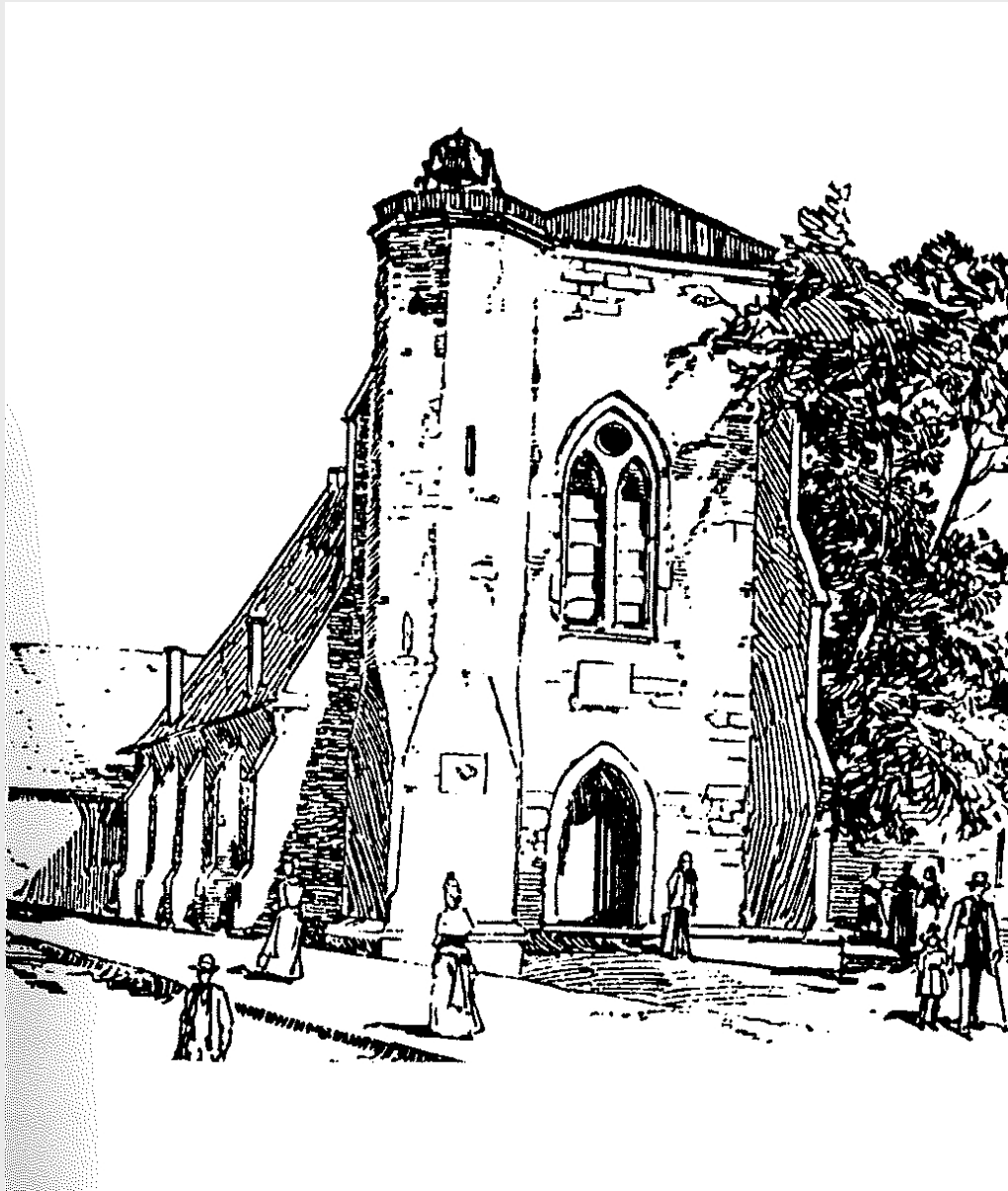




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Church of the Holy Trinity

Celebrating 160 Years

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In the Anglican Communion
A global communion of
77 million Anglicans in
25 member provinces

Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon.
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London, England

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In the United States
A communion of 2.5 million
members in 112 dioceses
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Established 1789

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Washington National Cathedral
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In the Diocese of Tennessee
A communion of 16,000
Episcopalians in
47 congregations
in Middle Tennessee
Established 1828

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The Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee
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Welcome to the May 2012 issue of *Connections: home... parish... diocese*. We will accept submissions for *Connections* from throughout the diocese. **As space permits**, we will use as much content as possible, subject to editorial revision. Short announcements of 100 words or less may be sent via email to cathy@episcopaldiocese-tn.org. For feature-length stories, contact us in the diocesan office at 615-251-3322.

Digital photos can be submitted as above and must include activity, date and identities of everyone in the photo.

