# Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia December 2009

### Facilities Committee Presents Master Plan

### **Mark Your Calendar**

### November 29

Wreath-Making Las Posadas Begins No Sunday School

### December 4 - 5

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### December 6

Canterbury Christmas Party, 6 p.m., Bezonas

### December 12

6 p.m. - Guitar Mass

### **December 18 - 20**

Winter Blast @ Honey Creek - High Schoolers

### December 24

Christmas Eve
Office closes at 12 n.
5:30 p.m. Children's Service
Bring a bell & a candle!
11 p.m. Midnight Mass

### December 25

Christmas Day 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

### January 1

Birdwatching Trip, St. Marks Feast of the Holy Name 6 p.m.

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Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitation be stretched out; do not hold back, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes, for you will spread out to the right and to the left. Isaiah 54

After two-and-a-half years of study, prayer, and research, the Facilities Committee of Christ Episcopal Church presented the Master Plan to an audience of over 75 on Wednesday, November 11. Members of the committee are Clinton Beeland, Tom Carroll, Bill Nunn, Maggie Roberts, Anne Singletary, Joe Tomberlin, and Al Turner. The visual presentation, accompanied by handouts, detailed the history of the project from 2007 to 2009, the future plans, a description of what changed based on church members' input, the preliminary architectural drawings of Phases 1A, 1B, and 2, a description of what the church will have that it does not have now, planned enhancements, and estimated cost. Brad Burnette and Stephani Carroll spoke to the group about what Christ Church means in their lives and the need for improved facilities. Clint Beeland and Tom Carroll presented the plan. They answered questions at the end of the presentation and invited those attending to view enlarged reproductions of the drawings on easels in the parish hall. The presentation was given again on Sunday, November 15, to 35 people after the 9:30 a.m. service.











### The Vineyard On the Web

The Vineyard is posted to the Christ Church Valdosta Web site in color at <www.christchurchvaldosta.org>. Click *The Vineyard* tab to view this publication.

### The Vineyard Deadline

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

### **Christ Episcopal Church**

The Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit,
Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Peter Ingeman, Rector
The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant
Rector
Stella Clark, Deacon
Jim Elliott, Deacon
Patricia Marks, Deacon
Molly Greneker, Parish Secretary
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist Ben Stroup, St. Gregory Choir Director Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader 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		

### **Phone Numbers**

Church Office	242-5115
The Rev. Ingeman	245-0799
The Rev. Drazdowski	249-0895
Deacon Stella Clark	559-6159
Deacon Patricia Marks	244-5159
Molly Greneker	292-8215

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### **Vestry Report from October 19, 2009**

- •Received treasurer's report.
  General fund and cash flow continues to be positive. A 14-month CD was established at Park Avenue Bank this month.
- Voted to contribute \$1,000 from the Outreach account to Habitat for Humanity's Build on Faith Project.
- •Reviewed revised facilities
  Master Plan for Phase 1A
  (Education building) and 1B
  (Nursery, parish hall, kitchen)
  and Phase 2 (new sanctuary and
  renovation of existing parish
  hall).
- Voted to target initial fundraising for Phase 1A and 1B. The revised Master Plan will be presented to the congregation on November 11 and between services on November 14.



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

- Reviewed October and November calendar of activities to include Bishop Louttit's visit and Jim Elliott's Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.
- Received Assistant Rector report that the college program continues to draw increasing numbers of students at their Sunday meetings.
- Received Youth Director report of activities planned for the fall.



### Christ Episcopal Church Cookbook

Manna and More

Expected to be available for purchase after December 15 at \$20 each

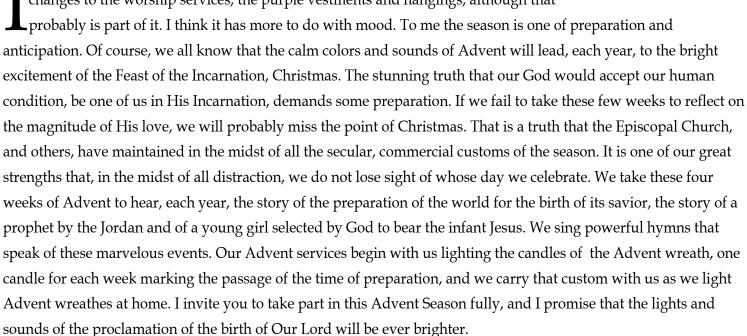
Christ Episcopal Church
Directory
is due back from
Lifetouch printers
after December 10.
All parishioners whose photos
were included will receive a
copy of the directory.



