "Feasts of Fellowship," where the oil was the Oil of Chrismation, and was on the forehead, not the beard.

At Bishop Johnson's Visitation, twenty eight persons were Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed their Baptismal Vows.

- On May 21, St. George's will present another group of 15 at Grace-St. Luke's, midtown.
- Since January 1, we have received Letters of Transfer for another 25 People.
- Our average Sunday Attendance is about 250, up 27% over last year.
- The names of the folks mentioned above are in "From the Parish Register," further below. (*You may wish to learn how people are welcomed into the Episcopal Church by going to "About Us / Membership" in the parish website or call the Parish Office.*)

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*Bishop Johnson approaches the altar during his visit on April 27.*

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Parishioners gather in one of St. George's meeting rooms for Christian Education after regular services.

In these ways we celebrate relationships with Christ and His Church. Increasing numbers are a sign that God in his Word, Jesus, is touching people's lives: "And the word of God was increasing in power; and the number of the disciples ...became very great..." (Acts 6:7). We are members of the Body of Christ in order to extend the power of his Presence, but not as when we become members of a growing club, but as we become the hands, feet and voice of Christ. There is great blessing in being an agent of God, whether in a large church or a small one.

An Orthodox theologian made a telling observation which may unfortunately characterize some Christians' self-understanding. "We sometimes see the West acting as if the Church were an institution dispensing sacraments. For us in the East the Church is a Sacrament embodied in institutions." Even if our numbers grow, Sacrament, Mystery, Relationship and Mission come before Institution. But on the other hand, our relationship with God, primarily a Sacramental reality, is embodied in institutional, incarnational, ministry: "Inasmuch as you have not done it to

one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you have not done it to me." (Matt. 25:44).

We have an unofficial motto at St. George's: "No spectators." St. George's is mission oriented -- we have just created a position of Administrator of Mission and Ministry -- otherwise we would become an Institution first and only. When we make offerings we do so not to meet the needs of an institution, but to fulfill our vocation to serve. We worship not with words primarily, but with gifts, like the Magi: gifts of time, talent and treasure, gifts of service, which represent our selves. We are not essentially consumers of religion; we don't belong to a church primarily "to get something out of it" (although we do receive God's blessing). We gather as givers, as stewards, to learn the mysterious ways of the Giver of all Good, to extend his touch and the power of his word. We feast on fellowship. We Gather, Discover, and Serve.

Rev'd Gary K. Sturni

## Giving Tree Offers Chance to Support Our Sister Preschool, El Centro Infantil Child Development Center

### Pluck A Leaf From The Tree And Help Those Less Fortunate

St. George's is proud to be growing our relationship with the people of San Miguel de Allende as part of our international outreach focus. The first mission trip, scheduled for June 20-30, will be dedicated to helping with construction and furnishings of our sister preschool. We know that not everyone has the resources to make the trip, but we want everyone to have the opportunity to participate, so.....

Our Outreach Committee presents:



#### THE GIVING TREE

Help us purchase furnishings for our informal partner preschool, El Centro Infantil Child Development Center in San Miguel Allende. Select a furnishing from the tree and provide a donation. Our members, led by Jon Rindin, who are going on our Mission Trip in June will be assembling, painting and installing the furnishings at the Preschool.

So far, the generosity of our members and friends has enabled us to purchase 22 children's chairs, 1 teacher's chair, 3 child's tables, 1 bookshelf, 1 playhouse and school supplies. Items still available on our giving tree are 18 children's chairs (which can be purchased individually or in groups of 2 or 3), 2 teacher's chairs, 9 children's tables, 3 teacher's tables, 2 bookshelves, 1 principal's desk and school supplies.





SATURDAY EVENING

MAY 10, 2008

7:30 PM



APPRECIATION CONCERT

*Secular and Sacred Music*

Free Admission

Reception to Follow

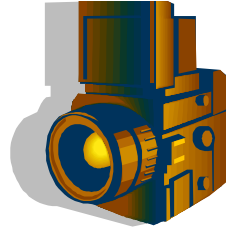
Please call 901-754-7282

for nursery reservations or additional information.

## Make-Up Day For Directory

*Pictures will be taken on May 15*

Were you one of the ones who missed the chance to get your photo taken for St. George's first photo directory? Well if so, you now have another opportunity. Make-Up Day for photos will be May 15 at Germantown Presbyterian Church (right across the street from St. George's).



