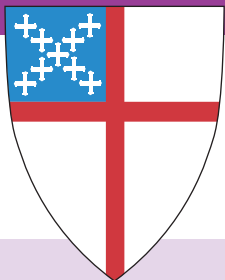


The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

August 2010



Following the Way of St. James

Mark Your Calendar

August 4

A Walk With the Good Shepherd Bible Camp
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

August 11

Senior EYC Begins

August 14

St. Francis Yard Sale
at the church
7 a.m. until . . .
Please call the church
to contribute items.

August 15

Sunday School Kick-Off

August 18

Dominican Republic
Mission Trip Presentation
7 p.m. in the Parish Hall
following 6 p.m. service
and dinner

August 21

Jim Elliott's Ordination
St. Peter's, Savannah
11 a.m.

August 22

College Ministry Begins

September 11

Nancy Sartin's Ordination, 5 p.m.

September 12

Bishop Benhase's Visitation

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Deacon Stella Clark followed the "Way of St. James," the Camino de Compostela, for 500 miles through Spain from May 25 to July 6.



by Deacon Stella Clark

The crown jewel of Spanish walking trails, the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela (Field of Stars) began as an act of faith as Europeans crossed Spain to visit the sacred tomb of St. James. One thousand years later, the Camino continues to draw the spiritual as well as the traveler looking to enjoy the beauty of the green rolling hills and small hamlets of northwestern Spain's Galicia.

Wearing our boots and proudly displaying our scallop shells, we trudged at last into the swirl of people on the cathedral square. I noticed a subtle but striking difference between two distinct groups entering the plaza.

Groups of tourists, often following a placard on a pole, looked around the square, taking pictures of whatever was pointed out to them by the guide and appeared vaguely bewildered.

On the other side of the plaza, where the Camino gate stood, pilgrims straggled in. They invariably

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Photographs by Stella Clark

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Vestry Report from June 26, 2010

- Reported the partial collapse of the rectory garage and the filing of a letter by Junior Warden Mike Tanner to the Valdosta Historic Preservation Commission (VHPC) to demolish the building.
- Voted to authorize Mike Tanner to pursue the demolition of the garage by Cowart & Sons for \$4,000 after VHPC approval.
- Discussed the resignation of sexton Fred Quinn and writing a new job description prior to hiring a new person for the job.
- Reported that the architects Barganier Davis Sims are working on a fee proposal to provide the final drawings for the proposed buildings.
- Noted the upcoming ordination of Jim Elliott at St. Peter's in Savannah on August 21 at 11 a.m.
- Announced the upcoming one--day Vacation Bible camp which will be coordinated by Beth Baker.

Thank You

Thank you to the congregation of Christ Church for supporting me spiritually during my recent illness.

The emails, calls, visits and prayers have been incredibly sustaining. I feel very blessed to be a part of Christ Church.
Sincerely, Duke Guthrie

Words for the Season After Pentecost

**Manna
Reconciliation
Steadfast Love**



Dave Clark,
Senior Warden



Mike Tanner,
Junior Warden

- Reported on "the best and largest ever" Dominican Republic Mission Trip. Thirteen members of Christ Church and five members of other congregations participated in the construction of two houses, conducted daily Vacation Bible School classes, held knitting classes, and celebrated the first school graduation. Padre Carlos and the school honored the Rev. Tar with a framed plaque for her dedication and hard work to build the church and school in El Pedregal. Our team donated 20 school scholarships and 20 summer camp scholarships. There will be a presentation about the trip in August.



Cookbook Correction

Susan Elliott reported a correction to her recipe for Chicken Pot Pie on page 203 of *Manna & More*. The amount of chicken broth should read 1 ¾ cups.



The camera symbol indicates that a series of photos on this subject is available at <http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta>.

From the Rector



TAKING STOCK

Once again it's time to plan for Christian Education. We are very fortunate to have Beth Baker and Tar Drazdowski+ working to create an excellent program for all ages. We are very fortunate to have parishioners who volunteer to serve as teachers. We have a parish tradition of excellence in education. All we lack is appropriate space. Taking stock of the space that will be available, we have the front and perhaps the middle rooms of the Parish Hall; the offices of Fr. Peter, Tar+ and Molly; the Choir Room; a room in the Preschool Building; and an upstairs room in Louttit Hall. None of these rooms are designed as classroom space in seating capacity, lighting or equipment. What to do? First, I invite and encourage, in fact, parishioners of all ages to take part in our education programs. I think you will find a wonderful variety of learning opportunities in many subjects. Then, I think we should all applaud our dedicated volunteer teachers who really do provide creative, excellent programs in less than adequate space. Then, I really think we as Christ Church should concentrate on providing that adequate space. That means participation in every aspect of our building project. At this time our participation is primarily financial, supporting our fund drive as we build new facilities.