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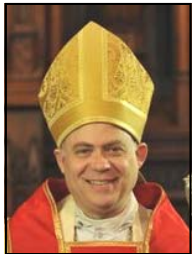
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Invitation

There's a statistic out there which says that the average Episcopalian



invites a person to attend their church once every twenty-five years. I don't know where they get statistics like this, but I can well believe this one; in fact, I'd only fault this number as indicating a far too frequent occurrence of invitation than is believable!

Of course, there are lots of counter-examples, exceptions that prove the rule. Some of us invite people to go to our church all the time. What this means, of course, is that for everyone who invites multiple people to church there are many more who *never* invite anyone.

Inviting one or two people to church in a lifetime of discipleship is probably not enough, at least if we take seriously the baptismal promise, "Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?" (BCP, p.305). There are a couple of things we should notice about this promise.

First, "proclaiming by word and example" includes much more in the way of discipleship than inviting people to attend church, but it certainly *includes* extending this invitation.

Second, we cannot reduce the proclamation of "the Good News of God in Christ" to just inviting people to attend church services. We're really inviting them to consider their relationship with God in Christ within the Church. If the Church isn't about Je-

sus then what is it about? This means as well that we are offering to walk with them as fellow members of the Body of Christ within a community of faith, and that means some responsibility that we will take on.

As members of the Diocese of Tennessee and of our own congregations within it, we need to learn and relearn the art of graceful invitation. Sometimes we talk about "friendship evangelism" where we build upon relationships that already exist, but of course an invitation can also be extended to the new neighbor or the new co-worker just as authentically.

We have gifts as a community of faith that more people need to know about, not the least of which is relationship with Christ. Faith isn't meant to be a secret but to be gracefully communicated and passed on. I encourage you to create your own statistics and issue your own invitation! It will reach people where they are and create new possibilities in their lives. — *Bishop John*

Bishop's Statement On "A Resolution Regarding Immigration"

I commend to you the resolution, passed on January 21, 2012 by the clergy and delegates of the Diocese of Tennessee at our recent Annual Convention.

"*A Resolution Regarding Immigration*" rightly identifies and draws to our attention the Scriptural foundations for a Christian regard for the well-being and protection of immigrants within any culture and community.

It also focuses our attention on the positive contributions that immigrants have made to the life of the Church in Middle Tennessee.

I also call your attention to a September 21, 2010 pastoral letter of the Episcopal House of Bishops, and to an accompanying theological resource, "*The Nation and the Common Good: Reflections on Immigration Reform.*"

"*The Nation and the Common Good*" underscores the traditional Anglican understanding that government "must ensure that national life be characterized by more opportunity for internal social exchange, not less," and "must en-

courage and support its citizens' contact with the world beyond its borders by adhering to the basic tenets of the law of nations: keeping borders as open as possible, welcoming strangers, and promoting the circulation of ideas and material goods" (p.6).

In these emphases, our tradition in common with a wider Christian tradition has appealed not simply to Scriptural arguments but to ideas of the common good and of human flourishing that are broadly shared by many people of good will. I commend these considerations to you as you consider the nature of our common life in this nation, and the issues raised by undocumented immigration.

The full text of "*A Resolution Regarding Immigration*" can be found on the diocesan website at www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org. The 2010 pastoral letter of the Episcopal House of Bishops is online here, http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/Pastoral_Letter_9-21-10.pdf. "*The Nation and the Common Good: Reflections on Immigration Reform*" is posted here, http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/HOB_theological_resource_on_immigration.pdf.

At 160: Church Of The Holy Trinity Nashville

There is a saying that goes something like “To know where you’re going, you have to know where you’ve been.” It’s been paraphrased so many times, it’s hard to know the origin. That is not the case with Church of the Holy Trinity Nashville. They know their origin, they know where they’ve been and they know where they are going.



Bishop James Otey, the Rev. Charles S. Tomes, rector of Christ Church, and the Rev. John Ingraham, principal of Vine Street Female Academy (a school run by Christ Church) came together with a vision - to establish a “free Church” - one which would not depend on pew taxes for support.

The Church of the Holy Trinity was formed on September 23, 1849 as St. Paul’s Mission in a rented house on Summer Street, now Fifth Avenue. It was the first mission developed out of Christ Church, with twelve communicants. Fr. Ingraham served one year before becoming ill and returning north.

Although Bishop Otey often preached to overflowing crowds, with Fr. Ingraham gone, services were briefly suspended until deacon Moses S. Royce was called in 1850. But it was the Rev. James W. Rogers who was missionary in charge when St. Paul’s Mission became a parish, making him the first rector of Church of the Holy Trinity. Fr. Rogers oversaw the initial design and construction on the “triangle” - the piece of land bordered by streets now known as Sixth Avenue South, Lafayette Street and Ewing Avenue.

