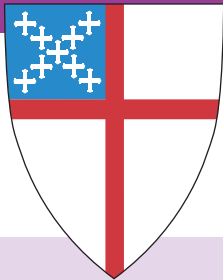


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

May 2008



Mark Your Calendar

May 1

Ascension Day
Service &
Bar-B-Q

May 2 & 3

Relay for Life

May 4

UTO Ingathering

May 10

Ultreya

May 15 - 18

Cursillo #113
Honey Creek

May 17 - 18

Dominican Republic
Fundraiser

May 26

Memorial Day
Office Closed

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PENTECOST, THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

It's often said that the Feast of Pentecost is the "Birthday of the Church." William J. O'Malley, a wise Jesuit priest, once observed that the Church has many birthdays. There are Christmas and Easter, of course. We might add the Exodus from Egypt and the Annunciation. "But," says O'Malley, "to me, Pentecost is the day for which all other days were preparing. All of the other days said 'Yes!' But Pentecost says 'Now!'"

In fact the day of Pentecost is borrowed from the traditions of Judaism. In that tradition, O'Malley writes, "Pentecost celebrates the fiftieth day after the Jews left Egypt, the day when Moses came down from Mount Sinai, his face shining with the reflected presence of God." Pentecost was a day of celebration of the Old Covenant. In the Christian tradition Pentecost is the fiftieth day after the events of the crucifixion and the Resurrection when Jesus, transformed, proclaims by His presence God's New Covenant with all His creation.

Scriptures tell us that on this fiftieth day the Disciples felt the presence of God the Holy Spirit as they were caught up in the sound of a mighty, rushing wind and as tongues of flame rested upon them, the wind of Creation that parted the waters and the flame of a burning bush from which God speaks to mankind. On Pentecost the Disciples and you and I receive transformation and empowerment. O'Malley writes that "Here, on this first of Pentecosts, we see them standing up to be counted, the cowards of Calvary, fearlessly proclaiming that Jesus is Lord, that we are freed from the fear of death, that the Kingdom is come." What greater message of hope can Christians bring to the world today?



Peter+

Wednesday Night Church Suppers



The Parten Family: left to right, Josie, Aaron, and Eleanor with Matthew Barnes and Karen Gunter. Not pictured: Philip Gunter. Photo taken at the St. Francis Tea, October 6, 2007 by Patricia Marks.

Wednesday. On average, 50 to 70 people eat at the church for a donation of \$4 each. The church pays for the food and the Partens contribute their time and considerable culinary talents to prepare balanced, interesting, and delicious food.

"All the family enjoys cooking," said Josie. Aaron and Philip enjoy grilling. Josie does the baking. Daughters Karen and Eleanor bake cakes and prepare side dishes.

Parishioners' favorites include shepherd's pie, meatloaf and potato salad. Josie likes roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. She also makes scones for special occasions

Josie grew up in Lincolnshire, England and met Aaron when he was an Air Force veterinary technician who bought fish from her at the Ross factory for military contracts throughout Europe. After retiring as a captain with over 20 years service, Aaron taught agriculture and ran the canning plant at Lowndes High School for an additional 20 years.

The Partens have two refrigerators and a freezer in their home to store food to prepare for Christ Church. They shop on Tuesdays and prepare as much of the food ahead as possible.

"It's like a really big family," laughs Josie.



Delightful smells drift through the parish hall and the church sanctuary before, during, and after the Wednesday night church services at Christ Episcopal Church.

"If you feed them, they will come," said Father Peter Ingeman thinking more people would come to Wednesday night church service and bring their families if adequate supper was provided. For many years Christ Church had a pot-luck supper on Wednesday nights. Some weeks the pot was smaller than others. In the Fall of 2001 the church purchased meals from the Kids' Cafe but felt a need to switch to another plan because of the difficulty in adjusting Kids' Cafe meals for varying numbers of people. Aaron and Josie Parten had served those meals and decided to volunteer to cook them as well.

