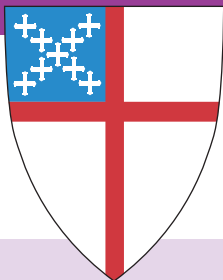


# The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

June 2008



## Mark Your Calendar

**June 1 - 4**

Vacation Bible School

**June 14 - 21**

Dominican Republic  
Mission Trip

**June 15 - 21**

High School Camp  
@ Honey Creek

**June 22 - 28**

Camp St. Gregory  
@ Honey Creek  
(grades 3-6)  
Fr. Peter & Happy  
attend this music  
camp.

**June 29 - July 5**

Camp St. Peter @  
Honey Creek  
(grades 6-8)

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**C**hrist Church has a lot of children! One of our great blessings is the presence of so many wonderful

volunteers who work with youth both as Sunday School teachers and as EYC leaders. I suppose we could call all the youth activities "Christian Education," whether by program or example. There's always need for that education, even in the hot days of summer, and so we are delighted to offer Vacation Bible School.

This year's program will begin on the evening of Sunday, June 1. The sessions will be in the morning on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and a grand closing, with refreshments will be on the evening of Wednesday, June 4. What can our young people expect at Vacation Bible School? Christian Education, certainly, plus crafts, games, snacks and fun. I thank Beth Baker, our Youth Minister, for her work in developing the program, and all those who will help to make it a wonderful time for our young people. Of course, there is always a need for volunteers. Please plan to assist and support Vacation Bible School this year.



Peter+



## Join us as we examine the Fruits of the Spirit

Vacation Bible School dates are June 1 - 4! Bring your children and grandchildren. The theme is "The SonHarvest," a county fair theme with the Fruits of the Spirit as the Biblical component.





# Christ Church's Team at the Relay for Life - May 2 - 3, 2008



## 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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# Third Sunday Luncheons

by Sylvia Warrick

I've been participating in Third Sunday Luncheons almost as long as I've been a member of Christ Church. We arrived here in 1972 with our four children, ages 6, 7, 12, and 13. While Emory and I preferred the 9:30 service, the kids enjoyed the 11:30 Folk Mass. Most Sundays we attended both, with Sunday School in the middle.

To the best of my knowledge, Jean Holland began the tradition of Third Sunday Luncheons. After the 11:30 service, she, Marge Fitzsimmons, and several others would bring soup and sandwiches and serve them to members of the congregation who wished to stay and visit after church. It was a wonderful time, and an ideal opportunity for newcomers, VSC students and members of Christ Church to get to know one another.



It began with a small group, and quickly grew. It was easy to bring a pot of soup, stay in the kitchen and listen to Hambone and Willie Larson's stories while stirring soup and setting out sandwiches.

After Jean's untimely death, Marge began coordinating the "Third Sundays," and she developed a database of volunteers that she passed on to me when she retired and was no longer in Valdosta full time. Currently, I have about thirty volunteers. I've set up a rotation system, so I don't call on the

same ones all the time. My family also are involved. Emory Sr. and Jr., along with an occasional grandchild, are responsible for setting up the tables and chairs, and Julie and Summer help out in the kitchen, arranging the meat platters and taking care of numerous details.

Around the time Marge left, Judge Wayne Ellerbee volunteered to co-coordinate, and I don't know how we ever got by without him. Wayne is the "gourmet" cook – the chef. The entire congregation looks forward to his wonderful creations. Sometimes he'll arrive early and start cooking while the rest of us are in church, and the fragrant scents wafting into the sanctuary probably make Fr. Ingeman work a little harder to keep our attention.

I am truly grateful for all the support and cooperation I get each time I call on Christ Church volunteers. They're always willing to serve in any capacity I ask.



Judge Wayne Ellerbee and Sylvia Warrick



Summer and Emory Warrick, Jr. with Julie Warrick Jackson



Emory Warrick, Sr.



Victoria Warrick

Additional photos of this event are available at [picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta](https://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta)



# Special Days Remembered in June



## BIRTHDAYS

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 Jodi Harbin<br>Bill Sineath                | 17 Caty Carter<br>18 Louis Levy                   |
| 2 Ingrid Carroll<br>Willa Valencia           | 19 Sally Alexander<br>20 Beulah Murphy            |
| 3 Wilby Coleman<br>Natalie Gjertsen          | Eleanor Parten<br>22 Danielle Pitts               |
| 4 Molly Wolfson                              | 23 Larry Wisenbaker                               |
| 5 Sally Querin                               | 25 Buddy Pitts                                    |
| 6 Nicholas Balanis<br>Lee Phillips           | 27 Gloria Coleman                                 |
| 8 Lee Shafer<br>Abigail Macheski-<br>Preston | 28 John Curtis<br>Karen Diamond<br>Terry Parsons  |
| 10 Rena Nelson<br>11 John David Greneker     | 30 Stella Clark<br>Teresa Sage<br>Lauren Rutledge |
| 12 Jerry Byrd<br>Bryant White                |   |
| 13 Bradford Hanson                           |   |
| 14 Sheelagh Panizzi                          |   |
| 15 Frances Bryan<br>Sue Sandbach             |   |
| 16 Thomas Rutledge                           |   |
- If your special day is not included in our calendar, please call the church office at 242-5115 to let us know.

