

The Sentinel

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Priest's Ponderings

As we begin 2017, I find myself looking back at 2016 more than looking ahead to the New Year. What's going on with that?

I feel very safe in saying that our parish had some very significant events in 2016. We will review those more at our Annual Meeting on January 15th, but one simply has to look around the building to see noticeable changes.

Sunday mornings seem to show a bit more activity than in the past. We have been running around 80 people attending worship on a weekend, and that's very significant, as well.

So what will be our focus for the New Year? I'm leaving that to you to discern. You have approximately two weeks to think about it before our Annual Meeting! I will be asking, too!!

It's always good to have goals. It's even better when we achieve them. Usually, too, our achievement is somewhat different than the original goal that we set. That shows that God has been at work fine tuning our planning.

Happy New Year! Get ready to get to work!

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Feeding the Homeless

Our next opportunity to feed the homeless at Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville will be Sunday, January 29th, at 2:00 pm. Watch the bulletin board to sign-up as volunteers and to provide sandwiches.

The requested fare is 1 sandwich, 1 bag of chips, 1 piece of fresh fruit, and 1 dessert (cookie, snack cake, etc.). Provide a variety of soft and hard fruit, and place contents in a Ziploc bag as the guests use them for storage of personal belongings during the week after the meal.

Please use a marker to write on the outside of the bag the type of sandwich within, example: "ham & cheese." Please do not prepare any mayonnaise based sandwiches, as they can become very messy.

Our thanks to everyone for their generous support. See Ken or Jimmie Saefkow for more information.



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Special Events Calendar

Saturday, January 7th
Youth Group at 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 15th
Parish Annual Meeting

Tuesday, January 17th
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 25th
Sentinel Article Deadline

Sunday, January 29th
Homeless Meal

Happy Birthday!

Michael Mauk	1/12
David Parker	1/16
Ginger Huck	1/17
Elizabeth Dupuy	1/20
Christy Lyons	1/20
Gail McNally	1/22

Let us know if we missed one! We do not know unless you tell us. 😊

Lay Assignments

January 1st:

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & Jim Cate

Lector: Harry Spain

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese

Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells

Coffee Hour: Natasha Reed

January 8th

Eucharistic: Denise Kem & Cindy Reese

Lector: Denise Kem

Crucifer: Drafee!

Ushers: Don Jones & Mike Deweese

Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack &

Betty Odom

Coffee Hour: OPEN!

January 15th

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & David Gaines

Lector: Tony McFarland

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: Rick Webb & Donnie Denning

Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet

Deweese

Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

January 22nd

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: David Gaines

Crucifer: Erick Cate

Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

Coffee Hour: The Holders

January 29th

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & David Gaines

Lector: Michael Mauk

Crucifer: Drafee!

Ushers: Don Denning & Mike Deweese

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

Coffee Hour: Vestry Monthly Birthday Party

The Saint of the Month

Phillips Brooks
Bishop and Preacher
(23 January 1893)

Phillips Brooks is best known today as the author of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Former generations, however, accounted him the greatest American preacher of the nineteenth century (and not for lack of other candidates). His sermons are still read.

He was born in Boston in 1835 and educated at Harvard and at Virginia Theological Seminary. After ten years of ministry at two churches in Philadelphia, he returned to Boston in 1869 and was rector of Trinity Church there until 1891. He was then elected Bishop of Massachusetts, and died two years later.

O everlasting God, who revealed truth to your servant Phillips Brooks, and so formed and molded his mind and heart that he was able to mediate that truth with grace and power: Grant, we pray, that all those whom you call to preach the Gospel may steep themselves in your word, and conform their lives to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Quote of the Month

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."
 -Winston Churchill

Recipe of the Month: Bruce's Scratch the Itch Cake Yellow Cake

- 1 1/2 cups oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 whole eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk

Combine all and grease 9x13 pan and bake 25 minutes at 350.

