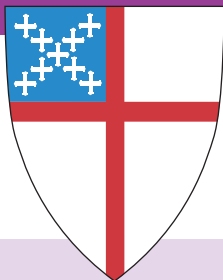


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

January 2009



Mark Your Calendar

January 1 & 2
Office Closed

January 6
Epiphany
Pageant and Eucharist

January 9 & 10
Standing Committee
and Commission on
Ministry Meeting at
Christ Church

January 23 - 25
Happening #82 @
Honey Creek (Rachel
Grener - Rector)

February 5 - 7
Diocesan Convention
in Albany

February 20
60th Anniversary of
the dedication of
Christ Church at 1521
N. Patterson St.

February 25
Ash Wednesday

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Father Peter and Happy Ingeman

The rector and his family are central figures in the life of any parish. Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman bring our church family together with the warmth and caring of good friends as well as spiritual leaders. The congregation has been treated to glimpses of Peter and Happy's life through Peter's sermons and Sunday School stories.

Did you miss the Sunday when he told the story about the garden at Nashotah House or the one about turning down an Army assignment in Hawaii? Would you like to know more?

Peter was born in Chicago, Illinois, and raised on Army posts, primarily in the Washington, DC area. He is the only child of Milton Joseph and Ellen Stenson Ingeman of Norwegian ancestry. He attended college in Munich, Germany and at Rutgers University.

"Happy and I met in college on a double date, each of us dating someone else; we liked each other better than those guys. We have been married 47 ½ years," said Fr. Ingeman.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 at Fort Bragg, NC. After graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania, he received a direct commission in 1964, and was assigned to Ft. Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. During his 23-year career, he was an occupational therapist treating upper extremity wounds during Vietnam; sent for a graduate degree in hospital administration at Baylor University; served at HQ, Department of the Army in Washington, DC; Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS; consultant to the Surgeon General for Southeastern US and Central America, based at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA; and served in South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina (2), Texas (2), California, Germany, Washington, DC, Kansas, and Georgia.

"I was first called to the Vocational Deaconate in Augusta, GA. I recognized and acknowledged a call to the priesthood while serving Deacon's Mass at a church in Harlem, GA two years later," he said.



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For 2009 the front page of *The Vineyard* will feature a cover story. Find the Rector's message on page 3.

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The Vineyard On the Web

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

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The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Priest
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Stella Clark, Deacon
Patricia Marks, Deacon
Molly Greneker, Parish Secretary
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist
Jessica Israels, St. Gregory
Choir Director
Dr. John Curtis and Maggie Roberts,
St. Francis Choir Leaders
Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

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Dave Clark	Bill Nunn
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Vestry Report from the November 2008 Meeting

- Received the Treasurer's report. The church budget indicates good cash flow and expense management. Ninety-nine pledge cards for 2009 have been received, and it appears that total pledges may top 2008.
- Received report from the Facilities Committee. The second artist drawing for Phase I of building planning is expected soon. A presentation may be ready for the December vestry meeting, which will include current and newly elected vestry members.
- Received report from Junior Warden. The Louttit Hall handicap ramp is almost complete. There are some individuals/organizations that have shown interest in moving the Miller House, but no final decision has been reached.
- Voted to accept the cleaning contract for all church buildings from Carl Copeland, resulting in a significant monthly savings over the current cleaning arrangements.
- Received the results of the vestry elections. Tammy Borders, Dave Clark, Jerry Demott, John Hiers and Mike Tanner will begin three year terms beginning January 2009. A joint meeting of current and new vestry members is planned for December 15.



Pepi Nelson, 2008 Senior Warden and Clint Beeland, 2008 Junior Warden

- Discussed plans for a special issue of *The Vineyard* that will showcase the parish facility needs that were identified during meetings with Bargainier and Associates. The publication date is planned for early 2009.
- Received announcement from Father Ingeman regarding delegates for Diocesan convention in Albany, February 5-7, 2009. Walter Hobgood, Molly Greneker and Phyllis Hiers will represent Christ Church. Alternates are Gail Hobgood, Happy Ingeman and John Hiers. These delegates will also be delegates for the Bishop of Georgia election scheduled for September, 2009.
- Signed petition in support of Jim Elliott to move forward to the next step in the process of ordination to the priesthood.
- Received report of calendars and activities of The Reverend Drazdowski, Deacon Marks and Youth and College Ministry programs.

