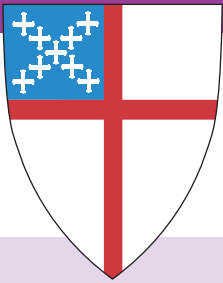


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

February 2010



## Mark Your Calendar

### February 4 - 6

Convention of the Diocese  
of Georgia - Savannah

### February 7

St. Francis Ministry  
Ribs & BBQ Fundraiser  
(Superbowl Sunday)  
Undie Sunday

### February 16

Shrove Tuesday - Make  
appointments with clergy  
for Confession  
Pancake Supper

### February 17

Ash Wednesday: Holy  
Eucharist & Imposition of  
Ashes - 7 AM,  
Noon & 6 PM

### February 19-21

Happening # 84  
@ Honey Creek  
Many Christ Church  
youth participating.

### February 28

Campaign Project Kickoff

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

## The Tenth Bishop of Georgia!



### The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase Consecrated

In fine southern style, the Diocese of Georgia celebrated the Consecration of the Tenth Bishop in Savannah, January 23. A dinner for 300 with the Benhase family Friday evening at the DeSoto Hilton featured traditional southern foods. Volunteers transformed the International Trade and Convention Center with borrowed altars and bishops chairs surrounded by stunning flower arrangements. Twenty-three bishops and Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, as well as over a thousand visitors attended the event. A reception followed.



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## Come "see" the new education building and parish hall

### Campaign Kickoff - February 28, 2010

Having trouble visualizing where the new buildings will be placed? Join the celebration as our church kicks off the capital campaign to build a new education building and parish hall. We plan to place construction cones on the lawn and across the parking lot at Christ Episcopal Church in the shape of the footprint of the proposed buildings. Members of our youth group wearing signboards will stand in the "room" where their classes will be held once we build the new buildings. The celebration begins at 4 p.m. with supper at 6 p.m. The Men in Blue will cook chicken, with side dishes planned by Wayne Ellerbe and prepared by several members of the congregation. Pepi Nelson is the event coordinator for the capital campaign.

"This is the first of many events we will host," said Pepi. "We hope to use the events as a means of encouragement to all our parishioners to participate in whatever way they can to make this vision a reality."

The events are also a good way to communicate what progress we are making toward our goal of a new education building and a new parish hall.

# The Vineyard

## The Vineyard On the Web

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Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. Peter Ingeman, Rector

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant  
Rector

Stella Clark, Deacon

Jim Elliott, Deacon

Patricia Marks, Deacon

Molly Stevenson, 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

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Molly Stevenson 292-8215

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## Vestry Report from December 21, 2009

- Received report from Beth Baker about December Youth Activities.
- Reviewed a list of projects presented by Mike Tanner for workday during Lent.
- Reported progress on reconnecting heat, water, and gas lines to Bray House; AA group will pressure wash and paint house.
- Received written report on architect's proposed cost for oversight fees.
- Voted to allocate \$5,000 budget for Capital Campaign; reported organization with kickoff set.
- Recapped Capital Campaign Steering Committee actions and plans naming Brad Burnette as chairman and Sandra Fletcher as manager.
- Discussed lowering the church budget by \$20,000 because pledges are down for the first time in five years.
- Approved \$750 donation to Second Harvest Food Bank.
- Voted to sponsor Nancy Sartin as a candidate for ordination as a permanent deacon at the Commission on Ministry.



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

- Outlined the schedule of upcoming Christmas Services.
- Thanked the outgoing Vestry members for their service.
- Named delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention.
- Reported Christmas gifts to mission in El Pedrigal.
- Displayed Newcomers's Packet which includes the new Discipleship Guide.
- Reported on Haven Outreach donation of Christmas gifts.
- Received report of Deacon Marks' Labyrinth training and planned presentations.
- Voted to donate \$900 from the Michael Clark Fund to Valdosta Rotary Club's "Imagination Library" project.

## Christ Episcopal Church Cookbook

### Manna and More

Our cookbook is now available for purchase in the church office or online from the link on the church

Website [<www.christchurchvaldosta.org>](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org) at \$20. We plan to sell them at the Diocesan Convention.



The Christ Episcopal Church Directory is available to be picked up in the church office for those whose photographs are in the directory.



