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WELCOME HOME

WELCOME HOME: EIGHT WAYS TO ENGAGE
THE GIFT OF BELONGING
A CONVERSATION WITH CATHARINE & WILL NEWMAN

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. COLIN AMBROSE

"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it..."

1 Corinthians 12:31

The Gift of Belonging

On Pentecost Sunday, our families gathered for an outdoor Family Pentecost Service. As part of this service, the children were invited to ask God for a gift from the Holy Spirit. Adults stood in the front, holding candles that individually represented a gift of the Holy Spirit as described in the Scriptures. Holding smaller candles, each child walked to the candle that represented the gift they desired. After lighting their candle, they were told to wait until all the children had lit their candles, to receive a prayer from the celebrant. All was going well. The children were lighting candles after thinking hard about the gift they desired. As they stood with their candles, a soft wind started to blow. As it began to blow, a child's candle blew out. At first, you could sense a slight panic when the candle was blown out. The child looked down to discover the flame was gone. What was he going to do? How was he going to relight his candle? And then something beautiful happened. The child next to him saw the extinguished candle and reached over to light his candle with her own. As the breeze continued, one by one candles would blow out. And just like with the first child, a neighbor would reach over to relight it. This continued until every child had chosen their gift and the celebrant prayed over the children—with all the candles lit.

This reminds me of another story of a minister who visited one of his members at the turn of the last century. The member had not been to church for over a month. And because there was no phones or email, the minister set out to

check in on his parishioner. When he arrived, he was greeted warmly and invited into the home. It was a cold night, and the minister was offered a cup of tea, so he sat and began to talk with his parishioner. After some pleasantries, the minister inquired as to why he had not been to church, to which the man responded, "Why do I need to come to church to worship God. Why can't I stay home and worship God from here?" The minister sipped his tea and contemplated the fire. A few moments later, without saying a word, he got up, went over to the fire, opened the screen, and began separating the coals that were providing light and warmth to the room. He arranged each coal so that it sat alone on the grate. As he did, the fire began to die down, and its warmth disappeared. The two men watched as the separated coals slowly changed from a blazing red to a cold dark rock. In the darkened room the parishioner looked at his minister and said, "I will see you Sunday."

There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. We do not journey alone. Nor can we flourish alone. God designed us for a way of life shared with him and with others. God sustains us through the people who come alongside us, reminding us of who we are and who God is, confirming where we are heading and how we can get there. As we live our life of faith, there will be times when our candles burn brightly. Our faith will be strong and God will feel very near. But other times, the flame from our candles will seem weak. Sometimes our candles burn out. In times like these we need this very

community. We need our brothers and sisters to take their candle, lean over, and help light ours again.

It has been an extraordinary year-and-a-half. In the wake of the pandemic there are those who have drifted away from our church community. Many of us are still engaged, but at a distance. Many of us have become comfortable participating in church from home. When we do not want to connect we close the laptop and unplug.

I offer two invitations. First, if you have drifted away from the church, please reengage. Come back to worship. Read through this issue of *The Shield*. We have worked to create a robust and comprehensive set of programs to help you engage with your church family in all its forms—worship, fellowship, education, ministry, and service.

Second, if you are engaged in the life of the church, reach out to your brothers and sisters in Christ who you no longer see. Give them a call, or send them an email, letting them know you miss them. Better yet, invite them to an event at St. George's. Remind them that they are part of our church family and invite them to come back home. As Paul says to each one of us, "You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is part of it..." (1 Corinthians 12:31) ✝



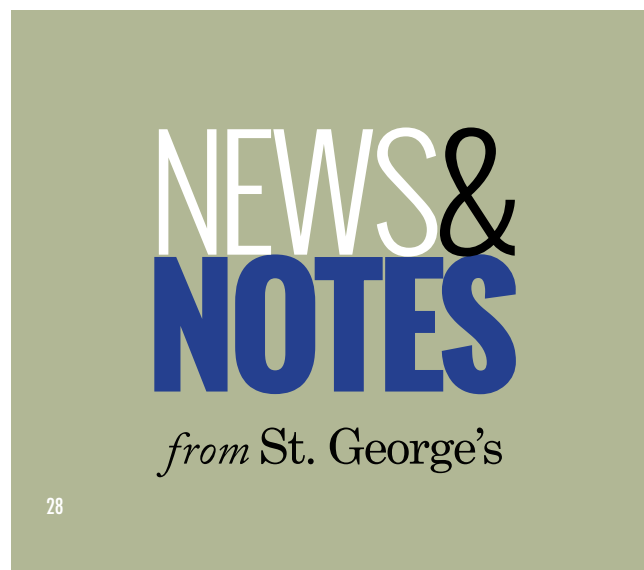
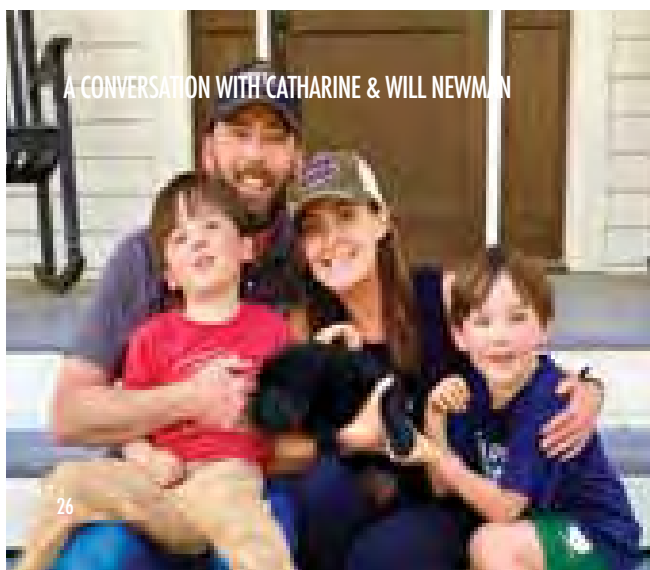


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WELCOME HOME:

Eight Ways to Engage

by The Rev. Dr. David Barr & The Rev. Caroline Osborne

As Christians we are called to be in community with one another. Face-to-face. In person. Loving one another and loving Christ. Given the realities of where we have been this past year, being together in community has never been more important. Your clergy and church staff have been very intentional about providing a diverse range of opportunities to engage with Christ and your church family. Life inside these church walls (and outside too!) is full, rich, and multifaceted.