The building itself was designed by the New York firm of Dudley and Wills,

to resemble an English Parish Church. Design features such as use of native stone and open-hammered ceiling beams are hallmarks of Dudley and Wills churches.

On May 6, 1852, Holy Trinity was admitted into the Diocese of Tennessee and though there was some criticism of the grand style of the design, Bishop Otey laid the cornerstone of the building the very next day. The main part of the structure was built by 1853.

The church rarely had leadership who stayed for more than a couple of years. The Rev. John McCullough was there for less than a year, followed by the Rev. William D. Harlow who served from 1855-1857.

The diocesan Committee on the State of the Church asked churches to report statistics separately for black people and white people, as Bishop Otey made an effort to ensure appropriate resources were available to serve all Episcopalians. Most churches did not comply but in the entire diocese - the whole state of Tennessee - in 1856, there were at least seven churches with black people worshipping, being baptized or confirmed, being married. Though Holy Trinity did not explicitly report blacks attending, they were.



The Rev. Charles Todd Quintard served as a supply priest to Holy Trinity in 1857 and as Rector from February 1858 until early 1859. He later became Bishop of Tennessee. He shared Bishop Otey’s view of black people and their inclusion in the churches of the diocese.

In the years leading up to the Civil War, the South Nashville neighborhood was a prosperous area near the University of Nashville, a distinguished medical facility. A few of the

stately homes remain. The Rev. George Harris served as deacon in 1859 to 1860 and as rector until 1862. In 1861, he raised enough money to build the tower to the level of the comb of the roof but the church remained a very poor congregation. Church of the Advent gifted them a twelve-hundred-pound bell. Christ Church gave them a baptismal font.

During the Civil War, when Nashville was occupied in 1862, the church building was used at one point to store weapons and gunpowder. The building was extensively damaged and the stained glass windows were shattered. The organ was dismantled.

When it became almost certain that slavery would be abolished, what was known as a “Back to Africa” movement began to gain some ground. The thinking was that divisiveness between black and white races would prevent the two groups from living peacefully together in the United States. A Liberian bishop wanted to send American black people to West Africa to help convert the native Africans to the Episcopal faith. The Liberian bishop asked Bishop Otey to have the Diocese of Tennessee be a sponsor of this movement. Bishop Otey declined and would continue to concentrate on welcoming black people as members of the Diocese of Tennessee.

The first rector to serve Holy Trinity following the war was the Rev. Jedidiah Bowes, 1866-1867. Only ten communicants returned to Holy Trinity.

Holy Trinity began a Sunday school mission to serve the poorer white citizens in the neighborhood. In 1866, a new St. Paul’s Mission was formed in rented rooms on Wharf Street.

Following a short term by the Rev. William Helm, Fr. Royce returned to serve Holy Trinity in November of 1868, marking a period of growth. He served for five years. During his tenure, a new pipe organ was built for the parish by the Pilcher firm of Louisville, Kentucky, and by 1872, Holy Trinity was noted for their fine choir.

Having reached parish status in 1872, the new St. Paul's Mission reverted to mission status in 1876 and was a predominately black congregation.

A cholera epidemic broke out in Nashville in 1873 and Fr. Royce succumbed. A plaque in his honor hangs in the church; it reads "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith." He was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Lawson who served for three years. Around that time, the Meharry Medical College was formed, with its building on Second Avenue South. This contributed greatly to a resurgence in the neighborhood.

The Rev. Jesse Harrison served as rector from 1877 to 1883. He devoted a lot of attention to the new St. Paul's Mission which, by that time, had over 100 in attendance and 10 teachers. He was followed by the Rev. Joseph Gray who served barely a year. The Rev. James Lytton served a year but not as official rector - he declined the position. The Rev. Melville Moore served two years before resigning in 1886.



Under the leadership of the Rev. Mayo Martin, the tower was completed in 1887. It remains a designated historic landmark building and is one of the most perfect examples of Gothic revival architecture in the South. In 1889, the adjacent lot was purchased for a Sunday school building. During this time, the congregation grew to 117 members. Fr. Martin resigned in 1892. The Rev. John Scully became the next rector, serving for two years. He established chapters of the Brotherhood of St. Andrews and the Daughters of the King. One other important development was in 1893, when Holy

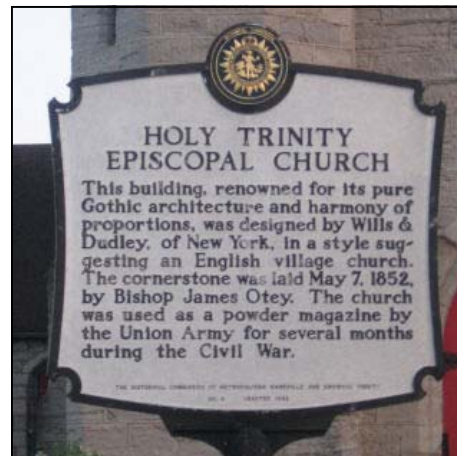
Trinity paid the balance on the Wharf Street property on which a structure for St. Paul's Mission was being built. In 1896, the new St. Paul's Mission was officially designated an all black congregation. Holy Trinity remained a mixed congregation.