# From the Rector



## AN EPISCOPAL MEMORY

I suppose this might be titled "How I met Henry Louttit," our now retired Bishop of Georgia who is, I pray, enjoying every moment of every day midst the garden in which he delights. I met him long before he became Bishop, long before I became a priest. It was at Honey Creek at a meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee. I was at the time an active duty Army officer trying to express a sense of call to ordained ministry, all of which was truly, a new world to me. It was one of those days. The people with whom I was to meet were all strangers. I was not given a schedule as to when I should appear. It was raining and gray, a January day. So I went to my room and, sensibly, took a nap, awaking in time for dinner. I was appalled that I had missed the meeting until I noted some concern on their part; they had forgotten all about me. Then, that evening at a social gathering, perhaps to atone for their lack of attention, I was bombarded with questions on topics of which I knew little or nothing. Enter Henry Louttit, my rescuer. Having received one perfectly incomprehensible question, I was examining my shoe tops and praying for invisibility when he stepped in and absorbed the attention. I am quite sure that even then he sensed a call beneath all my not very articulate responses. I think that we might call that compassion, and compassion has been, I think, the very essence of his ministry as priest and bishop. Such is the diocese he leaves to his successor, our new Bishop Benhase; such is the diocese he leaves to us all.

Peter+

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attend the convention.

**Christ Episcopal Church  
delegates are Carolyn Eager, Bill Nunn,  
and Julia Ariail.  
Alternates are Walter Hobgood, Julius  
Ariail, and Sandra Fletcher.**



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displayed on <[http://picasaweb.google.com/  
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### **Senior and Junior Wardens For 2010 Elected by Vestry**

The Vestry elected Dave Clark senior warden and re-elected Mike Tanner junior warden for 2010 at the January 18 meeting. Amber Tanner will continue to serve as Treasurer, and Julia Ariail will serve as secretary. According to the national Episcopal Church, the Vestry's leadership work is to determine and articulate the mission of the congregation, to envision a hopeful future, and to plan specific goals and tasks for that future.

**Words for Epiphany & Lent  
Building on a Foundation**

*The Vineyard, p. 3, February 2010*





## *Christmas 2009*

by Julius Ariail

Boxes and boxes of poinsettias; gently taking poinsettias out of boxes; cleaning glass candle globes; changing the hymn board season from Advent to Christmas; white candles in the Advent, now Christmas wreath; unwrapping candles from their storage boxes, placing in the church windows; golden wreaths on the organ pipes, green wreaths on the doors; bells, bell sticks, bell banners, bell staves, bells on processional crosses, old bells, new bells, jingling everywhere; the parade of the Creche figurines, gently clutched in little hands and carefully placed; the puppet play with little eyes keen to see every movement and ears to hear every word; candles coming forward accompanied by the "Happy Birthday, Jesus" song; generations of families in pews and at the altar; the St. Francis Choir with as many types of instruments as voices; warm greetings and farewells at the church door; bells, bells, bells; then, a few hours later, joyful hymns by the St. Gregory Choir in the darkened church, incense, the glory of the solemn Eucharist; then, in the morning, a third Eucharist, Christmas Day. Christ among us; Bells, bells, bells!







## *Epiphany 2010*

**Text by John Hiers  
Photography by Phyllis Hiers  
and Jennifer Singleton**



Epiphany at Christ Church once again was a lively celebration, complete with a nativity pageant performed by our youth (2-11 years old). McKey Nunn as Baby Jesus, Phoebe Singleton as Mary, and Pierce Baker as Joseph well dramatized the Holy Family.

Completing the manger scene were angels, wise men, and shepherds--as well as an orangutan, giraffe, dog, and dragon. The congregation participated, singing in loud voice several carols and leaving symbolic stars at the altar. Communion on this night reminded all of God's extended family, unified in gratitude for the divine gift of Jesus. Father Ingeman especially thanked the children, Youth Director and narrator Beth Baker, accompanist Sue Ellen Rumstay, and all of the helpful parents for their hard work. After the service, the congregation enjoyed Josie and Aaron Parten's and Wayne Ellerbee's excellent Brunswick stew and greatly appreciated the delicious cornbread and desserts provided by Josie and several parishioners.