We implore you to fully engage in the life of St. George's—there's no time like the present! In the following pages we've broken out ways to engage this fall (and beyond) into eight areas of ministry to make it easy to find your place. We feel confident that as you read through these pages you will find something that's just right for you.

WORSHIP: Worship is at the heart of all that we do at St. George's. Our services are our primary expression of worship, as we glorify God in liturgy, sermons, the Eucharist, and music. In addition to our Sunday services, we have daily Eucharistic services each morning. Please join us.

OUTREACH & MISSION: It has been said that the church is the only organization that exists for the sake of those who are not yet part of it. One of Jesus's most

repeated commands was that his followers go out and share the Good News of salvation, and that they love each other, their neighbors, and even their enemies. Volunteer with us as we joyfully live out that love for the people in Nashville and the world.

MUSIC & ARTS: Come see and hear what we have going on here at St. George's! Part of being made in God's image is that God has given us creativity, and we glorify him when we express that creativity through art exhibits, music concerts, and much more. Use your senses to worship and glorify God at St. George's.

FELLOWSHIP: God made us to live in community, and the fellowship of the church is unlike any other community because we are gathered and held together by the Holy Spirit. At St. George's, we live into Christian fellowship through events, neighborhood groups, and more. Join us and find out what a blessing godly community can be.

FORMATION: Join us on the journey to grow as Christians and become more like Christ. As Christians, we are formed most deeply by learning about God through studying the Bible and learning about the gospel together. St. George's passionately pursues formation throughout the week and the year by means of classes, Bible studies, Essentials Groups, and retreats.

Formation is not just for Sundays. Find out how God wants to form you!

FAMILY MINISTRIES: Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me." At St. George's, we are eager to bring our children and families to the Lord. Your children matter to us. We make it a priority to offer high-quality, engaging, and spiritually rich classes, activities, and events for our children and youth of all ages.

WELCOMING: We are continually welcoming new people to St. George's to bring them into deeper fellowship with Jesus Christ. We love visitors, and we love getting to know people better! If you are new, we want to incorporate you into our shared life together. If you are not new, be on the lookout for newcomers and welcome them to our church family.

CARING: At St. George's, we come alongside each other during good times and hard times so that no one must walk alone. We support each other through a wide variety of special services and pastoral care ministries. Let us know how we can care for you.

As always, feel free to call church staff and clergy with questions and be sure to check out our website stgeorgesnashville.org for the most up-to-date information about our church community. ☩

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR



WORSHIP AT ST. GEORGE'S

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP SUNDAY: AUGUST 22

As we joyfully reunite at church, we continue to embrace Christ's great commandment to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Join us this Sunday to learn more about this growing ministry. Join us this Sunday to learn more about our growing ministry of Neighborhood Groups.

SENIOR MINISTRIES SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 19

One of the great joys of church life is the intergenerational bonds that develop as we all worship together. Join us as we celebrate the unique gifts and wisdom our seniors bring to St. George's!

STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF SUNDAY: OCTOBER 3

Everything we have is a gift from God, and God calls us to steward those gifts, including finances, wisely and to the glory of his name. Stewardship Kickoff Sunday marks the beginning of our annual pledge drive.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 2PM

St. Francis of Assisi famously preached to the wild animals. On his feast every year, our priests bless your pets. Pets of all shapes and sizes are welcome! Dogs on leashes. Cats in carriers.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

The past year has been a particularly difficult one in which to mourn the death of a loved one because of gathering restrictions. We will have a special Service of Remembrance in the Chapel between services on Sunday, October 17th.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 7

On All Saints Day it is traditional to celebrate the saints of the Church, both living and dead. Join us for a special reception on All Saints Sunday!

THANKSGIVING DAY: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 10AM

St. George's hosts a special Thanksgiving Day service. Runners and church members are invited to "come as you are" to this special service of gratitude.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY: DECEMBER 5

On Celebration Sunday, we bring together the pledges we have received and present them as an offering to God. It is a time to celebrate God's generosity towards us and to pray for the right use of those gifts in the coming year.



COMING HOME

Sunday, August 29th

What a joy it is to see the safe reunions of our church family as the world opens up! As you know, there are still many parishioners who have drifted away and gotten out of the habit of worship and fellowship at St. George's. We want to encourage our brothers and sisters to come back to church this fall, and we need your help with this.

Every time we gather, we get a small taste of heaven—a “face to face” encounter with the risen Christ and a worshipful reunion of the saints. Let's come together for that joyful reunion on Sunday, August 29.

Join us for a parish reception at 10:05am in Hampton Hall to celebrate Coming Home Sunday. Parents, youth, and children will also have an opportunity to attend the Family Ministries Orientation and learn about the upcoming year. Invite your friends and neighbors! We can't be St. George's without you.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 7:30am Rite I Holy Eucharist in the Nave
- 8:45am Rite II Holy Eucharist in the Nave
- 9:00am The Table in Legacy Hall
- 10:05am Parish Reception in Hampton Hall
- 10:05am Family Ministries Orientation in Legacy Hall
- 11:00am Rite I Holy Eucharist in the Nave
- 5:00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

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GUEST PREACHERS

St. George's is pleased to be able to welcome guests back to our pulpit on Sunday mornings. Join us in welcoming these special visitors into our midst.



Greg Jones: Sunday, September 26

Dr. L. Gregory Jones is the President of Belmont University, a position he stepped into on June 1, 2021. He has served as the dean of Duke Divinity School, and, before that, in various roles at Duke University and Baylor University. In addition to his work in the academic world, Dr. Jones has written or edited 19 books.

Bishop Gregory Brewer: Sunday, October 24

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Brewer is the bishop of Central Florida, where he was ordained over 40 years ago. Prior to his consecration as a bishop, he served as rector of Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, PA, and Calvary-St. George's Church in Manhattan. He and his wife, Laura Lee, have five sons and a growing group of grandchildren.

Malcom Guite: Sunday, October, 31

Malcolm Guite is an English poet, Anglican priest and academic. He earned degrees from Cambridge and Durham Universities and is a Bye fellow and chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge and associate chaplain of St. Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge.



HEARTS & HANDS TOGETHER

Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves and we strive to do that in meaningful ways at St. George's. We are blessed with talent and resources to be used for God's glory through mission and outreach to our community and world.



**FAITH & VOCATION:
Serving God Where You Are**

**Wednesdays at 6pm
Beginning October 6
The Rev. Colin Ambrose &
The Rev. Dr. David Barr**

Join us this fall for a six-week class to help us unpack the importance and value of understanding one's vocation in light of the gospel. This course will meet over a shared meal and will address timely topics like what it looks like to serve God in your own context—whether you are a banker, barista, lawyer, or stay-at-home parent. God has redeemed the world—and all of our callings matter. This course is designed to help you discern just what that call looks like in your own life.