**To sign up, just call 1-800-845-1157.**

You will not be able to sign up online as before, but signing up over the phone is quick and painless. Please, do not call the church office or the Presbyterian Church to make your appointment. Appointments are handled directly by Olan Mills at the number above.

But what if you can't make the Make-Up Day either? Well, all hope is not lost. Simply have someone with a quality camera take your picture and mail it to Logan Walker at the Church Office. You may also go to a professional photographer and have your picture taken. Just get a copyright release form (the photographer will know what it is) and bring it to Logan along with your picture.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Logan at [communications@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:communications@stgeorgesgermantown.org)

## Welcome Some of Our New Members



We rejoice in the new additions to our church family, by confirmation, reception or reaffirmation, following the first confirmation visit by Bishop Johnson to our new church home, on Sunday, April 27:

Laura Adkins  
Will Adkins  
David Anderson  
Matt Bernard  
Charles Bettendorf  
Jim Haddon  
Artem Haight  
Louise Hays  
Alex Livesay  
Barret Livesay  
David & Rebecca  
Mattox  
James Moyer

Andrew Murphy  
Josh Patterson  
Eric & Kathy Remsen  
Jon & Cindy Rindin  
Evelyn Rossman  
Bill & Joy Routt  
Tim & Norma Jean  
Ryan  
Tony & Jessica Sperry  
Katie Timmerman  
Stacy Townsend

# Memorials & Gifts

## 2008

### Building Fund

- Mr. & Mrs. Charles Moreton in honor of Sylvia & Leigh Williams
- Mrs. Virginia Stephens (two Hymnals)
- Mr. Craig Thompson in memory of Ednamae & Ralph Thompson (restoration and backlighting of the round stained glass window from the former Chapel)
- Helen O'Brien in honor of Kenneth and Barbara Wied

### Music Memorial Fund

- Lana Prescott in memory of Pat Gill
- Eileen & Tom Fields in memory of Pat Gill
- Jeffrey T. Gross
- Stan and Glynis Sampson
- Renee Clark Guibao in honor of Linda Miller
- Ms. Mary Martindale Cifuni in honor of Mrs. Susan Morano Campbell
- Jan and George Hume in honor of the marriage of Patricia Powell and John Greelan
- Pam, Jerry, Geoff and Brooke Ehrhart in honor of the marriage of Patricia Powell and John Greelan

### Organ Fund

- Jan & George Hume in memory of Pat Gill

### Memorial Fund

- Ms. Renee Guibao in memory of Virginia Clark
- Mary and Margaret Boaz in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Pete and Barbara Hookings
- Anne Frances Smith in memory of Lou West
- Laura Ford Clayton in memory of Lou West
- Bette Bush in honor of The Rev. Gary Sturni
- Banks and Anne Leonard

### To the Altar Guild in memory of Nancy O'Connell

- Ms. Sylvia S. Gayden
- Tom and Carol McFadden
- Ann Randolph
- Ms. Marjorie West Horner
- Ms. Kay S. Clark
- Jean Peyton
- Kit Decker
- Mary Boaz
- Jeanne B. Knox
- Martha Gardner
- Marion and Don Rossman
- Louise Deans



### Gospel Book

- Van and Janet Beasy
- Deborah Belote
- Caroline Brown
- Dennis and Janice Johnston
- Sara Sullivan
- Susan Hailey
- Dorothy Oliver
- Cleo Taylor

### To the Friends of Music

- Martha Gardner in memory of Pat Gill
- Mary Boaz in memory of Pat Gill
- Stan and Glynis Sampson in memory of Jeannine Newcombe
- Charles L. Bell, Jr.
- Margie Schacht in memory of Jane and Paul Schacht
- Andrew Inglis
- Frank Cortese in memory of Ann Petrone

