Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia July 2009

A Safari to Remember Vacation Bible School May 31 - June 3, 2009

Mark Your Calendar

July 4

Independence Day: Eucharist @ 11AM followed by hotdog

July 5 - 11

Camp St. Peter (Middle School) @ Honey Creek

July 8 - 17

General Convention in Anaheim, California

July 12

DOK Meeting between 9:30 & 11:30 services (in Molly's office)

July 12 - 18

Camp Sts. Joseph & Mary (3rd grade - 5th grade) @ Honey Creek

July 19 - 25

Camp St. Francis (7th - 9th grades: Nature Camp) @ Honey Creek

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by Anna Coggins

n June 1, almost 50 children began the Kingdom of the Son Prayer Safari for Christ Church Vacation Bible School! Led by Beth Baker, the kids spent the week learning the Lord's Prayer. Each day they learned a different part of the Lord's prayer, and how it relates to us—God Listens, God Provides, God Forgives and God Protects.

On Sunday night the group met for registration, making name tags, dinner and singing led by Bobbie Warren and Pam Guice. The kids were introduced to the Lord's Prayer and divided into groups for the week by age. Starting Monday morning, the groups were led through five stations each morning.

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The Vineyard On the Web

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Christ Episcopal Church

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Dr. John Curtis and Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leaders Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

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Tammy Borders Phyllis Holland
Tom Carroll Pepi Nelson
Dave Clark Bill Nunn
Jerry DeMott Joe Singletary
Carolyn Eager Mike Tanner
Al Turner

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Vestry Report from May 2009 Meeting

- The irrigation system has been updated and repaired.
- The water line attached to Miller House also supplies water to Bray House. A new line will run water from Louttit Hall to Bray House.
- The Miller House move will begin May 19. LAMP has had some problems finding a suitable lot for the building.
- A new Parish Directory will be done. Volunteers will be needed to set up appointments and help with the process.
- Choir director Jessica Israels will be moving to pursue higher education. Her replacement will begin in the Fall.
- A lunch meeting held on May 15 with architect Jim Barganier reviewed the proposed floor plan for the building project. Changes sent to the firm will be made and a revised plan will be sent by June 15.
- The Rev. Drazdowski reported that the silent auction and dinner for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip raised more than \$5000.
- Although Tar+ will be out of town much of the summer, she will be accessible via cell phone.
- Deacon Patricia Marks reported on several projects including Gail Hobgood's work with



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

LAMP collecting travel size toiletries and Phyllis Holland's meal for Raintree Village. The Vestry approved \$250 to help support that.

- Tammy Borders gave a report about Young Life Ministry. The Valdosta group is almost ready to hire an area director.
- Fr. Ingeman reported on "Senior Sunday" and Vacation Bible School.
- Liz Powell, College Minstry Coordinator, will resume her responsibilities in the Fall.

The High School Happeners / EYCers would like to have a back-to-school retreat. If anyone has a great place that you would like to donate September 4-7th, please call or email Beth Baker (245-8828) bethbaker@bellsouth.net



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Words for Season After Pentecost

Healing Generosity Grace

From the Rector

"The Good Samaritan"

Te've all seen the road in this Gospel story. We've seen it in countless television reports on Israel and the Middle East. It's an asphalt ribbon through a landscape of rocks and barren earth; a treeless landscape on which a few stunted bushes struggle to survive; a landscape without shade.

The road runs down the steep escarpment from the Judean hill country to the valley of the Jordan. The valley is lost in the haze of the heat rising from the road and the rocks, a shimmering haze that obscures and distorts the vision. The roadside is marked by a metal barrier, guarding against a fall down the steep hillside.

Now close your eyes a moment and visualize that road, not of asphalt but of dirt and pebbles and shattered stones, a road without signs or markers or protection from danger. That's the road in the Gospel story. The heat and the haze and the dust are there as always. Standing on that road, looking down the sloping track, you can see something lying by the roadside; from the distance it's a pile of clothing, closer you see that it's a man, severely wounded and unconscious. In the haze you can just make out two figures farther down the road, separate figures. They must have passed this wounded man a short while ago. Why did they fail to stop and help him? Now we know that one of them was a Priest of the Temple. If the man were dead the Priest would have required ritual cleansing to return to his work and that would have been time-consuming and it is, after all, his only source of livelihood; he can't place his job in jeopardy. We know the other was a Levite, a servant in the Temple. He has a very strictly defined, narrow set of duties and he looks no further. His motto is "It's not my job."