**ST. GEORGE'S LAUNCHES
Outreach Opportunities Portal
Volunteer today.**

St. George's is uniquely positioned in our community to help those in need—near and far. In fact, it is our duty as Christians to love our neighbors as ourselves. Sometimes that love looks like a helping hand, a hot meal, clothes, books, transportation, or time spent doing something meaningful for someone else. The major question for us at St. George's is how to connect you with our outreach partners. Enter technology! We have created an Outreach Portal on our website to connect you with volunteer opportunities with many of our over 35 partner agencies in addition to our partners at St. George's Enterprise Ministry (SGEM). We are excited about the opportunity to engage more deeply with our neighbors and encourage you to visit stgeorgesnashville.org/volunteer.

Love your Neighbor with St. George's Quarterly Mission Days: Saturday, September 25 & Saturday, December 11

The Christian life is a life of service, over and over in the Bible we are called, commanded, and encouraged to serve one another, to consider the interests of others even above our own, and imitate Jesus, whose life on earth was filled with acts of compassion. For example, in 1 John, the Apostle John writes, "Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." Jesus commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves with an active love; therefore, this year St. George's is beginning a tradition of regular Mission Days in which we go out as volunteers to serve our community. After several hours, we will gather back together for lunch, fellowship, and prayer.



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MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

MUSIC & ARTS AT ST. GEORGE'S

St. George's has a rich history steeped in sacred music and visual art. We see these mediums as beautiful and tangible way to express our deep devotion to Christ and derive comfort and joy from his presence.

MUSIC & THE ARTS EVENTS

BRAHMS REQUIEM

**Sunday, November 5
7:00pm**

Following a year that was dominated by loss, our annual All Saints service makes its return this fall to commemorate the lives of our loved ones and provide a sense of God's comforting presence. This service features one of Johannes Brahms's most moving masterworks, *En deutsches Requiem* [A German Requiem].

A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

**Sunday, December 5
6:00pm**

Don't miss this traditional service of song and biblical lessons in our beautifully renovated Nave.

COMPLINE

**Sundays, September 15
October 20
November 17
and December 15
9:15pm**

This ancient, sacred, and solemn service is a beautiful way to quietly end the day.

EVENSONG

**Sundays, September 12
October 10
5:00pm**

Please join us for our traditional Evensong service and center yourself with Psalms, Canticles, and Evening Prayer.

For a comprehensive list of our concert offerings, please visit stgeorgesnashville.org/music.

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS

St. George's is richly blessed with three choirs—St. George's Choir, St. George's Choristers, and St. Dunstan's Choir. Beginning with our very youngest singers in first and second grades, St. Dunstan's Choir paves the way for St. George's Choristers who study a curriculum from the Royal School of Music at varying levels from third grade through twelfth grade—as well as participate in worship and leadership roles. St. George's Choir is comprised of both professional singers and dedicated lay singers—all of whom work tirelessly to bring unparalleled beauty to our worship services.

This coming year, there are opportunities to sing and participate in all three of St. George's Choirs. We would love to have you and your children. Please feel free to contact Dr. Woosug Kang, Director of Music Ministries at woosug.kang@stgeorgesnashville.org if you have questions or visit stgeorgesnashville.org/music to register. We look forward to making a joyful noise to the Lord with you!





Bruce Herman

ORDINARY SAINTS ART SHOW FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

The newly opened Bradford Gallery and surrounding space have provided exquisite spaces for engaging visual arts and music in the proclamation of the good news of the gospel. This summer we hosted the stunning show *Pillars of Faith*, featuring artist Ted Jones. A closing reception will be held in September.

We are thrilled to announce that our fall and winter show will be the collaborative work of three men—Bruce Herman, a painter, Malcolm Guite, a poet, and J.A.C. Redford, a composer. The show, called *Ordinary Saints*, focuses on God’s revelation of himself through his “ordinary saints.”

Bruce’s portraits present ordinary people as windows to the God who made and redeemed us. The paintings mysteriously convey the reality of our unique created and lived personhood and the real presence of God’s indwelling spirit. Malcolm’s poetry develops this theme for each portrait in verse, and J.A.C.’s haunting sacred music underlays the poetry.

All three will launch the show at St. George’s with a performance and art show on the evening of Friday, October 29. Malcom will preach Sunday morning, October 31, and Bruce and J.A.C. will join Malcolm for a panel discussion during our Sunday School hour. Watch for more details and be sure to join us Friday, October 29.

FEATURED ARTISTS

Malcolm Guite

Malcolm Guite is an English poet, Anglican priest and academic. He earned degrees from Cambridge and Durham Universities and is a Bye fellow and chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge and associate chaplain of St. Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge.

J.A.C. Reford

J.A.C. Reford is a composer, conductor, and arranger. Among many television and film scores, he orchestrated the score for *Avatar*, *WALL-E*, *Finding Dory*, and *Skyfall*, for which he arranged and conducted Adele’s Oscar-winning title song.

Bruce Herman

Bruce Herman’s art has been exhibited in Boston, New York, Los Angeles, and in England, Israel, Japan, and Hong Kong. His work is in the collections of the Vatican Museum in Rome, Cincinnati Museum of fine Arts, and the Hammer Museum Grunewald Print Collection in Los Angeles.

JOIN ST. GEORGE'S IN FELLOWSHIP THIS FALL

Harvest Dinner

Saturday, October 24 at 5:30pm

Save the date and join us for an evening of warm fellowship, dinner, and grateful hearts in celebration of our parish's abundant blessings. This annual tradition returns to help kick-off our annual stewardship campaign for St. George's.

All Saints Sunday Morning Reception

Sunday, November 7 at 10:05am

In lieu of our Sunday school classes on All Saints Sunday, please join us for a special reception in Hampton Hall at 10:05am to celebrate the communion of saints in our lives and the newly baptized members of St. George's.

Advent Wreath Party

Sunday, November 28 at 5:00pm

Everyone is invited to a festive Advent celebration at the church. Come enjoy a meal, make an Advent wreath, and much more!

Christmas Open House

Friday, December 3 at 6:00pm

Celebrate the coming Christmas season together with your church family. This annual parish Christmas party is a special time for our adult church members to gather for fellowship. Look for your invitation to come later this fall.