Words for Season of Christmas
Annunciation Celebration Nativity

From the Rector

CALLED BY A STAR

We celebrate the feast of The Epiphany on January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas. The Epiphany marks the revelation of the Messiah, the Christ, to the world of gentiles. Wise Men travel far from eastern lands following the light of a star to find Him. Who were they? Perhaps they were Mesopotamian astronomers, ones who watched the skies and detected the slightest change in the heavens. Perhaps they were astrologers who saw omens and portents in the arrangement of the constellations. Perhaps they were the Three Kings of the beloved hymn. We know them only as The Wise Men bringing gifts to honor the one they would find at the end on their journey. Consider that journey. What sets them on the road? It's a sense of something important happening, some great new thing that has come into the world, and that sense changes their lives. Once having that sense, they are drawn westward by a deep desire to learn about its source, to be a part of the great event unfolding. They simply cannot stay away. The journey isn't easy. The distance is great, and there may be detours and setbacks, tough going, but they persist until they find their goal. Having arrived, they recognize the Messiah, even in the highly improbable person of the small Jewish child in a hovel. It's all there; the call, the journey, and the presence of Jesus. The Epiphany is not just an event of long ago; it's our story and the story of Christians throughout the ages.

Peter+



Jessica
Israels

Collegiate Honor Choir Taps Jessica Israels

Valdosta State
University Music
Department Prof.
Paul Neal
announced in

December that
Jessica Israels, Christ

Church's St. Gregory Choir Director, is one of four VSU students chosen for the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Honor Choir. The choir is limited to 48 members from across the United States. The others chosen from VSU are Katy

Workman, Miles Gaultney, and John Alan Gourdine. All four who were chosen are students from Dr. Neal's choral studies program.

The Honor Choir is performing at the ACDA convention in Oklahoma City, March 4-7, under the direction of Gary Graden, choral director at St. Jacob's Church in Stockholm.

More information is available about the choir and the performance at <http://www.acdaonline.org/conventions/2009/choirs/college>.



Father Peter and Happy Ingeman

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Peter attended seminary at Nashotah House in Wisconsin, the Anglo-Catholic seminary of the Episcopal Church, strongly recommended by Bishop Reeves. It proved to be a perfect fit. He served as a Deacon while in seminary and as Chaplain at St. John's Military Academy.

Fr. Ingeman's first position was assistant here at Christ Church and Chaplain to VSU. Then he was called to St. Francis, Savannah, for 11 years. He and Happy returned to Valdosta in 2000. He has served as Chair of the Diocesan Commission on Ministry; chair, Commission on Liturgy; member of the Diocesan Council; member of the Diocesan Ecclesiastical Court; Dean of the Savannah Convocation, and Deputy to General Convention.

His favorite hymn is "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning." His best advice to brides and grooms is "Never lose your sense of humor!"

Asked for one type of service he would like to see Christ Church provide, he said, "an Episcopal School through grade 12."

Happy Ingeman was born to Harry and Marian Plews in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and raised in New Jersey from the age



of seven. She has three sisters: Nancy, Karen, and Linda, and a brother named Bob. She attended Douglass College, the Women's College of Rutgers.

Happy was called Happy from very early childhood; a name that Peter says is, "an amazing bit of prescience!"

Her favorite US Army station was Landstuhl im Pfalz, Germany, where she had a chance to visit Peter's Norwegian relatives, travel all over and ski in the Alps. "We showed our boys that people are people no matter where you live," she said.

Her favorite anecdote about moving involved the move to Leavenworth, Kansas from Washington during a strike. "We waited a long time to get our furniture, cooked in an electric fry pan, had a coffee pot, and slept on the floor in sleeping bags. Peter suggested that we row down the Missouri River, pick up our things and row them back. We didn't do that. Everything came... eventually," she said.

Her best advice for moving? "Do not let the movers take the lid off your flour canister. Always be sure you have a change of clothing

for every member of the family with you at all times." Happy's luggage did not arrive when she landed in Germany. It came on a later flight.

Happy and Peter have an elaborate miniature Christmas Village collection that was started by Peter's secretary Vicki in Savannah who gave them a church building their first Christmas there and every year thereafter. "We caught the bug after she gave us our first little group of people," said Happy.

She claims her interest in NASCAR is purely scientific. "Not being a driver or having a scientific bent, I am fascinated by the pit crews and all they do to keep the cars going in all conditions. I do think the 'gophercam' is cute."

Happy went to seminary with Peter, attending all classes except Ascetical Theology and Hebrew.

Peter and Happy have two sons: older son Bill who lives in Japan, and whose children are Peter and Sigrid; and younger son Steve, who lives in Virginia with his wife Lara and children Erik and Adele.