## Special Days Remembered in February



### BIRTHDAYS

- |                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Haylee Johnson    | 16 Lucille Sineath    |
| Kyle Stevenson      | Emily White           |
| 3 Dori Carter       | 18 Kip Nunn           |
| 4 Marcia Hummel     | 19 Cheryl Hatcher     |
| Jane Peebles        | Matilda Stubbs        |
| 6 Bonnie Hanson     | 20 Dick Campbell      |
| 7 Owen Coggins      | Mary Lou McRae        |
| Greg Prine          | 21 Cliff Baker        |
| Fred Quinn          | Keven Davis           |
| 8 Kristeena Parsons | Mike Holland          |
| Bobbie Warren       | Amy Terrell           |
| 9 Andy Drazdowski   | 22 Dottie Pitts       |
| 14 Dave Armstrong   | 23 Dean Failor        |
| Patrick Teasley     | Martha Leake          |
|                     | 24 Barbara Jane Rigby |
|                     | 27 Tammy Borders      |

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Julia Ariail
- Brandi Parsons
- Randi Parsons
- 2 Jeani Synyard
- 8 Christopher Cody
- 20 Caty Carter
- Mary Peebles
- 21 Christopher Hanson
- Claire Hanson
- Joshua Hanson
- 23 Sarah Parrish
- 25 Emory Warrick, III
- 26 Patrick Teasley

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Dean & Kathy Failor
- 15 Tommy & Frances  
Hatcher
- Steven & Maria Taylor

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



### The Diocese of Georgia now has a Facebook Page

If you are a member of Facebook, search for "The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia" to join the group. The diocesan staff is posting frequent updates and photos. This promises to be a lively informative window into diocesan activities in the future. If you are not on Facebook, you can still view the information at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Savannah-GA/Episcopal-Diocese-of-Georgia/222938556164>.

## Organ Concert and Planetarium Program



Sue Ellen Rumstay

Using different keyboards but with the same spirit of generosity, Dr. Ken and Sue Ellen Rumstay gave Christ Episcopal Church their annual gifts on Sunday, December 20.

Sue Ellen, organist at Christ Church since 1991, presented a one-hour concert "Sounds of the Season: Carols from Here and There" featuring traditional Christmas music and innovative compositions chosen to feature the range of the Christ Church organ.

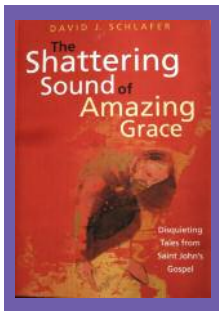
Some of the musical selections included: Variations on Now Sing We Now Rejoice, Es ist Ein 'Ros' Entsprungen, Wachet Auf, Gesu

Bambino, Greensleeves, The Shepherds, Variations on Puer Nobis, German Carol Fantasy, The Holly and The Ivy, Noel, Christmas Pastoral and March of the Magi.

Following the recital, Dr. Ken Rumstay presented a special showing of "The Star of Bethlehem" planetarium show at the VSU Planetarium on the third floor of Nevins Hall across the street from the church. Dr. Rumstay teaches physics and astronomy as well as serving as the VSU Observatory Director. During the program Dr. Rumstay projects the night sky on the domed ceiling with the moon, stars, and planets visible as they were in the years preceding and immediately following the time of the birth of Christ.



Dr. Kenneth Rumstay



# The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

*The Shattering Sound of Amazing Grace: Disquieting tales from St. John's Gospel.* By David J. Schlafer. Cowley, 2006.

To consider what grace *really* entails, David Schlafer suggests, we'll need courage--like Mary, who anoints Jesus's feet, and Nicodemus, who helps lay Jesus in the tomb. As we follow the author in a dance of faith through the words of "Amazing Grace," we meet familiar faces, from the wedding guests at Cana to Lazarus himself. But an influx of grace in their lives -- and ours -- is not necessarily a "live happily ever after" scenario; rather, it is an open door to a profound change in perception. "Stories of Amazing Grace are Tales of

Holy Terror," Schlafer suggests, playing on C.S. Lewis's intriguing line, "Every idea we form of God, God must, in mercy, shatter." Only through that mixture of safety and risk may we really be born anew; and only that mixture is what makes any adventure -- life itself -- worth living. Originally a series of talks, Schlafer's slender book is thoughtful reading for Lent, when we prepare for "the shattering, shimmering joy" of God's Amazing Grace.



Deacon Patricia Marks

## Frances Hatcher named Volunteer of the Year



Heritage Healthcare nominated Frances Hatcher for the Volunteer of the Year in Georgia.