Supper Groups

If you are interested in getting to know others at the church, sign up to participate in a supper group this season. Groups are made of 8-12 people who meet monthly for dinner—at a restaurant, a park, or someone's home. Registration is for one semester at a time so you can come and go with life's seasons. Register online at stgeorgesnashville.org/adults.

Questions? Contact Catharine Beemer at catharine.beemer@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Women's Ministry: Walk in Love

Thursdays at 9:15am

All women are invited to join the Rev. Margery Kennelly and Cate Jones to focus on a verse of Scripture and listen to how God speaks into our lives in the present moment—all while walking! Meet at Edwin Warner Nature Center (7311 Hwy 100) at 9:15am every Thursday. We walk rain or shine for 45 minutes on a paved trail. Strollers are welcome.

Men's Ministry: Monthly Men's Breakfast

First Thursdays of the Month at 7am

All men of the church are invited on the first Thursday of every month for worship, fellowship, and Bible study—a special way to start the day and build relationships with one another. Meet in the Chapel at 7am for Eucharist followed by breakfast and Bible study in Hampton Hall with the Rev. Richard Kew. No reservation needed. Please bring \$5 for the meal.

St. George's can't wait to (carefully) get back to the normal rhythms of being together as a church family. Fellowship is a big part of how we spend time together. We have highlighted some important events below—but be sure to visit our website for the most up-to-date information on parish gatherings.





ST. GEORGE'S

PICKIN' PARTY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

GETS A GOIN' AT 5:30PM

JOIN US ...

JOIN US IN ST. GEORGE'S PARKING LOT FOR FESTIVE, FUN, FELLOWSHIP MUSIC CITY STYLE! HELP US CELEBRATE THE BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS OF THIS SEASON WITH LIVE MUSIC FOR ALL AGES, FOOD TRUCKS, GAMES, AND MUCH MORE. FARMER JASON WILL KICK-OFF THE FESTIVITIES AT 5:30PM FOLLOWED BY JOHNNY CAMPBELL AND THE BLUEGRASS DRIFTERS AT 7:00PM. GET READY FOR AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.

Expanded Sunday Morning

COFFEE HOUR

Sundays 10:05am in the Gathering Space

Although we offer several exciting Sunday school classes for adults, there's always lively conversation around the coffee pot during Sunday school hour. This fall, we're embracing this opportunity for fellowship each Sunday morning at 10:05am. Come to the Gathering Space for coffee from our SGEM partner, Humphrey's Street Coffee and refreshments hosted each week by members of the church. It will be a wonderful time to get to know newcomers and members alike.

*If you are interested in serving as a host, please contact Robin Puryear,
Pastoral Care Coordinator, at robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 247.*

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SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Evangelism as the Life of the Church Led by The Rev. Colin Ambrose & Clergy

This adult offering will be taught by a variety of clergy at St. George's and will unpack how evangelism is an essential component of following Jesus Christ, even when it is frequently misunderstood. The course will dive into how sharing one's faith is a natural outflow of a life with God, and how this is both a great challenge and a deep joy.

Ten Keys to Scripture: Ten Scriptural Stories that Unlock the World of the Bible Led by Chuck Grice

This course will be lay led by Chuck Grice and will explore ten passages within the Bible that help us make sense of all the rest of Scripture's various parts. If you have ever been confused about how to read the Bible, where to start, or how it all hangs together, then this course is for you!

Parenting Together

Parenting is hard to do alone! This class will be taught by the St. George's family ministries team, along with lay leaders. The course will move through a variety of relevant topics and will involve practical suggestions for each week.

Songs of Praise: Hymns & Poems from Down the Ages Led by Rosemary Kew

Rosemary Kew, a learned appreciator of literature, will teach this course on Christian poetry and hymnody. Sometimes the most powerful theological truths are best communicated by means of poetry and song, and so this course will take up various poems and hymns throughout history that teach us about God, his world, and our lives within it.

Ethics, Theology, and Conversation Facilitated by Shirley Hercules

ETC is a round-table, open discussion of theological, spiritual, and ethical issues. Each semester a topic is chosen, based on either a book or materials collected and presented by members.

The Fundamentals of Healing Prayer Led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Odidi

This five-week intensive course will cover the basics of healing prayer ministry within the church. God delights in us when we cry out to him for the healing of ourselves, souls, and bodies, and so this course will address how we approach God with expectation and faith.

Beginning in September we will have six different Sunday morning formation offerings that are intentionally selected for the needs and interests of parishioners at St. George's. All courses will be approachable, theologically rich, and formative in your life with God. Please consider joining us on a journey to deeper connection with Christ and with each other.





Essentials **EPHESIANS**

ESSENTIALS SMALL GROUPS

We are formed as Christians by exploring scripture together. Join us in September as we continue our small group Bible studies by diving into the book of Ephesians. Beginning the week of September 20, these ten-week small group experiences are designed to draw you into one of the essential elements of our Christian faith—moving through the Bible in community with fellow Christians. Using a curriculum tailored by St. George’s clergy, we will explore this book of the Bible in dynamic and thought-provoking ways. We can’t wait to share the experience with you. To sign up for an Essentials small group visit stgeorgesnashville.org/essentials.



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WEEKDAY CLASSES

Formation isn't just for Sundays! St. George's has a rich tradition of offering a variety of dynamic and formative weekday offerings to accommodate all walks of life. For a full list of offerings as well as important contact information, dates, times, and locations please be sure to visit stgeorgesnashville.org/adults.

Women's Weekday Bible Study

Thursdays

9:30am

September 9–November 18

Facilitated by parishioner Leslie Overby, each Thursday morning. The women of St. George's are invited to explore how Scripture tells us about God, illuminates our lives, and changes our hearts.

Young Men's Small Groups

Join other young men in their 20s and 30s for a men's group dedicated to the joys and challenges of this time of life. Like other men's small groups, it will cover the basics of Christian life, as well as the unique challenges of younger men who are discerning their vocations, friendships, and marriages.

Powers and Principalities:

Learning to Stand Firm in a Dangerous World

Tuesdays

10am-11am

September 21–November 9

Led by Dana Sherrard

There is tremendous resistance in the spiritual realm to God's will being accomplished in our lives and in the life of this nation, the world, and the Church. This course is about learning to use the spiritual weapons God has provided for us to become more like Christ and who he intends us to be.

Men's Small Groups

St. George's has several ongoing men's small groups and will initiate new groups this fall with varying lengths of commitments. These groups cover the basics of Christian discipleship and identity within the context of weekly gatherings where men grow closer to one another and to Christ.





