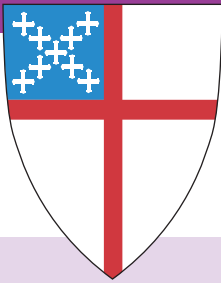


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

June 2009



## Mark Your Calendar

**May 31 - June 3**

Vacation Bible School  
(see article on p. 4)

**June 7**

UTO Ingathering (see p. 4)

**June 3 - 5**

Prov. IV Synod @ Kanuga

**June 8 - 20**

Fr. Peter & Happy Ingeman  
on vacation

**June 14 - 20**

High School Camp  
completed 9th - 12th grades  
Honey Creek

**June 20 - 27**

Dominican Republic  
Mission Trip (see p. 12)

**June 21 - 27**

Camp St. Gregory (music)  
completed 3rd - 6th grades  
Honey Creek

**July 5 - 11**

Camp St. Peter  
completed 6th - 8th grades  
Honey Creek

**July 13-19**

Camp St. Francis (nature)  
completed 7th-9th grades  
Honey Creek

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valdosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org)

## Youth Director Beth Linkenhoker Baker

The first time you meet Beth Baker, you have the impression of enormous energy, enthusiasm, and excitement. That impression builds as you watch her on Wednesday night lead the middle school group to their classroom in Louttit Hall where they all jump laughing and talking onto the beanbag chair that fills half the room. The chair was one of Beth's inspirations to encourage the group to interact and communicate.

Beth Linkenhoker Baker is the Youth Director for Christ Episcopal Church. Born in Brunswick, Georgia, to Danny and Nancy Linkenhoker, she graduated from Glynn Academy. When she was growing up, her father owned a seafood restaurant, and her mother was a nurse. She has an older brother, Kevin, and a younger sister, Karen, who recently had triplets. She moved to Valdosta to attend Valdosta State University and graduated in 1998 with a B.S. in Education specializing in middle school education. While she was in college, she attended Christ Episcopal Church.

"I knew Christ Church was a great place even before I arrived here for college," said Beth. "I met so many wonderful friends from this church at diocesan youth events when I was in high school: Leslie, Kevin, and Meg Hiers; J. and Ashley Connell; Rachel Hill, Reggie Payne, Kevin Kelly, and others. Pam Guice, the Christian Education Director of Christ Church at that time, was the Honey Creek Camp Director and Fr. Louttit, then rector at Christ Church, became our bishop."

After graduation, she taught the fifth grade at Quitman Elementary and later at West Gordon Elementary in Valdosta.

Beth has a fondness for Honey Creek, the Episcopal Conference Center near Brunswick, not only for the camp and youth conferences, but because she met her husband, Cliff Baker, at the high school camp there. They married on July 4, 2000. Cliff is the Information Technology Director at South Georgia Medical Center. They have two children: Pierce, 7, and Sally, 3.

"I enjoy working with the youth at Christ Church because I like their energy and willingness to serve the Lord," said Beth. "It's amazing, really."

Even before her employment as Youth Director, Beth has been in charge of the Christ Church Vacation Bible School for the past five years. She has worked with the



Christ Church Youth Director  
Beth Baker meets Presiding Bishop  
Katharine Jefferts Schori

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## The Vineyard Deadline

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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

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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Mimi Allen Sandra Fletcher

Charles Boatwright John Hiers

Tammy Borders Phyllis Holland

Tom Carroll Pepi Nelson

Dave Clark Bill Nunn

Jerry DeMott Joe Singletary

Carolyn Eager Mike Tanner

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## Vestry Report from April, 2009 Meeting

- Received report from the treasurer that income is up over last year. The only unusual expense was for the storage building purchased following the closure of Miller House.

- Received update on removal of Miller House. LAMP has selected an alternate location for the house, which has delayed the move. Discussed the need to quickly remove debris from the work site following the move to keep the area safe for our children.

- Reviewed calendar of activities planned for the month of May.

- Received a presentation from Gerald Scott and Jeff Neufeld from The First Community Development Group. Gerald Scott spent several days interviewing parishioners and collecting surveys from additional church members regarding the feasibility of raising funds for the expansion of Christ Church facilities. According to their summary, the need for the project is clear, and parishioners have evidenced their willingness to pledge their support and resources for a 3 - 5 year capital stewardship campaign. More detailed information and fine-tuning of the plan will be necessary to continue to broaden this support even further.



