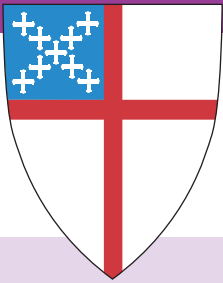


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

August 2009



## Mark Your Calendar

**August 6**

Feast of the Transfiguration

**August 8, 16, 19  
and 23**

Facilities Meetings  
Help Build God's House. See page 12 for details.

**August 9**

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

**August 10**

Lonnie Lacy  
Installed at  
St. Anne's Tifton  
6 p.m.

**August 25 - 29**

Pictorial Directory photos will be taken. Check the church Web site or call the office to schedule a time for your family.

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## 2009 Dominican Republic Mission Trip



Dominican Republic Team, front row l. to r. standing on ground: Jim Drazdowski, Christina (cook), Ruth (Fr. Vincente's daughter), AnaMaria (cook), John Nall, Tar Drazdowski, Andrew Welch, Dolores (Ft. Vincente's mother-in-law), Sally Byers; row 2 standing on wall: Thomasina (cook), Liz Welch, Josefina (camp caretaker's wife), Jim Ellis Fisher, Juanita Quinn, Mimi Allen, Fr. Vincente Pena and wife Nancy.

by The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and Jim Drazdowski

The 2009 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic was a huge success! We had anywhere from 150 to 325+ children during the four days of Vacation Bible School (VBS). Manual labor was not required this year, so we concentrated on the crafts for VBS in the morning and evening. We were truly blessed by our partners in the Dominican and by the children who tell us that we have a major impact on their lives. The differences that we make are largely educational. We provided 15 scholarships for the school in El Pedregal and three teachers' salaries. Clinton Beeland's company, CJB Industries, gave \$500 and another \$500 was given for books from the CJB Family Charitable Fund. Part of the fund's purpose is to provide books and education materials to underserved children and adults. Stefani Carroll purchased the books for us. We could not carry out our mission without the generosity of all of you. Christ Church has adopted this mission, and together in Christ we are making a

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## The Vineyard On the Web

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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

### Vestry

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

Al Turner

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The Rev. Drazdowski	249-0895
Deacon Clark	559-6159
Deacon Marks	244-5159
Molly Greneker	292-8215

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## Vestry Report from June 29, 2009 Meeting

- Reviewed revised drawings for the facilities improvements. Requested that an overlay be provided to define the projected phases of construction. Agreed that the Facilities Committee should plan a series of small group parish meetings to solicit comments and reflections from the congregation.
- Requested additional information on project costs before financial planning committee begins its activities. This financial planning committee will meet with First Community Development and make recommendations to the vestry regarding contracting for their assistance with fund raising.
- Accepted treasurer's report. Cash flow continues to support programs and activities.
- Approved funds to purchase sod for the area vacated by the Miller House. The Men in Blue and softball team members will organize the labor needed to lay the sod.
- Received report on plans for the new parish photo directory. LifeTouch will take the photographs during the last week of August. While there is no cost to the church for the directory, parishioners will have the opportunity to purchase professional photographs of their family.



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

- Received update from Fr. Ingeman on the search process for the next bishop of Georgia.
- Received report from The Rev. Drazdowski on the successful mission trip to the Dominican Republic.
- Received reports from Deacon Marks, Beth Baker and Tammy Borders on outreach projects, youth activities, and the Young Life project.



A new pictorial directory for Christ Church is in the making. Photographs will be taken August 25 - 29. Make an appointment on the church Web site [<www.christchurchvaldosta.org>](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org) or call 242-5115. There is no charge for the photo, and each group receives one free 8" x 10" photo. Additional packages are available for purchase.

Let's include everyone!



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## Words for Season After Pentecost

Bread of Life    Discipleship    Commandments



## *From the Rector*



### TRANSFIGURATION

**T**he climb up the mountain had been long, the day warm, and the Disciples Peter, James, and John were tired. Jesus had called them to follow Him that morning. They did not know why or where, but then that had been their collective life with Him since they had left their nets and boats. Perhaps in later years, they were never quite certain what had happened on that mountaintop, knowing only that their friend Jesus had been transformed, transfigured, by the Glory of God. That Glory had descended upon them as a cloud, and from that cloud the voice of God proclaimed, "This is my son." Jesus had emerged from that cloud a shining witness to the presence of God. The Disciples had wanted to stay on that mountaintop; it was not to be. From that shining moment Jesus' steps had led Him, Peter, James, and John to Jerusalem, the Garden, and the Cross, to the empty tomb, and the proclamation, "He is Risen." The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated on August 6. I invite you to observe that holy day.