ALPHA MARRIAGE

THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 28 - DECEMBER 16
LED BY MARGERY & RICHARD KENNELLY
6:00-8:00PM LEGACY HALL

Join Margery and Richard Kennelly for this seven-session program designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. Each couple will have time to explore relevant issues, develop good habits, and grow in mutual understanding. The evening includes a lovely dinner, program, and discussion. Register at stgeorgesnashville.org/alpha.

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Women's Fall Retreat

God Weaves Grace Through Our Lives

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3
Monteagle Sunday School Assembly
Led by the Rev. Margery Kennelly & Susan Currie

"For we are God's handiwork..."
Ephesians 2:10

Join the Rev. Margery Kennelly and our guest retreat leader, Susan Porterfield Currie for a restful and spiritually renewing weekend just for women! Susan serves on the staff of Leadership Transformations, Inc. as director of the Selah Program for Spiritual Direction.

This beauty-filled weekend will provide opportunities for women to examine our hearts and lives, and to experience life-giving fellowship and God's love. Based on insights from the book of Ruth, we will focus on how God weaves grace through our busy and sometimes complicated lives.

For reservations or more details please contact Robin Puryear, Pastoral Care Coordinator, at robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 247.

The cost of the retreat is \$195.00/person.
Please contact Robin if you would like to attend, but find the cost prohibitive.

FAMILY MINISTRIES CHILDREN

We are thrilled to be back together and in community with your children—as teachers, mentors, and church family. Whatever the age of your child, we want to walk along beside you. We have highlighted some helpful information but be sure to check out our website stgeorgesnashville.org/children for detailed information on all our offerings.

Coming Home Sunday Children's and Family Ministries Orientation Sunday, August 29

Our Children's and Family Ministries team and volunteers invite you and your child to join us for an informative orientation of our programs for your infants through 6th graders.

Sunday School Begins September 12 10:05 am

Our children from pre-kindergarten through 6th grade follow The Gospel Project curriculum. Together, we discover how the gospel story is woven through scripture—from Genesis through Revelation. Our groups are led by a warm, energetic team of volunteers who are equipped to walk alongside you and your child as they grow in faith. As your child matures, we want to help you lead them through the Bible as they wonder, explore, and commit their hearts and lives to the Lord. Visit our website at stgeorgesnashville.org/children for more information and to register your child for the coming year.

Kid's Chapel Sundays during the 8:45am Nave and 9:00am Table services Johnson Hall

Kid's Chapel is available Sundays for kids aged 5-12 years old. Chapel allows space for kids to be directly involved in the readings and worship, to cultivate community through

games and conversation, and provide teachings that are targeted for a younger audience. Families start together in the services and kids are invited to leave together for Chapel with an acolyte during the hymn prior to the Gospel reading and return during the peace. On the first Sunday of the month St. Dunstan's Choir joins us in Chapel to lead us in singing. For more information, please contact Julie Gibbons, Associate Director of Children's and Family Ministries at julie.gibbons@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Chapel in the Nest Sundays during the 8:45am Nave and 9:00am Table services

This new offering will take place during childcare for children aged 3-5 years (Pre-k and Kindergarten). Together we sing, read Bible stories, pray, do a simple craft, and play as we learn every week about God's great love for us. For more information please contact Cate Jones, Director of Children's and Family Ministries at cate.jones@stgeorgesnashville.org.

4-5-6 Club

We are excited to cultivate community among the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Each month we will have a fellowship event either at St. George's or off-campus to grow friendships that are based in Christ. For more information, contact Julie Gibbons, Associate Director of Children's and Family Ministries at julie.gibbons@stgeorgesnashville.org.



Sunday Brunch

Second Sunday Family Brunch

11:00am-12:30pm

Rear Playgrounds and Hampton Hall

2021 dates:

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

We are thrilled to have the opportunity for fellowship with other families with infants through 6th grade. Join us on the second Sunday of each month for a potluck brunch after the Sunday School hour. Weather permitting, we will be outside in the rear playgrounds May-September and in Hampton Hall October-April. St. George's will provide the main course and families are invited to sign-up for a side dish through our website at stgeorgesnashville.org/children. Whether you can stay for 30 minutes or the entire time we look forward to welcoming you. Feel free to invite friends!

Parenting Together

begins Sunday, September 12

10:05am

Parenting is hard to do alone! Let's do it together. Join us this fall for a class facilitated by the St. George's family ministries team, along with lay leaders. The course will move through a variety of relevant topics and will involve practical and timely suggestions for parenting young children.



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FAMILY MINISTRIES YOUTH

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COMING HOME SUNDAY YOUTH ORIENTATION

Sunday, August 29
10:05am
Akers Hall

We are excited about the upcoming year and encourage you to attend our Youth Orientation Meeting to learn about all the opportunities available for your youth. See you all there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Becoming Disciples (7th Grade): After coming out of a three-year curriculum tracing the grand narrative of Scripture we start to ask ourselves, now what? What does it mean to be a follower of Christ? This class will explore what it means to be a disciple and dig deeper into each child's personal relationship with Christ.

Confirmation (8th Grade): Confirmation is a time for students to learn about the fundamentals of the Christian life and to claim the baptismal promises made on their behalf as their own. This is a pivotal moment in your child's walk with the Lord as they get to take ownership of their faith and publicly affirm their commitment to Christ. Students will be confirmed in May by the bishop. Confirmation Retreat takes place October 22-24.

Living a Counter Cultural Life (High School): Grades 9-12 will be taught together and will break into separate small groups (9 and 10 together and 11 and 12 together) to dig deeper into the topics discussed. Over the course of high school, students will go through a four-year program that provides a solid foundation for their faith.

Youth Volunteers

Dedicated volunteers are one of the most important parts of our youth ministry, and we are always on the lookout for people who are willing to love and care for our students! Volunteers can serve in a variety of ways such as helping with Sunday school or youth group each week, leading small groups or Bible studies, coming along on retreats or events, leading worship, or providing food. If you are interested in participating, we would love to have you be part of our team. Please email daniel.huff@stgeorgesnashville.org to get involved.

Youth Group
Sundays
5:00 - 7:00pm
Legacy Hall

We will share a meal together, play games in the new Legacy Hall, worship, and discuss Scripture in small groups. This is a great space to have fun, build community, and deepen your faith. Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7-12.

Youth Churchball
Saturday mornings
December - February
Legacy Hall

We are so excited to bring back the churchball tradition—and now we can host games in Legacy Hall! St. George's teams will compete against other church basketball teams in the area. Churchball is open to all students in grades 7-12 who DO NOT play for their school team.