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Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

- Made plans for a joint meeting of the Facilities Committee and Vestry on May 15th to receive an update from the architectural firm, Bargainier and Associates, regarding the master building plan and use of proposed buildings.
- Approved a \$4,000 donation from the Outreach fund to be given to the Dominican Republic mission team to take to the school during their June trip.
- Received report from Deacon Marks regarding continued work through the Haven and The Stitchers of Love.
- Received reports of youth activities and upcoming events from Beth Baker, Youth Director.
- Approved a motion by Dave Clark to donate \$1.00 per parish member to Honey Creek, per suggestion of the Bishop.

## Words for Season of Easter

Everlasting Life

Promise

Resurrection

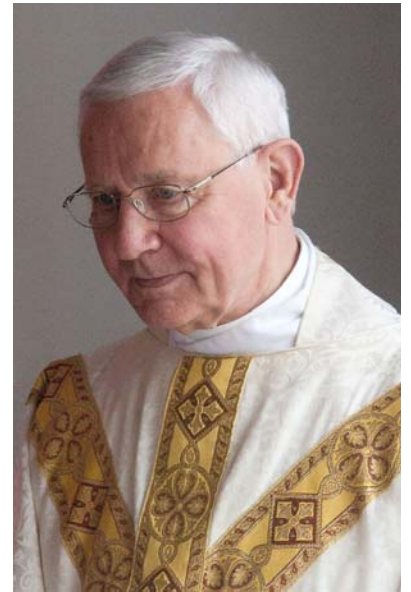
# From the Rector

## TRINITY SUNDAY

Very soon after I was ordained, I was asked to serve as supply priest at a very small church not far from Valdosta. It was Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost, which pretty well determined the topic of the sermon for the day. This made me mindful of a conversation I had with an old, experienced priest while serving a parish in Hartland, Wisconsin, near my seminary. He said "Many years ago, being quite new at preaching and a very recent seminary graduate, I thought it best to instruct the assembled faithful in just what "The Trinity" signifies to the church. To do so adequately, it seemed necessary to give them (1) the origin and derivation of the term, citing appropriate references; (2) the historical development of the term in both Eastern and Western Christian tradition; (3) the scriptural basis of the term; (4) the theological implications of the term, citing, of course, prominent theologians from several periods of the history of the church; and (5) the points of discussion, pro and con, generated over the centuries. He continued, "I detected a certain restiveness in the congregation, their smiles became fixed, their eyes glazed over and their posture slumped. At that point it occurred to me that there might be a simpler explanation." This then, is what he said: "There is one Creator God, The Father, who is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal. We simply have neither the mind nor the words to conceive of such a God, so He became one of us, Jesus the Son, to live our life and die our death as a demonstration of His love and care for us, love and care of such power that it defeats death itself as demonstrated in the Resurrection, and as a perpetual reminder of His loving concern and presence, God has given us The Holy Spirit to be with us here and now."

Trinity Sunday will be celebrated on June 7. Come and join in the celebration.

Peter+



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### Bishop Search Update by Walter Hobgood

By June 1, the Search Committee should have completed face to face interviews with all of the nominees left in the process. This has been an intense process, yet one that has enriched the lives of all the people involved, nominees and committee members alike. We have no doubt that we have been blessed by the Holy Spirit and are thankful for the participation of all of the nominees. This has been a process of mutual discernment for all of us.

Background and reference checks are being done now, so that we have the results before we make a decision on those that will go forward as nominees.

Our schedule calls for this decision to be made by June 8th. Check [www.georgiabishopsearch.org](http://www.georgiabishopsearch.org) for upcoming dates. In August the nominees will visit Savannah, Augusta, and Tifton for walkabouts.

Please keep the search committee and nominees in your prayers as we enter the final stages of the process.

### Toiletry Items for the Homeless

by Gail Hobgood

You know all of those little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, and those cute little bars of soap that you find in hotel rooms that you just leave there or they end up in the bottom of your suitcase, only to be discarded later? While these might seem like inconsequential items to many of us, the homeless can certainly put them to good use. As you travel this summer, LAMP would appreciate it if you would donate those unused toiletry items to the homeless shelter. There will be a plastic bin, near the one for the Haven, in the parish hall for your items. The one item that they do not want is mouthwash. We will see that they are delivered to LAMP.