Since 2003, the Partens and their extended family including daughter Eleanor Parten, grandson Matthew Barnes, and daughter Karen Gunter and her husband Philip, have prepared the meals every

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

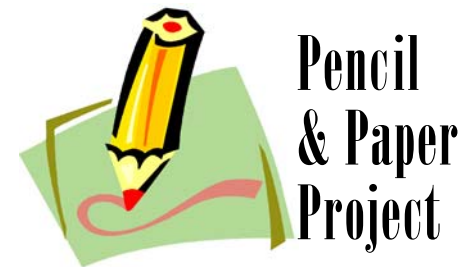
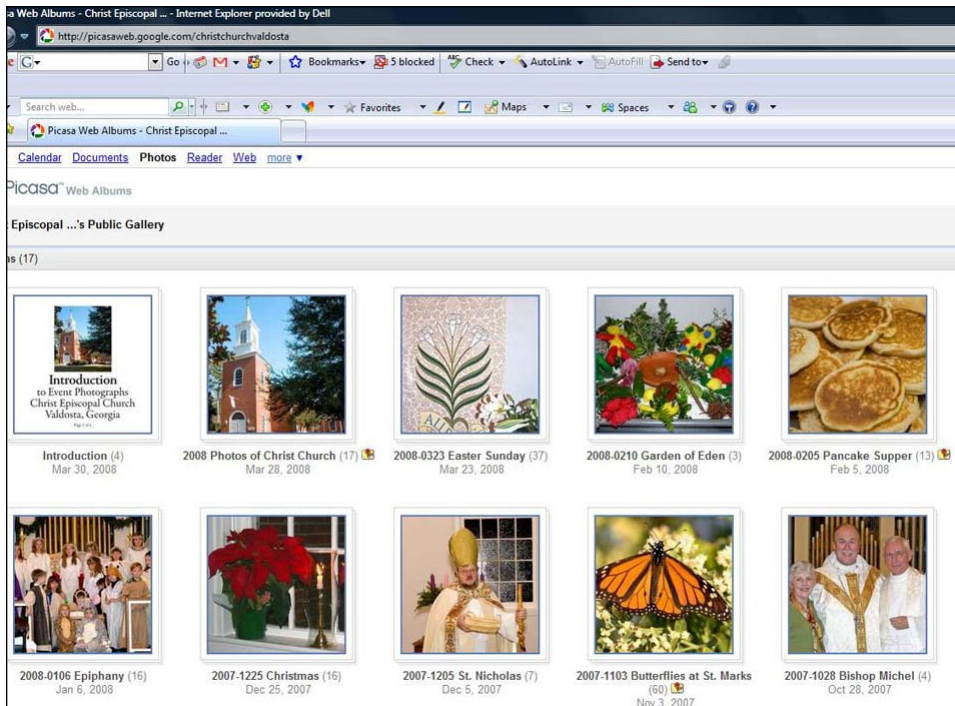
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Molly Greneker 292-8215

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Event Photography Site



Iraqi Children's Fund

The youngest victims of war are the children. Our soldiers in Iraq are often moved to reach out to the children there. We have a specific contact in Iraq to whom we can send needed school supplies.

Katherine and Danny Mayer's nephew, Thomas Price, is stationed next to the future site of a school. First Sergeant Price has said there is a need for very basic school supplies and has requested help in getting donations. Items needed are:

- paper -- loose or bound (ex. composition notebooks)
- pencils
- pens
- colored pencils
- crayons
- drawing paper
- money for postage

There is a box in the Parish Hall for donated supplies. Monetary donations would also be helpful for postage to mail the supplies. If you write a check, please make it payable to Christ Episcopal Church and put Iraqi Children's Fund on the memo line. The first shipment of supplies will be mailed May 9, 2008, in order to beat the May 12th increase in postage rates. For more information contact Katherine Mayer at 242-5305. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Christ Church now has an online site to store and display photographs of events. The address is picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta, and the site is part of the Google Picasa Web albums service. With a few exceptions, the posted photographs are organized in separate albums arranged in reverse chronological order by the date of the event. The initial album contains an introduction to the site, and another contains miscellaneous photographs of the church buildings and the grounds.

Remember seeing photographs of an event posted on a parish hall bulletin board last month, but now you want to see them again? Check our event photography site to see if those photographs have been posted there. Thinking about contributing to or going on the 2008 mission trip to the Dominican Republic? Check out the 2007 Dominican Republic photographs on the site. Want to let distant family members see what's happening at our church? Send them the link to the site. Want to download an album or a few photographs in an album for printing at home? Check out the "Download Album" or "Download Photo" instructions displayed on the screen. Want to send some photographic files to a commercial printer for off-site printing and delivery by mail? Check out the "Order Prints" instructions.

Several photographers, including Patricia Marks, Beth Baker, Phyllis Hiers, and Julius Ariail, have already contributed photographs for posting to this site. The work is being coordinated by Julius, and additional photographs are being added weekly. To contribute any photographs that you might have of church activities or to ask questions about this project, contact him at 559-7329 or jarial@bellsouth.net.