Prayer Partnership

We believe that prayer has power! Our vision is to pair each child and youth at St. George's with an adult in the church who is committed to praying for them for one school year (September–May). Our hope is that this will create a culture of prayer, mentorship, and intergenerational relationships within our church community. We are excited to see this program continue to grow and how God will keep working through these prayers and relationships to bless our community! Please join us for our kick-off event at 12:30pm on Sunday, September 26 to meet your prayer partner. To register your child, or to become a prayer partner visit our website stgeorgesnashville.org/prayerpartnership.



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OUR DOORS, HEARTS & MINDS ARE ALWAYS OPEN

“Welcome to St. George’s Church!” We hope those words reverberate off our walls—and in hearts and minds too. We want to visitors and newcomers to feel at home—whether it’s finding a seat on Sunday morning, seeing a friendly face in the hall, or learning something new about our Episcopal tradition that draws them closer to God.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Evangelism as the Life of the Church

September 12

10:05am

This class will unpack how evangelism is an essential component of following Jesus Christ, even when it is frequently misunderstood. The course will dive into how sharing one’s faith is a natural outflow of a life with God, and how this is both a great challenge and a deep joy.

Greeters

One of the greatest gifts is a friendly face! You can provide this by joining our greeter team on Sunday mornings. This special (and easy!) ministry team welcomes worshipers before and after services, keeping a special eye out for the visitors in our midst.

Ushers

This helpful ministry team distributes bulletins, passes the offering plate, and helps worshipers come forward for communion. We would love to have more volunteers for this important team.

Shepherding Newcomers

Even during the pandemic, St. George’s has welcomed visitors and new members to our congregation. We are looking for committed volunteers to connect with newcomers and shepherd them through their first months at St. George’s. These personal relationships will help them feel connected and learn about engaging more deeply with the church.

If you would like to learn more about being part of one of these welcoming ministries, please contact Ashley Sullivan at ashley.sullivan@stgeorgesnashville.org. 615-385-2150 x 209.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS!



Maybe you’ve noticed that we have added an update to our bulletin to make it easier to connect with newcomers. Our newly minted QR code is an easy touch-free way to connect with St. George’s. If you know a newcomer or someone interested in St. George’s be sure to share this code with them.



*Therefore welcome
one another as Christ
has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

Newcomers 101

**Wednesday, September 8
and Wednesday, December 8**

We encourage you to invite family or friends considering joining St. George's to our Newcomers 101 class. During this class we share vital information about the parish and help our newcomers find their place in the life of St. George's. On Wednesday night we gather for dinner as the Rev. Colin Ambrose shares the mission, core values, and ministries of St. George's. We conclude our evening by gathering around the altar and sharing in an instructed Eucharist. Membership 101 is a requirement for anyone seeking to become a member of St. George's.

**Newcomer Gatherings
Sunday, October 10
and Sunday, November 14**

If you are new to St. George's or know someone contemplating visiting or joining our church—please invite them to a Newcomer Gathering! This informal gathering takes place in the church Library during the 10:05 Sunday School hour and is a great time to meet clergy, other church members, and learn more about St. George's.

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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Life is full of ups and downs and at St. George's we want to walk along beside you. Caring for our friends, family, neighbors, and those in need is one way that we show Christ's love in this world. If you or someone you know is in need of caring, let us know. Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/volunteer today for a full list of ways big and small that you can love your neighbor.



PRAYER & HEALING MINISTRY

In John 16 Jesus says, "Until now you have not asked anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." At St. George's we believe fully in the power of intercessory prayer—so much so that we offer healing prayer each Sunday morning. After you receive communion in the Nave or at The Table you are welcome to come to the Chapel where St. George's Prayer and Healing Ministry team is available to pray with you for the physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual well-being of you or your family and friends.

We also offer a Healing Service on Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Chapel as well as various other events throughout the year. We would love for you to join our team of healing ministers. If you are interested, please contact Brad Thomason at nbradthomason@gmail.com.

SOULSHOP WORKSHOP

October 9
9:00am-2:00pm

During these uncertain times, St. George's Pastoral Care and Youth Ministry teams are pleased to host Soul Shop. Soul Shop gives participants a lens to see those among us who are desperate and in need of hope. Often these people are looking for help and don't know how to ask for it. Soul Shop teaches the signs to look for, the skills and tools to assist the hurting, and the conviction that this ministry is a part of the gospel mandate to bind up the broken hearted.

With a degree in social work and theology, Michelle Snyder, Director of the Soul Shop Movement will lead us through a presentation, lunch, and small group discussions. Plan to join us for this important event. Make your reservation at stgeorgesnashville.org/soulshop.

GROWING THROUGH GRIEF

**Thursdays, October 7-November 11
9:30am-11:00am**

St. George's is pleased to host a special six-week series, Growing Through Grief led by Rev. Dr. Joy Samuels, an ordained minister, and a Licensed Professional Counselor (MHSP) who specializes in grief and loss. This comforting and supportive series of classes is for anyone dealing with loss of any kind. If you or someone you know would be interested in being a part of this group, please contact Robin Puryear at robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 247.

SENIOR MINISTRIES

St. George's has a thriving Seniors Ministry. For more information on all our upcoming offerings, visit stgeorgesnashville.org/adults or contact Robin Puryear at robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 247.

PRIME TIME SPEAKER SERIES

Prime Time are monthly luncheon events and special programs designed for seniors but are open to all parishioners of St. George's and their guests. Prime Time meets on the third Thursday of every month at 11:30am with lunch and a program in Hampton Hall.

For more information contact Seawell Brandau, at brandausj@comcast.net, or 615-352-4824.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

Beginning Thursday, September 9 from 9:00-10:30 am and continuing the second Thursday of each month, join our Senior Ministries volunteer hosts for Coffee and Conversation in the Gathering Space! Come and go as you wish. There is no agenda—consider it a place to meet old and new friends in fellowship.

For more information contact Robin Puryear, Pastoral Care Coordinator, at robin.puryear@stgeorgesnashville.org, or 615-385-2150 x 247.

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a conversation with



CATHARINE & WILL NEWMAN

Q. What is it you and your family have found to be most meaningful about your involvement and service to the church?

A. Over the years, the more involved we have gotten at St. George's, the more deeply rooted and connected we have become with our church family and with Christ.

