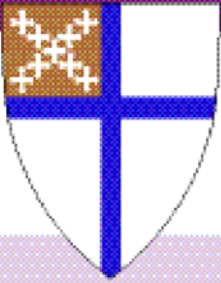


The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

March 2008



March

March 1

Disciplining Through
God's Word

March 7 - 9

Middle School
Spring Fling
at Honey Creek

March 16

Palm Sunday

March 20

Maundy Thursday
7 a.m., 6 p.m.

March 21

Good Friday
7 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
and 6 p.m.

March 22

Holy Saturday
10 a.m.

March 23

Easter
Services at 6 a.m.,
8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
and 11:30 a.m.

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First Light

We gathered in the pre-dawn darkness, a darkness made greater by a heavy fog. We were gathered there to celebrate the first service of Easter, the first service of a new-made world. Easter Day is the Feast of the Resurrection, the day when the world, when we, receive the news that not even death and the grave can stand before the love and the will of God. In that darkness a flame flickered to life and became bright and strong, the new fire of Easter from which the great Paschal Candle was lighted, and one by one the light spread throughout the gathering in hand-held candles. Then the light processed out of the fog into the darkened church and the deacon carrying the great candle proclaimed, "The Light of Christ." The church and the world were made light once more by the presence of Christ.

The darkness that Christ's light dispelled had gathered through the three days of the Triduum: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. We had heard once more the unfolding story of Christ's Last Supper, His agony in the garden, His arrest and trial. The church had been made dark and barren with the word of Christ's crucifixion and entombment. We heard a great and ancient hymn as the light returned, a hymn to the light of Christ as the deacon proclaimed the "Exultet," and the joyful "Alleluia, Christ is Risen." The light revealed the church, the world, and life itself restored to light and color and beauty.

Holy Week, beginning with the procession of Palm Sunday, is the unfolding story of the very root of our faith as Christians: the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ in witness to the power and grace of God. With the Easter Vigil we joyfully proclaim our faith to a waking world. Come, take part.

Peter+



The Ushers at Christ Church

duties associated with the job of ushering.

"You get to know newcomers sooner when you greet them," said Mrs. Tucker.

Some of the duties of the ushers include greeting members and newcomers, giving out bulletins at all services and

Ushers provide these services every Sunday, at funerals of church members and at other special services.

"This ministry gives you a wonderful sense of community," said Helen. Even though there is currently only one female, the group welcomes anyone who would like to join the rotation. Please call Mrs. Tucker at 242-1900 or tell any usher you would like to be a part of the group.

Current Christ Church ushers include: Charles Boatwright, Ron Borders, Bush Bryan, Tom Carroll, Len Carter, Richard Coleman, Charlie Cosey, Philip Gunter, Will Hanson, John Hiers, Danny Mansukhani, Eric Nielsen, Lee Page, Terry Parsons, Aaron Parten, Bill Sineath, Helen Tucker, Al Turner, and Larry Wisenbaker.



Mike Tanner and Helen Tucker straighten bulletins.

Ushering puts you in touch with the parish according to Helen Tucker, the official scheduler for the Christ Church ushers. For over 16 years Mrs. Tucker has enjoyed all the

Caritas songbooks at the 11:30 service, seating anyone who needs assistance, giving directions to the church facility, offering assistance to the handicapped, counting the attendees including the children in the nursery for the official record, choosing oblation carriers, taking up the collection, collecting the songbooks after the service, and locking the church after everyone leaves.

Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit,
Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. Peter Ingeman, Rector

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Priest
in Residence

Stella Clark, Deacon

Patricia Marks, Deacon

Molly Greneker, Parish Secretary

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

Kathy Armstrong, St. Gregory
Choir Director

Dr. John Curtis and Maggie Roberts,
St. Francis Choir Leaders

Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

Vestry

Mimi Allen Sandra Fletcher

Hugh Bailey Phyllis Holland

Clinton Beeland Pepi Nelson

Charles Boatwright Bill Nunn

Tom Carroll Buddy Pitts

Jan Carter Joe Singletary

Carolyn Eager Al Turner

Sylvia Warrick

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The Rev. Ingeman 245-0799

The Rev. Drazdowski 249-0895

Deacon Clark 559-6159

Deacon Marks 244-5159

Molly Greneker 292-8215

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Youth Group Cooks Pancake Supper for Shrove Tuesday

The Christ Episcopal Church Youth Group prepared pancakes, bacon, coffee, orange juice and milk for Shrove Tuesday. The event was a fundraiser for the group to be used to support trips like the upcoming Spring Fling.

Sponsor Susan Elliott cooked bacon and supervised the kitchen activity.

Photos:

1. the pancakes
2. l. to r. Rachel Greneker, David Holland, Sparky Greneker, Tyler Johnson, Alex Lind, and Thomas Greneker
3. Susan Elliott
4. David Holland and Alex Elliott



The 186th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia

The Diocese of Georgia held its 186th Annual Convention in Augusta February 7-9. The theme of this year's convention was We are family ... we are connected.

Christ Church Valdosta was well represented at convention by Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman, Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Deacon Patricia Marks, lay delegates Molly Greneker, Bonnie Hanson, and Sandy Sandbach. Jim Elliott attended as Chancellor and was Parliamentarian of the convention.

The convention began with a sung Evensong on Thursday evening followed by Bishop Louttit's annual address in which he reminded us that unity, especially in diversity, is important for us so that

we can answer our call to serve God in His richly diverse world.

Friday's business meeting included approval of canonical changes regarding the makeup of convocation councils and the requirements for change from mission to parish status. The convention also passed a resolution for the creation of an ad hoc commission for the review of our current diocesan decision making process.

Elections were held for the many offices and positions that do the important work of the Diocese and of the larger church beyond convention. Molly Greneker was elected to serve a four-year term on the Standing Committee and was

also elected to serve as a deputy to General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2009 to be held in Anaheim, CA.



Jim Elliott

The business of the convention was concluded Friday evening when Bishop Louttit called for the election of the Tenth Bishop of the Diocese, a process that is expected to take up to two years to complete. In the interim, Bishop Louttit remains the Bishop of Georgia and will resign upon the election and consecration of his successor.

by Jim Elliott



1. The Church of the Good Shepherd, Augusta



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- 2. The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, Ninth Bishop of Georgia
- 3. Delegates
- 4. Molly Greneker
- 5. Bishop Ernest Shalita, Uganda

- 6. Some of the Christ Church Valdosta delegates and friends: Deacon Patricia Marks, Dr. Dennis Marks, Jim Elliott, Bishop Henry Louttit, Molly Greneker, Sandy Sandbach, and Bonnie Hanson
- 7. Bishop Henry Louttit



Last year's palms provide the ashes for this year's Ash Wednesday. Each year we are called to a prayerful Lent and a joyous Easter.

"For dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." Genesis 3:19
 ..."But you are precious dust, and free." Fr. Peter Ingeman