Thanks for all your help, and call Gail Hobgood with any questions at 247-5024.



## Youth Director Beth Baker



middle school EYC for six years and with the high school Sunday School for the past two years.

"The best part about being in the middle of all the youth is that I have a good excuse for being hyper and loud, just like them," she laughs.

Beth has enhanced the youth activities at the church by establishing an EYC Facebook group, which she says is the best way to stay in touch daily with today's youth. She also sends e-mail and text messages to remind the group of upcoming activities.

In November 2008, Beth attended the National Youth Workers Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. Not exclusively for any one denomination, the conference featured seminars, small group discussions, and over 1,000 vendors.

This year's youth activities reflect Beth's creativity. They have

included: a Night of Joy at Disney World, Walking the Corn Maze, a ski trip to North Carolina, Youth Sunday, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Senior Sunday, participation in the Valdosta Christmas Parade, middle school lock-ins with visiting churches, and "Undie Sunday" - a collection for new underwear for the children at the Haven, a domestic violence shelter. A drive-in movie on the church lawn is planned for the summer.

"Father Peter has been so supportive of me and all the youth activities," said Beth. "I could not have asked for better support."

Recognizing a need because of her own children's restlessness in church, Beth created the Quiet Bags which have color crayons, paper, and story books that parents can give to children in church and then return at the door as they leave.

With the members of her Reunion group, she is working on a booklet about the ministries at Christ Church so that newcomers can learn about the many activities and service opportunities offered by our church.



Beth Baker teaches the Wednesday night middle school youth class. Everyone is seated on one gigantic bean bag chair!



Beth Baker makes a point about the youth program at a recent Vestry meeting (above) and paints freckles on faces during the 2008 Vacation Bible School (below).



### United Thank Offering - June 7

by Helen Tucker

"Pennies From Heaven" is an old song that comes to mind when thinking of UTO. This must be the sentiment felt by those receiving grants from United Thank Offering, and in a way it is. It's a culmination of everyone's efforts across the globe to help those in need. Our Spring collection will be taken up on June 7th.

Thank you all for your time and generosity to this Global and Regional Episcopal Organization we support.

Envelopes are in the pew card holders for your convenience. Blue UTO boxes are always available in the tower, church office, or parish hall if you do not already have one. Grant List 2008 recipients should be available by checking [www.episcopalchurch.org/uto](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto).

*The Vineyard*, p. 4, June 2009



### Vacation Bible School May 31 - June 3

The Christ Episcopal Church Vacation Bible School kicks off Sunday night, May 31, at 6:00 p.m., and closes at the 6 p.m. Wednesday service on June 3. The theme is "Kingdom of the Son," and focuses on the Lord's Prayer.

Youth Director Beth Baker is organizing the effort with lots of volunteers from the congregation. The children ages 4 to 12 will enjoy learning about God and how He taught us to pray. Stay tuned for lots of skits, stories, crafts, and Godly play!



# Special Days Remembered in June



## BIRTHDAYS

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Bill Sineath             | 15 Sue Sandbach     |
| 2 Ingrid Carroll           | 16 Thomas Rutledge  |
| Willia Valencia            | 17 Caty Carter      |
| 3 Wilby Coleman            | 18 Louis Levy       |
| Natalie Gjertsen           | 19 Sally Alexander  |
| 4 Molly Wolfson            | Alyssa Dorsey       |
| 5 Sally Querin             | 20 Beulah Murphy    |
| 6 Nicholas Balanis         | Eleanor Parten      |
| Lee Phillips               | 22 Danielle Pitts   |
| 8 Abigail Macheski-Preston | 23 Larry Wisenbaker |
| Lee Shafer                 | 25 Buddy Pitts      |
| Victoria Warrick           | 27 Gloria Coleman   |
| 9 Patricia Isaacson        | 28 John Curtis      |
| 10 Pam Guice               | Karen Diamond       |
| Rena Nelson                | Terry Parsons       |
| 11 John David Greneker     | 30 Stella Clark     |
| 12 Jerry Byrd              | Teresa Sage         |
| Bryant White               | Lauren Rutledge     |
| 13 Bradford Hanson         |                     |
| 14 Sheelagh Panizzi        |                     |
| Jan Skinner                |                     |