In March 1895, the Rev. Bacon Hillcock began a short stay, followed by the Rev. Arthur Noll in 1896 to January 1897 when lay reader and junior warden William Hunt provided services. It wasn't until October 1897 that the Rev. A.W. Cheatham arrived, staying until 1900, followed briefly by the Rev. H.T. Walden. That same year, St. Paul's Mission was renamed All Saints'. Between September 1899 and December 1906, at least fifty people were baptized or confirmed at All Saints'.

At the turn of the century, white Episcopalians were moving out of the neighborhood, leaving the future of Holy Trinity in jeopardy. The Rev. Colin Bassett, 1902 to 1903, served both Parish and Mission and helped found the St. Mary's School for colored girls in Nashville.

His tenure was followed by the Rev. David Wallace (1903-04) and the Rev. Robert Morgan serving simultaneously, the Rev. William Allen (1904-05) and the Rev. Edward Batty (1905-06). He brought about the most significant change when he suggested selling the Wharf Avenue property - All Saints' Mission - and using the profits to make repairs to Holy Trinity, paving the way to, in 1907, folding the congregation of All Saints' into Holy Trinity as its first all black congregation. The Rev. Arthur Coombs who had been the priest at All Saints' became Holy Trinity's priest-in-charge. Holy Trinity's status was reduced to a mission and began growing as a new entity. And that is how Church of the Holy Trinity stood in the early twentieth century.

The next era of profound commitment occurred during the Civil Rights Movement, 1955-1965 and it deserves an article all its own.



The Church was listed on the national Historic Register of Historic Places in 1972. No substantial work had been done on the building since 1974 and extensive renovation was needed. In 2002, a capital campaign was launched. Funds were to come partially from parishioners and other events such as two benefit concerts by Emmylou Harris.

In the late 1980s, the still African American congregation began to see a natural desegregation occur with two white members. Today, Holy Trinity is no longer considered a black congregation; there is approximately 25% white membership.

The church continues to grow. The Church In The Yard program offers ministry to the homeless population in the area (see page 10 for more on CITY). An annual event, Jazz On The Triangle, brings visitors from throughout the city. The Belle Meade Garden Club recently donated their time to work on the grounds of the church. A church-wide retreat is being held in early May with the theme "Growing The Holy Trinity Family."



The Rev. William Dennler has served the parish for the last few years, first as priest-in-charge and now as rector. Lay leadership is strong. The neighborhood is once again experiencing a revival. And Church of the Holy Trinity is ready for its future.

Clergy News -

On Sunday, April 15, as Bishop Bauerschmidt visited St. Philip's Church Nashville, there was a celebration with a birthday party in honor of their deacon, **the Rev. Albert J. Magee** who turned 90 years old on April 17. Fr. Al has attended St. Philip's since 1958. He was ordained into the diaconate in 1965.

He was surrounded by family including his daughter, Cathy McCord Magee, his son and daughter-in-law Drs. Mike and Debbie Magee, granddaughter, Becca McCord and grandson, Paul Magee as well as the St. Philip's church family. Congratulations, Fr. Al, on reaching this impressive milestone. He is pictured with Bishop Bauerschmidt and the Rev. Vicki Burgess.



Parish News -

Recent confirmations: David Alley, Beverly Carlton, John Carlton, Brian Crow, Shane Hays, Joshua Layne, Justin Davis, Todd Huber, Sean Huber, Scout Turner, Katie Lou McCusker, Ben Palmer, Evan Willis, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro**; Anna LeBleu, Chandler Burgess, Daniel Rock, Matthew Hays, Emma Reineke, Lucy Fox, Elizabeth Cheek, Elizabeth Dossett, Rosemary Kyne, Jacob Honsberger, Allison Arata, Camille Lasley, Sarah Ray, Eleanor Powers, Elizabeth Martin, Ridley Wills, Robert Dobie, Connor Quiggle, Shelton Clark, Rob Edwards, Mary Frances Noser, Susannah Byrd, Zara Corzine, Stacey Nebel, Marisha Mitchell, Wilburn Johnson, Kate Kalil, Esther Smith, Elliott Middleton, Juliany Jordan, Mary Katherine Hite, Brock Warren, Jessica Anne Middleton, **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville**; Eden Chaberski, Thoburn Fauver, Lisa Fitzsimmons, James Fitzsimmons, Medelyn Harvey, Emily Warthen, **Church of the Resurrection Franklin**.

