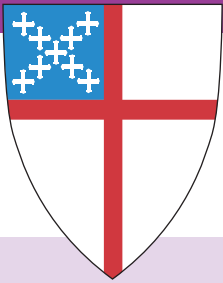


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

May 2010



The Great Vigil of Easter

Mark Your Calendar

April 30 - May 1

Relay for Life

May 4

VSU "Dead Day"

May 5

Preschool Teachers
Appreciation Luncheon

May 7 & 8

Standing Committee/
Commission on Ministry
Meeting at Christ Church

May 8

Saturday Evening Guitar
Eucharist & Dinner

May 15

Safeguarding Class

May 19

Last Day of EYC

May 23- Pentecost

UTO Ingathering, Senior
Recognition Sunday, Last
Day of Youth Sunday School

May 19 (L) & 21 (V)

Public Schools last days

May 27

Preschool graduation

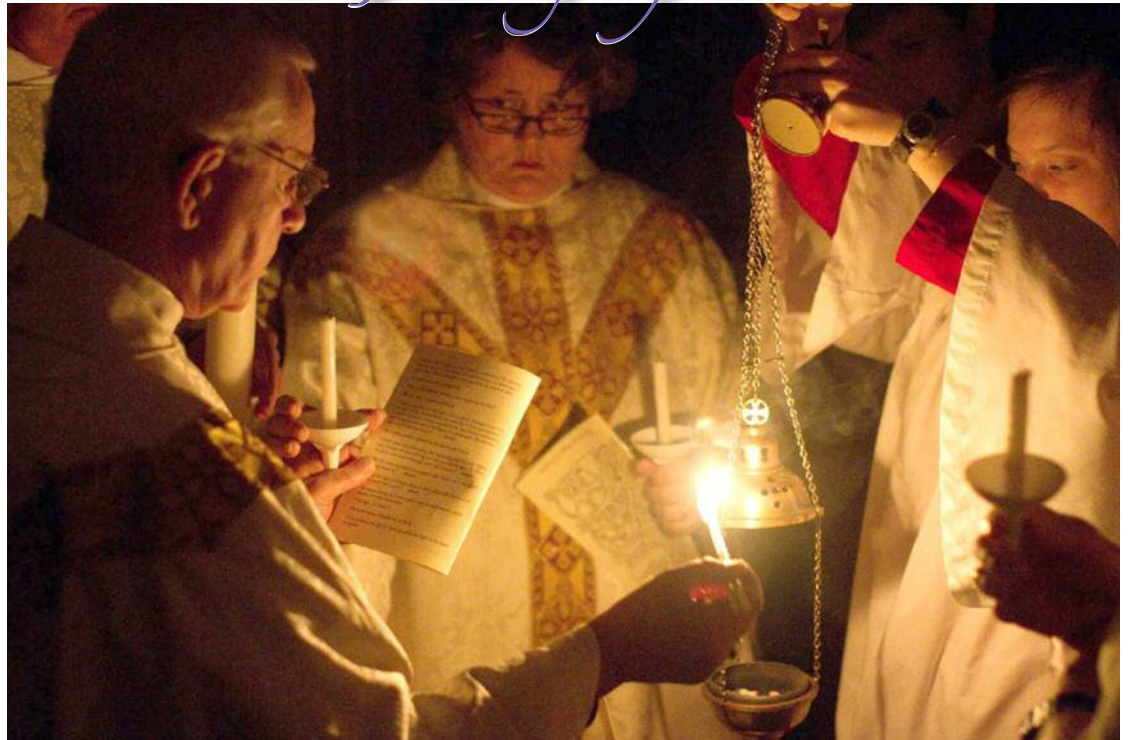
May 28

Valwood School last day

May 31

Memorial Day - Office Closed

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In the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Paschal Candle is then lighted from the newly kindled fire, and the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession into the chancel, pausing three times and singing or saying

The light of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

*From the Book of
Common Prayer, page 285*



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Jim Elliott, Deacon
Patricia Marks, Deacon
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Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader
Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

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Vestry Report from March 15, 2010