I would be delighted to talk about our building program and to answer any questions; in fact, I would be pleased to offer a guided tour of our present space.

In Christ,
Peter+

Christian Formation



Christian formation and education are an important part of the life of every Christian. In our Baptismal Covenant, we make the promise that we will raise the child or support the child in the Christian faith. In order to keep our spiritual minds sharp we need to be in the practice of engaging the Word of God. Sunday School is one of the ways to accomplish the task we have promised. If a child begins to attend Sunday School in the preschool years, continues through high school, and attends every session during the school year, he or she will have received 292.5 hours of Christian Education. In the grand scheme of things this is not a lot of time to help our children learn about their faith and learn how to put their faith into practice, but without it, how much time will they get in religious training? Forming our minds after the mind of Christ is a promise that we all have made; let us all consider what steps we are taking to keep our promise to God and each other.

Sunday School Kick-Off - August 15

Make a day of it! Come and join us for the Sunday School Kick-Off. We will have an ice cream social between the services. When you finish your ice cream, visit your child's classroom. A rock climbing wall and bounce house will be set up on the lawn. There will be other fun activities, too.

Adult Sunday School

This year we will be offering opportunities throughout the year for adult Sunday school. Look for more details in the Sunday bulletin. Plan to stay. You will be surprised by what you learn.

Tar+

We are Halfway to our Goal!

Many thanks to all of those who have stepped forward and made pledges and gifts to the *Strengthen Our Stakes* Capital Campaign for Christ Church Valdosta. For too many years our parish has gone without adequate facilities for Christian Education and other important activities. The Christ Church leadership is very grateful to the following people for their commitment to the campaign as of July 18:

Mimi Allen	Lougenia Gabard
Julius and Julia Ariail	Sheri Gravett
Tal and Norma Barnidge	Fleur Healy
Clinton and Jeana Beeland	John and Phyllis Hiers
Brad and Ann Burnette	Walter and Gail Hobgood
Jimmy and Ingrid Carroll	Mike and Phyllis Holland
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Bob+ and Jan Carter	Charitable Foundation
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Frank and Diane Corker	Steve and Maggie Roberts
Jerry and Judy DeMott	Edith Shepherd
Janet Dickman	Melanie Schwallenberg
Jim and Tar+ Drazdowski	Bill and Lucille Sineath
Bob Eager	Joe and Anne Singletary
Carolyn Eager	Eloise Smith
Dottie Eager	Joe and Norma Tomberlin
Sandra Fletcher	Loyce and Ingrid Turner
	Joshua+ and Elizabeth Varner

If your name should appear on this list and does not, please notify the church office at 242-5115.

You may see some names in our list you are not familiar with or those of old friends who have moved away. They responded to the news that our very wonderful

\$1,239,600

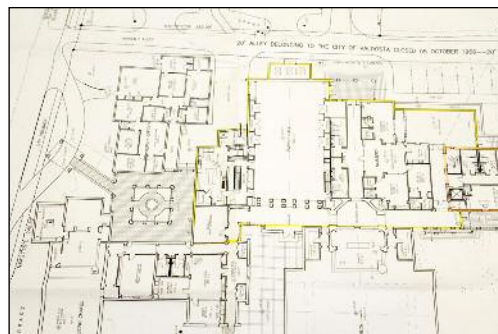
Campaign Pledge
Total to date

parish was planning this expansion and wanted to be a part of it. Please join them.

Only with the participation of all of us will this much needed project become a reality. Your participation is the most important thing. No gift is too large or too small. Let us know how we can help you get your name on this list.

Sandra Fletcher,
Capital Campaign Manager

Campaign Goal \$2,500,000



Softball Wrap-up by Jim Drazdowski



Mr. Patience

Softball season for Christ Church began with the first game on April 13th with a game against Crossroads in which they lost 13 to 5 in seven innings of play. The team had been practicing on a weekday evening for the past few weeks with an average of six players showing up for the practice out of 13 players on the roster. By the 3rd game the roster had expanded by three more players with practices on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. The team won its 3rd and 4th games only to lose the last four games of the first half of the season for a record of 2 and 6.

The teams were realigned by the recreation department and the second half of the season began with a 1 point loss in the first game and a two point loss in the second and third games. In the fourth game, Christ Church won by 20 to 5 when the mercy rule was used at the end of four innings. They then lost the next two games but finished the regular season with wins of 14 to 10 and 17 to 7 for a second half season record of 4 and 4.