She received the award in Jekyll Island at the Georgia Healthcare Association Annual Activity Directors Convention.

For seven years Frances has volunteered her time and talent to plan parties and special events for Heritage House in Valdosta. She visits frequently, goes shopping for the residents, decorates bulletin boards, and helps the staff and residents in any way she can.

"This is something that gives me great joy," said Frances. "The residents have so much love to give that I come away with such good feelings that it is worth every minute of my time."

Christ Episcopal Church holds services at Heritage House on the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m.



## Newcomer's Packets

Are you sitting beside someone new this week? Be sure to offer them one of the Newcomer's Packets in the basket on the table in the Narthex. The packet includes the Discipleship Guide which describes 53 ways to get involved at our church. It also features the Canterbury Club brochure, a brochure about the Episcopal Church, an information card, and a diagram of the church buildings including parking, the nursery, the clergy and staff offices, and the bathrooms. Beth Baker led the committee that put this information together.

## Happy Episcopal People celebrate the holidays

Sandy and Elise Sandbach hosted the Happy Episcopal



People (HEP) party on December 22 at their home for the second consecutive year and the sixth year in its history.

"For many years Jack and Marge Fitzsimmons had a Christmas Open House on Christmas Eve," said Sandy. "We thought we would keep this tradition alive with the HEP Party."

Historically, the Happy Episcopal People group developed out of a combination of the couples and singles groups. For several years there was a committee that planned events quarterly at various members homes. The purpose of the group has always been social.

Over 75 people attended this year's celebration at the Sandbach's.

"And they all seemed fairly happy," laughed Sandy and Elise.

*The Vineyard*, p. 7, February 2010



## What is a Funeral?

Using the word funeral generically, we note in the last quarter century or so the development of a wide range of ways folks mark the end of the lives of loved ones. The modern 'funeral home' now plays a major role in most but not all funerals. Burial practices reflect varying beliefs about the state of the dead, from evangelical "no prayers for the dead" to medieval Masses for their release from purgatory and all shades between.

"The Burial of the Dead" from our Prayer Book (p. 469-500) is the norm for Episcopalians. This may (and should for the faithful) include the Eucharist. What to call it? The word Requiem is not part of our liturgy; perhaps Burial Eucharist or Mass of the Resurrection. If not pre-arranged by the deceased, music and Scripture readings are choices for the family to make. Then there are committal rites to be used at the gravesite (p. 501-505). Graveside rites alone are common, especially with non-liturgical churches.

Memorial services increasingly are frequent, particularly for non-Christians. The event may be held in a church building or secular venue long after private burial. Many memorial services have no religious overtones. Increasingly, family participation in burial rites is popular, oftentimes including humor and mementos of the deceased.

Cremation now is a more commonly accepted practice. Therefore there is the decision of whether the funeral is held before or after cremation. Disposition of the ashes may take place at the service, or at a later time. Also in some communities, "Home Funerals" are being resumed after a lapse of two centuries.

Given the options, planning ahead of time is prudent, and written instructions are helpful. Christian burial reflects the belief that the occasion is an Easter celebration of the journey to God for one of His saints.

+H. W. Shippis, Eighth Bishop of Georgia

*Reprinted from the newsletter of St. Paul's Savannah at the request of Fr. Peter Ingeman*

## 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. (245-3821); [pholland@valdosta.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sclark@lowndes.k12.ga.us)

**Toiletries Project** - Gail Hobgood chairs the project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. [WPHOBG@aol.com](mailto:WPHOBG@aol.com)



## Christ Church Publications Now on the Website

Selected publications of Christ Episcopal Church are now featured on the church Website at <http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org>. If you go to that site and click on the last bullet point entitled Publications, you will find free downloads of the Youth Program brochure, the Christ Church Cookbook, *Manna and More*, the Discipleship Guide, the Altar Guild Handbook, a cross-reference to *The Vineyard*, links to the accompanying photography site, and the Dominican Mission Trip Journal.

All the publications can be downloaded to your own computer in Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF) through the free program, Adobe Acrobat Reader. There is a link to the free download at this site at the end of the first paragraph. The larger documents, like the cookbook, will take more time to download.

In the near future we hope to activate the online component of the new church membership directory. The link to this will be on the publications page.