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 Elizabeth Armstrong    | 9 Sally Ann Coleman      |
| 4 Joe Tomberlin          | Claire Holland           |
| 5 Alden Myddelton        | 11 Happy Ingeman         |
| Thomas Myddelton         | 12 Robin Coleman         |
| Maria Taylor             | 14 Alex Lind             |
| 7 Tristan Guice          | Mallory Lind             |
| Abigail Macheski-        | David Sandbach           |
| Preston                  | Amber Tanner             |
| Emily Macheski-Preston   | 15 Lucy Tomberlin        |
| Erin Macheski-Preston    | 20 Leigh Prine           |
| Mary Catherine Macheski- | 22 Sally Nunn            |
| Preston                  | 25 Julia Claire Copeland |
| Raini Singleton          | 28 Lee Phillips          |

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- |                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5 Mike & Phyllis Holland | 18 Clinton & Jeana Beeland |
| 9 John & Phyllis Hiers   | 21 Charlie & Melanie       |
| 12 Walton & Jan Carter   | Schwollenberg              |
| 15 Bill & Sally Nunn     | 24 Jerry & Judy DeMott     |
| 17 Ken & Marilyn Davis   |                            |
| Peter & Happy Ingeman    |                            |
| Kip & Tina Nunn          |                            |

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

### *Daily Readings with the Desert Fathers*

(Templegate, 1988).

By Benedicta Ward, SLG

The fourth century monks who retreated to the desert were the real rebels of the day, valuing God's Kingdom and Word above earthly possessions and public discourse. Benedicta Ward, a Sister with the Love of God community in Oxford, has collected wisdom sayings and stories from the Desert Fathers ("abbas")—and some of the Mothers ("ammas")—and grouped them by the two great commandments, under such headings as "True Peace," "Love," "Joy, and "True Learning."

In this slender volume are stories of those who by loving God and their neighbors turn the tables on expectation, valuing hospitality over fasting and love over judgment—stories that call us to meditate upon our own lives. We read of one who, after a life of obedient devotion, says, "I go to the Lord as one who has not yet made a beginning of serving him." But my favorite is about an obedient young monk who asked, "What else can I do?" In answer, Abba Joseph stretched to the sky, his hands ablaze. "If you will," he said, "you can become all flame."

You too will find your favorite story in this treasure.



Deacon Patricia Marks



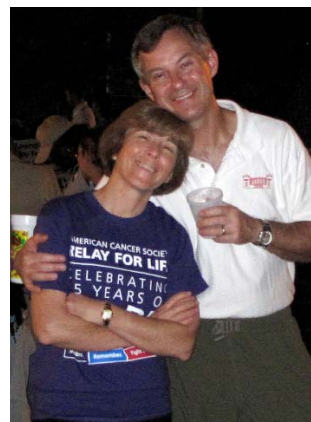
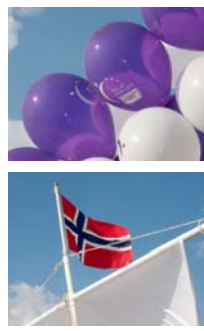


## Relay for Life

May 1 - 2, 2009

*Relay Around the World*

Christ Church Theme: Norway  
Decorations: Viking ship with oars, helmets, and shields built by Paul Stevenson and Molly Greneker  
Walkers and participants - over 35  
Christ Church raised \$1500 to donate to Relay for Life - \$500 over goal.  
Total raised \$265,000! \$5,000 over goal.





# Lay Readers and Licensed Eucharistic Ministers

One of the many ministries in the Episcopal Church is that of lay reader. Closely aligned with that duty is the licensed eucharistic minister (L.E.M.). Christ Episcopal Church has 22 licensed eucharistic ministers and 13 lay readers who are currently scheduled on rotation to serve on the altar with the priests and deacons.

What do they do and how do you become one?

## lay reader

n. A lay person in the Anglican or Roman Catholic church authorized by a bishop to read some parts of the service.

Lay readers read the Old Testament lesson and the Epistle from the pulpit on Sunday or the Prayers of the People from the center aisle. On Wednesday evening and small weekday services, the lay reader reads the Epistle.

Traditionally, lay readers and licensed eucharistic ministers have assumed these jobs either by being invited by the rector or by volunteering. At Christ Episcopal Church all are welcome to work with the rector. There is no age limit.