- H. David Shepard, III
- Van Beasy in memory of Sweetness
- Tim and Pam Key
- Amy and Jim Morse in memory of Dr. William Edwin Powell
- Gary and Cindy Sturni in memory of Pat Gill
- Verlinda Henning in memory of Pat Gill
- Kit Decker in memory of Pat Gill
- Wes and Paige Hoover in honor of James and Judith Freeman
- John and Judith Webb in honor of Don and Anne Harrington
- Angela Saunders in honor of the St. George's Choirs
- Mr. and Mrs. Roger Buckmaster in honor of Mr. and Mrs. David George
- Homer Beaudoin in honor of Jim and Judith Freeman
- Margie Schacht in honor of Angela Saunders
- Liz and Tom Baker in honor of Lise van Stolk and Gus Wadlington
- Kit Decker
- Anne and Don Harrington
- Mrs. Evelyn Rossman
- Don and Marion Rossman
- Pete and Thelma Pinckney
- Jim and Judy Freeman
- Manette Page
- Laura Williams
- J. W. and Emily McAllister
- Ms. Jean McDonald
- The Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Crook
- Mrs. Margaret W. Townsend
- Caroline Brown
- Charlotte and Tim Hayes
- Jeff and Carolyn Jones
- Ms. Ann M. Frogge
- Nelda Griffith
- Mark and Lise van Stolk
- Ms. Emelyn Joyner
- Mrs. Charles L. Bell
- Charlotte Hayes
- Ms. Helen Walch
- Bill and Mary Thorsberg
- Fred and Nancy Romine

## Lancers to Meet Fri. May 9 at Pinckney Home

### *Hosts/ Volunteers Needed for Future Lancer Meetings*

Lancers will meet on May 9 at Pete & Thelma Pinckney's home. Social hour will start at 6:30 pm with a potluck dinner to start at 7:30 pm. The Pinckneys' phone number is 901-853-9338.

Lancers is the adult social group of St. George's. All are welcome at this monthly gathering of friends in a setting that is "just a party". As Cyd Mosteller, Lancers chair, will be out of the country through May 7, please contact the church office or the Pinckneys for further information.

The June meeting of the Lancers will take place at the home of Curtis and Anne Higgins. More details to come.

Like to meet people? Love to entertain but not cook the whole meal? Then hosting Lancers (the adult fellowship group of St. George's) may be just the thing for you! Hosts are needed for the July/August/September gatherings, held on the second Friday evening of the month. If you'd like to volunteer, or learn more about this, contact Cyd Mosteller at 767-3322 or email [cydmos@aol.com](mailto:cydmos@aol.com).



*Fr. Gary Sturni presents Herdsman's Awards to Helen O'Brien, Richard Riley, Jeff Jones, Charlie Bancroft and Tom Griffith, Usher Chair.*

## Flying Solo to Meet May 16

Flying Solo is a Single Women's Group open to all women at St. George's. The May 16 meeting will be held at the home of . . .

Sara Sullivan  
320 W. White Rd. (East off Byhalia Rd.)  
Collierville, TN  
854-7713

For further info, please contact Cyd Mosteller (after May 7th) at [cydmos@aol.com](mailto:cydmos@aol.com). Social hours starts at 6:30 pm with dinner to follow at 7:15 pm. Please bring your own beverage.

## Chandelier Dedicated to The Glory of God

### *Symbolic of The Light of Christ, Chandelier Marks Complete Narthex*



Saturday evening, April 19, the narthex chandelier at St. George's Episcopal Church was dedicated to the glory of God. The huge, custom-crafted lighting fixture was designed and built by Viggo Rambusch at the Rambusch Studios in New York. The parent company, Rambusch Decorating Company was founded in 1898 by Danish-born Frode Rambusch, and has been internationally renowned for over a century for their lighting, ecclesiastical arts, art glass and metal work for churches and public buildings. Viggo Rambusch, nephew of the founder, was also the project manager for the FDNY Memorial Wall erected in 2006 to commemorate the firemen and others who lost their lives during the tragedy of 9/11.

Viggo Rambusch, a professional Member of the American Society of Interior Design and a Fellow of the Illuminating Engineering Society, was the lighting consultant for the illumination system for the new St. George's church. His design for the narthex chandelier is of red oak and metal to match the soaring trusses and other woodwork featured throughout the church. The chandelier is designed with arches which mimic the arches throughout the nave. The fixture's up lighting casts shadows on the massive trusses which can be seen from Germantown Road as well as from

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*Father Gary Sturni is pictured with Stuart and Angela Wilkinson who donated the chandelier in honor of their grandchildren: Emma, Andrew and Charlie Datch.*

within. The down lighting creates light and shadows in the narthex to enhance the beauty of that space in which worshipers gather. The height at which the chandelier is hung creates the effect of a ceiling in the vast height of the narthex. The design and placement of this unique fixture completes the overall design of this awe-inspiring worship space by James Williamson, FAIA, architect.