Q. The two of you have recently agreed to take on an important role at St. George's—chairing the 2022 Stewardship campaign. How has your faith journey prepared you for this pivotal role?

A. First, we have found that when you take on any challenge—you can never be fully prepared. But over time, our faith journey has presented us many challenges that we learned we were able to meet. It is the challenge itself that helps our faith grow deeper. When you are challenged in life—in big or small ways—you can learn to rely on your faith in God to present answers or get you through the trial. We are excited for this new challenge and feel that this role presents us with the opportunity to help foster a healthy and thriving church community.

Q. What would you say to other families (or anyone else for that matter!) who haven't yet taken the step to give with intention to the church, and their parish family? Why is it so important to you personally?

A. We have not always been a pledging family. We used to give without intention, and it was ultimately very haphazard. Several years ago, we felt called to start pledging. It amazed us how deeply rooted we felt with our church and Jesus once we gave back to God with intention. In some ways pledging money to your church is like going to the gym. The first few times you do it can be uncomfortable (and a bit scary!) but as you grow accustomed to it you start feeling the vast benefits of regular trips to the gym. Pledging for us is now a part of who we are as a family. God has given us so much more than we deserve. Even though this isn't why we do it— it seems like every year when we pledge a little bit more God continues to bless us exponentially more.

Q. St. George's is a thriving parish uniquely positioned to minister to our community during this time. What do you think are challenges for us in the coming year? What are you excited about?

A. As a church we face two challenges. A myth persists that St. George's can continue to be financially secure because of gifts from one or two wealthy families. This notion is both false and dangerous because it can cause complacency in people as they make decisions about pledging. Why pledge when someone else will do it for you. The answer is that we are a thriving church because of several hundreds of families giving. We need to dispel the myth that we don't need everyone to participate.

The second challenge that we face is one of demographics. Sixty percent of our pledges come from those families ages 60 and older. We must reckon with this reality. It is not sustainable for us to have a healthy and thriving parish in the future unless we get younger people to pledge a commitment to St. George's.

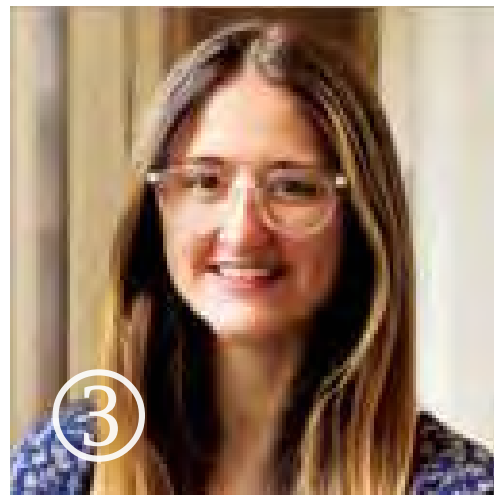
These are certainly considered challenges to the overall health of our parish. But we feel excited and energetic about the opportunity to educate and inspire our parish and bring people around to giving to St. George's with gratitude and joy.

Q. What do you hope our parish will look like in ten years?

A. We hope that in ten years we will have excelled at attracting new and young families to St. George's who are actively involved with their time and their financial resources to give glory back to God. We pray that we can do this by following the word of the gospel and not compromising on our church values.

Q. As parents of two young children—AND small business owners—you can't have much free time! But when you do have a moment—what are your favorite things to do?

Will enjoys golf and Catharine hopes to get back into tennis soon. We enjoy fishing and traveling as a family when time allows. ✝



NEWS & NOTES

from St. George's

① LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

This past spring St. George's collected non-perishable food and donated \$2,036 to the Bellevue Food Bank during our annual Lenten Food Drive. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the needs of our community.

② DUKE INTERN

We were blessed this year to host Chase Benefiel as our Duke Intern from May to August. A Nashville native, Chase is also an accomplished organist and could often be seen participating in worship. We are grateful for Chase's time with us and wish him luck this year.

③ WELCOME JULIE GIBBONS

In April, St. George's welcomed Julie Gibbons to our staff as the Associate Director of Children's Ministry. Many of you may recognize Julie from her time at St. George's as a Nashville Fellow in 2018-2019 and then as an active volunteer with our Youth Group. We are blessed by Julie's infectious enthusiasm and her passion for sharing Christ with our children and youth.

④ WELCOME STEPHANIE ELDER IN A NEW ROLE

Stephanie Elder is not new to St. George's. She has been so successful supporting our Music Ministries team in a part-time role for the last two years that we couldn't resist the opportunity to bring her on full-time. In her new role as Worship & Communications Coordinator, Stephanie will be working on bulletins, parish communications, and music administration.

SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE



REALM

Under the Giving tab you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring donations on any day of the month you choose. Realm walks you through each step and saves your information securely for future reference.



MOBILE

Text "George" to 73256 from your mobile phone or device. A link will be texted back to you to make your gift with a credit or debit card through a secure site.



ONLINE

Visit stgeorgesnashville.org/give and follow the "Give Here" link to be directed to an online giving form where you can make a donation.



BY MAIL

Checks can be mailed to:
St. George's Episcopal Church
4715 Harding Pike
Nashville, TN 37205.