Words for Lent

Repentance

Self-denial

Forgiveness



Special Days Remembered in March

BIRTHDAYS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Charles Adams | 16 Mary Lovelace |
| Joan Bailey | 17 Sara Canup |
| Michael Bajalia | Carter Coleman |
| 3 Lonnie Lacy | 18 Nicole Bajalia |
| 4 Helen McClure | Walton Carter |
| Rachel Marshall | Tayloe Harding |
| 5 Harrison Tillman, Jr. | Olivia Nunn |
| Marilyn Kemper | Pat Tudor |
| 6 Mitchell Beeland | 19 Duke Guthrie |
| Kristy Callihan | Richard Saeger |
| 9 Phoebe Singleton | 20 Anne Reid |
| 10 Janet Smith | 21 Regan Adams |
| Malcolm Weston | Scott Callihan |
| 11 Dave Amaya | Jack Fisher |
| Kathryn Cody | Steven Taylor |
| 12 Jane Teasley | 23 Sarah Bartholomew |
| 13 Cole Callihan | 24 Courtland Smith |
| 14 William Bajalia | 25 Bill Curington |
| Merrill Guice | 27 Ken Rumstay |
| Dennis Savoie | 29 Jacob Diamond |
| 15 Julia Ariail | Bill Roberts |
| Jeani Synyard | 30 Bill Tucker |
| 16 Gloria Boyette | 31 Janet Dickman |
| Kathy Failor | Alison Peters |
| Julie Jackson | Edith Shepherd |
| John Kunath | Amber Tanner |

- 3 Nick Bajalia
- Linda Riggle
- 5 Marilyn Kemper
- 14 Mackenzie Clark
- Larry Wisenbaker
- 16 Ashley Cody
- 18 John Curtis
- 19 Tyler Kunath
- 20 Margaret Weston
- 21 Helen McClure
- 23 Willa Valencia
- 25 Stephanie Tillman
- 26 Aldine Carter
- Cindy Waters
- 27 Dylan Phillips
- Ethan Warrick
- 28 Mike Holland
- 30 Robbie Beeland
- 31 Emma Claire
- Campbell
- Natalie Gjertsen

- 1 Terry & Kathleen Parsons
- 5 Boots & Pat Tudor
- 8 Duane & Jennifer Carter
- 17 John & Helen Bennett
- Bob & Sue Ann Johnston
- 18 Searcy & Helen McClure
- 23 Allan & Joan Dear
- Mike & Julie Savoie
- 26 Bubba & Anne Campbell

If your special day is not included in our calendar, please call the church office at 242-5115 to let us know.

Vestry Report from the January Meeting

- Approved the budget for 2008. There is a \$20,000 increase in pledges over 2007, with 117 pledge cards received.
- Voted to renew the Martha Harris certificate of deposit with the interest placed into the operating account for youth activities, as designated by the contributor.
- Elected the 2008 Executive Committee. Pepi Nelson - Senior Warden; Clint Beeland - Junior Warden; Amber Tanner - Treasurer; Jan Carter - Secretary Clerk
- Received report of youth activities including the organization of a Relay for Life



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Clint Beeland, Junior Warden

- team and the formation of a youth advisory group. Recent successful activities include a Christmas party, Christmas floats and a Lock-in.
- Received an update from the Junior Warden of the church property survey being conducted as part of initial

planning for an educational building project.

- Discussed an initial architectural consulting firm bid from a company based in Montgomery, AL. The Building Committee will continue to consider this bid at their next meeting and bring a recommendation to the February vestry meeting.
- Received confirmation that Nancy Sartin has been approved by the Commission on Ministry to begin Deacon School.
- Received report from Deacon Patricia Marks on her ministry with residents at Ashley House.

Around the Parish



Michael Black

Michael M. Black has completed *Sincerely, Frank; Frank R. Reade: Professor, President, and Camp Director.* This 171-page biography is a

referenced, brief account of the family, life, and career of the third president of the Georgia State Womans College (now Valdosta State University) who served from 1934 until 1948. An English professor by training, Reade left innumerable written records of his activities which are a part of the Frank R. Reade Collection at Valdosta State University.

Information from the collection helped him discover more about Reade's humor, interactions, and attitudes; one of his customs was signing each piece of correspondence warmly and simply "Sincerely, Frank." This book continues Michael's personal commitment to assist in the preservation of Valdosta State University's history by documenting those individuals who have enriched lives and left lasting impressions on the institution and its culture. Both Dr. and Mrs. Reade were parishioners at Christ Church and many may remember them. In fact, Dr. Reade allowed services to be held in the College's auditorium while our new facility was built.