The chandelier is a gift to St. George's Episcopal Church from Stuart and Angela Wilkinson and was given in honor of their grandchildren: Emma, Andrew and Charlie Datch. The children traveled from Washington, DC with their parents, Rachael and Demetri Datch, to be present with their proud grandparents, family and friends from St. George's for this very special occasion. Stuart Wilkinson served as Chairman of the Building Completion Fund and it is through the hard work of Stuart and his committee that funds were raised for the beautiful gifts and liturgical furnishings which adorn the church. A clarinet and organ concert, featuring Carina Washington and Dr. Angela Saunders and hosted by St. George's Friends of Music followed the dedication on this evening of celebration.

~ Kit Decker

## From the Parish Register Since January 1, 2008

### Received by Letter of Transfer:

- Karla & Charlotte Albertson, from Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis
- Sarah Bernard, from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Signal Mountain, Tennessee
- William, Sarah, Charles, Lauren & Luke Bettendorf, from St. Mary's Church, Fetcham, Surrey, England
- Richard & Cari Brose, from St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, McDonough, Georgia
- John, Kathryn & Wesley Carter, from Grace-St. Luke's, Memphis
- Alexis & Laura Feo-Fernandez, from All Saints, Boise, Idaho
- Louise Hayes, from St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis
- Chris, Mary, Alex, Charlotte & Barret Livesay, from Calvary, Memphis
- Bill & Margie Mayers, from St. Peter's, Oxford, Mississippi
- Thomas & Susan O'Donnell, from St. John's, Ocean Springs, Mississippi
- George & Gerri Parsley, from Grace Church, Casanova, Virginia
- Eric & Kathy Remsen, from Emmanuel Memorial, Champaign, Illinois
- George & June Scrivener, from Church of the Redeemer, Germantown
- Cynthia Dabney Stevens, from Grace-St. Luke's, Memphis
- Brent L. Wegner, from Church of the Good Shepherd, Maitland, Florida

### Letters of Transfer Given:

- Mark Dennett, to St. Catherine's, Temple Terrace, Florida
- John & Vivian Driscoll, to The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, Dallas, Texas
- Scott & Jake Hadley, to St. George and Matthias, Chicago, Illinois
- Sara Jane Bell Stewart Jamieson, Christopher McCall Jamieson and Sara Kathryn Jamieson, to St. Andrew's, Collierville
- Patricia Powell, to St. Mary's Cathedral, Memphis
- David Roosa, to St. John's, Tampa, Florida
- James & Katherine Russell, to St. Andrew's, Collierville
- William & Elizabeth Schwindt, to Church of the Holy Apostles, Collierville
- Charles & Elizabeth Ann Swenson, to All Saints, Winter Park, Florida
- Anne & Emily Dennett Weaver, to St. Luke's, Mobile, Alabama

### Received by Holy Baptism:

- Javier Feo-Fernandez
- Genevieve Remsen
- Angeline Stott
- Ben Stott

### Received from another Communion:

- John Stott

### Received by Holy Confirmation:

- Angeline Stott
- Cindy Rindin
- David Mattox
- Katie Timmerman
- Josh Patterson
- Will Adkins
- Charles Bettendorf
- Drew Murphy
- Barret Livesay
- Charlotte Livesay
- Artem Haight

### Baptisms

- James David Anderson
- Max Rindin
- Lola Rindin
- Jeffrey James Moyer
- Javier Feo-Fernandez
- Alexandra Case Stott
- Evan Richard Stott

### Marriages

- Sophiah Hamidi to James David Anderson

### Deaths

- Virginia Hunt Clark on 1/19/08
- Lucien Beck West on 2/9/08
- Robert Michael Kuykendall on 3/10/08
- Scott Douglas Patterson on 4/17/08

# Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Upcoming Events, All Are Welcome

## *Proceeds From May's Event Will Go to Support Cancer Research & Advocacy*

### May:

Thursday, May 29 @ 6:30 pm at Fino Villa in Collierville. The Brotherhood will be hosting a dinner and beer-tasting for anyone interested. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. There will be a fee, but no amount has been set as of yet. *All proceeds from this event will go to benefit Relay for Life.* Relay for Life is an advocacy group that represents cancer survivors and victims in both the political and medical community. Cancer has had a major impact not only on our community, but also right here in our Parish. Please come out and support Relay. More information will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact Logan Walker at [communications@stgeorgesgermantown.org](mailto:communications@stgeorgesgermantown.org)

### June:

Sunday the 15th after the service: Father's Day Jazz Brunch on the Apperson Terrace. Jim Haddon is chairing this event. He can be contacted at [jhaddon10@comcast.net](mailto:jhaddon10@comcast.net) Jim is looking for volunteers.