Peter +

You are cordially invited to  
A Celebration of the Covenant of New Ministry  
between

The People of St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
and

**The Rev. Thomas A. "Lonnie" Lacy II**

Being Instituted as the Tenth Rector of  
St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
2411 N. Central Avenue  
Tifton, Georgia

The Tenth Day of August  
Two Thousand and Nine  
Six o'clock in the Evening

Reception to Follow  
Festival Color is White

Please bring a canned good for donation  
to the Tiftarea Community Food Bank.



### Camp St. Gregory Group Photo Honey Creek June 2009

Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman and Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit served on the staff of Camp St. Gregory, the music camp at Honey Creek, this summer for the last time. The Ingemans and the Louttits have taught and encouraged many young voices over many years to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. There are six camp sessions at Honey Creek geared to different age and interest groups. For more information see the Honey Creek Web site at [www.honeycreek.org](http://www.honeycreek.org).

# Fourth of July

by Happy Ingeman

On Saturday, July 4, Christ Church celebrated our country's birthday with a hot dog lunch following the 11 a.m. church service and patriotic music. Judge Wayne Ellerbee prepared four flavors of Sunset Farms sausage and hot dogs with all the fixings. Chips and coleslaw, peach punch and red, white and blue popsicles rounded out the menu.

Fr. Peter Ingeman delivered a relevant homily about our country's unique ability to embrace people from every nation. An excerpt follows, but the entire sermon can be found on the church Web site at: [www.christchurchvaldosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org).

Photographs by Amy Terrell



"...there is an underlying truth about this country that allows such things to be true. It's a philosophy, an ethos, a world view. We acknowledge the value and dignity of every individual; every individual. We say, and have said since the very inception of this country, that people, all people, have certain "inalienable rights;" life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, rights endowed by our Creator." Fr. Peter Ingeman, Independence Day Homily.

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## Daughters of the King Launch Foster Kids Project

by Phyllis Holland

### 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?

The motto of the Order of the Daughters of the King is very relevant to the needs of foster children in the Valdosta community. There are more foster children than available homes, and several local institutions including the Methodist Children's Home, Raintree Village, and Sheriff's Boys Ranch provide a place for these young people to live. The needs of these foster children are great, and several members of the Christ Church family together

with the Daughters of the King are working to understand these needs and "do something".

Through the generosity of the Vestry, Christ Church provided supper two nights during the annual life skills summer camp held for foster children who are close to turning 18 and being on their own. At that time we learned that the eight girls at the Methodist Children's Home did not have their own Bibles. Ann Burnette remedied this situation with a donation of Teen Study Bibles to the home. Academic preparation and success is important to achieving self-sufficiency and girls at both the Methodist Children's Home and Raintree Village need copies of their summer reading books to successfully complete that assignment. The young people in

these homes have all the ongoing needs that they would have in any family: school supplies, toiletries, clothes, books, and on and on. There are mentoring and tutoring opportunities as well. We will soon have a list of summer required reading for the girls at Raintree Village. Used books in good condition will be acceptable.

If you feel called to participate in this ministry or just want more information, please contact Patricia Marks, Pat Bezona, or Phyllis Holland.

"Lord, what will you have me do?"

A new class for the Daughters of the King will begin in September. Any adult female of Christ Church is eligible. Please call 242-8289 or e-mail [pbezona@bellsouth.net](mailto:pbezona@bellsouth.net).





## Special Days Remembered in August



### BIRTHDAYS

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

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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

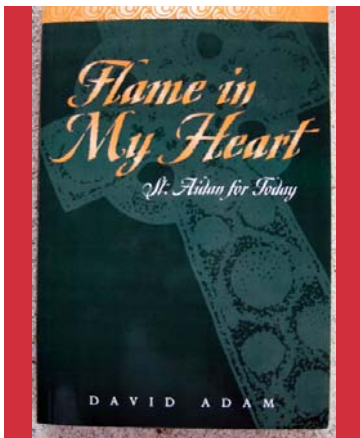
### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 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  
Joe & Tilda Stubbs  
25 Will & Bonnie Hanson  
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.