## St. Marks New Year's Day Birdwatching Trip



For the 25th consecutive year a group from Christ Episcopal Church led a birdwatching trip to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. On the coldest New Year's Day in the memory of those who had participated for 23 of the 25 years, the most people ever came to enjoy the day. Thirty-eight people gathered around the picnic tables filled with bread, Hoppinjohn, cheeses, meats, black-eyed peas, corn bread, dried apricots, dips, chips, hot chocolate, coffee, and soft drinks. Everyone shared the dishes they brought, discussed the birds of the day, talked to good friends, and laughed at photos in the scrapbook Phyllis Hiers brought featuring earlier trips. After lunch, some went on nature walks on the St. Marks trails and then drove to Wakulla Springs to ride the tour boat down the Wakulla River where many birds winter. Twenty-seven finished the day at the Spring Creek Restaurant before leaving for home.

**Still  
Homeless**



**Hi! My Name is Buddy.**

I really need a home to call my own. I have been neutered and have had all my shots. I love people and other animals. If you want to come and see me, please call Karen Gunter at 794-8146 or (229) 560-4472. Thanks!

## Super Bowl Sunday

**Having A Party (or not)?**

**Either Way, Let Us Help!**

Pork Ribs - \$20.00 per slab  
Tenderloins - \$ 20.00 two loins  
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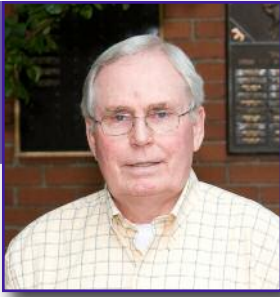
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# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Readers should recall that the September 2009 issue of *The Vineyard* launched a series of articles that went on in the following three issues and described efforts by Christ Church's Vestry to acquire a loan from the American Church Building Fund Commission for construction of Sunday School rooms. As the continuing narrative related, Bishop Middleton S. Barnwell encouraged the Vestry to approach the A.C.B.F.C. about a loan, wrote a letter to the Commission endorsing Christ Church's loan request, and signed the formal loan application to indicate his approval. Nevertheless, when A.C.B.F.C. approved the application, according to Vestry Clerk Robert G. Macks, Bishop Barnwell "did not look with any particular favor on our desire to effect a loan through [A.C.B.F.C.] . . . and felt we should strengthen our financial position before attempting any further expansion. Why did the Bishop change his mind? Finding an answer nearly sixty years later is very difficult, but part of the explanation lies in certain aspects of the relationship of the Vicar, Fr. Clifton White, with members of Christ Church's Vestry and with Bishop Barnwell.

Clifton Huntington White and Dorothy White arrived in Valdosta in the fall of 1941, and he began teaching at Georgia State Woman's College, now Valdosta State

University. Their names appear in the Parish Register in 1941, but their actual transfer of membership from the Cathedral of St. Philip's in Atlanta did not occur until September 26, 1942. At the time, Raimundo de Orès, Dean of the Cathedral, wrote to the then Vicar, Thomas G. Mundy: "Although Clifton and Dorothy White have been gone for over a year I still miss them dreadfully. They both did excellent work in the Cathedral—they are dependable and capable of leadership. I hope you are using them to their fullest capacity and enjoying them as much as we did at the Cathedral." Mr. White quickly became involved at Christ Church, and his name first appeared in the Minutes as a vestryman and acting Clerk of Vestry in 1942.

The parish records provide no traces whatever of Mr. White's subsequent training for the priesthood while still teaching full time at G.S.W.C. What is certain is that the Vestry, in its session of March 4, 1945, recommended him for ordination in the diaconate, and all vestrymen signed the recommendation form. The Vestry also "instructed" Fr. Mundy to purchase a surplice and a stole for Mr. White at the cost of forty dollars. White was then ordained as transitional deacon on April 29, 1945, and as priest on March 16, 1946. On June 26, 1946, he officially succeeded Fr. Mundy as the Vicar of Christ Church, according to the Parish Register.

The details of this sudden transition are almost completely lost in the mists and shadows of history. The Vestry Minutes of April 26, 1946, still show Thomas G. Mundy as the Vicar. The Minutes of a called Vestry meeting on June 24, 1946, two days before the succession was official, already refer to Fr. White as Vicar. No explanation exists of Fr. Mundy's resignation or removal, whichever it was, and, inexplicably, no Minutes exist for the May 1946 Vestry meeting. However, there are two relevant clues, one before the fact and one after the fact.