Licensed eucharistic ministers have additional duties beyond lay reading. They study with the rector, agree to a rule of life that includes daily prayer, weekly reception of Holy Communion, and responsible stewardship. In addition, they are required to take a test administered by the priest and to apply to the bishop for their license. Each is encouraged to attend the workshops for lay readers and L.E.M.s offered twice a year at Honey Creek.

The schedule for lay readers and chalice administrators is published by the church office twice a year in December and June. If a lay reader is scheduled to read but cannot for any reason, he or she swaps with someone.

"I recognize the positions of lay reader and licensed eucharistic minister as valuable ministries in our church," said Fr. Peter Ingeman. "We are richly blessed to have so many in our church who are willing to assist the celebrant spreading the Word of God."

Fr. Ingeman tutors those who are interested in becoming licensed eucharistic ministers either in groups or individually. "A person

## licensed eucharistic minister

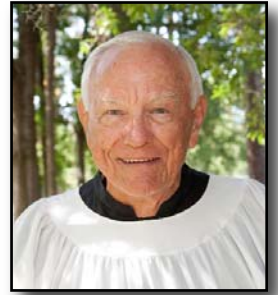
n. A lay person in the Anglican or Roman Catholic church licensed by the Bishop to administer the chalice at services where there are not a sufficient number of priests and deacons present to do so.

does not have to be afraid of the test," said Fr. Ingeman. "We study from the test because I want the applicant to know what is required."

Walt Carter began coming to Christ Episcopal Church in 1959 and describes that as "the greatest thing that ever happened to me." He joined the church in 1960 and became a licensed eucharistic minister in 1962 at the invitation of the rector, Fr. Henry Louttit. Over the years since then, he has attended many conferences at Honey Creek.

Asked why he continues to serve after 47 years, he replied, "I enjoy it! It gives me a lot of satisfaction."

Walt has also been a basketball referee for many years. "If you mess up as a lay reader, no one yells at you," he laughs.



Walt Carter

At Christ Episcopal Church, Walt Carter is probably the longest continually serving L.E.M. He trained two of his grandchildren to read: Dori Carter and Rick Coleman.

Pauline Brown began lay reading at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in December 1976 in Albany, Georgia, then transferred to Christ Church in 1978. She was the first woman licensed to read at St. Paul's.

"My husband was a lay reader who wanted to go to seminary to become a priest," said Pauline. "However, he was killed in Vietnam. I wanted to honor his memory by lay reading."

Deacon Stella Clark, Phyllis Hiers, and Judy Scharf were the first female lay readers and licensed eucharistic ministers at Christ Episcopal Church. Fr. Louttit asked for Vestry approval, and they began serving in 1977. Stella Clark went on to become a deacon in our church and Phyllis Hiers has continued to serve as a licensed eucharistic minister for 32 years.



Phyllis Hiers and  
Nancy Lutsko



## Men in Blue cook for Silent Auction Dinner



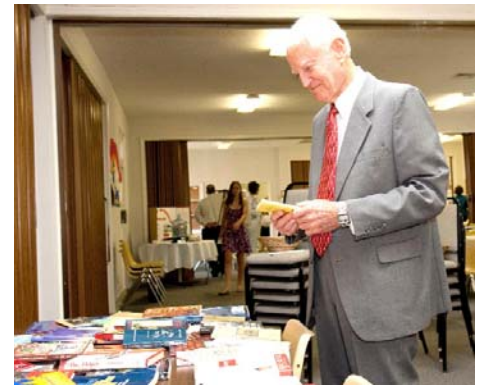
Saturday, May 9, the Men in Blue barbecued chicken and ribs to be served with Caribbean baked beans, fruit salad, and rolls to support the Dominican mission trip. The group welcomed Fr. Peter Ingeman and John Bennett as new members. The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, who has led the Dominican Republic trip every year for the past five years, added an auction item during the meal: Fr. Ingeman would kiss the pig for the highest bidder. Dave Clark bid \$85 and held the pig as everyone cheered and clapped for Fr. Peter. Ticket sales for the supper raised \$512. For additional information, see a related article on p. 12.



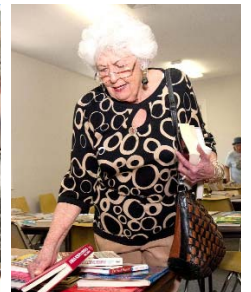
### Canterbury Club

Canterbury Club members spent Sunday afternoon, April 26, beautifying the outside of Louttit Hall by planting flowers. Our own Savannah Spivey and Patricia Greneker will be counselors at Honey Creek this summer. Best wishes to them for a safe and fulfilling camping season.