Special Days Remembered in May



BIRTHDAYS

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|--|--|
| 1 Joyce Dunmire
Mary Catherine
Macheski-Preston | 14 Eric Nielsen
15 Norma Cloud
Julia Claire Copeland |
| 2 Joe Tomberlin | 17 Elizabeth Hanson
Russell McRae |
| 3 Matthew Barnes | 19 Max Bontrager
Bill Nunn |
| 5 Angela Gibbs
Rosanne Rumstay | 20 George Lazari
21 Bill Harris |
| 6 Susan Elliott
William Querin
Raini Singleton | 22 Marlin Ferrell
Jim Miller |
| 7 Nick Bajalia, Jr. | 23 Mackenzie Weston |
| 8 Sally Nunn
Kathleen Parsons | 24 Norma Tomberlin |
| 10 Nick Bajalia, Sr.
Sugie Catikos
Chip Curington
Lou Gabard
Sam Peters
Electa Ricket | 25 Emily Saeger
Laura Sartin |
| 11 Dave Clark
Ann Johnston | 26 Beth Baker
Jayme Parsons |
| 12 Patti Curington | 29 Michael Holt |
| 13 Nina Cotterly | |

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 2 Kate Hanson | 22 Rachel Run
Dillon Whiddon |
| 5 Angela Gibbs
Sandy Sandbach | 23 April Cox
Bill Roberts |
| 6 Jane Teasley | 24 Norma Tomberlin |
| 8 Lilly Kate Campbell | 25 Dale Marshall
Rachel Marshall |
| 9 Karyl Miller | 26 Malcolm Weston |
| 10 Tammy Bezona
Patricia Grieve | 27 Noah Carroll |
| 15 Thurman Larsen | 28 Maddie Yarbrough |
| 16 Bill Tucker | 29 Matthew Barnes |
| 19 Jimmy Carroll | 30 Marilyn Davis
Thomas Greneker
Isabella Turner |
| 20 Owen Coggins | |
| 21 Patricia Greneker | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 Philip & Karen Gunter | If your special day is not included in our calendar, please call the church office at 242-5115 to let us know. |
| 12 Michael Holt & Miranda Edmonds | |
| 19 Harrison Tillman, Jr. & Jan Loeffler | |
| 25 Jim & Susan Elliott | |
| 27 Ron & Tammy Borders | |

Vestry Report from the March 17 Meeting

- Approved recommendation from the treasurer to move the line of credit from Regions Bank to Park Avenue Bank.
- Received progress report on repair of electrical problems on the property.
- Discussed visit from consultants John Bargainier and Ray Williams on April 28 and 29 to interview leaders of church groups and any other interested parties as part of facilities study.
- Received report from Fr. Ingeman that the church may be the recipient of a bequest to be used for the building fund.



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Clint Beeland, Junior Warden

- Reviewed church schedule for Holy Week.
- Received update from The Rev. Drazdowski regarding Dominican Republic Mission Trip scheduled for June 14-21.

Junior Warden Clinton Beeland and Youth Director, Beth Baker will be part of the team.

- Received report from Deacon Marks regarding the Deacon's School in April and mission work at Ashley House in Valdosta.
- Received report from Beth Baker regarding youth activities, including outreach to older community at Ashley House, the EYC Palm Sunday car wash, Relay for Life plans, and Vacation Bible School planned for June 1-4.

I Wish I Knew a Little More About...

The Christ Episcopal Church Vestry

Every Episcopal church has a vestry, but have you ever thought much about its responsibilities? According to the Christ Church Bylaws, the purposes of the Vestry

“are to acquire and afford to the Christ Protestant Episcopal Church of Valdosta, a proper and appropriate church building and other properties, real and personal, needed or useful in the conduct of the services and affairs of the Christ Church, and in general, to do any and all things to promote the case of the Christian religion, charity and education and to promote the welfare of Christ Church.”

That said, the vestry is responsible for the buildings and the operations of the church. Although we don't think about it, the church is a business. The vestry is its “management team”.

Christ Church's vestry numbers 15 members; five are elected each year to serve a term of three years. This year's treasurer is a former member of the vestry who was asked to continue in that role. Nominations for vestry come from our congregation. This method of nominations has been very effective and results in an ample ballot for voting by the church membership. Voting is accomplished by insertion of the ballot in the church bulletin for several Sundays. This gives attending members an effective and efficient method to vote for the candidates of their choice.