- Scheduled a parish workday for March 27.
- Voted to allow Fr. Ingeman to have a 4 to 5-week vacation this summer to thank him and his wife Happy for their dedicated service to our church.
- Voted to recommend Deacon Jim Elliott as a candidate for ordination to the priesthood. All members of the vestry signed the petition.
- Announced changes at the diocesan office: Jacqui Belcher is leaving, and Fr. Sanford Ulmer retired. Leigh Hall will be the new Canon for Youth Ministry. Mary Willoughby will be joining the Bishop's staff as Canon Administrator of the Diocese, and Fr. Frank Logue will serve as Canon for Congregational Ministries.
- Received report from Deacon Marks about the class she taught at VSU's Learning in Retirement on the Labyrinth.
- Received report from Julia Ariail about the Flowers for the Dominican project to make a connection between our church and the women learning to knit in the Dominican Republic.



Dave Clark, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

- Received report from Julia Ariail about the success of the Christ Church Cookbook project. To date, 410 of the 435 cookbooks have been sold.
- Announced the dates of the Vacation Bible School as June 6-9. Beth Baker also announced that 48 youth and adults had participated in a Haven workday and that the middle school EYC had made Cookies for Cops.
- Described the growing tutoring program for elementary students from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. Mimi Allen asked for donations of refreshments and money for supplies.
- Reported on the Honey Creek Licensed Lay Ministers' Conference where four speakers offered workshops. The featured speaker was the Rev. Dr. James Lemler.



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**Words for
Pentecost**

**Tongues of Fire
Inspiration
Gift of Speech
Evangelism
Renewal**



New pledge total for Christ Church Capital Campaign

From the Rector



Remarkable Timing

God's timing really is superb! There could not have been a more perfect time in the history of the world for the Gospel message to be spread. The Roman Empire had established its power throughout the Mediterranean world and built roads to make travel possible for all, rich and poor alike. Roman coins were pervasive, one unit of finance, even in such places as Jerusalem. Greek was the common language, known at least a bit by virtually all; a common language linking all sorts of people into one great tradition. The Gospel, the good news of the Resurrection traveled Roman roads, expressed in Greek. The Gospel was truly available to all. There is another moment of great timing to consider this month. In Hebrew it is the feast of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. In Greek it is Pentecost. It was, and is, "the feast of harvest of the first fruits of your labor, of what you sow in the field." According to Old Testament regulations no work was to be done on Shavuot and it was, of course, an excellent day to be in Jerusalem, making your way to the Temple to join in the observance of the day; hence, the streets filled with people. The moment is right; the Disciples are inspired and given the courage to proclaim what they have witnessed, and the Gospel suddenly is made known to the world in many languages. The people in street are the "first fruits" of a new feast of a message sown in the hearts and minds of people everywhere. Come celebrate Pentecost on May 23.

Peter+

UTO Spring Ingathering May 23rd, 2010

by Helen Tucker, UTO Chairman



May is once again time for all faithful United Thank Offering supporters to submit their collections. Twice a year, you are asked to bring the amount of your daily thanksgiving in the form of coins and dollars collected in your blue boxes since our last ingathering in November 2009.

This money is then combined with the offerings of hundreds of thousands of Episcopalians to become a world-wide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church for people throughout the world. It is also a way to express tangible thanks to God for all our blessings. We can all make a difference in being active participants in this ministry founded in 1889.

If you do not already have a UTO box, pick one up in the tower or parish hall this month. For your convenience, UTO envelopes will be placed in the visitor's card holders in the pews the last three Sundays in May (should you not be here on the 23rd). Use the envelope for the money you have already collected in your boxes, or insert a check payable to United Thank Offering. A second collection by our youth will be taken up on May 23rd.

Thank you for your support and always being so generous.

Helen Tucker, UTO Chairman



Palm Sunday and Holy Week 2010

Palm Sunday - The service began outside, distribution of palms and triumphal march into the church

Monday - Seder Meal

Wednesday - Stations of the Cross, the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Maundy Thursday - Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist, Foot washing, Stripping of the Altar, Watch before the Reserved Sacrament throughout the night

Good Friday - Communion from reserved Sacrament in the darkened church at 7 a.m., 12 n., and 6 p.m.