## The Book Exchange



Christ Church member Henry Parrish (above) chooses a book at the annual book exchange held this year on May 3rd. In this "win-win" event, parishioners donate books from their home collections to be placed on display tables. The same parishioners and many others choose books to take home and leave a donation. This year's crop of nearly 1,000 books raised \$300 for Cursillo scholarships. Any remaining books are donated to charity.





# The St. Nino Chapter of the Daughters of the King

by Pat Bezona



We were blessed to dedicate three new Daughters of the King, Beulah Murphy, Jeani Synyard, and Phyllis Holland (pictured front row l. to r.) on April 19th at the 9:30 a.m. service. There was a reception for the new members and a meeting about our prayer list through the email and visitation of members. It was agreed to start having a monthly meeting on the second Sunday of the month between the 9:30 am and 11:30 am services. This will be a time of prayer, sharing of needs for the prayer list, and other needs of the Daughters.

We plan to have another class in the fall for anyone who would like to become a DOK. The class takes approximately eleven weeks with a membership fee of \$50 which includes the DOK pin. There are annual dues of \$35 for needs of other DOKs in the world. If the dues are a concern, there are funds to have them paid. The DOK are communicants of the Episcopal Church through the Rule of Life, Rule of Prayer, and Rule of Service.

"The object of this Order shall be the extension of Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service, and Evangelism." By reaffirmation of the promises made at confirmation, a Daughter pledges herself to a life-long program of prayers, service, and evangelism, dedicated to the spread of Christ's kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of her parish. We welcome all ladies to pray and consider becoming a part of this blessing. If you have questions, please call Pat Bezona at 242-8289.

## The Daughter's Rule of Life

### The Rule of Prayer

In the Christian life nothing can be substituted for prayer. It is a Daughter's daily recourse to the source of life and strength. Every member must have a rule of daily prayer. Communication with God must be a growing, deepening relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Daughter's Rule of Prayer should be carefully considered and guarded. It should be prayerfully chosen, reviewed regularly, and revised periodically.

Part of the Rule of Prayer is to pray daily:  
For the unity of Christ's Church.  
For the spread of Christ's Kingdom, especially among women and girls.  
For God's blessing upon the members of the Order.  
For the spiritual growth of the parish and for the clergy of the parish to which the chapter owes allegiance.  
For the grace to follow our Rule and for our own needs.

### The Rule of Service

Through her Rule of Service, a Daughter daily seeks to do the will of God where she is, remembering Jesus' words, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these ... you did it for me." Matthew 25:40 (NIV). The Rule of Service is the application of one's baptismal vow, reaffirmed by Confirmation:

To be Christ's faithful servant in the extension of His Kingdom  
To regularly take part in the worship, study and work of the Church.

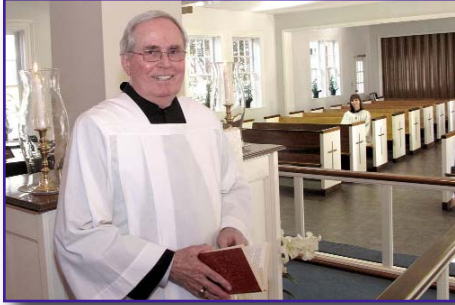
To render at all times aid to the clergy as deemed necessary for the spiritual up-building of the parish.

### The Motto of the Order

For His Sake...  
I am but one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.  
What I can do, I ought to do.  
What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.  
Lord, what will you have me do?

# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin



January 19, 1949

Rt. Rev. Middleton S. Barnwell  
7 East St. Julian Street  
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Bishop:

Your letter of January 4th was received by us with great pleasure and we are very happy that you have been able to so completely arrange the situation in our behalf.

At a recent meeting of the Vestry, held on January 10th (copy of the minutes of the meeting enclosed for your information), a resolution was offered empowering Mr. [Jerome] Tillman and me to execute a note on behalf of the incorporated Vestry for the fund[s] needed. We are not certain of the form in which you wish this note and would therefore ask that you be kind enough to prepare the note and forward it to us for necessary signature[s].

After going over the situation very carefully, it is our feeling that with the funds in hand and the probable additions collectible in the near future, an additional sum of \$15,000.00 will be necessary to make requisite payments and we sincerely trust that this sum can be secured for us by your good self. It would be very much appreciated if this fund could be made available to us by the first of the month to take care of necessary payments.