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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|--|--------------------------|
| 3 Elizabeth Armstrong  | 22 Sally Nun             |
| 5 Maria Taylor   | 25 Julia Claire Copeland |
| 7 Tristan Guice<br>Abigail Macheski-<br>Preston                | 28 Lee Phillips          |
| Emily Macheski-Preston   |                          |
| Erin Macheski-Preston  |                          |
| Mary Catherine<br>Macheski-Preston                             |                          |
| Raini Singleton  |                          |
| 9 Sally Ann Coleman<br>Claire Holland                          |                          |
| 11 Happy Ingeman   |                          |
| 12 Robin Coleman   |                          |
| 13 Hart Amaya<br>Nancy Mills<br>Tyler Mitchell                 |                          |
| 14 Alex Lind<br>Mallory Lind<br>David Sandbach<br>Amber Tanner |                          |
| 15 Lucy Tomberlin  |                          |
| 20 Leigh Prine   |                          |

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 5 Mike & Phyllis Holland   |
| 6 Greg & Jodi Harbin   |
| 9 John & Phyllis Hiers   |
| 12 Walton & Jan Carter<br>Greg & Keven Davis                       |
| 13 Dave & Sherié Amaya   |
| 14 Donald & Frances Bryan<br>Alan & Pat Peaslee                    |
| 15 Bill & Sally Nunn   |
| 17 Ken & Marilyn Davis<br>Peter & Happy Ingeman<br>Kip & Tina Nunn |
| 18 Clinton & Jeana Beeland   |
| 21 Charlie & Melanie<br>Schwallenberg                              |
| 24 Jerry & Judy DeMott   |

## Vestry Report from the April Meeting

- Listened to a presentation from Jim Bargarner, of BargarnerDavis Sims Architects Associated, regarding interviews with user groups of parishioners taking place 4 -28 and 4 -29. He described the Master Facilities Planning process and timelines.
- Received report from The Rev. Tar Drazdowski on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic June 14 - 21, 2008. Thirteen parishioners and friends of Christ Church are traveling. There will be a fund-raising dinner May 17th with a silent auction the 17th and 18th.
- Received report from Senior Warden, Pepi Nelson, regarding the Cursillo Ultreya and dinner on May 10th. Pepi complimented the Ariails' work on the new *Vineyard* and



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Clint Beeland, Junior Warden

encouraged vestry members to suggest article ideas to either Julia Ariail or herself.

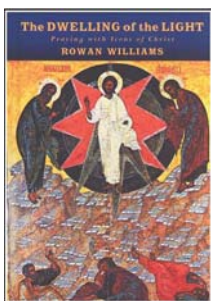
- Accepted the monthly budget report.
- Received update from Jim Elliott on our ongoing legal case and authorized Jim and Sandy Sandbach to represent Christ Church in pending legal proceedings.

- Received report from Fr. Peter Ingeman regarding an anonymous bequest from an estate executor that will be used to renovate the rectory kitchen and bathroom.
- Reviewed the calendar of church-sponsored events for May.
- Received report from Deacon Patricia Marks regarding her work to help form a women's group at the Ashley House. Deacon Marks also met with the Communications Commission, looking at changes to the format of the *Church in Georgia*.
- Received report from Beth Baker regarding youth activities for May. Viewed new youth recruitment brochure. Discussed the Relay for Life May 2 - 3 and associated fund-raising events. Scheduled Vacation Bible School for June 1 - 4.



## The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks



*The Dwelling of the Light:  
Praying with Icons of Christ.*

By Rowan Williams.  
Eerdmans Publishing, 2003.

This slender, illustrated book is like the icons it calls us to contemplate, their luminous surfaces opening scene after scene to the intent observer. But beware: Rowan Williams begins with a warning. "Looking at Jesus seriously changes things," he says. "If we do not want to be changed, it is better not to look hard or too long." Yet he invites us to do just that, to take our time contemplating four icons of Christ.

Williams begins with a summary of how the early church's discomfort with "graven images" developed into an understanding that icons are not portraits, but rather actions: they

are gateways to God. Icons reveal how God acts through the figure represented—in this case, Christ—so that one's prayerful response allows God to act through us.

That response is what Williams discusses. Beginning with the Transfiguration, he invites us into Christ's presence, invites us to experience a personal transfiguration that begins with prayerful contemplation and quiet meditation. Here, then, is a welcoming space apart from the busyness of the world.

The second icon, the Resurrection, shows Christ at the gates of hell. Padlocks are scattered around, and those being raised are drawn upward from darkness to



light. This central event, as Williams says, is about liberation — liberation from the half-



Deacon Patricia Marks

knowledge of glimpsing God yet not being free to live with him. And it means liberation for us, too, as we are drawn through contemplation into Christ's light.