Holy Saturday - 10 a.m. service and decorating of the church

Easter - the culmination of the preparation and the joy of the resurrection at five services: 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 6 p.m. - and an Easter Egg hunt!

Photographs by Julius and Julia Ariail, Patricia Marks, and Benjamin Varner





Easter 2010





Special Days Remembered in May



BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Joyce Dunmire
Mary Catherine
Macheski-Preston | 14 Eric Nielsen
15 Norma Cloud
Julia Claire Copeland |
| 2 Joe Tomberlin | 17 Elizabeth Hanson
Russell McRae |
| 3 Matthew Barnes | 19 Max Bontrager
Bill Nunn |
| 5 Karen May
Rosanne Rumstay | Amy Wisenbaker |
| 6 Susan Elliott
Jason Myddelton
William Querin
Raini Singleton | 21 Bill Harris
22 Marlin Ferrell
23 Mackenzie Weston |
| 7 Nick Bajalia, Jr. | 24 Frances Crawford
Norma Tomberlin |
| 8 Sally Nunn
Kathleen Parsons | 25 Emily Saeger-Jarvis
Laura Sartin |
| 10 Nick Bajalia, Sr.
Sugie Catikos
Lou Gabard
Electa Ricket | 26 Beth Baker
Jayme Parsons |
| 11 Dave Clark
Ann Johnston | 29 Michael Holt |
| 13 Nina Cotterly | |

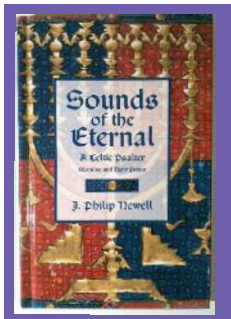
BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Kate Hanson
5 Sandy Sandbach
6 Jane Teasley
8 Lilly Kate Campbell
10 Tammy Bezona
Patricia Grieve
15 Thurman Larsen
16 Bill Tucker
19 Jimmy Carroll
20 Owen Coggins
21 Patricia Greneker
22 Rachel Rumstay
Dillon Whiddon
23 Bill Roberts
24 Norma Tomberlin
26 Malcolm Weston
27 Noah Carroll
28 Maddie Yarbrough
29 Matthew Barnes
30 Thomas Greneker
Isabella Turner

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Philip & Karen Gunter
10 Jason & Jodi Myddelton
12 Michael Holt &
Miranda Edmonds
19 Harrison Tillman, Jr. &
Jan Loeffler
22 Todd & Jan Skinner
25 Jim & Susan Elliott
27 Ron & Tammy Borders
30 Craig & Kelly Lambert

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

Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter.
By J. Philip Newell. Eerdmans, 2002.



Deacon Patricia Marks

The diamond brilliance of the Iona sunset is not ours to see, nor the tender green of the leaves that curl around the ancient stones. We cannot feel the sand-washed rocks under our feet, or be drenched by the ocean spray. But we can join J. Philip Newell, formerly of Iona Abbey, in praying a Celtic psalter and in meditating upon illustrations taken from illuminated Hebrew manuscripts at the British Museum. These jewels of light that adorn the pages are bits of sacred text, calligraphic variations on the Word. Newell, a Church of Scotland minister and poet, has written a gem of a book that offers a cycle of opening prayer, scripture and meditation, prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, and closing prayer. The appendix relates the use of micrography, or minute script, to the mystical understanding that God is present in all things. Throughout, the lovely lilt of the language invokes the beauty of God's grace. And so, we pray . . .

The Vineyard, p. 6, May 2010

J. Philip Newell at Kanuga, December 2008



The Albany Area Discernment Committee

by the Rev. Nancy Mills

The Albany Area Discernment Committee is one of four such area committees established within our diocese. The Discernment Committee functions as a safe place for an individual to come to speak freely and in confidence about how they might be hearing God calling them to become a Priest or a Deacon in the Episcopal Church.

