



# ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOMERVILLE, TENNESSEE

March 2011

## MISSION COUNCIL NEWS

The Mission Council met on February 13<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following.

- **Fayette Literacy:** A letter requesting financial assistance for Fayette Literacy was presented to the Mission Council. The organization has had difficulty distinguishing itself from other organizations such as the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and Fayette Cares. The Mission Council voted to grant \$3,000 to be distributed in increments of \$1,000 in February, June and October.
- **Fire Alarm:** Three bids for installing a fire alarm in the church had been obtained. None were satisfactory. None of the bids were accepted.
- **Snacks and Flowers:** The dates that are open for providing snacks will be posted on the website. The Mission Council will ensure that flowers are on the altar for Holy Eucharist.
- **Website:** Gerri Endicott had revised the St. Thomas website. She suggested a members' only page that would require a password to access.
- **Diocese Convention:** Convention will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Delegates will be Deborah McCarty and Gerri Endicott. Alternates will be Nancy Boatwright and Wayne Rankin.

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

## ALTAR GUILD

St. Thomas now has an official Altar Guild and Deborah McCarty would like to thank Barbara Seawright, Paul Seawright, Jan Willen, Gerri Endicott and Ronnie McCarty for volunteering to share in this important ministry. If you feel called to the ministry of preparing the sanctuary for our worship, please call Deborah at 466-1952 and she will be happy to schedule a time for training.

## GORDON'S HILL HIKE

Ray Skinner will lead a hike on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, to Gordon's Hill near the source of the Wolf River. We will car pool after the service to La Grange. Directions: turn east on Highway 57 to Wood Lawn and pull off to the right and park. This is an old rutted and muddy logging road going to the earth works. Bring something to drink and/or snacks or lunch. Y'all come!

## PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following in your prayers.

Taylor, Brian, Lee, Lyanna, Steven, Frances, Harold, Bobby, Mabel, Romell, Don, Heather, Betty, Nancy, Bill, Mary, Cary, Betty, Atha and Nicole

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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Best wishes to Jim Boyd and Nancy Boatwright who have birthdays this month!



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## WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The first meeting of the St. Thomas Women's Book Club was held on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Fayette Literacy office just two doors down from the church on Market St. The first book read was "Night" by Elie Wiesel. The March book will be "In the Sanctuary of Outcasts" by Neil White. For April, the Book Club will be reading "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel. All women of Fayette County are invited to join the Book Club on the second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Fayette Literacy.

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## FAYETTE LITERACY FUNDRAISER

Fayette Literacy will be holding its spring fundraising event at the Fair Theater in Somerville on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. A matinee for families is scheduled at 1:00 pm. An evening performance will begin at 5:30 pm with a silent auction, including light hors d'oeuvres, followed by the show at 7:00 p.m.

The event will feature performances by Mallory Lewis and Lamb Chop. Mally is the daughter of beloved children's entertainer, Shari Lewis.

Also appearing will be magician, Michael Clayton, and singer, Shari McLain, a local singer/songwriter who was named after Shari Lewis.

During the silent auction, entertainment will be provided by Michael Waterbury and Dr. Ben Kemker.

The event is being sponsored by FedEx and St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Tickets for the matinee are \$10, or \$90 for a block of 10, and for the evening performance \$25, or \$225 for a block of 10. Those not attending but wish to help are encouraged to purchase matinee tickets for donation to children who otherwise would not be able to attend. Proceeds will be used to advance literacy for all ages, in all corners of Fayette County. For more information visit [www.FayetteLiteracy.org](http://www.FayetteLiteracy.org) or call 901-813-8126.

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## ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

No, the notion of an electronic newsletter has not been forgotten. **Please send your current email address to Nancy Boatwright: [jehlnp@bellsouth.net](mailto:jehlnp@bellsouth.net)**

## GREEN CORNER

Take a look around you. Most of what we eat, drink, or use in any way comes packaged in petroleum plastic, a material designed to last forever, yet used for products that we then throw away. This throwaway mentality is a relatively recent phenomenon. Just a generation ago, we packaged our products in reusable or recyclable materials - glass, metals, and paper, and designed products that would last. Today, our landfills and beaches are awash in plastic packaging, and expendable products that have no value at the end of their short lifecycle.

The short-term convenience of using and throwing away plastic products carries a very inconvenient, long-term truth. These plastic water bottles, cups, utensils, electronics, toys, and gadgets we dispose of daily are rarely recycled in a closed loop. We currently recover only 5% of the plastics we produce. What happens to the rest of it? Roughly 50% is buried in landfills, some is remade into durable goods, and much of it remains "unaccounted for", lost in the environment where it ultimately washes out to sea.

Much of the plastic trash we generate on land flows into our oceans through storm drains and watersheds. It falls from garbage and container trucks, spills out of trashcans, or is tossed carelessly.

Our oceans are dynamic systems, made up of complex networks of currents that circulate water around the world. Large systems of these currents, coupled with wind and the earth's rotation, create "gyres", massive, slow rotating whirlpools in which plastic trash can accumulate.

As more plastic trash flows from our watersheds to the sea, scientists are finding that plastic debris is accumulating in 5 oceanic gyres. Research conducted by the Algalita Marine Research Foundation highlighted the "Pacific Garbage Patch", an area of plastic accumulation in the North Pacific between California and Hawaii. Studies by the Sea Education Association, (SEA), in the Atlantic have documented plastic pollution in the North Atlantic Gyre.

For more information go to <http://5gyres.org/>

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2011

- March 6<sup>th</sup>      Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Reverend James Boyd  
Server: Gerri Endicott  
Lector: Mary Laird  
Prayers: Jim Wiles
- March 9<sup>th</sup>      Ash Wednesday, An Invitation to a Holy Lent with Eucharist  
Server: Nancy Boatwright  
Lector: Cheryl Rike  
Prayers: Mary Laird
- March 13<sup>th</sup>     Holy Eucharist Rite I, The Reverend James Boyd  
Server: Molly McCarley  
Lector: Gerri Endicott  
Prayers: Nancy Boatwright
- March 20<sup>th</sup>     Holy Eucharist Rite I, The Reverend James Boyd  
Server: Barbara Seawright  
Lector: Elizabeth White  
Prayers: Anita Ozier
- March 27<sup>th</sup>     Holy Eucharist Rite I, The Reverend James Boyd  
Server: Jan Jaeger  
Lector: Molly McCarley  
Prayers: Barbara Seawright

All worship services begin at 10 a.m. except for Ash Wednesday

### **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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