Feeling that you will be very much interested, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of the by-laws as adopted for the incorporated Vestry.

You will be interested to know that the contractor is making good progress on the Parish Hall and that addition should be completed by the latter part of February. The Church itself is coming along in grand style and is approximately 95% complete at this time. On the other hand, it has been decided that it would be wise to postpone our first service until such time as the Church proper and Parish House (omitting the Assembly Hall) are truly ready for occupancy and completely furnished.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs. Barnwell and greetings from all the Vestry. We trust to have the privilege and pleasure of seeing you here in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

ROBERT G. MACKS

On January 9, 1949, the Vestry assembled to discuss Bishop Barnwell's January 4th letter, which was reproduced in the May *Vineyard*. The Vestry had applied for, but had not received, a charter of incorporation. Thus, the consensus was that its officers "could not legally sign an obligation [to borrow \$15,000] at this time." Otherwise, there was complete agreement with the Bishop's ideas, and the Secretary was to inform Barnwell that, "as soon as the incorporated Vestry was a legal entity, proper evidence of indebtedness would be forwarded." Mr. Macks's letter of January 19th to the Bishop appears with this article.

In his January 21st response, Bishop Barnwell emphasized his "understanding that you would borrow the \$15,000 in Valdosta if I would sign the notes and mortgage as the 'Bishop of Georgia.'" He recounted his conversation with the Vice President of the Citizens and Southern Bank in Savannah, who "was perfectly willing to let me have the money but . . . is reluctant to take business away from the Valdosta bank if they care to make the loan." Therefore, he asked that Mr. Macks ascertain whether the Valdosta C&S was willing to extend the loan and at

what interest rate. As the Bishop opined, "It certainly ought not to be more than 4 1/2."

Robert Macks reported to Bishop Barnwell on January 26th that, "with all the good will in the world, I have not been able to take care of the matter [of the loan]." The difficulty was that Fleming Winn, local C&S President, was "ill in bed." Nothing could be done until Winn returned to work because Senior Warden Jerome "Joe" Tillman was handling loan arrangements through him. His understanding, Macks wrote, was that "all is in order and at the earliest possible moment we will secure the note from Winn for your signature and forward same to you with duly executed note of the Vestry, signed by Joe and myself."

Stay tuned; in the July *Vineyard* this story will continue to creep toward a conclusion.



# May Day 2009 at Christ Episcopal Preschool



Children from three Christ Episcopal Preschool classes celebrated spring, sunshine, and May 1 with colored streamers blowing in the breeze. Teachers Elise Sandbach, Julie Savoie, and Norma Tomberlin kept all the children marching in the same direction and out of the tangle of streamers until at the end the Maypole was decorated once again.



## Second Saturday Eucharist



Pam Guice was one of eight guitar players at the Second Saturday service in May.



## Senior Sunday May 17, 2009



The Christ Episcopal Church seniors graduating this spring were honored at the 9:30 a.m. service on May 17. The graduates include:

High School - Gus Elliott, Rachel Greneker, Claire Holland, Tyler Johnson, Mallory Lind, Stephen Sandbach, Amy Wisenbaker,  
College - Kelly Roberts, VSU; Emily Saeger, UGA; Kristin Claire Schert, UGA,  
Graduate School - Amy Warren, Master's degree, Univ. of Nevada; Patrick Warren, J.D., Creighton Univ. School of Law; Cindy Waters, Nurse Practitioner, VSU; Meg Hiers, DVM, UGA. Congratulations to all!





## Silent Auction for the Dominican Republic Mission a Success

Gracias!

Thank you for your most generous support. Thank you to Sunset Farms for donating the ribs and the sausage and to the Men in Blue Cooking Team for providing us with such a delicious meal. This is the most successful year ever! Our Christ Church family bought \$512 worth of BBQ tickets and the silent auction raised \$4,203.23, which included the Volvo! I am always amazed with the generosity of this wonderful family.

Your Dominican Republic mission team is very excited about going in the very near future. We are honored to be your representatives in the Dominican, and you can be assured that our brothers and sisters with whom we partner are appreciative of your generosity. Children are going to school; they are learning, and they are happy!

Please continue to pray for us.

In Christ,  
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### 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 Second

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

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