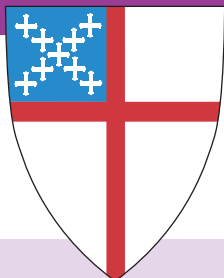


The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

August 2008



Mark Your Calendar

August 1 - 3

Happening #81 @
Honey Creek
(grades 10 - 12)

July 30 - August 10

Fr. Ingeman & Happy
Vacation

August 22 - 24

Fall Rally @
Honey Creek
(High School Event)

August 23

"Team Episcopelican"
participating in
VSU 5K Race

September 1

Labor Day
Office Closed

September 2

First Day of Preschool

September 6

Night of Joy @
Disney World

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BEGINNINGS

Not so long ago Happy and I saw our older son, Bill, off to Japan. The Jacksonville airport is quite crowded at four in the morning; the line to go through the security checkpoint was very long, and we lost sight of him for a time. Then he emerged in a long corridor leading to his airplane, waved, turned, and left. Suddenly, he seemed very small, and his backpack became his bookbag, and he was the little guy boarding a bus to first grade in San Francisco long, long ago.

I suppose in a way all beginnings are alike. They are moments when we can face forward to the future in expectation or face backward to the past in nostalgia. Of course, every August is a new beginning, the start of a new year of school and activities. I remember when summer days stretched on and on, long, slow-paced, sunny days, never too warm, devoted to the glorious unorganized imaginative activity of childhood. But, I also remember the excitement of the first days of the new school year; new room, new desk, new teacher, new subjects, new school supplies. Whatever nostalgia I had for summer was quickly dispelled in anticipation of the new year. I am sure that's how it should be. All of which is to say that our Christ Church family begins a new year of worship, fellowship, education, and service. Another great beginning.

Peter+



Bishop Henry Louttit Will Visit

Christ Episcopal Church

Sunday, November 2, 2008

Katie Gamble in the Nursery

The Vineyard On the Web

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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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Deacon Marks	244-5159
Molly Greneker	292-8215

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For the past three years Katie Gamble has kept the Christ Church Nursery every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. As a retired school bus driver for the Valdosta City school system after 22 years, Katie has had a lot of experience with children.

"The first time children come to stay with me in the nursery, they are unsure what to expect, and some of them cry," said Katie. "But, the second time, they don't want to leave when it is time to go," she laughs.

Katie enjoys children of all ages and often encourages the parents about a child's development. She teaches the children to share the toys



Katie Gamble holds Owen Coggins and to play gently with the younger children.

"The most children we ever had was last Easter," she laughs. "There were 26, but there are usually 6 to 8. Even if a parent comes late, I am happy to keep the children so they can attend church. Sometimes the parents stay a while and talk. I like to know the parents of the children I keep."



Katie attends the Evangel Temple Church on Sunday evenings and Tuesday for Bible study.

The nursery is open from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Sundays and from 5:45 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.



Sally Baker



Christ Episcopal Church Administrative Staff

Molly Greneker is the parish administrator for Christ Episcopal Church. That job title is laughingly explained by everyone who comes through the office as the person who knows everything - where it is, how it works, how to fix it, and how much it costs. She can also do several things at once while wearing a beautiful smile.

Molly visited Christ Church in 1981 and joined as a member in 1989 when she moved to Valdosta. She volunteered in 1996 to help in the office, moved to part-time, then became a full-time administrator in the fall of 2001.



Amy Poole Creasy

In addition to office functions, Molly maintains the church records, takes applications for the Christ Church Preschool, orders supplies, produces the newsletters, schedules the acolytes and layreaders, and orders kitchen supplies. Since Father Ingeman schedules his own appointments, Molly leaves him messages or voice mail for returning calls.

"This is the best job ever," said Molly. "I am so blessed to be here.

Fr. Ingeman and Happy are like another set of parents. They have nurtured me like their own child."

Molly sings in the choir and has sung at several ordinations. She is a deputy to the next General Convention and was elected at the last Georgia Convention to serve on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Georgia. She is an honorary member of the Men in Blue as well as a member of the newly formed running team, the Episcopelicans.

"The biggest blessing of my work here was being able to raise John David, my youngest child, in the office," said Molly.

"I literally brought him to work with me when he was a baby," said Molly. "He napped in my office."

"The support of the people at Christ Church during my breast cancer treatments gave me the strength and courage to keep going," she said. "I don't think things would have gone so well without all the prayers and support."

