



# ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOMERVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 2011

## MISSION COUNCIL NEWS

In November and December, the Mission Council discussed the following.

- Mission Council: Ray Skinner and Gerri Endicott are rotating off the Mission Council so two new members will be coming on. At least two nominees are needed.
- A very generous donation in honor of Jessica Buchignani had been made to St. Thomas by her mother, Lucy Turnbull.
- Jan Jaeger will be training someone as church administrator to eventually take over her position. The Mission Council authorized the hiring of a part-time administrator. Deborah McCarty will begin training for the position.

## BEAUTIFUL ALTAR ADDITION

Have you noticed the lovely new vases behind the altar under the stained glass windows? We have Cindy and Marlin Mosby to thank for them. They worked with Agnes Stark, artist and fellow parishioner, who created just the right shape/design, size and color that would be uniquely St. Thomas. Cindy describes them as “functional, respectful, and attractive without being ‘showy.’” The vases were presented during the parish at the pot luck luncheon at the Mosby’s house the Sunday before Christmas. Jim Boyd said a beautiful prayer of blessing and asked everyone present to lay hands on them as Agnes had done as she fashioned them.

Bishop of West Tennessee: The Right  
Reverend Don Johnson  
Senior Warden: Jim Wiles  
Junior Warden: Doyle Laird

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## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Taylor, Brian, Lee, Lyanna, Steven, Shawn, Hugh, Frances, Harold, Bobby, Mabel, Romell, Mary Evelyn, Keith, Don, Heather, Betty and Nancy

To add, make a correction, or remove someone from the prayer list please contact Anita Ozier at [aozier@comcast.net](mailto:aozier@comcast.net) or 901-465-3526. Please note that names will be left on the prayer list for one month unless a request is made to remove a name.

## ANNUAL MEETING

January 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date this year for the Annual Meeting of St. Thomas. The meeting will be immediately following Holy Eucharist. Jim Wiles, Senior Warden, will give a Summary Annual Report. Two Mission Council terms (Gerri Endicott and Ray Skinner) are expiring so these positions will be filled. To nominate someone for the Mission Council please contact Jim Wiles at 491-3991 or 465-7628.

## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Soon the newsletter will be sent out electronically to those who have access to the internet. Nancy Boatwright has a mailing list with email addresses but some might be out of day. Please provide Nancy ([jehlnp@bellsouth.net](mailto:jehlnp@bellsouth.net)) with your email address even if you think she already has it. This will not only cut down on the use of paper but will save money on copies and postage. Thanks!



Any announcements, articles or items of interest for the newsletter should be sent to Nancy Boatwright at [jehlnp@bellsouth.net](mailto:jehlnp@bellsouth.net) or 1530 Hewlett Drive, Rossville, TN, 38066

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes to Alan Endicott, Betty Hines, Doyle Laird, Cindy Matlock, Cindy Mosby and Bob Winfrey, who have birthdays this month.



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## ECO EXPO 2011

The third ECO EXPO will be held on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 11 am - 3 pm at Temple Israel Memphis at 1376 E. Massey Road. The ECO EXPO showcases environmentally sustainable products and services. This year Temple Israel will be joined by co-sponsors Church of the Holy Spirit, Church of the Holy Communion, Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Chabad of Memphis, Memphis Islamic Center, and Beth Shalom.

For more info: [TIMemphisEcoExpo@msn.com](mailto:TIMemphisEcoExpo@msn.com) or email to [TIMemphisEcoExpo@msn.com](mailto:TIMemphisEcoExpo@msn.com) or call Linda Kaplan at 901-482-6473 (cell).

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## DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Thirtieth Annual Diocesan Convention, "It's Not Easy Being Green," will be held at St. George's Episcopal Church, Germantown on March 3-5, 2011. Registration, nominations, resolutions and necrology forms may all be submitted online at [www.episwtn.org/diocesan\\_convention.html](http://www.episwtn.org/diocesan_convention.html). You may also register via mail to the Diocesan Offices at 692 Poplar Ave.

Visit [www.episwtn.org/diocesan\\_convention.html](http://www.episwtn.org/diocesan_convention.html) for all the details on the Thirtieth Annual Diocesan Convention, including an agenda, directions to St. George's, online forms and nomination information. Remember, all members of the Diocese are invited to attend Diocesan Convention and to run for elected position.



## GREEN CORNER

### Threats to Our Drinking Water: Quality

*This is the second of two Green Corner articles about our drinking water. The source is the Tennessee Water Sentinals Campaign, based with the Chickasaw Group of the Tennessee Sierra Club in Memphis*

The quality threats to our drinking water, the sources of which are the Memphis and the Mississippi Valley alluvial aquifers, can come from land surface sources and underground chemical and fuel storage tanks. A main threat comes from surface water making its way to the aquifers without spending up to 2,000 years being filtered by the naturally occurring sand and gravel strata. For years, it was thought that a thick, continuous impenetrable layer of clay was on top of the Memphis aquifer and this clay prevented surface contaminants from reaching the aquifer. Later research by the U.S. Geological Survey and the Ground Water Institute has shown there are areas where this upper clay layer is thin or non-existent and where water in the uppermost part of the Memphis aquifer has had contact with the atmosphere as little as 20 years ago.(1)

Areas where the upper clay layer is thin or non-existent are known as "breaches" or "windows." To date, there are 10 identified breaches in Shelby County that have been documented through subsurface testing.(2) The breach listed in the link below is near a closed municipal landfill south of Walnut Grove Road under the soccer fields at Shelby Farms Park. This landfill is known to not have a liner and to be leaking into the uppermost part of the Memphis aquifer.

In addition to leaking landfills, surface sources of hazardous materials can contaminate the aquifer. It's important for citizens of Memphis, Shelby County, Fayette County and surrounding states and counties to properly dispose of used motor oil and other hazardous wastes.

It is also important to properly dispose of hazardous wastes so that these substances will not reach local streams and the Mississippi River. Other municipalities, such as the City of New Orleans, use the Mississippi River as their source of drinking water.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2011

- January 9      Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Reverend James Boyd  
Server: Gerri Endicott  
Lector: Amy Coolidge  
Prayers: Jan Willen
- January 16     Morning Prayer Rite II  
Officiant: Molly McCarley  
Lector: Ronnie McCarty  
Prayers: Gerri Endicott
- January 23     Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Reverend James Boyd  
Server: Anita Ozier  
Lector: Jim Wiles  
Prayers: Jeanyne Rankin
- January 30     Morning Prayer Rite II  
Officiant: Barbara Seawright  
Lector: Mary Laird  
Prayers: Jan Jaeger
- February 6     Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Reverend James Boyd  
Server: Nancy Boatwright  
Lector: Jim Wiles  
Prayers: Molly McCarley

All worship services begin at 10 a.m.

### **SCHEDULE OF COLEMAN HALL EVENTS:**

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
Sundays after worship

Sunday Study led by Jim Wiles  
Fellowship served up with food and fun

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