The third icon is *The Hospitality of Abraham* (Andrei Rublev, 15th century), which connects Abraham's angelic visitors with the Trinity. For Williams, the placement of the three figures in an open circle invites the viewer in, so that contemplation and action are one and the same.

Finally, the “ruler and judge” icon, the Pantocrator, shows us who we really are. The Christ looks intently at us, calling us to mirror the source of all life, calling us to mirror God’s immeasurable love.

Williams is right: “looking at Jesus seriously changes things.”

# Church Times

*Church Times*, a weekly independent newspaper published in Britain, offers a variety of news, features, humor, reviews, and meditations. Among my favorite columns is "Word from Wormingford" by the award-winning writer Ronald Blythe, who invites his readers to walk through the Essex countryside, visiting country churchyards, attending Sunday services, and spending peaceful times in his garden and cottage. And I never fail to read

Giles Fraser, who writes thoughtfully about events in the news; or John Pridmore, whose sermons give much food for thought. Cartoons of clergy life at St. Gargoyles make me laugh, and the fine, well-illustrated book reviews keep me up to date on the latest books. There is a prayer for the week, as well, and a host of meditations. Back copies are available in the Christ Church library, and an abbreviated on-line version at [www.churchtimes.co.uk](http://www.churchtimes.co.uk).

## USEFUL WEB SITES

## The Lectionary Page

<<http://www.io.com/~kelly-wp/>>: A handy calendar resource with links to Sunday and holy day readings.

## The Daily Office

<<http://www.missionstclare.com/english/index.html>>:  
User-friendly links to Morning and Evening Prayer, other devotions, and short biographies of the saints.

## Architects Interview for Master Plan



Architects Chris Faulkner (l) and Jim Barganier interview groups at Christ Church

Two architects with a sensitivity for parishioners' feelings and ideas listened to more than 25 groups of Christ Church members April 28 and 29. Jim Barganier and Chris Faulkner are members of Barganier, Davis, Sims Architects Associated, a 30-person firm located in Montgomery, Alabama, hired by the vestry to conduct master planning. Both Barganier and Faulkner are Episcopalians.

The two asked questions like: what does your group do, what room does the group currently

occupy, and in a perfect world what would you envision as the perfect space. The questions generated lots of discussion.

Jim Barganier explained that as architectural planners, his firm would analyze the parishioners' comments, their assessment of the property from the personal visit and photos they took, then make recommendations for the future of Christ Church facilities.

Once the plan is organized in a month or two, the architects will return to present it to the vestry and interested parishioners asking

for additional input. Then the final plan will be assembled with dollar figures. They suggested there would be Phase 1, Phase 2, and Phase 3 sections of the plan.

"Deciding how to glorify God is important," said Chris Faulkner. "We hope to increase the usability of the current space and make suggestions for future spaces. It is a prayerful process."

"You are blessed with a lot of land that is almost a park with trees, flowers, and shrubs," said Barganier. "We want to maintain and enhance that greenspace assisting the parish to plan in such a way as not to make critical mistakes by misusing space now that will be better suited for other purposes in the future."

"The participation of so many in our Christ Church family and their response to thoughtful questions about our parish is an excellent first step in planning for the years to come," said Fr. Peter Ingeman.

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## From the Facilities Committee

Thank you to everyone who participated in the interviews held on April 28th and April 29th. There was great participation. However, anyone who was not able to interview, did interview but thought of something later, or anyone who would simply like to share his/her thoughts; it's not too late. Just write down your thoughts and ideas and make sure you get it to one of the facility members, so that we can get it to the architectural firm. We

don't want to miss anything or leave anyone out.

The firm will compile all of the information they received then send a report to the facilities committee. The committee will share the report with each group to make sure that what is written is indeed what was intended.

This is the first step in our master planning process. The success of the master planning process is dependent on the participation of

the entire parish. Thank you again for a great start.

Facilities Committee:

Clinton Beeland  
Tom Carroll  
Bill Nunn  
Maggie Roberts  
Anne Singletary  
Joe Tomberlin  
Al Turner



## Around the Parish



Fred Quinn stands beside the weeping cherry tree he and his wife Juanita donated to Christ Church. They also donated a topiary in a planter for the church garden. Fred maintains the entire church grounds from the day school to the rectory.



Father Peter Ingeman and the Rev. Tar Drazdowski welcome the newest lay reader and chalice administrator Melanie Schwallenberg, at her first service on Wednesday, April 30.



Amy Terrell cooks barbecue chicken for the Ascension Day supper to raise money for the Relay for Life team.



Thurifer Rachel Greneker swings the thurible at the conclusion of the Ascension Day services, Thursday, May 1, 2008.



## The Vineyard On the Web

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## The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to [juliacariai@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliacariai@bellsouth.net) or phone 229-559-7329.

## Words for Pentecost

Faith

Grace

Discipleship



# Christ Episcopal Preschool celebrates May 1st



## Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. Holy Communion\*

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

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion\*

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.\*

10:45 a.m. Christian Education\*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

\*Nursery Available

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