Lest we be angry with those two we can add some reasons of our own:What can I do, I'm not a doctor. What if the robbers are still here? I have a very important meeting and simply risk being delayed. I'll call for help. Someone else will take care of it. Ironically, all those things may be true, but here comes a third man who passes you as you stand on that road. You hear the soft hoof beats of his donkey in the road dust and he brushes past you. He's a Samaritan, a stranger; he makes none of those excuses. He simply sees a person in need and stops and helps.

This life of ours is a sort of road. It may be steep and narrow, and it may run through some very uncomfortable and inhospitable and downright dangerous territory. The future is hard to see, lost in a haze. There are wounded on the roadside. The ones in need may not be physically injured but they need us, they need a word or a hand. There are professional voices to say the word of comfort; there are professional hands to lift up the fallen, but ultimately it's always one on one, person to person, neighbor to neighbor.

Peter +

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Vespers Homily, July 13, 2008

Father Ingeman's Ninth Anniversary at Christ Church

At a service on Ascension Day, Christ Episcopal Church celebrated the ninth anniversary of Fr. Peter Ingeman as our rector. The Men in Blue prepared a dinner for the celebration. Sr. Warden Pepi Nelson baked him a cake. The Rev. Tar Drazdowski offered a blessing during the service, and Deacon Patricia Marks offered the following prayer at the dinner:

Dear Heavenly Father,

encourage, and to support;

We are grateful for our family of Christ Church and for the many gifts that you have given us. Lord, we asked you for a Rector, someone to guide us someone to show us the path to walk in love and mercy. You blessed us with Peter, and we give thanks for his leadership and

generous heart, for his willingness to listen, to

open.
We are
grateful for his dedication
to his people at Christ Church
and to all those he touches in the community.
And we give special thanks for Happy,
for her loving presence,
which is part of the fabric of our lives.
Grant us, Lord, the gift of your spirit,
that in Christ's name we may give thanks to you
in all things. Amen.





Flooding in April 2009



On Palm Sunday weekend Christ Church parishioners helped move furniture out of the flooded home of Janet and Hulyn Smith. Other Christ Church families affected by the floodwaters were Bob and Ann Johnson, Lauren Tudor, Molly Greneker, and Steve Parrish.

Photographs by Phyllis and John Hiers













Pentecost



Fr. Peter Ingeman and Mrs. Adair Pizer enjoy the sunshine near one of the Pentecost wind socks. Most of the congregation wore red to celebrate.









EYC Groups end year with parties

Mimi Allen and Phyllis Hiers lead the Wednesday evening group for kindergarten through 4th grade children. The group celebrated the end of the year with a pool party.

There were parties for the other two EYC groups as well. Beth Baker teaches the middle school EYC. Saber Simmons hosted a pool party for the group. The Jim Elliott family hosted the senior EYC get-together at their home.

Photographs by Phyllis Hiers













Special Days Remembered in July

BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Richardson

Alexandra Peeples

22 Peter Ingeman

23 Gail Hobgood

24 Jeff Hanson

25 Pat Bezona

Caroline Prine

Richard Rigby

Brett Nelson

Philip Gunter

27 Juanita Quinn

Al Turner

28 Griff Holland

30 Debi Saeger

26 Andrew Hummel Gregory Hummel

Walter Hobgood

Andrew Greneker

Katherine Mixson

29 Emory Warrick, Sr.

- 1 Aleta Corley2 Hugh BaileyJulian (Boots) Tudor
- 4 Beverly Cowart Grace Diamond
- 5 Laurie McCall Theo Reed
- 6 Katherine Mayer
- 8 Dottie Eager
- 9 Katie Wisenbaker
- 11 Brooklyn Prine
- 14 Jerry DeMott
- 15 David Cribb John Hiers David Holland
- 16 Sandra Fletcher Marshall Parks
- 17 Michael Black Linda Burch Rachel Rumstay
- 18 Pepi Nelson
- 19 Lisa Gilchrist
- 20 Pam Pitts

HDAYS BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES 21 Hayden Coggins

- 3 Carter Coleman
- 5 Dori Carter
- 7 Alison Peters
- 9 Marge Fitzsimons Griff Holland
- 19 Diane Holliman
- 20 Pam Pitts
- 24 Sam Peters
- 25 Victoria Warrick
- 26 Edith Shepherd

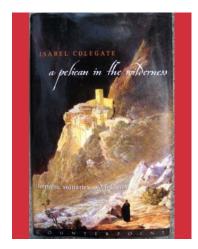
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Cliff & Elizabeth Baker Ralph & Julie Jackson 12 Bill & Lucille Sineath
- 16 Marty & Karen Diamond
- 22 Rusty & Laurie McCall
- 24 Bill & Kathy Armstrong
- 29 Jack Fisher & Elaine Yontz Aaron & Josie Parten
- 30 Bill & Helen Tucker