Molly said it is a great advantage to her work that she is an Episcopalian, because she understands the workings of the church.

In the words of her favorite movie, *The Sound of Music*, Molly feels that "somewhere in my youth or childhood, I must have done something good," to be so blessed to have this great job.

Amy Poole Creasy grew up in Valdosta and has been employed by Christ Church as the bookkeeper since August 2004.

Her job description entails maintaining the financial records for the church, filing tax reports, and



Molly Greneker

processing the payroll. She works part-time from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. She also mails quarterly giving statements to the members who pledge during the annual campaign. She makes the deposits from the monthly checks and weekly collections and maintains the investment and general accounts.

Amy works closely with the Christ Church Treasurer Amber Tanner and provides documents for the yearly audit.

"I love working here," said Amy. "The people are like family. It is a pleasure to come to work."

If you call the church, both Molly and Amy are ready to answer your questions. Call 242-5115 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. any weekday.

Words for Season

After Pentecost

Covenant

Discipleship

Transformation

2008 Dominican Republic Mission Trip



Dear Christ Church Family,

On behalf of the 2008 Dominican Mission Team and our partners in El Pedregal, I would like to thank you for your support of this year's team. We were able to accomplish a good deal of work, and Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success. We had between seventy-five and two hundred children each day of VBS.

Our ministry in El Pedregal is making a difference in the lives of the people who live in the community. The church serves as an icon for all who travel on the main street of the community. Healthcare has also improved in the community, and therefore the children are more able to take advantage of the educational opportunities provided by the school.

The children are happy, healthy, and appreciate the opportunities we help to provide for them each and every day.

We will share highlights of our trip in the fall.

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Additional photos of this event are available at picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta



Special Days Remembered in August



BIRTHDAYS

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Searcy McClure | 21 Holly Bauer |
| 2 Barbara Parks | Ellis Moser |
| 3 Mimi Harding | George Thornton |
| 4 Tina Johnston | 22 Gage Greneker |
| Sandra Walker | Greg Greneker |
| 5 Eloise Smith | Josie Parten |
| 7 Rusty McCall | Christopher Sandbach |
| 8 Erin Macheski-Preston | 23 Curt Grieve |
| 9 Sam Greneker | Robert Porter |
| 11 Pauline Brown | 24 Alex Elliott |
| 13 Mike Tanner | 27 Julius Ariail |
| 14 Emma Claire Campbell | Andrew Diamond |
| Linda Davis Letourneau | Jackie Griffin |
| 15 Donald (Bush) Bryan | 28 William Parmelee, Jr. |
| Lucille White | Helen Tucker |
| 16 Meghann Hummel | 29 Marty Tucker |
| Patricia Marks | 30 Phyllis Hiers |
| 17 Katherine Berckman | Marie Moser |
| 18 Tommy Hatcher | Mary Peeples |
| 19 Allison Curington | 31 Beth Thornton |
| Maggie Roberts | Marten Weston |
| 20 Robert Tillman | |

- 3 Emily Saeger
- 4 Gail Hobgood
- Amy Wisenbaker
- 6 Jerry DeMott
- 8 Demetri Lazari
- Connor Mitchell
- 9 Elizabeth Hanson
- 11 Hudson Tanner
- 14 Natalie Savoie
- 15 Betty Chason
- 18 Tayloe Harding
- George Lazari
- Katherine Mayer
- 19 John David Greneker
- 22 Kathryn Cody
- 25 Andrew Greneker
- Eleanor Parten
- 28 Jacob Diamond

- 4 Louis & Jeriann Levy
- Ed & Katherine Berckman
- 5 Henry & Sarah Parrish
- 6 Ken & Electa Ricket
- 8 Thaddeus & Hiroko Agar
- John & Linda Letourneau
- 11 Joe & Norma Tomberlin
- 15 Hulyn & Janet Smith
- 17 Robert & Sally Alexander
- 21 Nicky & Leanne Balanis
- John & Meredith Kunath
- Joe & Tilda Stubbs
- 25 Will & Bonnie Hanson
- 26 Tom & Lee Shafer
- 30 John & Marcia Hummel

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 June 16 Meeting

- Received report from the treasurer. A \$53,000 gift from the Frances Tillman estate has been moved to the building fund. The current balance in the building fund is approximately \$100,000.
- Approved carpet cleaning for our buildings. Discussed scheduling a cleaning day for the kitchen, especially the pantry.
- Discussed moving all child education programs from Miller House in the fall of 2008. Beth Baker will be asked to assess Louttit Hall and the Preschool for rooms for the classes. Beth will also recommend furniture and supplies that will be needed for these classrooms.