You probably don't hear much about this work within the diocese unless you are directly involved or are yourself seeking to discern a call to ordination. Most of our work is done in private with a widening circle of disclosure as becomes appropriate for the individual aspirant.

We are called the Albany Area Committee, but we cover all of the Southwest as well as the Albany Conventions. The eight members of the Committee come from seven different churches of various sizes: Calvary, Americus; St Paul's, Albany; St. Patrick's, Albany; St. Anne's, Tifton; Good Shepherd, Thomasville; Christ Church, Valdosta and Christ Church, Cordele.

At present we are one priest, two deacons and five lay people including a church musician.

The question of whether or not a person is hearing a call to ordination is initially a very personal one. The nudging and sometimes shouts of the Holy Spirit can often be confusing, threatening and surprisingly delightful all at once.

The church is well aware that this is a time of super vulnerability for an individual. A person hearing a call puts him or herself forward to be scrutinized minutely, because in our tradition it is not enough for an individual to hear a call, the church must also be convinced of that call.

The ordination process itself is daunting for either the Deacon or a Priest. Both will need to be open to being poked and prodded by people who are very often strangers, and it can all seem most formidable. The questions being asked of the individual tend to sound like, "Who do you think you are?" and, "What do you think you are doing?"

At the first meeting we introduce ourselves and try to be as welcoming, and as lovingly open to the inquirer

as possible. Ideally, the committee will at some point recognize and assist that person to make the shift from inquirer to aspirant. Our responsibility for discernment is both to the individual and to the church carried out prayerfully and with listening hearts.

The agenda for ordination discernment has a particular structure outlined by both national church and diocesan canons.

A person beginning the discernment process will be in dialogue about his or her call with their rector for at least 6 months. At the end of that time the inquirer will have an appointment with the Bishop. The Bishop, if so moved, will then assign that person to an area discernment committee to meet together for a period of about six months or more.

The work of discernment happens best in a prayerful, open atmosphere of confidence and trust. At the end, both the individual and the church, as represented by the discernment committee, must be convinced of an individual's call. If it is agreed upon by all parties, a letter then goes to the Bishop recommending that the aspirant make application to the Commission on Ministry and after their consent become a Postulant for Holy Orders.

The Rev. Nancy Mills serves as the Vicar of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Thomasville and also as a supply priest throughout the diocese. She was ordained to the Diaconate in June 2003 at Church of Our Savior, Martinez, and was ordained to the Priesthood in December 2003 at Christ Church, Valdosta.



Dominican Republic Mission Update

Dear Christ Church family,

On behalf of the 2010 Mission Team and our partners in the Dominican Republic, I would like to thank you for your generous support of our mission by participating in the silent auction. As you know, this is the only fundraiser we do to support the mission. I am grateful to Laura Paine for collecting the items and organizing the auction, Dave Clark and the Men in Blue for cooking dinner, and Mimi Allen, John Nall, and David Schert for helping to set up the room. This year we were able to raise \$8,500.00. Christ Church is an amazing group of loving people who are always ready to share of their time, talent, and treasure. *Gracias por su apoyo y la generosidad, trae la luz de Christ en el mundo.*

The 2010 Mission Team

We have 18 people on our team. Team members from Christ Church are Mimi Allen; Julia and Julius Ariail; Clinton, Jeana, Mitchell, and Robbie Beeland; Stefani Carroll; Jim and Tar+ Drazdowski; Diane Halim; John Nall; and Mike Richardson. We have other team members from Trinity, Statesboro; Holy Nativity, Dothan, Alabama; and Grace Church, Anniston, Alabama. Between June 12-19, we will provide Vacation Bible School for the children in El Pedregal, continue the knitting project, and complete a work project. Please pray for us as we prepare for our mission and while we are in the Dominican.

Tar+

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).

Kneelers Project - Julia Ariail chairs this project to create 10 additional kneelers for our altar rail. (559-7329); [<juliacariail@bellsouth.net>](mailto:juliacariail@bellsouth.net).

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).