Special Days Remembered in January



BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Pat Peaslee | 16 Holly Querin |
| Ken Ricket | Anne Reid |
| David Sandbach, Jr. | Tim Teasley |
| 3 Brooks Lovelace | 17 Mimi Allen |
| Jennifer Powell | Tyler Johnson |
| 4 Ethan Warrick | Brian Nelson |
| 5 Sarah Parrish | 19 Laura Copeland |
| 6 Chase Adams | 20 Kate Hanson |
| Claire Holland | Rosa Hiromoto |
| 7 Sparky Greneker | Kimberly Waters |
| Greg Harbin | 21 Robert Church |
| 8 Trey Bauer | 22 Carolyn Eager |
| 9 Carmen Boatwright | Emory Warrick, III |
| Laura Paine | 25 Madison Jackson |
| Ann Sumner | 27 Ralph Jackson |
| 10 Henry Parrish | Tyler Kunath |
| Linda Riggle | Leigh Prine |
| 11 Emily Macheski-Preston | Stephanie Tillman |
| 13 Lauren Cloud | 28 Ann Burnette |
| Joshua Hanson | 29 Henrietta Barnes |
| 14 Richard Coleman | Anna Coggins |
| Grif Griffin | Savannah-Jane Gilchrist |
| 15 Kathy Armstrong | 30 Clinton Beeland |
| Jack Fitzsimons | John Hummel |
| 16 Cindy Foster | 31 Hannah Johnston |
| Stephen Manning | |

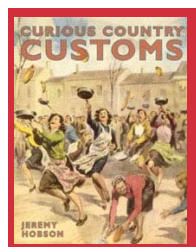
BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Richard Coleman
Rick Coleman
6 Stephen Sandbach
9 Judy DeMott
Robin Guice
Danielle Pitts
11 Meg Hiers
12 Sandra Fletcher
Laura Sartin
13 Nathaniel Balanis
Michael Holt
Rosanne Rumstay
14 Lindsey Wisenbaker
15 Jack Warren
21 Phyllis Holland
22 Gnann Moser
25 Robert Tillman
27 Andrew Hummel
Greg Hummel
Jodie Hummel
29 Lauren Sandbach

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Trent & Anna Coggins
12 Larry & Elizabeth
Wisenbaker
23 Ed Preston & Ginger
Macheski
30 Walter & Gail Hobgood

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



The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

Curious Country Customs

(David & Charles, 2007)

By Jeremy Hobson

Ever been dwile flonking? Or ever follow the Guizer Jarl and his army of Vikings and their longship? In this immensely readable little volume, Jeremy Hobson gleefully details a host of weird and wonderful traditions from the British Isles. We read of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race; of dancers who wear turbans, kilts, and clogs;

and of those who caper about in reindeer horns. We learn to watch the sun itself dance on Easter Sunday and to beware of being "gowked" on April Fool's Day; and we are introduced to cheese-rolling, well-dressing, rush-bearing, and swan-upping. Clearly, there are more ways than days in the year to celebrate the seasons! There are recipes, too, for Furmitty, a Good Friday dish; for Star-Gazey Pie (pilchards in milk, covered with pastry); and for a sticky toffee called Yellowman, and much more.

Most of these customs are rooted in religious festivals. Carrots are gathered on St. Michael's day, and Bawming the Thorn—decorating the hawthorn tree, descended from Joseph of Arimathea's staff—takes

place on Midsummer Day. In Church Clypping parishioners join hands to encircle their church, and then

beat the bounds on Rogation Sunday. To the uninitiated, these practices may seem colorful and whimsical, but there is more here than meets the eye. In picture and text, Hobson gives us insight into both local and national history, but more importantly, into the way we weave our lives together by celebrating the blessings of community.



Deacon Patricia Marks

The 2009 Christ Episcopal Church Vestry



Mimi Allen



Charles Boatwright



Tammy Borders



Tom Carroll



Dave Clark



Jerry DeMott



Carolyn Eager



Sandra Fletcher



John Hiers



Phyllis Holland



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Amber Tanner
Treasurer

Meet the 2009 Vestry for Christ Episcopal Church. The congregation elected five new members in November by written ballot to serve a three-year term along with the ten vestry members who have one or two years remaining. The 15-member group meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The 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.

At the December 15 meeting, the vestry adopted a budget based on the recent stewardship campaign and heard a presentation by the Barganier Sims consultants on planning for future growth and building needs. They presented a new drawing for consideration (See p. 10). At the January meeting the vestry will elect a Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary (Clerk) and Treasurer to serve for calendar year 2009.