## The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks



### *Flame in My Heart: St. Aidan for Today* (Morehouse, 1997). By David Adam

From coal miner to priest, and now retired as the Vicar of Holy Island, Lindisfarne: that is the far-ranging career of David Adam, who writes of St. Aidan as if he had been a close friend, transcribing his very words. Aidan, who left his monastery on Iona in the year 635 to help King Oswald of Northumbria bring Christianity to his pagan people, founded a diocese on the Isle of Lindisfarne. He became known for his patience and accessibility, preferring to walk through the kingdom, giving away a

splendid horse—Oswald's gift—to a beggar. Adam captures the ebb and flow of Aidan's life admirably, following each chapter with thoughtful questions and suggestions for mediation.

But it is Aidan's favorite prayer that best exemplifies the life he led:

Leave me alone with God as much as may be.  
As the tide draws the waters close in upon the shore,  
Make me an island, set apart,  
alone with you, God, holy to you.  
Then with the turning of the tide  
prepare me to carry your presence to the  
busy world beyond,  
the world that rushes in on me  
till the waters come again and fold me back to you.



Deacon Patricia Marks

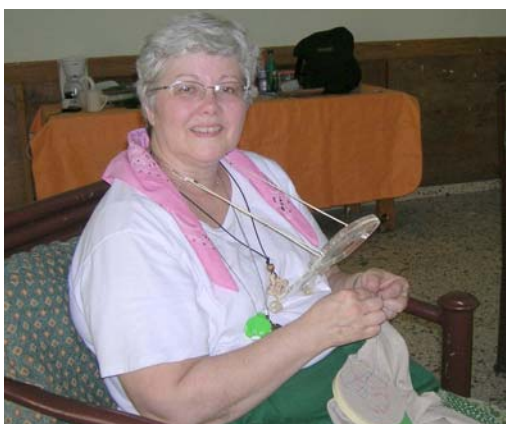




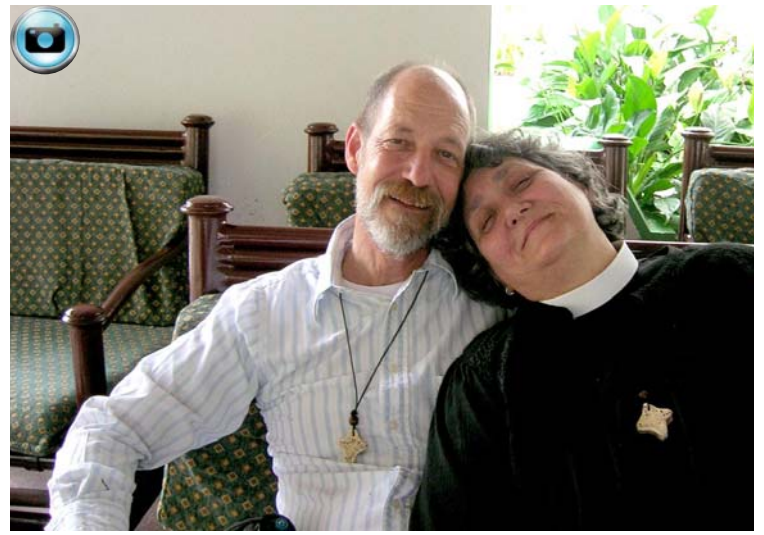
big difference in the daily lives of the Children in El Pedregal. I now have a contact for construction in the community. Our work is not limited to the summer months. If you are interested in next year's trip or forming a construction crew, please let me know. On behalf of the 2009 Team, we are grateful for your support and your generosity. Praise be to God! Tar+

## 2009 Mission Trip Budget

Lodging/Food/Cooks .....	\$2,372.00
Scholarships .....	\$5,250.00
Teachers Salaries .....	\$3,375.00
Books and Supplies for the School .....	\$3,500.00
Kids' Party/Ice Cream/Snacks .....	\$370.00
Transportation (In Country) .....	\$500.00
Construction Fee .....	\$2,000.00
Camp Scholarships .....	\$1,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	\$1,590.00
Total .....	\$19,957.00







## Dominican Mission Daily Journal by Jim Drazdowski

The complete journal by Jim Drazdowski is online at [www.christchurchvaldosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org)

June 20, 2009; 10:26 p.m.

