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# Newsletter

## A Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church January 19, 2012

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### Calendar

(\*)-Events for which flyers/brochures are in the Parish Hall

#### Sundays

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Church)  
Fellowship (Parish Hall, following the services)
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery (Keith Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns (Church)
- 11:15 a.m. \*Christian Formation Classes after 2nd service  
Fellowship (Parish Hall, following the services)

#### Wednesdays

- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Keith Hall, choir room)

#### 2nd Wednesdays

- 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meetings (Parish House, Classroom 3)
- January 20 Book Club 6:30 p.m. John and Bettie Scott, 641 East Fairview Avenue
- January 22 Commissioning Services-Delegates to Convention  
-New Vestry Members & Officers
- January 27 Friday Night Supper Club, Catfish House, Millbrook 6:30 p.m.
- January 28 \*Outreach Summit, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Birmingham
- February 4 Altar Guild Festival, St-Mary's on the Highlands, Birmingham  
click for info: [http://www.dioala.org/digital\\_faith/events/3150670](http://www.dioala.org/digital_faith/events/3150670)
- February 12 Children/Youth Choir Resumes Practice
- Feb. 17-18 Diocesan Convention, Huntsville  
click for info: [http://www.dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail\\_2/3150688](http://www.dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3150688)
- February 19 Parish Meeting II, Time TBD
- February 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6 p.m.
- February 22 Ash Wednesday Services: Noon & 6 p.m. (Holy Cross at 8 a.m.)

Feb. 24-26 Vocare #12 Weekend (Ages 18-30), Camp McDowell

click for info: <http://www.vocarealabama.org/>

February 29 Wednesday Nights in Lent Begin, Church & Parish House

February 29 Lenten Noonday Preaching Series and Luncheon Begins, St. John's, Montgomery

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## January Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

1/2 Helen Brown  
4 Joe Saloom  
Will Longshore  
7 Richard Muller  
9 Julie Moore  
13 Margaret Peeples  
20 Cody Branstetter  
26 Beth Strawbridge  
27 William Martin  
Shap Ashley  
29 Warren Marshall, Jr.  
31 Ellen Ingram

### Anniversaries

1/5 Mills/Brenda Thornton

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## Church News:

**The Commissioning Service for New Vestry and Officers and for Delegates to Diocesan Convention is this Sunday, January 22.**

### **New Vestry and Officers:**

LeRoy McEntire (Senior Warden), Charlene Roberson (Clerk); Paul Bisbee (class of 2014), Sallye Longshore (class of 2014), Rick Mills (class of 2014)

### **Delegates to Diocesan Convention**

Paul Bisbee, LeRoy McEntire, Felicia Humphrey

Click for more information about Diocesan Convention (February 17-18):

[http://dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail\\_2/3150688](http://dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/3150688)

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## **Other Special Events and Announcements:**

### ***Book Club***

***The Book Club will meet at the home of John and Bettie Scott, 641 East Fairview Avenue, 265-8485, this Friday, January 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Two books will be discussed: "Sweet Mystery: A Book of Remembering" by Judith H. Paterson " A Dog's Purpose" by W. Bruce Cameron Please bring a covered dish, drinks will be provided.***

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### **FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB**

***The Friday Night Supper Club will meet January 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Catfish***

House in Millbrook. Please RSVP to Sandra Allen 300-4497 or [sandraallen337@gmail.com](mailto:sandraallen337@gmail.com).

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## **\*OUTREACH SUMMIT**

9:30 AM- 3:00 PM

January 28, 2012

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Birmingham

### **Keynote Speaker:**

Señora Eleana Mayorquin,  
Episcopal Diocese of Honduras.

### **Schedule of the Day**

9:00 am Registration, Hall Entrance  
9:30 am Welcome and Keynote, Church  
10:30 am-noon Workshops  
12:00-1:00 Lunch, Networking  
1:15-3:00 pm Workshops  
3:00 pm Depart

These workshops are designed to give practical tips on implementing and sustaining outreach activities. Workshops Include:

- **Disaster Preparedness and Response**
- **Community Transformation through Outreach**
- **Hispanic Mission Outreach**
- **Global Short-Term Mission**
- **Youth Domestic Mission**
- **Kairos Prison Ministry**
- **Spirituality and Outreach**
- **Public Policy to Address the Needs of the Poor**