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



A Pelican in the Wilderness: Hermits, Solitaries and Recluses (Counterpoint, 2002)

By Isabel Colegate

Those who study happiness, says the 17th century poet Thomas Traherne, "must sit alone . . . like a Pelican in the Wilderness." In this book Colegate, author of 13 works of fiction, undertakes to describe the life of the solitary, the one who withdraws from society to listen for the still, small voice of God. And while the book might better have been arranged as an encyclopedia rather than clusters of marginally-related figures, it offers a fascinating glimpse into the myriad reasons that

such wildly diverse figures as St. Martin of Tours and Julia Butterfly Hill, a radical conservationist, seek solitude. It takes us from Siberia to the Redwood Forest, from St. Jerome in the



Deacon Patricia Marks

desert to the part-time hermits of several centuries ago, when fashions in landscaping included fanciful huts and hermit-like havens for estate owners. And it touches on the special difficulties that female recluses faced in convincing their bishops that a solitary life was their calling. But in her urge for completeness, Colegate pulls too many from their solitary ways into the crowded pages of her account. That said, this would be a rewarding book to sample at random rather than to read through, as I did.









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Vacation Bible School

The stations included Bible Story, Missions, outside play time, crafts and snacks.

Each day focused on one section of the Lord's prayer. The crafts for the week corresponded with the theme of the day. On Monday, we made a Lord's prayer placemat to take home with handprints and a fingerprint rainbow. Second session was a jungle Safari

picture frame to match the theme of the week and each child had their picture made in Safari gear. The final day was very busy in the craft tent. The kids made a fridge magnet in the shape of bread with "Our Daily Bread" at the top and they decorated handprint cutouts to make praying hands to remind us that God Listens.

Karen May lead the groups each morning through stories in the Bible teaching about the parts of the Lord's prayer. Monday they learned about prayer and made a prayer journal listing things they want to thank God for. Tuesday taught how God Provides and gives us what we need, like he did with the

















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at Christ Episcopal Church 2009

loaves and fishes. Wednesday brought a story about forgiveness. The kids wrote another prayer journal, this time about forgiveness.

Heather Oliver, who does a mission trip to Africa each year, taught the "Missions" lessons for the week. Dressed in traditional African garb, she taught outside near a tent and under a tree just like they would do in Africa. She had many African artifacts to share. The offering at the Wednesday night service went to Heather to assist with her work in Africa.

Snacks and play time each day were very important times. They had Safari themed snacks and games to keep them busy. Outside they played games like Tiger Tiger Mouse (a creative version of Duck Duck Goose) and during snack times the kids filled up on healthy goodies to keep them going through the morning. The children made the bread used for communion on Wednesday.

Our Prayer Safari concluded at the Wednesday night service, with dinner afterwards. Thanks to all who helped this year! We could not have had such a wonderful VBS without all of your hard work.

Photographs by Julius Ariail, Beth Baker, Anna Coggins, Phyllis Hiers, and Patricia Marks

























Miller House moves...a little, then a lot













The Miller House, donated by Christ Episcopal Church to the Lowndes Area Ministries to People (LAMP), finally moved on June 20th. The Valdosta Daily Times featured the gift in an article in the June 15th issue. Read the entire article at http://www.valdostadailytimes.com/archivesearch/local_story_166231443.html Photographs by Phyllis Hiers, Patricia Marks, and David Schert

Christ Church Ongoing Projects

Adopt a Haven Family - The Haven has an ongoing need for clothing and supplies for mothers and children sheltering from domestic violence. Contact Patricia Marks (244-5159);< spmarks@bellsouth.net>. Needs list on bulletin board.

Pop Tabs - Please continue to collect pop tabs to benefit the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses. Please add them to the container on the round table in the parish hall. Deacon Stella Clark chairs this project.

Pencil & Paper Project - Katherine Mayer continues to collect school supplies for the Iraqi children and will send the items when she has a new contact in the U.S. Army.

Toiletries Project - Gail Hobgood chairs the project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP.

St. Francis Choir Presents Music Camp Scholarship



The St. Francis Choir which plays at the 11:30 Sunday service at Christ Episcopal Church offered a music scholarship for the Honey Creek Music Camp. Pauline Brown presented the gift to Fr. Ingeman.

Photograph by Phyllis Hiers

Prayer Requests





Please add your special prayer requests before each service at the prayer stand in the narthex of the church.