Liz and Andrew just made it in. While we were at the Miami Airport, Tar received a call from Liz saying they were running late because their flight was cancelled. They had to be rescheduled through Orlando and then Miami, so their flight into Santiago wouldn't arrive until 8:30 p.m. Our flight departed at 11:15 a.m. from Miami and arrived in Santiago between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. We were met by Fr. Vincente and Pablo. We loaded our luggage and arrived at the camp just a little before 4 p.m. Thomasina and Anna Marie had snacks of crackers, ham and cheese and some potato chips and cheese puffs for us. Most of the rest of the afternoon was spent sorting supplies and getting things ready for Bible school. We should finish the rest of the things tomorrow.



June 25, 2009; 9:40 p.m.

This morning, after Morning Prayer and breakfast, the three pools were started being filled up. I painted the base of the planter around the cross. At 2 p.m. the gates were opened and the children were marched in by groups of 10. By the time the splash party was over, we estimated between 300 and 400 children were there. As the children left through the gate, they were given a hot dog, juice in a cup, a popsicle push up and either a package containing soap or toothbrush and toothpaste. Since the soap came in boxes of 100 and the toothbrushes in boxes of 144, and we gave out over a box of each, I know we had over 300, but Fr. Vincente thinks we had over 400. We all relaxed the rest of the afternoon and after supper some read and some of us played spoons. Things seemed to go well today and everyone seemed pleased with it.

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Photographs by Mimi Allen, Liz Welch, Jim Drazdowski, and Juanita Quinn





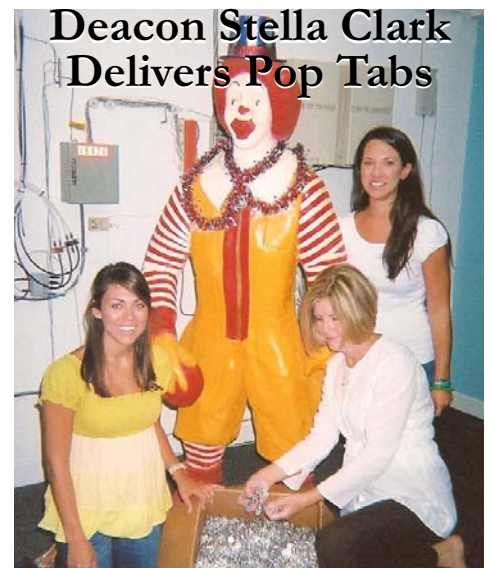
# Honey Creek Counselor Reunion



Over forty former Honey Creek Camp counselors and campers reunited at the camp on July 3 - 5 to sing, play, and get reacquainted. They came with their families from as far away as France, New York City, Washington, DC, and Washington state to celebrate Camp Director Pam Guice's 36th and last summer at the creek. Angus Nicholson (in pool photo) organized the event. Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit enjoyed the weekend just before leaving for the Convention of the Episcopal Church. There were frisbee matches, a 20-year grudge Spades game, singing, kayaking, swimming, a bonfire in 100-degree heat, watching the fireworks at Jekyll and St. Simons, good food, and more good memories.



## Deacon Stella Clark Delivers Pop Tabs



Deacon Stella Clark recently delivered over 100 pounds of pop tabs collected by Christ Church parishioners to the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House. They were grateful for the donation and wrote a thank you note to us.

"Since the program began in 1998, more than 100,000 pounds of pop tabs have been recycled, generating revenue to help provide housing and emotional support for the families of critically ill and injured children treated at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The program has grown each year, and your support will ensure that growth continues."

### Christ Church Ongoing Projects

**Adopt a Haven Family** - The Haven has a special need for new or like-new kitchen supplies (appliances, dishes, etc.) for mothers and children moving out of the shelter. Contact Patricia Marks (244-5159); <[spmarks@bellsouth.net](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net)>.

**Foster Kids Project** - Phyllis Holland chairs this project to assist local foster kids with supplies, tutoring, and mentoring.

**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.

### Toiletries for Lamp

I would like to thank the congregation for bringing in their unused hotel toiletries for LAMP. I was able to take four boxes of items to the shelter, and they were very appreciative. Please continue to bring in these items as I have found several other organizations that can use them. The plastic bin is in the parish hall. (no mouthwash please!!)