Recent receptions: Susan Cade, Joe Cade, Jania Doud, Dennis Marron, Julia Marron, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro**; William Scott, Matthew Hull, Martha Hull, Charles Bradley, Sharon Cronk, Trey Tally, Katie Kuriyama, Bill Holloway, Dawn Seidenschwarz, Lauren Houston, Chris

Patton, Jessica Douglas, Kevin Douglas, Robyn Head, Elizabeth McDermott, Timothy DiScenza, Mary Gail Compton, **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville**.

Recent reaffirmations: Jo McDermid, James Manning, Lisa DiScenza, **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville**.

Recent baptisms: James Bartlett, **St. Paul's Church Murfreesboro**; Julia Shu Gay, Tricia Aung, The Blay Paw, Paw Mu Na, Lar Say Wah, Eh Doh Soe, Eh Gay Khu, **All Saints' Church Smyrna**; Corey Ferguson, Ella Hegler, Patrick Henry, Emerson Sawyer, Lois Wall, Isabelle Yeagle, Scarlett Pfranger, **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville**.

St. Ann's Church Nashville welcomes their new sexton, Doug Jenkins. He began his duties on April 1. **Church of the Holy Cross Murfreesboro** held their annual Bachfest in March; winners were Meredith Lee (Jr. High), Nicole Neely (Sr. High), Roya Farzanch (Collegiate) and Yifei Wang (Graduate). Congratulations to them all. Wilma Jensen will be the guest organist on May 6 when **Christ Church Cathedral Nashville** presents an Eastertide Choral Evensong. The concert begins at 4:00 pm. **Otey Parish** is looking to fill a part-time position as editor of *Otey Notes* and webmaster. Contact Pratt Paterson at ppaterson@sasweb.org or call 931-636-9687 for more details.

Youth News -

Bishop Bauerschmidt is pictured here with the youth who were confirmed at Christ Church Cathedral Nashville (see names above) and with children at St. Philip's Church Nashville.

May 20 is Senior Recognition Day in many churches in the Diocese of Tennessee. Congratulations to all graduating Seniors and best of luck in the next chapter of your lives.



Prime Time Series Speakers Announced

The Prime Time Speakers Series of St. George's Church Nashville has announced their upcoming events for spring, summer and into the fall.



Thursday, May 10 – Bishop Mike Hill, Bristol, England, *“Bloom Where You Are Planted: Enriching Your Faith, Life, and Ministry”*

Monday, May 21 – Transportation to Falls Mill, St. Agnes' Church, Cowan, TN, lunch, and Swiss Pantry, reservations with Martha Livengood, 942-6977, marthalivengood@comcast.net.

Thursday, June 21 – Luncheon at St. George's, Civil War Series, *“Twelve Confederate Generals Met at Travellers Rest before the Battle of Nashville,”* Brian Allison, costumed presenter.

Tuesday, June 26 – Tour – Travelers Rest Home plantation mansion tour, 10:00 am, meeting there, reservations Martha Livengood, 942-6977, marthalivengood@comcast.net.



Thursday, July 26 – *“Keeping the Home Fires Burning – Tenacity and Plight of Women during the Civil War,”* Bets Ramsey, who will read from diaries of these women and include quilts that survived.

Thursday, September 20 – Dr. Anderson Spickard, *“Mind, Body, and Spirit”* along with excerpts from his book *Stay with Me: Stories of a Black Bag Doctor*.

Luncheons begin at 11:30. Please make reservations by the Monday prior to 385-2150 ext. 262 or reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org.

Connections - The Diocesan Magazine

Many of you have been faithful readers of *Connections*, the monthly publication of the Diocese of Tennessee. Whether you have received it every other month in a print edition or have read it each month online at the website (www.episcopaldiocese-tn.org), we hope you have been informed and moved by our stories.

With this issue, some of you may be getting the magazine at home for the first time. We have done a bit of database management and have come up with a new mailing list. With your help, we will continue to refine our list, making sure that those who want to receive the magazine do. We feel privileged to come into your homes.

If you enjoy getting the magazine in the mail six times a year, do nothing - your name will remain on the list and you will continue to receive the print issues of *Connections* each January, March, May, July, September, and November. If you would like to be notified when the online only issues are available, email connections@episcopaldiocese-tn.org. When the magazine is posted online, you will get an email notification with a link to the issue.

The magazine is printed six times during the year but eleven issues are posted online; the November/December issue is a double issue. If you prefer not to get the magazine in print but would like an email notification when each issue is posted, email connections@episcopaldiocese-tn.org - we will make the change. If you have made a similar request in the past, please confirm that you would prefer to continue with email notifications only.

Please contact us if your address has changed or your information has other updates (such as taking on a married name). We look forward to bringing you more good news from the Diocese of Tennessee.