The vestry elects a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary (Clerk) and Treasurer. The Senior Warden stays in close communication with the Rector and is authorized to sign all deeds and papers which apply in the

name of the Parish. He/she also coordinates the call and search for a rector, if indicated and is responsible for providing regular worship services in the absence of the Rector.

The Junior Warden has general oversight of the buildings and grounds maintenance and is responsible for the cleanliness and attractiveness of the parish. He/she authorizes repairs and improvements of the buildings and grounds when the amount does not exceed \$1,000.

The Secretary (clerk) keeps records of the content of all meetings and provides other written communication for the vestry and parish. The Treasurer prepares and manages the church budget and ensures that accurate records are kept of receipts and disbursements.

The vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm. All vestry meetings are open to all parishioners and any parishioner may request an item be placed on the vestry agenda before the meeting. The vestry welcomes the presence of the members of the parish at all meetings.



Mimi Allen



Hugh Bailey



Charles Boatwright



Tom Carroll



Carolyn Eager



Sandra Fletcher



Phyllis Holland



Bill Nunn



Pepi Nelson
Senior Warden



Clint Beeland
Junior Warden



Buddy Pitts



Joe Singletary



Amber Tanner
Treasurer



Jan Carter
Secretary



Al Turner



Sylvia Warrick



Friday, May 2nd and 3rd

This will be Christ Church's first attempt at a Relay for Life team! Since we are rookies this year, we hope that everyone from our congregation will come out, stop by our tent, and cheer us on! The theme is Hope for the Holidays. We chose All Saints Day. St. George is going to fight the dragon Cancer. You have to see it! There is a sign-up sheet if you are interested in walking a few laps...but you are more than welcome to swing by any time from the 7 p.m. Friday opening ceremony to the 7 a.m. Saturday morning finale! Obviously, we want to make a large donation to this cause. We will be raising money by partnering with the fabulous Men in Blue on Ascension Day for a yummy BBQ Dinner. There will also be beautiful baskets that various people and church groups have lovingly put together up for silent auction at the Bar B Q and at the Relay! A big thank you goes to Ron and Tammy Borders for chairing the Decorations Committee!

Summer Camps at Honey Creek:

High School Camp

June 15-21, 2008 \$350.00
For campers who have completed 9th-12th grades.

St. Gregory Camp

June 22-28, 2008 \$350.00
For campers who have completed 3rd-6th grades. The main focus of this camp is music, especially singing. Father Peter and Happy Ingeman attend this camp along with Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit every year.

St. Peter Camp

June 29-July 5, 2008 \$350.00
For campers who have completed 6th -8th grades.

St. Joseph and Mary Camp

July 6-12, 2008 \$350.00
For campers who have completed 3rd-5th grades.

St. Francis Camp

July 13-19, 2008 \$350.00
For campers who have completed 7th-9th grades. The main focus of this camp is nature. Phyllis Hiers and Mimi Allen attend this camp.



Vacation Bible School, June 1st - 4th

This year, all our kids will be going HOG WILD over Vacation Bible School. The County Fair themed event will begin on Sunday night June 1st from 6 to 8 p.m. and continue Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon. The finale for parents and children begins with the 6 p.m. Wednesday service featuring a "Fruits of the Spirit" presentation by the children followed by a county fair supper and dessert. There will be blue ribbons awarded in various categories such as best pie, yummiest pickles, best stitchery and many more.

We need teachers and kids! Please sign up your children and grandchildren by calling the church office. We would like to know early how many teachers we need for each age group. If you are available to help, please call or text Beth Baker @ 251-1143!



Cursillo in Christianity

Interested? The next Cursillo is scheduled for May 15 through 18 at Honey Creek.

For additional information visit the Diocesan Web site at: <<http://www.geocities.com/gacursillo/main.html>> or contact Father Ingeman or Sandy Sandbach



On the Web in color at
www.christchurchvaldosta.org

Around the Parish

Ginger Plowman's Reaching the Heart of Your Child

Study group members Karen May, Elise Sandbach, Sally Nunn, Phyllis Holland, Anna Coggins, Jane Peeples, Buffy Patterson, Staci Haire, Beth Baker and Tina Nunn learned new techniques in Session Two of the Reaching the Heart of Your Child through Biblical Discipline on Taming the Tongue and How to Give Biblical Reproof while enjoying refreshments and fellowship at Tina Nunn's house on April 13th.

