

THE COMMUNICATOR

SOIL BORINGS KICK OFF \$7 MILLION DREAM

It's early on a Monday morning. The temperature hit 92 by 10 a.m. and David Dando, with a well-used hard hat and sweat-dampened neck, is beginning to smile for the first time since leaving home nearly two hours ago.

The crew scheduled to drill soil borings in the parking lot off the kitchen had not shown up. When David got to the bottom of the problem, the supervisor had canceled

because when he drove through earlier, there were no markings indicating where utility lines were buried.

"We got that straightened out," said David, mildly irritated. "I told them to get over here, and if we hit something, it would be our problem."

David, an engineer with more than 40 years' experience in construction - most of it as a founding principal in the Memphis general contracting firm MCDR Inc. - was hired by the Vestry to represent its interests in the \$7 million



David Dando is the church's newest part-time consultant, in charge of representing its interests in \$7 million renovation.

construction job.

It's his job to advocate for Holy Communion through the nitty gritty of a construction site it will share with joined-at-the-hip neighbor, St. Mary's Episcopal School.

"It is my thing. I've been doing this for a long time. The way I see it, I have stepped in most of the pitfalls, so Holy Communion doesn't have to," says David, a straight-talker who shows up for construction meetings early, and, if the architect has questions about a measurement on campus, for instance, he

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NAVE DESIGN IN SKETCHING STAGE

Terry Byrd Eason, one of the premier church designers in the nation, spent hours holed up in the library with the Nave Design Committee this summer, discussing parishioner's reactions to his vision for the nave.

He is now drawing up the plan for what he will recommend, including alternatives to his original design for expanding the balcony.

His proposal is expected by late summer, said Ann Duncan, chairperson of the Nave Design Committee.

Her committee spent hours reviewing the comments and categorizing them.

"It boiled down to a few things we would like to see, particularly

with the proposed expansion of the balcony," Duncan said.

The nave is part of the original construction on Walnut Grove, finished in 1949.

"You have a building that was built more than 65 years ago and renovated and expanded 27 years ago," Eason said. "You have a series of issues that have accumulated. It's not good stewardship to piecemeal solutions to earlier problems. The whole space will get very muddled with a bunch of individual designs.

"There are some big-picture issues, like acoustics, that aren't going to get fixed on their own," he said. "There are mechanical systems that need to be renewed, replaced or upgraded, including

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Photos by Cindy McMillion

Participants in our first Memphis Immersion spent five days and nights in late July getting to know our city, including walking its hot, historic urban core.

JOURNEY INTO THE DEPTHS OF OUR CITY

So many Memphis elements converged in the Wednesday morning worship at St. Mary's Cathedral that, for kids taking a week of summer break to study the city, it must have seemed ordained.

Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay, the hit Otis Redding recorded 49 years ago at Stax Records, was on the song list. Steve Cropper, guitarist for hometown Booker T. & the MG's, wrote it. He surely never imagined it would be sung during Holy Eucharist. But there it was, reverberating through the shrine of the chapel where Constance and her companions prayed for strength during the yellow fever epidemic in 1878, which nearly sent Memphis downstream.

The dust motes floating in the air seemed significant. Outside, the sun was rising on another scorcher. The elements – all so Memphis – were part of a growing cascade of experiences for 13 teens from Holy Communion on the church's first Memphis Immersion, a five-day journey into the center of the city.

"My goal and purpose is to help everyone see how the city came to be and understand the things that have happened here," said Matthew Arehart standing in a thick, loosely



Emma Gammill and the rest of the group served breakfast to a congregation of people from all walks of life at St. Mary's Cathedral.

organized line of volunteer waiters and waitresses, waiting to get instruction for serving the assembly of homeless and downtrodden quickly filling the cathedral's community breakfast room.

"I'm not used to being close to these kinds of people," said Brandon Quach, a student at Memphis University School. "It kinda scared me at first, to be honest. Then you realize, they are human, just like us."

The immersion is the first pilgrim step for group of youth who will have a chance to make an international pilgrimage in three years, a departure from the two-year calendar Holy Communion has had.

Youth minister Arehart is changing the sequence, leading kids intentionally through a series of ministry experiences that echo their own movement into the world, starting with their hometown.