The first item speaks to tension between Fr. Mundy and the Vestry as early as the fall of 1942. An entry in the Vestry Minutes of October 18, 1942, states, "A motion regarding symbolism in the Church was not seconded or acted upon, as it was ruled out of order by the Vicar, inasmuch as service order is the business of the priest and not the Vestry." The second is in a letter from Fr. White to the Vestry, dated July 13, 1952, in which he makes unmistakable his attitude toward an unofficial meeting or "caucus" of vestrymen that occurred after the adjournment of the July 1952 Vestry meeting and to which White was not invited. He wrote, "I can recall another "caucus" some years ago which led to the removal of your then Vicar; some of you remember it also. . . ." The only vicar to leave Christ Church in Fr. White's time was Fr. Mundy, so his reference was unquestionably to Mundy.

More of this story is to come in the March *Vineyard*.





## An Educational Program for Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

by Phyllis Hiers

A group of twenty Sunday School, preschool and PMO teachers, parents and EYC leaders met on Saturday, January 10th, for a workshop called Safeguarding God's Children. This training workshop, developed by the national offices of the Episcopal Church and required by the diocese of all those who work with the children of our parish, looks at the signs of child abuse, identifies inappropriate behavior, how to deal with suspected abuse, and ways the church community can work to keep our children safe. Beth Baker, Christ Church's Youth Director, and Caitlyn Kern, PMO Director, led the workshop, which consisted of two well thought-out informational videos that presented facts and dispelled myths about child abuse. It was followed by excellent discussion from the leaders and participants. The participants received a certificate of attendance. A future adult Sunday School class will give parents who missed this workshop an opportunity to see the video.



## Children's Pajama Party - December 23

Youth Coordinator Beth Baker organized a Pajama party for children on Dec. 23 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. that included a story by Fr. Peter, craft time making mini bell staffs, a story by Deacon Marks, a movie, Christmas carols accompanied by guitarist Merrill Guice, making a gift for mom, a pizza lunch, and outdoor games.

## Alex Elliott presents check from Youth



Photograph by Susan Elliott

The Youth group at Christ Episcopal Church presented Fr. Peter Ingeman and the capital campaign for the new education building with the first \$75 which they earned selling donations at the EYC Yard Sale in December 2009. Alex Elliott presented the oversized symbolic check at the 9:30 service on January 10.

## Undie Sunday - February 7

The Youth group is collecting new undergarments and socks on Sunday, February 7, for children, teens, and adult women who have fled domestic violence and are living at The Haven. Don't have time to shop? Put a check in the collection plate and mark it for the Undie Sunday Project. The EYC will take care of the purchases for you.

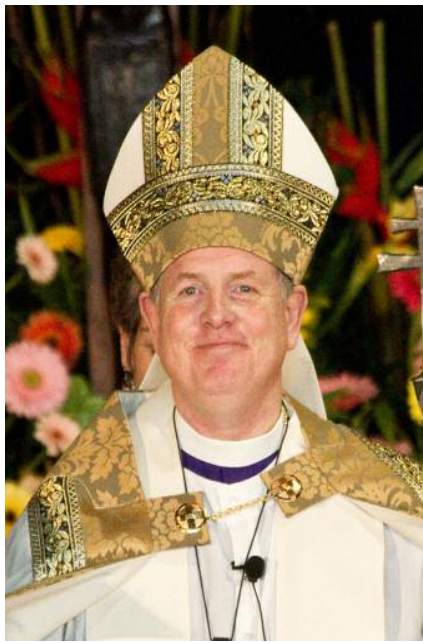
## Episcopal College Ministry

The college group of Episcopalians meets on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. in Louttit Hall. Sign up in the parish hall to provide a meal for 20.

## Vocare #19 - February 19-21

The young adults ages 19 - 30 are invited to explore how God is calling them at the next Vocare weekend at the Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton February 19 - 21. The cost is \$60 with scholarships available. Contact Julie Shipp at <[rector@vocareingeorgia.org](mailto:rector@vocareingeorgia.org)>.





Over 300 photos of the Consecration celebration weekend are available for viewing in color on the Christ Episcopal Church Picasa Website at <http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta>.



## 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.**

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

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