## From the Rector

### THOUGHTS ABOUT ADVENT

must confess that Advent may well be my favorite season. It's not just that I enjoy the changes to the worship services, the purple vestments and hangings, although that



Peter+

### **New Vestry Members Elected**

Members of Christ Episcopal Church elected five new members to a three-year term on the Vestry in November. Those elected were Julia Ariail, Susan Elliott, Philip Gunter, Aaron Parten, and Joe Tomberlin. The term of office officially begins in January, 2010. Current Vestry members who complete their terms at the end of December are Tom Carroll, Sandra Fletcher, Pepi Nelson, Bill Nunn, and Al Turner. Thank you for your dedicated service to help fulfill the mission of our church.



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### **Butterfly Day At St. Marks**

Orange and black butterflies fluttered in the blue sky breeze at the annual Butterfly Day celebration at St. Marks, Florida, on



October 24th. Twenty members of Christ Church and their friends enjoyed a picnic lunch and an unusual sighting of over 300 white pelicans soaring and circling in the sky above the picnic area. See photos of the day at: <a href="http://picasaweb.google.com/">http://picasaweb.google.com/</a> christchurchvaldosta/20091024StMarks#>.

**Words for Advent** 

**Expectation Angels** 

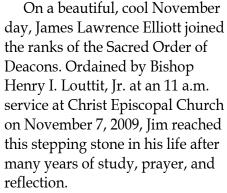
### James Lawrence Elliott ordained as Deacon





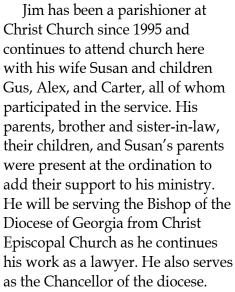




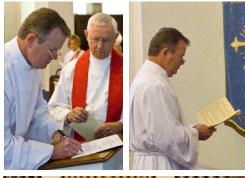
























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### **Bishop Henry Louttit visits Christ Church**



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### **Special Days Remembered in December**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Kathryn Adams
- 2 Diane Halim Loyce Turner
- 4 Julie Savoie
- 5 Harry Cotterly Katie Schutt
- 8 Thomason Gilchrist Dylan Whiddon
- 9 Frances Guice Mark Weston Elaine Yontz
- 10 Miss Wilby Coleman Ricky Johnson Griffin Kirk
- 12 Frank Corker Jodie Hummel Katherine Miley
- 13 David Schert Joe Stubbs Maddie Yarbrough

- 15 Tar Drazdowski Sheri Gravett Chase Miley
- 17 Len Carter
- 18 Sue Bentley Noah Carroll
- 19 Nathaniel Balanis Alden Myddelton Thomas Myddelton
- 20 Mary Tunison
- 21 Jack Warren
- 23 Chris Cody Patricia Grieve Hulyn Smith
- 26 Melanie Schwallenberg
- 28 Keith Tucker
- 29 Tina Nunn
- 31 Tammy Bezona Susan Chamberlain

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

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Brad & Ann Burnette 2 Daniel & Katherine Mayer 7 Harry & Nina Cotterly 12 Emory, Jr. & Summer Warrick

15 Mike & Amber Tanner

16 Danny & Kim Clark Fred & Juanita Quinn Mark & Margaret Weston

17 Joe & Ann Singletary

19 Ron & Pat Bezona Richard & Robin Coleman Sandy & Elise Sandbach

21 Jimmy & Ingrid Carroll

23 Emory & Sylvia Warrick

26 Buddy & Dottie Pitts

27 Andreas & Sara Lazari

29 Jack & Marge Fitzsimons Mike & Susie Kaiser

30 Julius & Julia Ariail Tal & Norma Barnidge

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

7 Georgianna Manning
11 Frances Guice
14 Sally Baker
18 Grace Flemer
19 Grace Tanner
20 Joyce Dunmire
Andrew Flemer
Meghann Hummel
23 Ellis Moser
24 Emory Warrick, Jr.
26 Walter Hobgood
29 Beth Curtis

### The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

A Christmas Carol, Being a Ghost Story of Christmas.