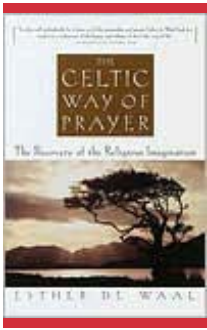
Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Clint Beeland, Junior Warden

- Began discussion regarding the Bishop's annual visitation scheduled for November 2. Fr. Peter suggested that we plan a celebration for the Bishop since this may be his final visit.
- Received update from the Facilities Committee. We have received a preliminary report from the Barganier Group. The

report is being reviewed by the committee.

- Received report on the re-establishment of Foyer Groups in the fall. Frances Crawford has agreed to coordinate the groups.
- Received update from Sandra Fletcher regarding her continuing search for a fundraising consultant for the building project.
- Received youth director report regarding plans for a "Drive In Movie Night" and the establishment of a team of walkers/runners who will participate in two races in the fall. Our team will be called the Episcopelicans.

The Church Bookshelf by Patricia Marks



The Celtic Way Prayer
(Doubleday, 1997); and
The Celtic Vision (Ligouri/
Triumph, 1988)
By Esther de Waal

Imagine a woman with bobbed hair, long skirt, and sensible shoes, striding across a field in Wales. The sheep look curiously at her – and at us, straggling after her. That was Esther de Waal, leading a pilgrimage some years ago to a Welsh holy well. And that is the same one whose books – *The Celtic Way of Prayer* and *The Celtic Vision* – are propped up on my desk.

Of all that she has written, I love these two, as their dog-eared pages attest. In them, de Waal writes about prayers and blessings from the ordinary folk that inhabited Ireland, the Scottish Highlands, Wales, and Brittany. The translations come from Alexander Carmichael, who, in the

nineteenth-century, traveled through field and wood to record the Celtic oral tradition.

And these prayers do indeed recover the religious imagination, as one of the subtitles promises: they call us to thread prayer through our daily lives, that we may be woven into the fabric of creation. Above all, in their honest and ordinary expressions of love for the Creator and the work of His hands, they invite us to understand that God really does hear the words of our heart, as we go about our lives.

In *The Celtic Way of Prayer*, de Waal writes about the simple prayers that express thankfulness for all things; for the seeds that are sown and the fire in the hearth, for the cow that gives milk and the rising of the sun. These are the prayers of working people, of fishermen who prayed for a blessing on anchor and oars, of farmers who walked into the dawn with plough in hand:

I will go out to sow the seed,
In name of Him who gave it
growth;
I will place my front in the wind,
And throw a gracious handful on
high . . .

The chapters, illuminated by de Waal's Benedictine roots, move from the Trinity to the Presence of God, from Dark Forces to Saints and Praise. Perhaps the best illustration of the way in which Celtic theology is grounded in the everyday is the prayer she uses to explain the Trinity as both natural and close at hand:

Three folds of the cloth, yet only
one napkin is there,
Three joints in the finger, but still
only one finger fair
Three leaves of the shamrock, yet
no more than one shamrock to
wear,
Frost, snow-flakes and ice, all in
water their origin share
Three Persons in God; to one God
alone we make prayer.

De Waal's other book, *The Celtic Vision*, is a treasure-trove of prayers and blessings and songs that welcome us into God's own household and take us through ordinary times and momentous times – prayers for morning and evening, for farming and fishing, for birth and marriage, sickness and death.

And in words that have been crooned to children, whispered to loved ones, and spoken in comfort to the sick and needy – in words spoken through the centuries by people whose clothing and lifestyle were so different from ours – we feel healing and protection. We recapture what it means to have been created fully human yet graced with God's presence.



Deacon Patricia Marks

PRAYERS ONLINE

The Mission St. Clare Daily Office (<http://www.missionstclare.com/english/>) has a full complement of daily prayers, devotionals, and downloads.

The Northumbria Community (<http://www.northumbriacommunity.org/PraytheOffice/index.html>) offers Celtic daily prayers along with readings and meditations. The community's Mother House is in the Scottish borderlands.

Oremus (<http://www.oremus.org/>), an Anglican site, includes links to traditional forms of daily prayer.