The week's agenda included Jimmy Ogle's famous Downtown walking tour, public transportation, a riverboat cruise, tours of MIFA, Bass Pro and Bridges, plus a Redbirds game.

The teens also shopped for supper (the price per camper could not exceed \$2.88, what the average family in the United States can afford to spend for dinner), visited the National Civil Rights Museum and walked the hot sidewalks Downtown.

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— *Youth Minister*
Matthew Arehart

Arehart is hoping the mix of attractions and the city’s grinding poverty and racial division help the teens see the city as it appears to tourists on one hand and the thousands of people living in households with annual incomes of less than \$10,000.

The plan is to join forces with Walk With 901, a youth program with a similar agenda at St. Mary’s Cathedral, being developed by Justin Merrick, youth minister for diversity.

“Our idea is to discuss ways to go deeper,” Arehart said.

Next summer, the same group will

go on a mission trip outside Memphis, expanding the teens’ understanding of the level of need in the nation and preparing them to think of ways they can respond.

Each night, the group returned to the shaded, quiet oasis of St. Columba Conference and Retreat Center to share impressions.

“Last night, we made rules for our time, including to be inclusive and respectful,” Arehart said. “And we took it one step further by talking about being respectful of not just the people in our cabin but every single person we encounter this week. When we go to work at Constance Abbey this morning, we may encounter people different from us, who maybe have been drinking or are just wandering around. The message is, we need to respect all people.”

The rule is rooted in Episcopal liturgy, starting with the plaintive words of the Baptismal Covenant:



Carter Gammill enjoyed meeting guest Montrele and therapy dog, Memphis.

*Will you strive to work for
justice and peace among
all people
and respect the dignity
of every human being?*

I will with God’s help.



ROCKIN' OUT AT ADAM'S ARMY ZUMBATHON FOR ST. JUDE

by Connie Cruthirds

On Saturday, July 15, the Memphis Zumba Community and Church of the Holy Communion hosted the third Annual Zumbathon for Adam’s Army and St. Jude.

Dozens of instructors took turns leading 150 people through Zumba routines to raise money for St. Jude. Adam even joined one instructor on stage.

The Zumbathons have raised more than \$5,000!

On July 29, 2014, Adam was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. His 31 months of chemo ended in February, but he continues to have frequent remission checks and receive treatment at St. Jude for challenging side effects.

He created Adam’s Army during the toughest phase of treatment. His goal is to raise \$1 million for St. Jude out of gratitude for all it has done for him.

So far Adam’s Army, now a community of thousands worldwide, has raised more than \$430,000. Adam says his diagnosis gave his life purpose.

When people come together to share their time and help raise money, it heals some of the pain of what he’s lost, including several friends who lost their young lives to cancer.

This gives him faith that together we can help end childhood cancer.

The Zumba community, Holy Communion and others’ constant support through prayer, enthusiasm, and involvement are true blessings from God.



The city’s Zumba community helped raise more than \$1,200 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

AUGUST AT HOLY COMMUNION... *Tell Yo*



SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15

AUGUST

August 20 | Joyce Williams, coordinator of the city of Memphis recycling program, is going to tell us about the changes in the program, what they means for the future and what we can do to get on board in our homes and at church

August 27 | Matthew Arehart and his team of young people will fill us in on Holy Communion's first Memphis Immersion !

SEPTEMBER

September 3 | Brave Nuns & Bold Faith Memphis's history is colored by the raw courage of a band of Episcopal sisters in the city's 1878 yellow fever epidemic. Hester will lead a discussion of the Martyrs of Memphis.

September 10 & 17 | 21st Century Heresy: Fr. Sandy explores the modern idea that threatens to shake the foundations of the Christian faith.

September 24 | Bridges: What can a Holy Communion family do make a difference in race relations? Come hear what our partners at Bridges have to say.

ORGAN RECITAL

Dr. Jane Gamble is performing in one of the three summer series recitals put on by the Memphis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The free recital is at 3 p.m., August 20 at the church.

TEAM READ

Are you interested in tutoring a second grader in reading this school year? If so, Team Read is a powerful outreach ministry of Holy Communion, and we have two ways to get involved. To join Team Read during school hours at Shady Grove Elementary, contact Christy Yarbrow at christyyarbrow@yahoo.com. To join Team Read at Emmanuel Center in the afternoons after school, contact Charlton Lyons at clyons3rd@hotmail.com.