Texas Roadhouse Employee of the Year is Happening #82 Rector



Rachel Greneker

Texas Roadhouse recently named Rachel Greneker "Employee of the Year" from over 120 employees at the Valdosta restaurant. Rachel is the 18-year old daughter of Christ Church Administrative Secretary Molly Greneker and Sam Greneker. She has been a member of Christ Church since 1990 when she was baptized and later confirmed. She is very active in the high school Happening group for the Diocese of Georgia. She served two years on the Diocesan Youth Commission as the Convocation Representative in 2005 and again in 2007. Rachel has represented the Diocese in the Province youth meetings. Last month she attended Province IV in Birmingham, Alabama. This last summer she attended the Episcopal Youth Event in San Antonio, Texas.

Rachel will be the rector of Happening #82, January 23 - 25 at Honey Creek. Four other members of her family will also participate at the event: Molly is a "Mom," brother Sparky is on the entertainment staff, sister Tricia is on the tech team, and brother Thomas is a gofer.

Other Christ Church parishioners will assist: Jason Peaslee, Allison Peaslee, Elizabeth Hanson, Cathy Hanson, Savannah Spivey, and Beth Baker are also on staff.



Canterbury Club

text and photographs by Michael Black

Canterbury Club held its annual Christmas party at the home on Ron and Patricia Bezona on December 7. Many attended this evening of food, pool, ping pong, pinball, and fellowship.

The group began the evening by lighting Advent candles and with prayer. Members

brought items for the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. Canterbury Club does not meet during Christmas holidays; it will resume its weekly meeting schedule on Sunday, January 25, 5:00 p.m. at Louttit Hall. Your continued support of this ministry is appreciated.



Christ Church Happening Reunion

text and photographs by Beth Baker

The teenagers from Christ Church who have attended Happenings have recently formed a reunion group. The RUGs, short for **ReUnion Group**, meet every other Sunday at different homes. The most recent RUG was held at the home of Mike and Amber Tanner. They welcomed this group with hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, dip and salsa, cokes, tea...and a plethora of yummy brownies and treats! Mike attended Happening #13 and was willing to share his experiences with the younger crowd of Happeners. If you are willing to host this WONDERFUL group of teens, please contact Beth Baker at 245-8828 or 251-1143 or [<bethbaker@bellsouth.net>](mailto:bethbaker@bellsouth.net). This is a great way to stay plugged into our youth and relive your own Happening experience.



Thanksgiving at Christ Church, November 27, 2008

photographs by Deacon Patricia Marks



Christ Church parishioners and friends gave thanks together on Thanksgiving at noon in the Parish Hall. Wayne Ellerbee prepared the turkeys and hams, and guests supplied their favorite side dishes. We have a lot to give thanks for!

Nutcracker cast visits Christ Episcopal Preschool

photographs by Beth Baker



The *Nutcracker* cast arrived in costume at Christ Episcopal Preschool and other schools in Valdosta in advance of their performance at Mathis Auditorium, December 6 and 7.

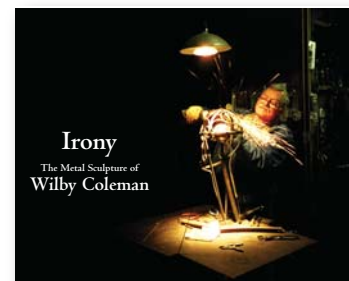


Wilby Coleman's Metal Sculpture Featured in New Book, *Irony*



Wilby and Gloria Coleman

In the “straightforward” foreword to his new book, *Irony*, Wilby Coleman describes his evolution from the practice of law to dabbling in art and blacksmith work, and finally to full-time and over-time creation of metal sculpture. The hardcover book, published by Snake Nation Press and printed in Valdosta by Colson Printing Company, features 127 of Coleman’s sculptures, with text of fascinating stories of construction, exhibitions, and commentary on the work as well as photographs of the remaining 109 pieces on two DVDs, one for television display and one for high resolution files to display on a computer.



“Themes in my work are taken from science, mythology, religion (or lack of it), astronomy, old jokes, songs, common phrases, cartoons, history, literature, and just about everything. From lessons of life, law practice, and much reading, I have accumulated a lot of totally useless facts. Titles are replete with irony, puns, double entendres, and layers of meaning, so that many of my works can be found to be funny by an eight-year-old, a 12-year-old, and an adult—all for different reasons,” said Coleman.