Sacred Space (<http://www.sacredspace.ie/>), sponsored by the Irish Jesuits, offers a ten-minute contemplation for each day in the week.

Around the Parish



Charles and Carmen Boatright

Commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary, Charles and Carmen Boatright decided to give a table and benches to the church that would be useful and last beyond a transitory party or trip.

"It bothered me that mothers watching children had no place to sit," said Carmen. "I remember watching our daughter Etienne swing as I propped against a tree many years ago."

Members of Christ Church since 1967 when Charles returned from a tour in Vietnam to be stationed at Moody Air Force Base, the Boatrights moved to other duty stations but returned in 1992. The Boatrights also donated a St. Francis



statue to commemorate the St. Francis animal ministry Carmen established with Maria Taylor in 1992.



Frances Hatcher

Heritage Healthcare of Valdosta awarded Frances Hatcher, a member of Christ Church Valdosta, the 2008 Volunteer of the Year award. Frances organizes parties and special events including decorations and food for the residents.

"The reward for me is just being there and enjoying their pleasure," said Frances. "The people who work there are the ones who deserve a reward."



Walter Hobgood has been appointed as the lay representative from the Southwestern Convocation to serve on the Nominating/Search Committee for the next diocesan bishop to succeed the Right Reverend Henry Louttit. Fr. Buechner, All Saints Thomasville, serves as the clergy representative.

Reflections on Camp St. Gregory

by Happy Ingeman

What could be better than a week at Honey Creek with Bishop Henry and Jan, beautiful breezes, attentive children, glorious music, great counselors, blue



Happy Ingeman

birds nesting, Jack Noble White's music, packages and notes at mail call and no bugs? This year the mid-week Eucharist fell on the 25th of June, and so we celebrated Merry 1/2 Christmas complete with the campers' favorite carols. (Father Peter's favorite carol "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear," was not chosen, but he'll get to sing it in December.)

The highlights of the week for many are the Service of Light on the evening before the closing and the spiritual preparation for that service, the homilies and meditations given by Bishop Louttit and Father Peter. Christmas in June, hundreds of candles at the Service of Light, the beautiful voices of the children all week, and music camp's own Honey Creek song at closing created a wonderful experience and cherished memory.

2008 Episcopal Youth Event

July 6 -12 in San Antonio, Texas, the 2008 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE), brought together more than 850 high-school-aged young people for the triennial six-day gathering.

The participants from Christ Church were: Rachel Greneker, Thomas Greneker, Elizabeth Hanson, Allison Peaslee, and Jessie Querin representing almost half of the total Diocese of Georgia representation!

Update from the Facilities Committee

Chris Faulkner and Jim Bargainer from Bargainer, Davis, Sims are working on Phase I of the master plan. They have returned a draft copy of the interviews to the facilities committee. The facilities committee has reviewed the document, and members are now reviewing it for accuracy with at

least one person that was interviewed from each user group. In August we should receive additional information from Chris and Jim as they work to complete Phase I of the Master Plan. Stay tuned in October for a presentation as we continue with this part of Christ Church's development.

Camp St. Francis 2008 At Honey Creek

by Phyllis Hiers

Christ Church Valdosta, middle-school students David Holland, Claire Hansen and friend Bailey Hurst, and Mackenzie Weston (now living in Pennsylvania) made new friends and lasting memories at Camp St. Francis at Honey Creek as they enjoyed a week full of activities to feed body, mind and soul. Opportunities for kayaking, swimming, archery, ultimate Frisbee, arts and crafts, and ropes course activities kept everyone busy. Evening highlights included games,



a movie, ghost stories, a talent show, and a dance.

Nature groups led by Mimi Allen and Phyllis Hiers walked through marsh and

maritime forest, considered pollution, its effects on the earth, and our responsibilities in caring for the gift of Creation.

Campers were delighted to see nests and baby bluebirds in the bird boxes put up by previous Camp St. Francis groups. Campers led morning and evening prayer and sang rousing songs of praise to Camp Director Pam Guice's guitar accompaniment. Fr. Lonnie Lacy (who grew up in Christ Church, Valdosta) and Fr. Ben Rockwell (St. Barnabas, Valdosta) led campers in thinking about Jesus' genealogy and the imperfect family ancestors who paved the way for Jesus. They discussed that despite our imperfections, Jesus needs us, too, to prepare the way for him to act in our world.



Christ Church Campers and Friends



Campers creating a barrier island



The talent show

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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