RALLY DAY | AUGUST 13

Classes start at 9:15 a.m. for young people, adults and everyone in between! Sandy will deliver his State-of-the Parish Address. We'll have the Blessing of the Backpacks, and then after church, we will spill out onto the driveway for our party with live music and good eats!



GROUPS A

<p>All Saints' Guild <i>Second Tuesday</i> 10:30 a.m. Carrick Room</p>	<p>Brotherhood of St. Andrew <i>Second and fourth Saturday</i> 8 a.m., Chapel</p>	<p>Centering Prayer <i>First Saturday</i> 9 a.m., Chapel</p>	<p>Daughters of the King <i>Second Sunday</i> noon Carrick Room</p>	<p>Knitting Ministry <i>Third Tuesday</i> 11 a.m., Room 308 <i>Every Wednesday</i> 6:30 p.m., Room 307</p>
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ur Story | Take a Journey | Make a Difference



**Here@HolyC resumes!
Wednesday, August 16
at 5:45 p.m.**

Come and enjoy our brand of family-style dinner, followed by compline and small-group discussions. All the choirs practice, plus, there's Zumba with our famous Edgar Gipanago in the lead, BBC Watch Party, activities for children and Bring It Food Hub pickup. Repeat each week!

Words³ A reading series of writers of all genres and backgrounds.
Listeners and contributors welcome. Free snacks!
5:30 | Parish Hall
THEME: August 15 Anything Goes

2017 FALL SPORTS Practice begins in August!

Games start in September.

SOCCER:

- Under 5 Co-Ed: Friday night games.
- Under 6 Co-Ed: Friday night games. – Six games
- Separate divisions for boys and girls teams under ages 8, 10 and 13. All games will be played on Saturdays.

CO-ED KICKBALL:

- Middle School Division – Saturdays– rising 6th-8th graders
- Senior High Division – Saturdays – rising 9th-12th graders



**SHOTGUN
START 9 A.M.,
SEPTEMBER 16**

Participating in Holy Communion's annual Book It 5K is fun, good for your health and a great way to connect with the community. It also impacts the lives of thousands of children in Shelby County through its beneficiaries, Books from Birth and the Emmanuel Center.

Books from Birth is part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program; each enrollee receives a book each month from birth through age 5.

More than 74,000 children in Shelby County have been enrolled. The Emmanuel Center was founded in 1989 and annually serves more than 2,000 people through programs that include spiritual direction, social service programs, educational enrichment and recreational activities. It offers after-school activities for students in kindergarten through high school and partners with other organizations to coordinate support programs in the neighborhood.

The race is a 3.1 mile run/walk for all ages and a 200-meter dash for children and youth, 16 and under. The after-race party includes food, music, balloon artist, face painting, line dancing and awards.

Registration for the 5K is \$20 per person; registration for the 200-meter dash is \$10. Register at bookit5k.racesonline.com or at the church.

Exercise Schedule at Holy Communion

Beginner's Gentle Yoga	Intermediate Yoga	Tai Chi	Zumba
Monday & Wednesday 4:15-5:15 p.m. Room 308	Tuesday & Thursday 4:15-5:15 p.m. Room 308	Monday & Wednesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Room 308	Monday 6:15-7:15 p.m., Gym Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m., Gym Saturday 9:30-10:30 a.m., Gym

AND GUILDS

Men's Bible Study Friday 7 a.m. Room 214	More Than a Meal First Sunday after 10:30 service at Grace-St. Luke's	The Reading Life First Tuesday 11 a.m. Carrick Room	Sandy and Mimsy's Biblical Adventure Thursday 10 a.m. Room 308	Words ³ (Words, Cubed) Third Tuesday 5:30-7 p.m. Cheney Parish Hall
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CHURCH HAS PLACE IN NBA PLAYER'S HEART

Julie Fike, an athlete herself, keeps an eye on the crop of talent this city turns out.

Which is to say she knew about Tarik Black when he was averaging 16 points a game as a senior at Ridgeway High in 2010. She was thrilled when he signed with the University of Memphis and happier yet when the Lakers drafted him in 2014.