Thanks, Gail Hobgood



# Georgia Deputies Attend General Convention of the Episcopal Church



The Diocese of Georgia deputation following a joint session of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. Seated, from left, Billy Alford+, Molly Greneker, Buck Crosby and Bill Steinhauser. Standing, from left, Bill Bruce, Jim Shumard+, William Willoughby III+, +Henry Louttit, Jr., Charlie Hough and Frank Logue+. Not pictured are Joy Fisher+ who went home for work reasons and Sister Deborah Magdalene who was in the Order of Saint Helena booth in the Exhibit Hall when this photo was taken.

Christ Church's Molly Greneker served as a deputy from Georgia attending the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, California from July 7 through 17.

Molly described the opening eucharist as the event that set the tone for the convention. Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori delivered the homily. "She described us as the body of Christ," said Molly, "and challenged us to hear the heartbeat of the church in mission...mission...mission as she moved away from the microphone." It was a very powerful moment.

"Bishop Louttit is always such a calm leader," Molly said. "He sees issues from a loving pastoral viewpoint. He did not try to sway our votes, but rather explained the issues and ramifications."

The Convention is made up of two houses: the House of Bishops, and the House of Deputies. Bonnie Anderson from Michigan is president of the House of Deputies. The Georgia deputation consisted of four clergy and four lay representatives, and two alternates.

From her experience at the convention Molly thinks that the Episcopal Church USA is well focused in the great commission. "We are challenged to reach out beyond ourselves to do the mission Christ set before us," she said. "In spite of our differing views, we can still link arms and be united in order to accomplish this mission. The Millennium Development Goals provide a good framework that establish this mission."

Molly was a member of the

legislative committee on World Missions. They studied 43 resolutions during their work. Over the 10 days, 361 items of legislation came before both houses. The deputies worked from 7:30 a.m. until past 9 p.m. every night.

"Despite what the media publicized, the group was much less tense than in 2006," said Molly. "The Episcopal Church USA genuinely considers itself part of the Anglican communion."

There is a thorough Convention summary on the Diocesan Web site [www.georgia.anglican.org](http://www.georgia.anglican.org) with photos, several daily reports, and a final wrap-up signed by all of the Georgia deputies. Look for the "Report from General Convention" link.

Photographs by The Rev. Frank Logue

## Sixth Nominee Added to list of Candidates for Bishop of Georgia

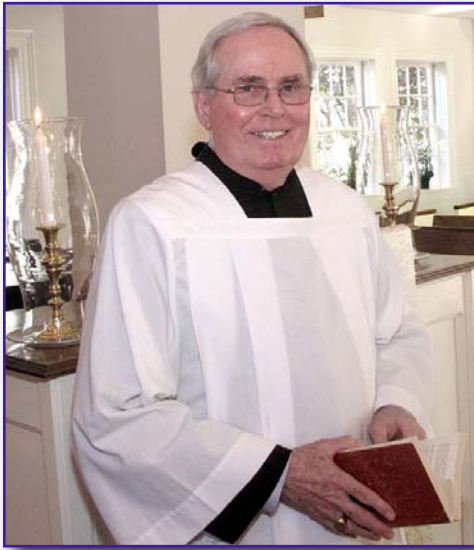
The Very Rev. William Willoughby, III, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Savannah, has been added by petition to the list of finalists for Bishop of Georgia. More information on each can be found at [www.georgiabishopsearch.org](http://www.georgiabishopsearch.org). The complete list is as follows: The Rev. Scott Anson Benhase, The Rev. William Patrick Gahan III, The Rev. Frank S. Logue, The Very Rev. C. Dean Taylor, The Very Rev. William

Willoughby, III, and The Rev. Stephen F. Zimmerman.

As of July 19, the date this article was written, the Diocesan office stated that the details for the walkabouts with the six candidates for bishop, currently scheduled for August 26 - 28, will not be available before the end of July, including whether or not they will be open to everyone or just to voting clergy and lay delegates. As soon as the Diocesan Office is given the details by the Transition Committee, the office will post them on the Diocesan Web site [www.georgia.anglican.org](http://www.georgia.anglican.org).

# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin



This month's history feature turns from the sublime story of the Vestry's struggle to find money to finance construction of the Parish Hall and to repay the loan. For August only, the subject is termites, the most serious physical threat to the new Christ Church in its earlier days. Obviously, the church structures were not treated against such pests when built in 1948-1949. On May 7, 1950, less than fifteen months after the first service on Patterson Street, the Vicar, Fr. White, summarized for Vestry "the termite situation, in the church as a whole." Vestry, however, took no action pending a report from Orkin Exterminating.