Third Sunday Lunch



For many years Sylvia Warrick, pictured in the top photo with her husband Emory, and Judge Wayne Ellerbee have organized the Third Sunday lunches. They need more volunteers from those who attend the 11:30 service to sign up to bring soup, cheese, meat, bread, chips, salads or desserts. If enough volunteers will help, each person will only have to bring something twice a year. Call Sylvia at 244-3170 to sign up. May 16 will be the last Third Sunday lunch until September 19.

Preschool and Parents' Morning Out Art Exhibit April 18, 2010



Christ Church Workday March 27, 2010



photographs by Phyllis Hiers

Junior Warden Mike Tanner organized a parish workday to pressure wash the sidewalks, repair several pews, clean and reorganize the kitchen and pantry, plant additional greenery around the church, and touch-up some of the paint to get ready for Easter. Thanks to all who contributed time and effort to the project.

Vacation Bible School Set for June 6 - 9

This year's theme for the Christ Church Vacation Bible School is "Faith Mountain." Plans are underway for organizing this annual event which will begin Sunday night, June 6 from 6 to 8 pm. and continue Monday through Wednesday, June 7, 8, and 9 from 9 a.m. until noon. VBS will end at the 6 p.m. Wednesday night service with supper following.

Beth Baker, Christ Church Youth Coordinator, is in charge of the event. She invites all children who are potty-trained and older to attend. There are lots of fun activities, crafts, snacks, outdoor play, and Christian education. Call the church or email Beth to sign up.

Christ Church Softball Team Begins Play

Our softball team has begun play in the "C" Division of the Men's Church Softball League. Games are held at Freedom Park off Guest Road. Jim Drazdowski is the coach and 14 eager players have signed up. Jim's daughter Amanda Harrell serves as the scorekeeper and his grandson A.J. is the team mascot. The schedule is posted in the parish hall, and everyone is welcome. There is no admission charge.





Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

As promised, our story continues and becomes “increasingly murky.” The Vestry convened, with the Vicar presiding, on Tuesday, July 8, 1952. Judging from the Minutes, nothing unusual occurred, and the group dealt only with routine business. Following adjournment and the Vicar’s departure, a far from ordinary event happened that Mr. White later described in a long letter to vestrymen as a “private caucus of the Vestry.” This “caucus” is the major reason for lack of clarity in this part of our story because no record exists of the discussion or of the decisions made.

Mr. White did not hear about the “caucus” until July 13, 1952, and, given the agitated tone of his letter, he was incensed. He asserted that not inviting him to the “caucus” smacked of “some ‘behind the back’ activity” or suggested that the participants did not “trust the kindness or discretion of their Vicar.” “In either case,” he wrote, “I am not complimented in the slightest by this activity. . . .” He reminded vestrymen of “another ‘caucus’ some years ago [in 1946] which led to the removal of your then Vicar [Thomas Mundy]; some of you remember it also. . . .”

Mr. White pointed out that the Vestry could not meet legally without the designated presiding officer, meaning, in the instance of a mission, as Christ Church was,

either the Vicar or the Bishop. Under the Canons as they then existed, other than the Vicar or the Bishop, only the Senior Warden could call the Vestry together -- by written notice to the full membership three days in advance and specifying the reason for the meeting. As the Vicar put the situation: “If the meeting was for the good of the Church, I should have been notified. If it was NOT for the good of the Church, it should not have been held.”

Mr. White then devoted three paragraphs to a discussion of Christ Church’s financial position. He declared that the decision by the American Church Building Fund Commission to grant a loan of \$16,000 to Christ Church [see December 2009 *Vineyard*] afforded a new perspective on the contract the Vestry had approved for him in the called meeting on May 16, 1952 [see April 2010 *Vineyard*]. In Mr. White’s words, “It is clear to me, and I know to you also that you cannot carry . . . [a] sizeable loan of this kind AND the tremendous financial obligation you have already pledged to me.” His reference was to the salary increase of \$3,900 over three years the Vestry promised him in return for his ending his teaching career at Valdosta State College over the three-year period. He was willing, however, to alter his May agreement with the Vestry: he would teach for “a longer time, as necessary.” In return, the Vestry could reduce the portion “of my

college salary . . . [it would] assume.” The money thereby saved could be applied to loan payments. Then he wrote:

None of this would really be necessary, of course, if you and our other members really did what you ought; that is, tithed your income for the Church’s work, which means giving back to God what is really his. But in this I may have failed to impress you as I should have done. For this failure I am penitent and offer to pay the cost therefor . . . [by] continuing to serve as teacher and as your Vicar combined.