Donate Easter Flowers

Remember to honor someone with a donation for the Easter flowers. Send names and donation to the church office by March 16.

How Can We Pray Together?

Fr. Peter's Lenten study of iconography will end on March 12, and an evening of meditative singing and prayer is planned for Friday, March 14 in the sanctuary. The evening will focus on both the icons that Fr. Peter will be using in his study and the powerful and prayerful music from the Taize community. Come at 7:00 P.M. and participate in this segue into Holy Week. The evening's leaders are Bobbie Warren and Pam Guice. Call Bobbie, 247-1191, for more information.



St. Francis Choir

Needs . . .

We would welcome a few more singers (no audition necessary, just sing for the Lord!), a bass recorder player, and another tenor recorder player. We also need two more guitar players who will help each Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. service. We rehearse on Monday nights from 7 to 8 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt for children fifth grade and younger will be on Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Bring a basket! The staff needs plastic filled eggs to hide. Please bring the eggs to the office by 3:00 p.m., Friday, March 21.

Youth Car Wash

The youth of our church will wash cars on Palm Sunday, March 16, between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The \$5 donation goes to support the Diocesan Episcopal Youth and Children's Services fund.



A New Look For The Vineyard

I want to give heartfelt thanks to Stefani Carroll for all her work in editing and producing our parish newsletter, *The Vineyard*, these past months and to welcome and thank Julia and Julius Ariail as our new editors. *The Vineyard* is the very best way to learn about upcoming events and to see and hear about events that have taken place in the life of our parish family. Please be sure that our editors have time to feature upcoming events and have photos and articles about things as they take place. We are delighted to receive your comments and suggestions about communications at Christ Church.

In Christ,
Peter+

The Vineyard On the Web

The Vineyard will be posted to the Christ Church Valdosta Web site on the last day of the month prior to publication. Photos on the site will be in color while photos in the printed version will be in black and white because of cost of publication. At <www.christchurchvaldosta.org> double click *The Vineyard* tab to view this publication.

The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to <juliacarail@bellsouth.net> or phone 229-559-7329.

The 186th Convention - a Clergy Perspective

Sitting at Table 38, near the back, provided a grand bird's-eye view of the entire convention floor, where a crowd of delegates, lay and clergy, from churches large and small, high and low, all sat companionably together. Those tables are a good metaphor for a working church: lots of discussion, some disagreement, but ultimately the general assumption that unity is more productive than divisiveness, that charity toward one's neighbor, beginning in small things, is really the key to God's kingdom on earth.

So, yes, there were reports and resolutions, budget discussions and elections. But there was also heart-felt silence as the Bishop requested preliminary planning for his retirement. And later, much laughter and tears as we roasted A.L. Addington and wished him Godspeed.

For me, the meeting was dominated by the marvelous ministries that began with one person having an idea. That's all it takes – one person and an idea. Our guest speaker, Bishop Ernest Shalita, spoke of orphanages and AIDS in Uganda. And he gave us our marching orders when he summed up his talk with "Go and see." Go and see; then roll up your sleeves and help.

And how have people helped? They have gone into the prisons and seen the face of Christ behind bars. They have, like our own Tar+ and her team, built schools and churches for missions like the Dominican Republic. They have, like you, put thank offerings into UTO boxes – money that this year is earmarked to impact the lives of at-risk women and children. All over the diocese,

there are new ministries. Betty Gernert, touched by the plight of children of incarcerated parents, helped organize Kamp Phun, meeting this summer at Honey Creek; and Lawyer Ed Buckley, in his travels profoundly moved by the illness and impoverishment wrought by a lack of fresh water, is now building wells and empowering entire villages.

All it takes is one person to start a ministry, said someone. Yes, indeed; and from a movement of the heart comes the water of life. It's really as simple as that.

Amen.



Patricia Marks

Deacon Patricia

Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

10:45 a.m. Christian Education*

11:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. @ Langdale Place

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

*Nursery Available

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