Julius Ariail photographed the majority of the 236 sculptures, and Julia Ariail designed the graphic layout of the book. One of Mike Tanner’s photographs of the construction of “Blades of a Feather” appears on an introductory page. Along with the Price-Campbell Foundation, Blake Ellis supported the book’s production, and John and Phyllis Hiers and Barbara Passmore proofread the book before publication. Griff Holland worked with the Ariails to position the sculptures so they could be photographed. Marshall Parks takes full credit for taking Wilby to his first blacksmith workshop. Many Christ Church parishioners attended the December 1 book signing at the Turner Center for the Arts. The book is available for \$56 including tax and shipping from Snake Nation Press on the Web at www.snakenationpress.org or by calling Editor Roberta George at 242-1503.

Saturday Night Eucharist December 13, 2008



The monthly Saturday night Eucharist on December 13 featured a surprise birthday party for David Schert, who plays guitar regularly with the musicians at this service and at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service. Over 50 people attended this popular 6 p.m. service. The chili and cornbread supper which followed warmed everyone on a cold night. Saturday night Eucharists are held on the second Saturday of each month. For more information or to volunteer to participate, contact The Rev. Tar Drazdowski at 249-0895.

Barganier Davis Sims Presents New Concept Illustration for Architectural Planning Program



The illustrations on this page are copies of the ones presented to the Vestry at the December 13 meeting. Architects Jim Barganier and Chris Faulkner of Barganier, Davis, Sims Architects Associated, a 30-person firm located in Montgomery, Alabama, were hired by the Vestry to conduct master planning. See the June 2008 issue of *The Vineyard* for the original article. The illustrations are currently displayed in the Parish Hall.

The Christ Church Vestry has given approval for the facilities committee to move forward with Phase II (Master Planning). This phase will provide Christ Church with a Master Plan with the following major outcomes:

- Refined building locations
- Internal building diagrams
- Pedestrian and vehicular flow
- Building cost estimates
- Prioritization of buildings and phases of construction

According to Clint Beeland, 2008 Junior Warden, master planning should be completed during the first quarter of 2009.

Please contact any Facilities Committee Member or Vestry member to discuss ideas for Phase II. The Facilities Committee and Vestry welcome your ideas and opinions. This is our church. This exciting opportunity for growth needs your approval and enthusiasm to succeed.



Advent Wreaths

November 30



Susan Elliott, pictured above right with sons Carter and Alex, provided wreath forms, greenery, and candles for the annual Advent wreath making on the first Sunday of Advent. The contributions paid for a portion of the supplies.

The Elliotts have provided this opportunity as a ministry at Christ Church for 12 years. Below: parishioners create wreaths to enjoy.



Pencil & Paper Project

Iraqi Children's Fund



Tom Price is the nephew of Katherine Mayer, who has been in charge of the Pencil & Paper Project. He has acted as liaison for the delivery of our school supplies to the Iraqi children.

Hello everyone,

I should be home soon. Here is a picture that I said I would send. Also I am attaching a letter that my interpreter received from a young girl. It should help everyone realize the effect that their generosity has on some of the Iraqi people. Thanks again for your support and prayers as we start to travel back to our loved ones.

Tom
Thomas D Price, MSG,
US ARMY
<thomas.d.price
@us.army.mil>

Letter from an 18-year old Iraqi girl

It's such a great honor for me to represent my people and thank you for all the welfare you do to my country.

It's simple things that can make the child smile. But making the child smile and leaving him happy is the greatest thing that ever can happen.

When the troops came to Iraq for the first time, all the people thought that they were occupation forces who came to kill and steal the oil. But because of the welfare that your organization do and the other organizations, most of the people had changed their points of view and the way they think of the American Soldiers and America in general.

I would love to tell you that because of what your organization had gave to those poor or underprivileged children a lot of people now are praying that every single American Soldier go back home safe and I'm one of those people.

And finally, I thank God for giving me the chance to thank you for what you did to my country and my people.

Christmas Parade - December 6, 2008

photographs by Michael Black



Rena Nelson decorated the Christ Episcopal Church float with the help of several EYC members in honor of St. Nicholas, who agreed to ride on the float on his special day in the Church year. Kip Nunn drove the truck that pulled the float while Youth Director Beth Baker and Tina Nunn organized more than 20 children who rode the float or walked beside it.

They gave out 1,000 hot cocoa packets that included an invitation to join Christ Church for the Christmas services: "May the warmth and richness of God's

Spirit be with you this Christmas Season! Christ Episcopal Church. Luke 2:11 Join us for Christmas Services at 1521 N. Patterson Street."

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

Second Saturday of each month: 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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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