By Charles Dickens.



For Advent, I am (re)reading *A Christmas Carol.* Looking past Scrooge's "Bah, Humbug," the fat goose, and flaming plum pudding, we

find a host of thought-provoking images. Marley shows Scrooge ghosts bound in chains of their earthly selfishness, grieving because they can no longer help the ragged woman sheltering a baby, a veritable Madonna and child. There's more: the Spirit of Christmas Present introduces Scrooge to a boy and a girl, "yellow, meagre, ragged, scowling." They are Ignorance and Want, say the Spirit; the children of men and the fruit of Scrooge's outlook.

What Scrooge need learn from his nephew Fred is this: "I have always thought of Christmas time . . . apart

from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that — as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time: the



Deacon Patricia Marks

only time I know of . . . when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys." It is the verse that heralds the vision of Tiny Tim's death—"And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them"—that is the keynote of the Carol philosophy and the heart of our Advent meditation.

### Oktoberfest - October 29, 2009













Halloween at the Preschool - October 30, 2009

photographs by Patricia Marks



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Deacon Stella Clark and Bishop Henry Louttit

### Farewell Events for Bishop Louttit

Mark your calendars for Friday, December 4, for Bishop Louttit's Retirement Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Jekyll Island Convention Center and the Saturday, December 5, Retirement Eucharist at Honey Creek followed by a picnic. For December 4 reservations call the diocesan office at (912) 236-4279 or go to the diocesan Website at <a href="http://georgia.anglican.org">http://georgia.anglican.org</a>.



### Birdwatching at St. Marks on New Year's Day

Make plans to join the bird watching group at St. Marks
National Wildlife Preserve. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 8 a.m. The group enjoys a picnic at noon at the Tower Pond picnic area. Several expert birders usually attend, including Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit. Call Phyllis Hiers for information at 244-5942 and view photos from last year's trip at: <a href="http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta/20090101StMarks#">http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta/20090101StMarks#</a>.

### **New Alarm System Installed**

By necessity, we have installed a new alarm system at the church. If you have not been given a tutorial and pass code, please don't enter the buildings during "non working hours." During working hours, check with the office to make sure that other areas aren't "armed." If you need to get in and no one is on the campus, please contact Fr. Ingeman or Molly at 242-5115.

### **Christ Church Ongoing Projects**

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

Foster Kids Project - Phyllis Holland chairs this project to assist local foster kids with supplies, tutoring, and mentoring. (245-3821); <pholland@valdosta.edu>

Partnership for Health Clinic Project - Diane Halim chairs this project for donations for specific items to patients and family. <dhollim@valdosta.edu>

**Pop Tabs** - 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. <sclark@lowndes.k12.ga.us>

**Toiletries Project** - Gail Hobgood chairs the project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. <WPHOBG@aol.com>

### Graduation

Jan Skinner is set to graduate magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in



Elementary Education from Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, Florida on Saturday, December 12.

Jan is a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Golden Key honor societies. Sally and Bill Nunn, members of Christ Episcopal Church, are Jan's parents. She is married to Todd Skinner.

### **Canterbury Club News**

The Canterbury Club Christmas party will be at the Bezonas', 2603 Winding Way, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6th. The group will ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Mall from 4 - 6 p.m. on the same day. On Exam Prep Day, Dec. 8th, Charlie Cosey and Rev. Tar will have the Louttit House open for studying, rest, peace, and food before the final exams start!

### Confirmations & Baptisms at Christ Church on November 8, 2009

### **Baptized and Confirmed**

Sophia Lillian Bajalia Craig Lambert Kyle D. Stevenson Keri Wilkin

### Confirmed

Mitchell Beeland Claire Hanson Robbie Beeland Joshua Hanson Andrew Diamond Kelly Lambert Grace Diamond John Nall Grace Flemer Matthew Wilkin Christopher Hanson

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### Thanksgiving at Advent

Dear brothers and sisters at Christ Church,

I meant to send this message in the November issue but missed the deadline. But since the giving of thanks is a good thing during any season, please receive it now. It is with great appreciation that I thank all of you who faithfully prayed for me during my 3-year illness of mind and spirit. As some of you know, I had a remarkable recovery on the morning of May 22nd of this year. Your prayers were answered far and above what any of us would have imagined. What I experienced and continue to experience can only be attributed to the mercy and power of our Almighty God. To Him be all the praise and glory through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we light the Advent Wreath, may all of us be rekindled with a renewed zeal to worship and serve our Lord in spirit and in truth.