Orkin's statement showed widespread infestation that was heaviest around the door to the original kitchen in what is now the south wing of the sanctuary. Orkin proposed to treat the entire church plant and to repair damages for \$405.00, less a 10 percent discount offered to all churches. Vestry did

not accept the Orkin offer, presumably because of lack of money.

On December 3, 1950, vestrymen learned that "termites were again being seen around the Church." Their only decision was to contact "Jack Smart to . . . secure his services in making a careful examination of roof rafters and joists for any possible termite damage." By its January 1951 meeting Vestry had heard nothing from Smart. Consequently, Mr. Dawson introduced a Mooney Exterminating bid to treat the Church complex for \$250.00. Mr. James Carroll offered to inspect rafters and joists on the following Saturday with Mr. Dawson's assistance. They reported to Vestry in February that they saw



## Termites!

no evidence of termites in the upper reaches of either Church or Parish Hall. Also, a motion was offered, passed, and then tabled "until such time as necessary funds are available, that, at a future date, the offer of R.S. Mooney . . . be accepted, for necessary termite protection work at \$250.00."

In May the Vicar confirmed to Vestry that termites were still present, saying that the time for action had come. A Vestry committee of Mr. Carroll, Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Fry was

empowered "to get the job done, thru Mooney . . . if possible at about \$250.00." But in July the situation was still under discussion owing to confusion about whether Mooney's bid covered repairs and treatment. Mr. Carroll proposed to eliminate the confusion by having Mooney attend the August meeting to explain his offer. Mr. Mooney was present in August and stated that he would eradicate the termites for \$250.00 and offer continuing coverage for five years at \$20.00 a year. Repairs, estimated at \$75.00, were additional. Vestry authorized Secretary Robert Macks to sign an agreement with Mooney. The actual contract put repairs, including replacement of four doors, at \$141.21, plus \$250.00 for treatment. Thus the full process cost \$26.71 more than what Orkin had proposed fourteen months earlier, and the Vestry heard in September that the treatment and repairs had been accomplished and that Mr. Mooney had been paid.





# The Stitchers of Love



The Stitchers of Love knit, crochet, sew, and create gifts for friends, themselves, relatives, and people they don't know just for the sheer joy of it. The group began around 2004 when several members of Christ Church got together with Deacon Patricia Marks in her home. Juanita Quinn, reportedly the most prolific knitter, named the group.

The group now meets every other Sunday in the church library at 4 p.m. It is a most congenial group, and they are all delighted when someone new wants to join them. Someone usually brings a food treat, and they share news of yarn sales. They offer to teach anyone who is interested.

Julie Van Ham, the fastest knitter, has taught more than 40 people to knit.

That explains the Stitchers part of their name. The Love part comes from their amazing generosity. For the past month they have been knitting squares and rectangles which Patricia will block and assemble into a lapaghan, an afghan for your lap. This particular project, like all their projects, will be blessed on the Christ Church altar. The group made the lapaghan for a friend of Patricia's who is going through the diaconate process while struggling with health problems. The group made baby blankets for the Hurricane Katrina victims. They also dressed teddy bears in scarves and hats for the Victims Assist group of the Georgia Highway Patrol who give them to children involved in auto accidents. They have made preemie baby caps and blankets for infants in the hospital and scarves for women in the nursing homes. They have also knitted prayer shawls for parishioners.

The members are very grateful to those who have donated yarn and other craft items to the group. Asked why they knit, each had a different answer, but they all agreed that they enjoyed it and liked being able to give a gift they had made with their own hands.



Look for this flyer in your mailbox



## Help Build God's House

**Come and share in the discussion to make the plans for our new facilities a success.**

**What:** Dinner by *Men in Blue*

**When:** August 8, 6 p.m., no cost

**Where:** Christ Episcopal Church Parish Hall

**Who:** All of the Christ Church Family

## Facilities Review & Discussion

### Schedule

- August 8th** Help Build God's House: Dinner and Facilities review and discussion at 6 p.m.
- August 16th** Help Build God's House: Facilities review and discussion after 9:30 a.m. service
- August 19th** Help Build God's House: Facilities review and discussion after 6 p.m. service
- August 23rd** Help Build God's House: Facilities review and discussion after 9:30 a.m. service

### 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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