Back in April, when Julie heard about the foundation Black was starting in Memphis, she called to see if the church could help.

"I've always liked him," she says. "It turns out, they needed space for the gala they were having. We met with his mother and showed her our parish hall. She was thrilled with the space."

On July 13, in front of hundreds of guests, including Police Director Michael Rallings, Black thanked Holy Communion for its generosity.

"They presented us this space for all us to enjoy this evening, and they didn't ask



Houston Rocket, Tarik Black

anything of us," Black said.

The room erupted in cheers.

At Julie's suggestion, Black offered spots in his camp – which includes communicating in social settings and practical things like tying ties and changing tires – to kids at Emmanuel Center. At least a half-dozen attended the gala.

"He is serving a lot of the communities we are already in partnership with," said the Reverend Hester Mathes. "I love the fact that there were kids from Emmanuel Center at the camp and the gala.

"We see recreation as a way to help children live into their God-given gifts and talents and learn how to be in relationship with others in a way that mirrors our faith," she said.

Each camper received a tie. The foundation arranged for an expert from James Davis to visit and help each camper learn how to tie it.

"When I started with the NBA, I was exposed to many things for the first time. I had to learn the proper silverware and glasses to use. I had to be able to talk about myself when asked. It was important to look people in the eye when speaking, and especially living in Los Angeles, I needed to have values to guide my life so not to get caught up in the many negative temptations that could devastate my career and life."

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heads out to take them himself. He sends them back with his own hand-sketched view of the subject.

David is the point person for the church for anything that comes up in design and construction. It means interacting with architects, engineers, code officials – and keeping Sandy and Senior Warden John Lewis in the loop as he goes.

"I will explain to them how this works and give them the advice I would follow if it were my money," David said.

David was a key leader at MCDR (formerly Martin, Cole, Dando & Robertson) for 35 years, including 21 as president. In that time, he traveled a great swath of the country (from Oklahoma to Florida to North Carolina where MCDR built hospitals, schools, churches and commercial buildings, including more than 50 Target stores, dozens of hotels and our own Cheney Parish Hall.

An insurance company hired him to oversee the work to make the Hernando DeSoto Bridge earthquake-proof, one of the most fascinating, if not exhilarating, jobs of his life.

"If ever there is an earthquake, that bridge is the place you want to be. It's bolted and trussed together like you can't believe."

The work for the church has its own challenges. For one, there's a school calendar to negotiate, and parking – already tight – will have to be juggled to accommodate the weekly ebb and flow, including influxes for weddings and funerals.

While David's work represents the most visible stage of the project to renovate Greenwood and Blaisdell and demolish and build a new gym and wellness center, the Church Renovations

Committee has also worked all summer.

"We have taken all the focus group comments and given them to the architects so they can begin to work on the drawings," said Maryanne Macdonald, its chairwoman. "The general contractor is in place, so they can work with us as the architects draw the plans. We will begin to work on the relocation plans for the staff and all church activities this fall."

David started as a volunteer on the Vestry's Church Renovation Committee, which besides Macdonald, includes Emily Woodside and Debbie Campbell.

The committee, for instance "went through quite a process" to determine the best kind of heating and cooling system, he says.

"We evaluated a number of systems and thought we had a found a relatively new type of system that looked like it would meet our needs for efficiency, compact size and noise."

David followed up by calling industry contacts who purchased the systems and learned in those candid conversations that the long-term performance was not as good as the manufacturer promised.

"I said, 'thank you, thank you, thank you,' and we backed off," Dando said.

Senior Warden John Lewis is thrilled David is on the job.

"He works well with St. Mary's Episcopal School, and he brings a level of expertise that will ensure an organized and successful project. He has worked with Sandy and me over the last several weeks, and he has already proven to be an invaluable resource to both of us."

REYNOLDS NOURISHED SOULS FROM DAY ONE

People who loved the Reverend Reynolds Cheney started filing into the parish hall named for him hours before his burial service July 31.

Tim McCormack, a member of the Vestry, was an acolyte when Reynolds began serving Holy Communion in 1981.