New Magdalene Book Out This Month

Women come to Magdalene House in Nashville when they are ready to leave drug addiction and prostitution. They live together for two years, at no cost to them. During that time, they are given space and the resources to heal from what have often been lifelong experiences with suffering. Of twenty-two women now in residence, 80 percent have a diagnosed mental illness other than addiction, 40 percent are receiving treatment for hepatitis C and 1/3 are HIV positive.



Sarah VanHooser Suiter's *MAGDALENE HOUSE: A Place About Mercy* (Vanderbilt University Press), is the first scholarly study of this remarkable community. It's also

unique in its focus on women who are leaving drug addiction and sex work. The women thrive in the community because it is a place where they are free to be themselves, safe to give and receive love and free to speak their truth. *A Place about Mercy* is a participant-observation account of the history of this community founded in 1997, its structure, its Thistle Farms beauty products operation and Rev. Becca Stevens' communal and spiritual vision. The book is finally about what it means to walk the path of healing with a group of unlikely women as guide.

“Although there are quite a few books that provide ethnographic accounts of sex work and drug abuse,” the author says, “there are far fewer books that offer an in-depth look at what's required of communities and individuals when people are ready to leave the streets and recover from addiction.”

Sarah VanHooser Suiter became Lead Program Evaluator at Centerstone Research Institute in Nashville after completing a postdoctoral fellowship in Religion, Spirituality, and Health at Duke University Medical Center.

This And That Thrift Shop Needs To File It Away

This and That Thrift Shop, founded in 1971 to provide affordable goods to West Nashville residents and to generate income for the child care programs at St. Luke's Community House is in need of a 3 drawer vertical filing cabinet. The 2 drawer cabinets that run length wise are too hard on the knees of the volunteers.

If anyone out there has a filing cabinet that would suit their purpose, please call 615-292-4032. If you don't have a filing cabinet but would like to support this business, visit them at 5007 Georgia Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209.

St. Agnes' Members Visit Lord Carey At St. George's

Sunday, March 4 was a very special day for the church family at St. Agnes' Church Cowan. While their parish hall was out of service for a repair and upgrade, the entire congregation made a trip to St. George's Church Nashville to attend a service led by Lord Carey of Clifton, the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury. It took a rented 15-passenger van and three cars to carry the group of 31 people - including 7 teenagers - to Nashville.

Senior acolyte, Dalton Brewer, served in the processional while the Rev. Gene Wise served at the altar alongside Lord Carey. At the reception that followed, many St. Agnes' parishioners met Lord Carey who is President of the London School of Theology and as Chancellor at The University of Gloucestershire.



Book Launch Upcoming At Trinity Church Clarksville

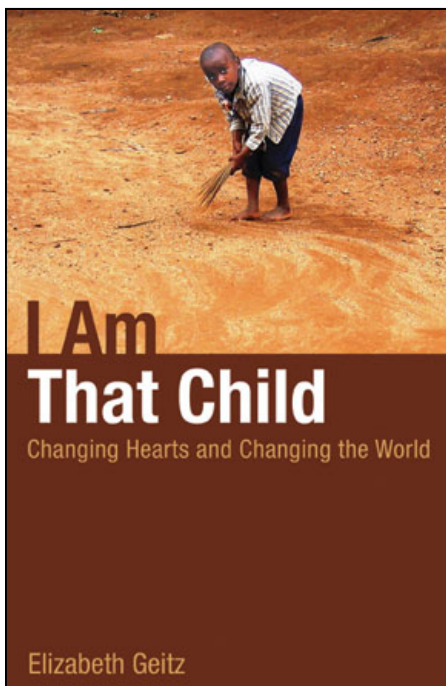
Elizabeth Geitz will have a launch party at Trinity Church Clarksville on Friday, May 18th from 5:00-7:00 pm.



She is an Episcopal priest, a native Clarksvillian, daughter of the now deceased Oscar and Dorothy Rankin, and a 1971 graduate of Clarksville

High School and later, of Vanderbilt University. She now resides with her family in Pennsylvania.

Her sixth book has been published by Morehouse Publishing, *I Am That Child: Changing Hearts and Changing the World*. It is the story of what happened when she and two female colleagues travelled into a developing nation to work with Sister Jane Mankaa, considered the Mother Teresa of Africa.



For further information on the event, contact the Trinity Church office at 931-645-2458.

Grace Church Spring Hill Honor Scouts



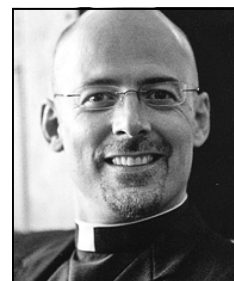
On March 11, Grace Church Spring Hill celebrated Scout Sunday, as the Girl Scouts organization celebrated 100 years of service to girls. Grace Church hosts two troops, Troop 1207 and Troop 1245. Girls from the troops were involved in both services, as ushers and readers of the psalm of the day.

This is an important ministry of the congregation to the community and they are proud of their scouts.