The toiletries basket in the parish hall.

Search for 10th Bishop of Georgia Update by Walter Hobgood

On June 8, 2009, the Search/Nominating committee met for the last time to finalize the nominees for the 10th Bishop of Georgia. Our committee, which truly represents the diversity of our diocese, has been blessed by the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout this process. We want to thank all of you for your prayers, without which I feel we could not have achieved total consensus on every nominee throughout the entire process.

The petition process was opened on June 9, 2009 for further nominations to be made. This process replaces nominations from the floor at the electing convention. For more information on this process visit www.georgiabishopsearch.org.

At this point the Transition Committee is making plans for the walk about sessions which will be held on August 26, 27 and 28. Stay tuned for more details. We encourage all voting delegates in particular to attend one or more of the sessions to meet the nominees in person. My experience through the process is that we should look at their resumes, evaluate their essays, view the short videos we did and meet them in person. Until and unless you have done all of these, you will not know the nominees well enough to make a choice. At this point I would support any one of them as our next Bishop.

These candidates are different in many ways. Having said that, we feel that we have nominated individuals that are consistent with the Profile of the 10th Bishop of Georgia we developed and published at the early stages of this process.

Nominees for the Tenth Bishop of Georgia

After twelve months of considerable research and discernment, and by a process of prayerful consensus, the Search Committee for the Tenth Bishop of Georgia offers the following slate of persons as nominees for bishop. More information on each nominee can be found at <www.georgiabishopsearch.org>.

The Rev. Scott Anson Benhase Rector, St. Alban's Episcopal Church Washington, D.C.

The Rev. William Patrick Gahan III Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Wimberley, Texas

The Rev. Frank S. Logue
Vicar, King of Peace Episcopal Church
Kingsland, Georgia

The Very Rev. C. Dean Taylor
Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Dalton, Georgia

The Rev. Stephen F. Zimmerman Rector, Chapel of St. Andrew Boca Raton, Florida

Who will vote for the Tenth Bishop?

Christ Church Clergy

The Rev. Peter Ingeman The Rev. Tar Drazdowski Deacon Stella Clark Deacon Patricia Marks

Christ Church Delegates to Convention

Phyllis Hiers Walter Hobgood Molly Greneker

Alternates: John Hiers, Gail Hobgood, and Happy Ingeman

ou can have an influence on the vote for the tenth Bishop of Georgia. Learn all you can by reading the information on the Search Web site

<www.georgiabishopsearch.org> and watch the videos of each candidate. Attend the Walk Abouts at one of the three locations in Georgia: August 26 (Savannah), 27 (Albany), or 28 (Augusta). Then, talk to our clergy members and delegates to let them know your thoughts on the nominees. The vote will take place on Saturday, September 12th, at the Convention meeting in Dublin.

Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin



he story of Christ Church's efforts to borrow \$15,000 to build the Parish Hall now becomes a bit vague. At a Vestry meeting on February 6, 1949, Senior Warden Jerome Tillman reported "a slight difficulty in the matter of the loan from the Citizens & Southern National Bank" and said he hoped "to straighten the matter out." The Minutes contain no clue about the nature of the "slight difficulty." Concerned that the bank loan would fail, Tillman raised the possibility of a private loan from an unnamed Valdosta resident, saying that "all arrangements will very probably be handled in this manner rather than through" C&S.

However, the C&S loan apparently was completed, though Vestry records are not explicit about the matter. On March 8, 1949, Zoë Coburn, diocesan Treasurer, wrote to Mr. Tillman, "Immediately upon receipt of your telegram today I made up deposit as requested and left this with Mr. Joseph Harrison, Vice President of the Citizens and Southern Bank here, and he said he would take care of the matter as you requested." Attached to Coburn's letter in the Vestry files is a copy of the deposit slip for \$15,000. Further,