“He was ebullient and bold,” McCormack said. “And he loved jokes. It was nothing for him to be going down the aisle in the procession and see him telling the ushers one.”

His giant presence, physically and emotionally, still fills the church for McCormack, who could feel Reynolds’ spirit in the parish hall as people remembered their favorite stories, including people he had married, confirmed and held as infants in baptism.

“I am an Episcopalian today because of Reynolds,” said Patty McCormack. “I was Baptist when we married, but I loved Reynolds so much. I was like so many others who were pulled to him.”

Reynolds, who died in early July at 80, served this parish for 20 years, just a year less than its other lion-hearted rector, the Reverend Dr. Eric S. Greenwood, founding rector.

Margaret Taylor marveled that Reynolds remembered names and did it so well and with seemingly so little effort, she always wondered if he had taken the Dale Carnegie course on it.

“He just jumped into people’s lives,” she said, adding that knowing names was just the beginning of how Reynolds made



*The Reverend
Reynolds Cheney*

people feel known and valued.

Reynolds, a consummate teacher too, taught a Tuesday night Bible study that was popular enough to last long over a decade.

“Even if we just got through this much,” Taylor said, holding her index and thumb about two inches apart, “you left feeling you had learned so much about living and making decisions in this life.”

Bishop Duncan Gray learned 95 percent of what he needed to know about being a parish rector from Reynolds in the five years he worked for him, both in Greenville, Mississippi, and at Holy Communion.

“I’ll tell you a story I don’t think I’ve ever told. I met Reynolds when I was 13 at camp (Bratton-Green). Reynolds was this big guy, and he told a bunch of us he bet we couldn’t hit his pitch.

“I looked at that guy, and I just knew there wasn’t anything he could throw that I couldn’t hit,” Gray said with a twinkle in his eye.

“He threw that ball in an underhand pitch like this,” Gray says making a tight, fast, high-arched pitch off to his side. “Not one of the guys hit it, and there were ten of us.”

Reynolds didn’t say a word, Gray said. “He knew we’d gotten the lesson.”

In his sermon for the memorial service, Sandy said Reynolds gave people more than just faith.

“He gave us a communal understanding of our faith. Christ did not die for each one of us individually, but for all of us together. Reynolds did not believe that we were called (or even allowed!) to walk the road of faith alone. The Church is God’s great gift to us for the journey we all life. We need the Church. We need each other, particularly so at times like these.”

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wiring, water and plumbing. It’s best to take another 50-, 60-, 70-, 80-year view forward and say, ‘how do we know that this church will work as well as for the next 50, 60 years as it has done previously?’”

Last fall, he proposed \$3 million in improvements to remove the acoustical tile from the ceiling and flatten the curve, replace the pews and flooring, and move the altar away from the back wall.

He also suggested a tester over the pulpit and embellished wainscoting in the back to add a more authentic Georgian-styling to the chancel.

The Vestry voted not to include the nave updating in the capital campaign. In late December, a family in the parish pledged \$750,000 as a lead gift for improvements to it.

“Nothing has been adopted, and nothing has been thrown out,” Duncan said. “There are few areas where we’ve asked him to give us alternatives and more detailed renderings. We can’t make a decision until we see what he suggests.”

The committee will meet with Eason again in the fall to receive his updates and begin weighing what needs to be done first.

He notes that finishes in the nave are wearing thin or aging, including the floor and ceiling tile.

“There is a problem in the shape of ceiling. It creates a focal point



Terry Byrd Eason

with hot spots and dead spots. Putting absorptive material over the top was thought to smooth it out. Now, that tile has gotten dirty, and it was not the right answer to begin with. It was a 1950s understanding of the problem.”

Improving the acoustics, he says, can invigorate a congregation’s singing and responses, and therefore, its worship.

“The room needs to give feedback, like your bathroom at home. If the person next to you hears you singing, he will sing more boldly. And people will be inclined to blend their voices. If the room is dead, you feel like you are the only one singing, and you ramp it down.”

For people who think their congregation doesn’t sing as well as the congregation down the street, Eason’s answer is “it’s more likely acoustics.

“Maybe the people down the street are in a room where it feels good to sing. The other congregation might be just as happy to sing a good hymn, but the room is fighting it, so it never sounds very exciting.”

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Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

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