Chocolate Sauce

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon Cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all and cook over med heat until thick.
 Spoon warm sauce each piece of cake.
 Enjoy...an old fashioned from scratch recipe.

From the Loft

We were blessed during the Christmas season with the musical gifts of our choir and its director, Bob Wiesen. They worked long and hard, and the fruits of their labors were appreciated by all and given to the glory of God.

In December the choir was also excited to receive delivery of new chairs which were given by memorials to O.C. Hays.

The New Year brings exciting times as the new organ and our ensemble offer melodies of praise and adoration to our parish and the Lord. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. Join us!

Vestry News

In December the Vestry:

- Approved the 2017 Budget
- Heard that 6 Christmas Baskets Will Be Delivered
- Received Report of Tom Joy Christmas Projects
- Set Annual Meeting Date on January 15th
- Approved purchase of a Holy Water Font
- Heard that the Salvation Army Angel Project was successful

Vestry Slate

We have begged, arm-twisted, and cajoled the following to serve as incoming

Vestry members:

- Louise Jones
- Christy Lyons
- Ken Saefkow
- Rick Webb

They will be joining David Gaines, Joe Reese, and Harry Spain who are already faithfully serving.

Parish Financial Highlights

	November	Year To Date
Income:	\$12,421	\$127,695
Expenses:	\$12,737	\$126,183
Balance	\$ (316)	\$1,512

The 2016 Income Statement was not available at press time and will be presented at our Annual Meeting on January 15th.

For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.

Outreach News

Our monthly collection for Room in the Inn is thermal underwear (L to 4XL) and hooded sweatshirts – L to 4XL . Drop off is beside the piano bench at the rear of the nave.

Youth Ministry

We have two programs for the youth of the parish.

Teenagers and middle schoolers join Father Courtney and Lacey Lyons dinner and discussion on the first Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm at the church. In January we shall discuss commitments and keeping them. A test will be given: Seeing if you show up!

Sunday Schoolers -Join Us!

January 1st Search for the King
January 8th Talk With the Teachers
January 15th Come to the River
January 22nd Change the Water
January 29th Born Anew

Taekwondo News

Imagination - We frequently use our imaginations to dream of things we wish would happen. LOOK BEYOND YOUR CURRENT LIMITS Don't be afraid to imagine things you can't do today. In Taekwondo we frequently find people doing things we consider impossible, like breaking many pieces of wood with a single strike. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF - You can do amazing things yourself, but first you must believe you can. SET GOALS - In order to reach our destination, we must first decide where we are going and what route we will follow. Successful people set goals and then develop a plan to achieve those goals. What are your goals? School or Work * Family * Financial * Health & Fitness? With a New Year facing us, take the time now to record your goals; then, develop an action plan. Stick to your plan, you can achieve a great deal in the year ahead.

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Priest in Office - 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Communion - 3:00 PM

Sunday

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 AM
(resumes 1/8)
Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM
Sunday School (ages 5-12) – 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Choir Practice – 7:00 PM (resumes 1/11)

Monday & Thursday

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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News from the Diocese of Tennessee

The Diocesan Altar Guild is headed by its Chairman who is named by the President and members of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW). The Diocesan Altar Guild functions under the direction of the Bishop and the ECW. The Altar Guild Chairman attends Diocesan ECW Board Meetings and provides a report of Altar Guild activities.

The Altar Guild's mission is to assist parishes in ordering vestments and linens, to respond to requests for help from missions, to communicate pertinent information, and to provide oversight for supplying an appropriate gift to newly ordained priests of the Diocese.

Our Diocesan Altar Guild maintains a child-sized pall for use in funeral services. It is now housed at Christ Church Cathedral. Please contact the Chair of the Diocesan Altar Guild if your parish or mission has need for its use.

The website of the National Altar Guild Association (<http://www.nationalaltarguildassociation.org/>) offers many helpful tips, relevant articles and helps to build a sense of community among those who minister within altar guilds in the Episcopal Church.

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