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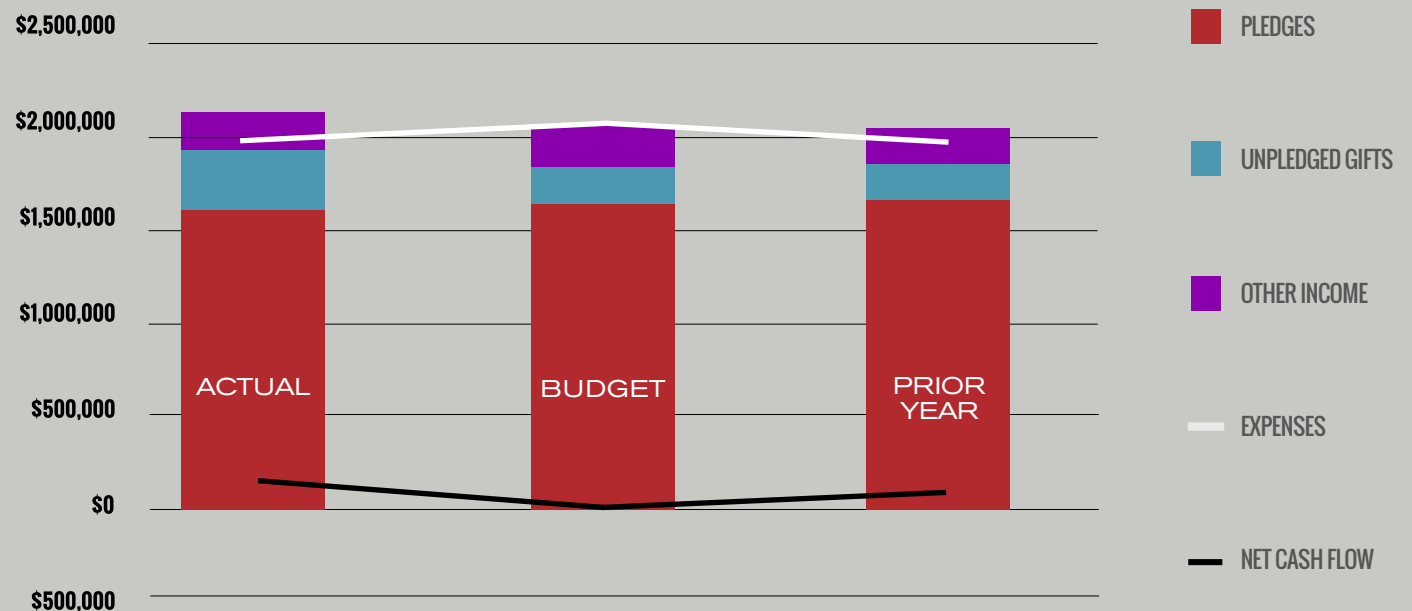
Donate shares of stock or mutual funds to fulfill your pledge or as a one-time gift.

For more information, contact Laura Zabaski
laura.zabaski@stgeorgesnashville.org

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INREACH

Do you need short term help?

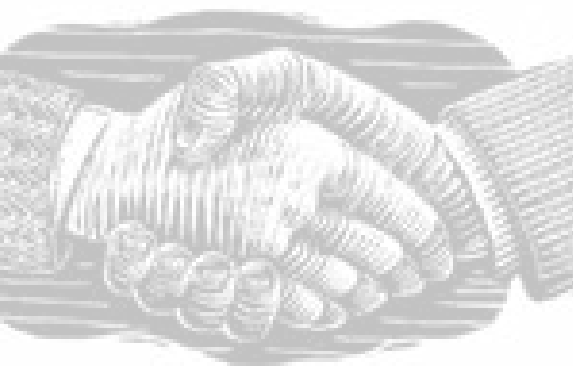
Call Inreach. Volunteers serve as members of the body of Christ to assist with rides, tasks, running errands, or a few meals. Inreach reaches in to help smooth out temporary rough spots.

What is Inreach?

It's a lay ministry of parishioners helping other members of our parish family since 1996.

How do I request help?

- Inreach Shepherds of the month are listed in *The Shield* and in weekly bulletins.
- You can call them directly.
- You can call the church office 615-385-2150.
- You can email, call, or text Inreach chairman Jeanne Gore jengalan@comcast.net or 615-604-9856 (C) or 615-371-9078 (H).



Upcoming SHEPHERDS OF THE MONTH

AUGUST 615-604-9856
Jeanne Gore jengalan@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 281-768-1492
Melissa Parker mrmelissaparker@gmail.com

OCTOBER 615-516-0056
Kim DeMoss neverlouise@gmail.com

TRANSITIONS

FALL 2021

BAPTISMS

Olivia May Aquino

Ellie Jane Ciali

Emma Katherine Ciali

Margaret Murray Young Clayton

Anderson Wakefield Coppeans

Rose Watson Crook

Sarah Grace Cooper Douglas

Booth Adams Durr

Piper Paige Durr

Emmie Alice Ezell

Eleanor Paige Garrett

Waring Mikell Hazlehurst IV

Philip Barton May

Harris Barton May

Charles Christopher Petro

Corinne James Pickens

Elizabeth Parker Poirier

Rosalie Adams Poirier

Charlotte Larken Sutherland

Benjamin Hobson Vogel

BIRTHS

Stewart Hawley
son of Hunter and Heather Hawley

Lillian Anne Zoradi
daughter of Austin and Sadie Zoradi

Montgomery Wilkes Moore
son of Bret and Brooks Moore

Cora Richardson
daughter of Greg and Virginia Richardson

Charlotte Larken Sutherland
daughter of William and Kelly Sutherland

DEATHS

Elizabeth Berry

Jeanie Cammack

Susan Castner

Willam Coombs

Betty Graham

Bob Hilton

Laurie Lakey

Fletcher Lance

Garrett Miler

Kelly Price

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Charlotte Baltz
Robert, Quinn and Hanky Cantwell
Lynn Carter-Wilson

Alan and Lisa Cooper

Paul and Susan Crook

Tripp Dearman

Joanna Eagan

Reed and Marita Ellis

Katie Estopinal

Robert and Susan Fisher

Julie Gibbons

Erica Hazlehurst

Alex, Mary, George and Mary Helman

Christopher Hendricks

Emily Hinkle

Brittany Hochradel

Renee Lancaster

Jeanie McQuinn

Madison Moquin

John and Caroline Nail

Joey Nelson

Andrew Richard

Matt and Carmen Schrimpf

Josh Scott

Jim and Anna Shaub

Robert and Sarita Stewart

John and Katie Thackston

Thomas Van Zandt

Phyllis Vandewater

Elliott Warren

Patrick Weldon

FALL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30am Holy Eucharist
8:45am Holy Eucharist**
9:00am The Table*
10:05am Sunday School*
11:00am Holy Eucharist**
5:00pm Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL SERVICES

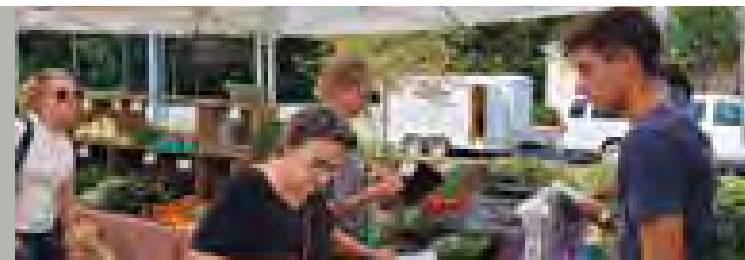
Thanksgiving Day
November 25 10:00am

**Nursery and childcare for ages 6 weeks through 5 years
will open 30 minutes prior to each service.
Live Video Feed of this service at stgeorgesnashville.org

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 Follow us on YouTube/St. George's Episcopal Church, Nashville

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YOUR NEIGHBORS TOO!
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