**Fee:** \$15 to include lunch, payable to the Diocese of Alabama, note "Outreach Summit"

**Who Should Attend?** Clergy, Lay Leaders, especially Parish Outreach Chairs, ECW, Youth Leaders, Youth, and anyone interested in Mission and Outreach

### **Contact:**

For information, the Reverend Deacon Judy Quick,  
[jgquick@bellsouth.net](mailto:jgquick@bellsouth.net), 205.669.6862

For registration, the Reverend Pat Wingo, Deputy for Ministry Development,  
[pwingo@dioala.org](mailto:pwingo@dioala.org), 205.715.2060, ext 317 or **online registration**  
at <http://bit.ly/tnftSs>

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## **St. John's Lenten Series**

**The Lenten Series at St. John's begins February 29th at 12:05 p.m. with lunch following. Please mark your calendars.**

**February 29: The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama**

**March 7: The Rev. Cam West, President of Huntingdon College**

**March 14: The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase, Bishop of Georgia**

**March 21: The Rev. Sam Mason, retired; former Interim Rector**

**of Ascension, Montgomery**

**March 28: The Rev. Allison Sandlin Liles, Associate Rector, St. Thomas, Huntsville**

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**Please remember donations of any and all books appropriate for our new library or for sale by the church (to raise funds for buying shelving and materials for the library) are greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in the bins in the parish hall.**

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### ***Benedictine Sisters Retreat***

Cinema retreat to focus on the film: ***Into Great Silence***

In today's fast-paced world of activity, noise, and constant stimuli, the soul seeks silent pauses to refresh the inner spirit. St. John of the Cross believed "Silence is God's first language." In ***Listening to God in Holy Silence: A Cinema Retreat***, participants will pray and reflect with the film ***Into Great Silence*** (Director Philip Gröning) which portrays the strict silent life of the Carthusian monks. The retreat will be held January 27-29 at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman, AL and will be led by Sister Priscilla Cohen, OSB. The program will begin Friday evening and will end after the noon meal on Sunday. The cost for the weekend is \$195/person for a private room and \$175/person for a shared room; lodging, meals, and linens are included.

For registration information, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).

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## **RENASCENCE**

The mission of Renascence is to help non-violent, male ex-offenders make a successful transition from prison into the community.

The annual "Paint Alabama" fundraiser, which for the past three years has been an art show and sale will be different this year. It will continue to feature art, but emphasis will be on showing works produced by the residents, to be sold only if the artists wish to sell them. This will be held April 19, 2012. Between now and then there is a wish list for the art therapy.

### **Tools:**

Jigsaw, circular saw, hammers, tin snips, screwdrivers, nails and screws, paint brushes (all sizes, including artists' brushes)

**Supplies:**

Gorilla glue, wire (any kind), various and assorted wood scraps, paints (all colors), plastic buckets, resealable plastic containers, pieces of tin roofing, canvas, watercolor paper

**People:**

Art teachers  
Craft teachers

If you are interested in teaching an art or craft to residents for a specified period of time, please call Dana Dunklin at the Renaissance Office: 832-1402. Times and days are flexible, depending on yours and the residents' schedules. Since most of them work during the day, evenings and weekends will probably work best.

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**Ready for a life changing experience?**

Come and join the 2012 Sawyerville Camp staff!

People ages 16 and up are invited to come and volunteer their time at either of the two sessions offered this summer in Hale County! Sawyerville Day Camp is an annual free day camp in Greensboro staffed primarily by high school and college aged young adults. Those "young-at-heart" adults are welcome to apply and chaperone as needed! Staff members should be prepared to lead small groups of children between the ages of 6-14, play games, participate in all kinds of creative activities, play sports, sing songs, act silly, worship together, pray with one another and enjoy a week of service for and with God's children! The campers come for the day by school bus from all over Hale County and the staff stays overnight at local churches or homes. There is no staff fee just come and give of your time and energy!

The staff dates are:

Session 1: June 22-30

Session 2: July 6-14

Please fill out the online application no later than APRIL 1st. You'll hear something shortly after the deadline. We do our best to take everyone & place you in the appropriate camp session.

For more info visit the [Sawyerville website](#).

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**You're Invited.**

Come worship with us.

Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.  
Fellowship afterwards in the Parish Hall.

For more information call us at 215-1422  
or visit us on the web at



[www.gracemtmeigs.org](http://www.gracemtmeigs.org)



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