Province IV Network Of AIDS Ministries Workshop

For 21 years, the Province IV Network of AIDS Ministries has offered a spiritual, open-hearted retreat experience for people affected by HIV/AIDS, sponsored by the Province IV of the Episcopal Church and the National Episcopal AIDS Coalition.

This year's retreat will be held at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville NC, June 8-10. The theme will be "Living In Love."



Leading the retreat will be the Rev. Thomas Brackett who serves the Episcopal Church as the Missioner for Church Planting and Ministry Redevelopment in 14 countries. Singer/songwriter Fran McKendree will provide music leadership with his joyful style of spirit and song.

For information on registration and fees, contact Ella Tardy, Registrar, at 601-892-3686. Some scholarships may still be available.

School Of Theology To Offer Two Programs



On May 9, The School of Theology at the University of the South Sewanee will welcome Jake Dell, senior manager of digital marketing and advertising in the Episcopal Church's Office of Communication.

He will lead a workshop titled *Marketing Your Church*. He is in a unique position to help churches grow because he has a foot in both worlds - his professional background is in new media marketing and he is also an ordained Episcopal deacon. He will

show how marketing can grow mission and congregations by mastering some basic techniques. The workshop will take place in Room 240 at The School of Theology's Hamilton Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and is open to anyone interested in learning more about websites, social media, and basic marketing and promotional campaigns. Snacks will be provided.



On May 10 at 8:00 pm, Dr. Diarmaid MacCulloch will give a lecture at St. Luke's Chapel. His lecture is titled *Re-making Christian History for Readers and Viewers*. This is a remarkable opportunity to hear one of the world's foremost authorities on Christian Church history.

A reception will follow the lecture at McGriff House. The public is invited. Dr. MacCulloch is widely recognized for his publication, *A History of Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*, 2009, used in many classrooms as the textbook for Church history. However, it is much more than a textbook, as Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, describes, "This book is a landmark in its field, astonishing in its range, compulsively readable, full of insight even for the most jaded professional and of illumination for the interested general reader."

Both of these events are free and open to the public. For more details, contact Mary Ann Patterson, Director of Communications, The School of Theology, 931-598-1577.

God's Green Earth

What would you think about hatching your spring garden? That's right - your plants can come from eggs.

If you live by the green rule of "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," this project is for you. Reduce your trash by saving your eggshells. Reuse them as planters for your seedlings. Recycle them by putting the whole thing into the ground - the eggshells will help fertilize your soil.

Tarragon, cilantro, basil, oregano, lettuces, scallions, and tomatoes - really anything one might start in a peat pot - are good candidates for this. And it's a fun project for kids to be a part of.

Start with organic eggs of any color or kind: white or brown; chicken, duck or goose. Save the egg carton. Gently tap around about 1/3 of the small end of the egg. Empty the egg into a bowl for later use (and did you know you can freeze the whites and yolks?). Some people like to rinse the eggshells, others prefer to let whatever egg is left enhance the soil. With a pin or needle, poke a hole in the bottom of the shell for drainage.

Place the shells in the carton; it makes a great holder and carrier. Fill each eggshell with your favorite potting mix. A funnel helps keep the mess down and gets your soil right where you want it. With tweezers, gently place the seed in the center of the eggshell, just below the surface of the soil. Mist the eggshell and soil right after planting the seed then water as instructed on seed package. Keep the carton in as much sunlight or shade as required depending on what you're growing. But don't leave the carton out on a porch - raccoons and other critters will make off with your plants, thinking they are eggs, not just shells.

If you're planting different things in eggshells in the same carton, make identifying markers or just write directly onto the shell.

When the seedling starts to sprout and the time is right, prepare your garden with as many holes as you have shells. Gently crack the shell before lowering into the hole so the roots will be able to spread. As the eggshell biodegrades, it will feed your soil.

Other homemade planter ideas: newspaper shaped into cups, toilet paper rolls, citrus rinds. Some people even skip the eggshells and plant directly into the carton, later lowering the whole thing into the ground.

Church In The Yard - A Neighborhood Ministry

Church in the Yard, or CITY, as it is often called, was the brainchild of the Rev. Dennis Lloyd, who served Church of the Holy Trinity from 1989 to 2008. Fr. Dennis became increasingly interested in somehow spiritually engaging the area's homeless and near homeless individuals.

After many years of trying to address the problems of the poor, lending a helping hand, ministering in so many ways, he wanted to offer more. Even with the open door policy of Holy Trinity, it was obvious that most of the homeless people were not going to enter the beautiful nave to worship in the more traditional way.



Fr. Dennis began researching ways to correct this and found an Episcopal priest in Boston who had been holding a worship service with the Eucharist outside every Sunday for years. He flew to Boston to visit her in the fall of 2007, got some ideas and Church in the Yard was born in January 2008.