Mr. White also observed that he believed that Christ Church had made “good progress” during his tenure. He had tried, he said, “to be cooperative with you; what you have asked me to do, I have done: and what the Bishop has asked me to do, I have done. . . .” As examples he noted that the Vestry had requested that he not use the title “Father”; not to include any listing of the sacraments in newspaper articles; not to make statements about other denominations in his sermons; and to use the title “Protestant Episcopal” on the church’s signboard; to refer to the Communion by that term only at the early service; to “give you a strictly Prayer-Book service.” “All you have asked,” he claimed, “I have done; I don’t think I have failed you anywhere in conforming to what you have asked which was proper (or reasonably possible without violating my ordination vows).”

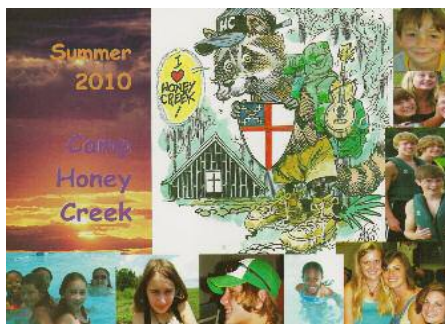
More of this in June.

Easter Hat Parade by Preschool



photographs by Benjamin Varner and Julius Ariail

Elise Sandbach's 4-year old class from the Christ Church Preschool decorated Easter Bonnets and paraded through the church office and the Thursday Morning Bible Study class to show off their hats on April 1.



It's Camp Time at Honey Creek

Henry, the newly named Raccoon logo figure for Honey Creek, recommends the camp for all Episcopalian and non-Episcopalian children. They will learn about God, enjoy the pool, the ropes and challenge course, fishing, kayaking, nature, art, drama, jammin' to the music, and video/photography while making life-long friendships.

High School Camp	June 20-26	Grades 9-12
St. Peter's Camp	June 27-July 3	Grades 6-8
St. Gregory - Music Camp	July 11-17	Grades 3-6
Sts. Joseph & Mary Camp	July 11-17	Grades 3-6
St. Francis Camp	July 18-24	Grades 7-9

Brochures and applications are available on the information table in the parish hall. Cost for each camp is \$395. Scholarships are available. If you would like to help a child to experience camp, write a tax-deductible check to Camp Honey Creek. Applications are also available online at www.honeycreek.org.

Youth News

by Beth Baker

Senior Sunday will be May 23rd. Please send in your Senior's name and graduation information to the church office as soon as possible.

The last **Happening Reunion** of the school year will be held May 16th. The next Happening will be **Happening #85** Friday, July 30, 2010 - Sunday, August 1, 2010. Our very own Elizabeth Hanson will be the weekend's Rector. If you have a rising 10th grader or above, please consider this AWESOME weekend!

Vacation Bible School is in desperate need of TEACHERS! Please contact me if you are interested.

The last **Sunday School** class of the school year will be May 16th. Thank you to all the teachers who selflessly gave of your time and energy. You are truly loved by all of your children!

The **Safeguarding God's Children** class on May 15 is open to all members of Christ Church, especially those who will be in close contact with the children, youth, and young adults. The class will be from 9 a.m. - 12 n. in Louttit Hall. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at 251-1143 or [<bethbaker@bellsouth.net>](mailto:bethbaker@bellsouth.net).



Dominican Republic Auction - April 10 - 11, 2010



Christ Church parishioners donated over 100 items and turned out to worship at the second Saturday Eucharist, to feast with the Men in Blue, and to donate over \$8,500 to support the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic.



Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
11:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

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

10:45 a.m. Christian Education*

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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