"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." Luke 1: 46-47

In Christ's peace, Maria Taylor



Jan Carter and Bobbi Ann Mitchell

Many thanks to those who helped make the Bishop's reception such a success, especially Bonnie Hanson, Bobbi Ann Mitchell, Jerry Byrd, Eloise Smith, Susan Elliott, Gail Hobgood, Phyllis Holland, Norma Barnidge, Aleta Corley, Irene Dodd, Willa Valencia, Amy Terrell, and other members of the Hospitality Committee.

Jan Carter





Clinton and Jeana Beeland

### CJB Industries Inc. named Manufacturer of the Year

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce named CJB Industries the 2009 Manufacturer of the Year at the recent Salute to Manufacturers breakfast held Thursday, November 12. Clinton and Jeana Beeland, members of Christ Episcopal Church, are owners of CJB Industries, Inc., a 12-year-old custom chemical formulating, processing, and packaging company.

Jeana was recently re-elected to a second term on the Valdosta City School Board of Education.





### Christ Church Volunteers at Habitat For Humanity

photographs by Phyllis Hiers, Sara MacArthur, and Julius Ariail

Habitat for Humanity built 2 houses in Valdosta between November 14 - 21, at 203 and 205 Perkins Lane. Christ Episcopal Church members volunteered for various jobs.





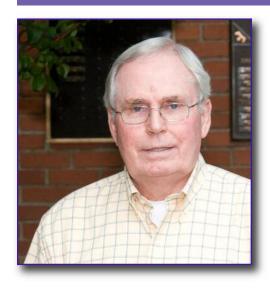




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### **Christ Church Looks Back**

by Joseph A. Tomberlin



December's historical article continues to describe Christ Church's labors to obtain \$16,000 from the American Church Building Fund Commission for new Sunday School rooms. Notified by Richard P. Kent, Jr., Secretary of the A.C.B.F.C., on June 24, 1952, that the earliest possible date for the desired loan was April 30, 1953, Vestry Clerk Robert G. Macks quickly responded by Western Union telegram, dated July 27, 1952: "Informal discussion indicates immediate grateful acceptance your proposal. Regular Vestry meeting scheduled July 6th with formal advices following immediately."

Macks wrote Kent more formally the same day to report that the previous night the Vicar, Fr. Clifton H. White, had brought Kent's letter to Macks's house, where both had read it "with much pleasure." During that evening, Macks also had relayed "the good news" to Glen Robinson and James D. Carroll, the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden, and to Mr. Fry, the

Treasurer. Because several vestrymen were out of town, having a quorum at a called meeting was unlikely. Therefore, Vestry would deal with the loan offer during the regular meeting of July 6th. Macks declared that he felt confident "the Vestry will immediately accept the aid offered by the Commission. . . . "

Kent acknowledged both the telegram and the letter from Christ Church on June 30, 1952, by affirming that "we understand ... your notice cannot be official until the Vestry has acted at its meeting. ...[on] July 6th. We . . . look forward to receiving notice of the Vestry's official approval and acceptance." Vestry met, as scheduled, on the sixth, listened to Macks's reading of the exchange of correspondence with Kent, and approved a Fry-Roddey motion to instruct the Clerk "to write the Commission and to accept their tentative offer of \$16,000." Macks duly related the Vestry's action to Kent via a letter on July 7, 1952, and Kent acknowledged having received it on July 10th.

Unexpectedly, on October 3rd, Kent sent a missive to Macks that moved forward the earliest date for the loan from April 30, 1953, to January 31, 1953, "subject, of course, to the conditions set forth in our letter of June 24th, 1952." Macks was unable to reply until October 18th, because, as he explained, "The letter was inadvertently misplaced at the Rectory and only received by me

last night [October 17th]." He thanked Kent for the excellent news and stated, "At the earliest possible moment, the matter will be brought up for full consideration, and I trust to be able to give you further news with slight delay."