Cathy Link, a member of Holy Trinity, says, "I still remember our first service. It was a bitter cold January Sunday and the service attendees were myself and Kirby [Pate], Fr. Dennis and Pam Lloyd and John and



Linda Bender. John was our deacon at that time. For several Sundays, there would be just us and maybe one or two neighbors. We gradually grew to a hardy little band of maybe 10 or so.

"About mid-February, I was approached by my friend, Brett Swayn about the possibility of feeding those in need a meal in our church yard."



Brett is a formerly homeless young man who attended Christ Church Cathedral. He became a steady innkeeper for Room In the Inn at Christ Church. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor and downtrodden and his ministry of meals had become more and more difficult to handle as the police would harass them and run his workers away from various parking lots all over downtown.

Cathy continues, "I asked Fr. Lloyd if Brett and his committed band of servants could use the church yard and lunch after CITY was born!"

After Fr. Dennis was called to a church in Philadelphia, John Bender ably led the service. When Fr. John was called to Church of Our Saviour Gallatin, Carl Berg, the church organist stepped up and became a stalwart supporter. Carl, Cathy and Kirby kept the services going while the Rev. Jim Pace was supply priest for nearly a year.

All along, services were growing. The addition of a meal certainly enticed more people to attend the service, but there was a steady crowd that was always there waiting for the service, ready and willing to help set up, and eager to receive the Word and body and blood of Our Lord.

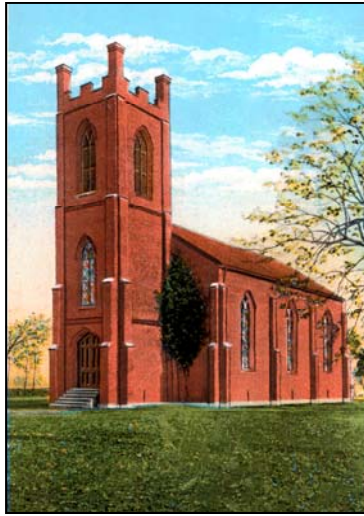
The people attending have shared sentiments such as: "God bless you all for being here," "Coming here makes me feel more at peace," "I feel safe being here - it feels like the church protects me," "Fr. Bill is always here for us." "It's the best part of my week."



The Rev. Bill Dennler has been at Holy Trinity for almost three years and the CITY ministry has grown tremendously. With his guidance and leadership and the continued help of Brett, they now have several other churches contributing as volunteers and many individuals who participate on a regular basis, as well as people who show support through monetary gifts.

Church in the Yard is the hidden gem of downtown Nashville. Their credo is "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:34.

To learn more about CITY or to volunteer, contact the Rev. Bill Dennler at 615-256-6359.



You are invited to the
Annual Whitsunday Service & Picnic
at historic St. John's Church Ashwood
Sunday, May 27, 2012 - 11:00 AM
The Rt. Rev. William Sanders will officiate

Founded in 1839 by the Rev. Leonidas Polk,
St. John's is located on Trotwood Ave.
between Columbia & Mt. Pleasant, TN
For more information: 931-388-3331
or office@stpeters38401.org

Camp Gailor-Maxon Dates:

Pre-Camp Mini Maxon
1st-3rd Graders with Parents
Thursday, June 7-Sunday, June 10

Camp I
Rising 10th Graders-
College Freshmen
Sunday, June 10-Saturday, June 16

Camp II
Rising 7th-9th Graders
Sunday, June 17-Saturday, June 23

Camp III
Rising 4th-6th Graders
Sunday, June 24-Saturday, June 30

Reunion Weekend
Ages 21 and up
Friday, July 20-Sunday, July 22

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Sewanee Church Music Conference Detailed

The 62nd Sewanee Church Music Conference will be held July 9-15 at The University of the South and the DuBose Conference Center Monteagle. The Sewanee Conference is the oldest and largest Episcopal music conference in the country and can accept only 150 registrants. Two full scholarships are available to first-time attendees.



Keith Shafer, (St. Paul's Church, Augusta GA) is the Director and the primary faculty include Huw Lewis (St. John's Episcopal Church, Detroit), Bruce Neswick (Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University), and the Rev. Matthew Moretz (St. Bartholomew's Church, Manhattan), who will serve as Conference Chaplain. Adjunct faculty include Dr. Bradley Almquist (Murray State College, Murray KY), Chip Mays (Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Greenville SC), Jennifer Stammers (Trinity Episcopal Church, Atchison KS), Alvin Blount (St. Mary on the Hill RC Church, Augusta GA), Bill Bane (Trinity Episcopal Church, Longview TX) and Susan Rupert (School of Theology, The University of the South).

Complete information and a downloadable registration form are available at the conference website, www.SewaneeConf.com or by contacting the Registrar, Ellen Jones, 423-887-7594 or ellenstpauls@bellsouth.net.



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Italics denote Bishop Bauerschmidt's visitations

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