Discussions were held on how the behaviors of a child are only the manifestations of the issues of the heart and how to tame the tongue.

The training sessions provide support to group members while seeking to use biblical discipline. Session Three will be scheduled in June. Anyone interested, please attend. It is not too late! We had a blast and welcome any newcomers.

Session Three: The "Bottom" Line: The biblical use of the rod. Includes Make & Take activity. Bring your family Bible. Coming in June...date to be announced!

Remember the Drive-In?

In July, Christ Church will be having a DRIVE -IN! Yes, you read that correctly! We will have a movie, popcorn and cokes on the front lawn on July 30! Young, old, big or small...everyone is invited! Start decorating your car...no, not your real one. Make one from a refrigerator or oven box. You may win one of the many prizes that will be given out that night! If you are not in the mood for decorating a car, show up with a lawn chair or blanket! Bring insect repellent. SEE YOU THERE!

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wilde
Request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter,
Jessie Katherine Wilde
To
Brandon Conrad Jackson
Son of
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Jackson
Grandson of
Mr. and Mrs. Emory Warrick, Sr.
On Saturday, June 7, 2008
6:30 p.m.
4018 East Beach Drive
Oak Island, North Carolina

Thank You

Thank you to all the lovely members of Christ Church for their prayers and healing thoughts on my behalf. I am doing well and slowly getting back to my old self.
Edi Shepherd

Graduation

Michael Maxwell Black completed the Doctor of Education degree with a major in Higher Education Administration and graduated from the Florida State University on April 26, 2008. Michael's dissertation was titled *Capital Funding and Institutional Growth: A Case Study of Regional State Universities*. He plans to continue working in the field of higher education finance, strategic research, planning, and policy. Congratulations Michael!



Mission Trip Dinner and Auction, May 17th and 18th

It is time for our annual mission trip Silent Auction! Please bring items to the church office for the auction. We are looking for items that will bring a good price and are worth at least \$15.00. In the past we have auctioned off weekend-get-aways for fishing or a weekend at the beach, theme baskets, dinner at local restaurants, paintings, musical instruments, cakes, and knitted items. You bring it, we are willing to put it up for auction to support Christ Church's work in the Dominican Republic. Please have your items at the church by the morning of the 17th. We will have a spaghetti dinner prior to the beginning of the auction. Tickets will go on sale for the dinner on the 3rd of May. This can be considered a community event, invite your friends and neighbors. This would be a great way to introduce them to Christ Church. The auction will be held Saturday May 17 and bidding will close on Sunday May 18th after the 11:30 service. Please pick up your items after the 11:30 service. In advance, your 2008 Mission Team says thank you for supporting our mission and for holding the hearts of the children in El Pedregal close to yours.

Words for Pentecost

Evangelism

Inspiration

Renewal

Spring UTO Ingathering, May 4th, 2008

What is the United Thank Offering? It is the practice in our life in Christ that begins with daily prayers and gifts of thanksgiving. These gifts of thanksgiving - coins and bills in the UTO box - from each individual are combined with others at the parish and diocesan celebrations and finally within all of the Episcopal Church. Each year the gifts are given as grants for projects throughout the Anglican Communion. These grants continue to support and strengthen the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world.

Every penny of the offering received from January 1 through December 31 is given in grants which are issued once each year. The UTO Committee gives consideration to priority ranking by the diocese or province, also to recommendations of the United

Thank Offering screening committees in dioceses of the Episcopal Church. Bishops within the Episcopal Church and/or Anglican Communion, or groups within dioceses having the bishop's approval, may submit grant requests according to the number invited by the Committee.



Our community has been richly blessed by receiving grants in the past. One helped purchase a van for our local Food Bank in its inception. That organization was founded by several Christ Church members including Phyllis Hiers, Bill Eager, Jr., Dottie Eager, Eric Miller, Annakay Hines, and the Rev. Bob Carter as well as others in

our community. The Food Bank also received a \$10,000 grant for Kids Cafe, an after-school program which provides a meal and assistance with homework for local children. The organization has grown and evolved. Most recently in 2006, America's Second Harvest of South Georgia, Inc. received a \$10,000 grant for a freezer and cooler for its food distribution program.

I thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity. UTO envelopes will be placed in the pew card holders the first two Sundays in May. A second collection will be made by our youth on May 4th for you to turn in your blue boxes or simply make out a check payable to United Thank Offering. God's blessings to all of you.

Helen Tucker,
UTO Chairman

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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