What went unsaid was that vestrymen already had considered Kent's letter the night before without taking any action except to ask Macks to discuss the loan situation with Bishop Barnwell later in the evening "and report back to the Vestry." Nor did Macks tell Kent that Vestry would have a called meeting on Sunday, October 19th, 1952, to hear Barnwell's advice. At the Sunday evening assembly, Macks made clear that "the Bishop did not look with any particular favor on our desire to effect a loan through the Amer. Church Bldg. Fund . . . and that he felt we should strengthen our financial position before attempting any further expansion." In view of Barnwell's attitude, vestrymen agreed to a motion for the Clerk to express "our thanks and appreciation" to the A.C.B.F.C. and to seek "a postponement of at least a year."

Thus, it becomes necessary to weave a new thread into the story's fabric that will provide a possible explanation of the Bishop's restraining the Vestry when it was on the verge of success. That is the task of the next episode, forthcoming in the January 2010 issue of *The Vineyard*.

### Youth Sunday, October 25, 2009























Sermon: Elizabeth Hanson Chalice: Hudson Tanner, Thomas Greneker, Alex Elliott 1st Reader: Katie Ouerin 2nd Reader: Mitchell Beeland Pravers: Andrew Greneker Ushers: Robbie Beeland, Pierce Baker, John David Greneker, Alexandra Peeples Acolytes: Bradford Hanson, Grace

Tanner, David Holland, Caroline Prine Solist: Mary Peeples Anthem Pianist: Katie Wisenbaker Oblations: Emory Warrick, Josie Tidmore Greeters: John Wesley Nelson, Cassidy

Hunnicutt, George Tidmore Bulletins: Sally Baker, Brooklyn Prine Coffee Hour: Cecilia Carroll, Erin Carter, Grace Diamond

Co-Director: Claire Hanson

### Youth News

by Beth Baker

### Corn Maze Delights All Ages

On October 21st, The Christ Church youth and chaperones spent a few hours lost in the Corn Maze. This annual trip is always more fun than the previous year. On the second trip through the maze, the High School kids hid in the maze and spooked the middle schoolers. The younger group went on a hay ride and bounced in the giant bouncy house. We ended the night with s'mores and juice boxes. It is definitely fun to be involved in the church youth programs!

### **Garage Sale Items Needed**

The High School students will be having a garage sale on December 5th to help offset the Ski Trip costs. A portion of the money will be donated to a worthy cause yet to be designated. Please bring your items to the church office or place them on the porch at Louttit Hall. If you drop them off, please let me know so that I can bring them inside. (bethbaker@bellsouth.net or 251-1143).

### Children's Christmas Party, December 23rd, 9am-12:30pm

Please make plans to drop off your little (or big) kids for the 2nd Annual Christ Church Children's Christmas Party! Dress in your most comfy PJ's, bring a pillow and blankie and be ready to have TONS of fun. We will be making a craft, baking cookies, listening to stories (read by a few guest speakers), watching a movie and eating pizza! We are going to try to cram all this fun into a few hours! Best of all, moms and dads can have a few hours to do those last minute things! \*\*\*Children must be potty trained\*\*\*

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### **United Thank Offering**

Christ Episcopal Church collected \$604.50 in the United Thank Offering collection on Sunday, October 25. Thanks to all who donated.

### The Corn Maze

text and photographs by Phyllis Hiers















The Christ Church youth groups invited their friends for an evening of fall fun on the crisp evening of October 21. A crescent moon hung over the cornfield as they all explored a corn maze, roasted marshmallows, and enjoyed a hay ride. Afterward, younger children laughed their way through a dark bounce house while older youth bravely toured a haunted maze.

### Youth News continued

### Christmas Parade - Dec. 5th

WE NEED HOT CHOCOLATE! On your next trip to Sam's, please consider donating a big box of hot chocolate to be passed out during the Valdosta Christmas Parade. We print stickers that say when and where our Christmas services will be held. It's a great way to let others know about us! If you are interested in participating, please email me at <bethbaker@bellsouth.net>. It is so much fun!

### **Upcoming Events**

### December

4th High School Lock-in 5th Parade 18th Middle School Lock-In 20th No Sunday School 23rd Children's Christmas Party 24th Children's Service 27th No Sunday School

### January

3rd Sunday School Resumes 6th Epiphany Pageant 17th No Sunday School (MLK Holiday) Possible Ski Trip

### Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

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

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion\*

10:45 a.m. Christian Education\*

11:30 a.m. Holy Communion\*

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.\*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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

\*Nursery Available

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