THE BUDGET for 1950 - CHRIST CHURCH		
Item For	Amount	
a. MISSIONS: The Church's work in Diocese, Nation, & World.	400.00	
b. DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT: Bishop's work & Convention Fund.	151.00	
c. SEWANEE: Gift to out Seminary.	20.00	
d. SALARY OF VICAR: This is 116.66 a month.	1400.00	
e. SALARY OF ORGANIST: \$5 a week for 52 wks., plus 3 extra services.	275.00	
f. SALARY OF SEXTON: \$10 a week for 52 wks.	520.00	
g. PENSION ASSESSMENT: 15% of item d plus one-sixth		
for Rectory.	245.00	
h. ASSESSMENT ALLOWANCE: Deductions from support:		
38.75 per mo.	465.00	
i. INSURANCE ON CHURCH PROPERTIES: Rectory, Church,		
Organ, Fixtures.	500.00	
j. LIGHT, HEAT, WATER AT CHURCH: This is \$25 per mo.	300.00	
k. SUPPLIES: Printing, postage, canvass aids, candles, elements, etc.	150.00	
1. LAUNDRY AND CONTINGENT: Cleaning and also for		
aid to transients.	150.00	
m. PARISH SUPPER 1950:	75.00	
n. BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT: Upkeep & repairs to		
Church and Rectory.	300.00	
o. INTEREST AND RETIREMENT OF LOAN:	2000.00	
p. MISCELLANEOUS: Adjustments on accounts.	49.00	
	=====	
TOTAL BUDGET	\$7000.00	
DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET BY PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL BUDGET:		
For work outside Parish18.3%; For work in Parish52.48%		
For loan retirement29.22%		
TOTAI	100%	

on March 11, Mr. Tillman learned from Bishop Barnwell of a \$5,000 gift to Christ Church from the National Council of the Episcopal Church.

TOTAL...100%

Vestry attempted to discuss the bank loan at a regular meeting on April 3, but, without knowing the particulars of the mortgage, deferred action until a called meeting on April 10, when Mr. James D. Carroll explained the details. The first payment of \$2,000 was due on February 25, 1950, including principal of \$1,325 and interest of \$675. Identical installments were to be remitted each February 25th through 1953. In 1954 a balance of \$9,751.27 would be payable. Vestrymen decided to apply the National Council's \$5,000 gift, and more, to the first payment in 1950.

Treasurer N.E. Fry affirmed to Vestry on March 4, 1950, that Christ Church had paid \$7,555.56 on the mortgage and noted, "Future payments have been so arranged as to clean up the balance of the obligation in four years." In actuality, Christ Church was free of debt in less than three. As Vestry Minutes of March 1, 1953, briefly stated, "Notation is made of payment of the Mortgage on Church property and the presentation of cancelled Mortgage to the Bishop at the service at 4 P.M. this date."

Christ Episcopal Preschool Graduation 2009















Photographs by Anna Coggins and Beth Baker

by Norma Tomberlin

Christ Episcopal Preschool, established in 1983 by Fr. Henry I. Louttit, who was then the Rector, held its 26th annual graduation at the Church on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Maggie Roberts provided music for the occasion, and the invocation was by Fr. Peter L. Ingeman. The ceremony marked the end of another very successful year for the preschool program and its three classes (two and a half, three, and four year-olds) taught by Julie Savoie, Norma Tomberlin, and Elise Sandbach.

Following Fr. Ingeman's opening prayer, Mrs. Savoie's class members sang three songs before receiving diplomas from their teacher. Mrs. Tomberlin's class sang two songs and received diplomas. Then, Mrs. Sandbach led her students in three songs and distributed diplomas.

Afterward, teachers, students, parents, grandparents, other relatives and friends moved to the Parish Hall for the presentation of favors to the children and for a reception and food. The usual pool party celebrating the end of school was scheduled for Friday, May 22, at Stone Creek but was postponed to Thursday, May 28, because of rain.

Register Now for 2009 - 10 Christ Episcopal Preschool

Call the church office at 242-5115 for an application. Registration fee \$95
Church Members pay \$105 per month
Non Church Members \$120.
School starts September 8.

Mrs. Tomberlin's 3 year old class is full. Openings are available in the two-and-a half and four-year old classes.

Our Softball Team













Our softball team will go into playoff schedule beginning July 6. Watch the bulletin and parish hall bulletin board for the game schedule and outcomes. Come to Freedom Park to support our team!



VBS Thank You

Kingdom of the Son would not have been possible without the help of the church and all the volunteers! Huge hugs and kisses go out to Josie, Aaron, and Matthew Parten, Marge McCarthy, Steve Roberts, Sally and Tina Nunn, Laura Kimmel Copeland, Karen May, Anna Coggins, Mitchell and Robbie Beeland, Griff Holland, Bobbie Warren, Amy Warren, Julie Savoie, Diane Holliman, Debbie Sempert, Elisabeth Wisenbaker, Pam Guice, Heather Oliver from Northside Baptist Church, and many of the high school and middle school helpers!

Vacation Bible School is definitely an important outreach and educational tool. Thanks to everyone who supports this endeavor. We had the largest group of children in years, with 49 children!

GOD IS GOOD!

Beth Baker

Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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

ly Communion 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion*
ly Communion* 6:00 p.m. Vespers

10:45 a.m. Christian Education*

11:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

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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