### July:

Wednesday the 16th @ 7:00pm at Jim Morse's residence: Brotherhood Bible & Burger Night. Jim's house: 8441 Sandy Berry Cove, Germantown. (901) 756-5849 home (901) 230-1388 cell [At this event, we will have food prepared in advance, in order to facilitate a quicker meal for the guys and less of a delay before our speaker. We will "Pass The Hat" with a suggested \$10.00 donation, which should be sufficient to supply all food items and beverages for the Brotherhood.



*This Year's Annual Parish Picnic and Crawfish Boil was hosted by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. If you are new to St. George's, do not miss a great opportunity to meet new people. If you are not so new, just come out anyways. Good friends, food and fun; what more could you want?*

## Bookshoppe News

### *Mom's Perfect Gift Is At The Church Bookstore*

Since Mother's Day is May 11, just around the corner, we have listed below a few of our recommendations for gift giving on this special day:

- Sarah Bettendorf's fabulous crystal and sterling silver jewelry which includes rings, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets. She will take special orders if you do not see exactly what you want.
- Wall Crosses for any room in the house.
- Any one of Fr. Dennis Maynard's Magnolia series books.
- Sterling Silver cross necklace.
- A signed piece of Agnes Stark's pottery.
- Book of Common Prayer in genuine leather, with her name embossed on the front
- Signed Raku Tiles by Lester Jones
- Jan Karon's latest book HOME TO HOLLY SPRINGS



A very good-looking church themed note paper featuring St. George's Church has just been added to our inventory. The artist/photographer, Mary Stubbs, has captured various indoor scenes and one outdoors of the old oak tree lined up with, and framed by, the arches of the church. You must see these to truly appreciate the camera work, the quality of paper involved and the artistry of Mary Stubbs.

## The Art of the Icon Exhibit Comes to St. George's *Creator of St. George's Own Icon Shares Other Works of Art (June 1-July 30)*

American artist, Mary Jane Miller, who makes her home in San Miguel de Allende, GTO, Mexico and Sante Fe, New Mexico, will have an exhibit of her work at the St. George's Art Gallery inside of St. George's Episcopal Church. The exhibit will open June 1 and continue until July 30.

Ms. Miller was commissioned to create the Icon of St. George, which hangs prominently in the nave at St. George's, as a memorial for former parishioner Betty McCall. The icon was created using traditional materials and artistry in egg tempera and repousse. Ms. Miller is an experienced iconographer who has worked for ten years in egg tempera and 23k gold leaf, a technique which dates back to the Egyptian mummy portraiture. With her partner and fellow artist, they have added repousse to their icon work which adds hammered and engraved silver or pewter to the border of icons.



Ms. Miller sought out the expertise of her life-long partner, Gomez, to elaborate on what had become a fascination with all techniques involved in iconography throughout history. She says she is challenged and fascinated with the icons' intrinsic and mystical elements. "Combining the physical painting and a life of prayer enables us to explore and enter into our relationship with God and His creation. The discipline of iconography allows one to make contact with something deeper than what you're painting. The faces reflect the somber, the challenged and the martyred. I find myself wondering, 'What, besides spiritual awe, are icons trying to tell us about the highest and best experiences of our human condition?' The answers lead us back to our faith and hope as spiritual people."

The hauntingly beautiful icons, created by Mary Jane Miller in styles of portrait, graven images, repousse and narrative can be viewed on her website at [www.sanmiguelicons.com](http://www.sanmiguelicons.com). Ms. Miller, a friend of St. George's rector, Father Gary Sturni and his wife, Cindy, will be visiting Germantown during the exhibit. A reception with the visiting artist is planned, with dates to be announced. Please call the church office at 754-7282 for additional information and plan to join us to view this exquisite exhibit hosted by the St. George's Art Gallery Committee.

~ Kit Decker



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