The one day, double elimination playoffs began on Saturday, June 26 with a game scheduled for 9:00 a.m. When the other team failed to show, Christ Church was awarded a win and advanced in the winners bracket. The second

STATS	AB	Hits	1B	2B	3B	HR	BB	Bat	AVG	RBI	SACS
Cliff Baker	52	33	21	6	4	2	6		0.635	20	3
Stephen Sandbach	51	27	16	5	3	3	2		0.529	16	1
Bryan Deloach	56	30	21	6	1	2	0		0.536	22	2
Paul Stevenson	57	32	25	6	1	0	3		0.561	14	1
Matt Harrell	52	27	22	4	1	0	3		0.519	22	1
Griff Holland	41	19	13	5	1	0	9		0.463	13	2
David Singleton	26	13	10	3	0	0	0		0.500	5	0
William Wilkens	57	25	19	2	4	0	0		0.439	13	0
Ryan Hines	26	11	10	0	1	0	1		0.423	6	2
Speedy Griner	55	23	21	2	0	0	3		0.418	10	2
Josh Newton	30	12	11	1	0	0	1		0.400	10	2
Matt Overman	36	14	13	1	0	0	0		0.389	14	0
Sparky Greneker	50	18	17	0	1	0	1		0.360	15	1
Luke Kelly	14	5	5	0	0	0	1		0.357	3	0
Sandy Sandbach	22	7	7	0	0	0	0		0.318	4	0
Jim Drazdowski	5	1	1	0	0	0	0		0.200	0	0

game, scheduled for 11:30 a.m., was won by a score of 20 to 5 so the team continued with their next game at 2:00 p.m. They lost their third game but managed to hold what was considered the best hitting team to only nine runs but could not get their bats going either. In 98 degree heat and even hotter on the field, Christ Church began the fourth game but lost by a score of 20 to 21 to finish the season with an overall record of 6 and 10.

Cliff Baker had the highest batting average of 0.635, Bryan Deloach led RBI's with 22, Stephen Sandbach had the most homeruns with 3, and Griff Holland being the most patient at the plate with 9 walks.



4th of July Hotdog Lunch

Christ Church celebrated the 4th of July with four Sunday church services and a hot dog lunch following the 11:30 service.



NEW SERVICE Sunday Evening Eucharist

Starting on September 19, Christ Church will add an additional Sunday service. The service will be held at 8:00 p.m. We are adding this service to incorporate the college community as they return to the campus after the weekend. The entire college community is invited as well as the Christ Church family. We are looking for servers and musicians. If you are interested in signing up to help with this service, please contact Molly. She will be preparing a schedule. We will discontinue the second Saturday service.

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski

Episcopal College Ministries

Our ministry for college students will resume on August 22. Feed them and they will come! If you are interested in helping to feed our college community on Sunday nights there is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. We usually feed between 15-20 students on Sunday evenings and three meals on dead day at the end of both semesters. You are welcome to stay and eat with us. Your presence will help to build the bridge between this ministry and our church community. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m.

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski



Special Days Remembered in August



BIRTHDAYS

1 Pat Bradley
Searcy McClure
2 Barbara Parks
4 Sandra Walker
5 Eloise Smith
7 Rusty McCall
8 Erin Macheski-Preston
11 Pauline Brown
13 Mike Tanner
14 Emma Claire Campbell
15 Donald (Bush) Bryan
16 Meghann Hummel
Patricia Marks
17 Katherine Berckman
18 Tommy Hatcher
Josie Tidmore
19 Maggie Roberts
20 Robert Tillman
21 Ellis Moser
22 Steve Honeycutt
Josie Parten
Christopher Sandbach

23 Curt Grieve
Robert Porter
24 Alex Elliott
26 Aaron Davis
27 Julius Ariail
Andrew Diamond
Jackie Griffin
28 William Parmelee, Jr.
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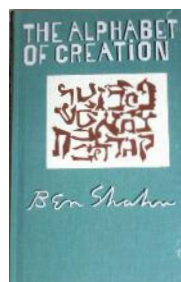
BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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
25 Andrew Greneker
Eleanor Parten
28 Jacob Diamond

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5 Steve & Sallie Honeycutt
Henry & Sarah Parrish
6 Ken & Electa Ricket
8 Thaddeus & Hiroko Agar
11 Joe & Norma Tomberlin
12 Billy Tidmore & Jennifer
Lawrence
15 Hulyn & Janet Smith
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

The Alphabet of Creation

With drawings by Ben Shahn

Schocken Books, 1982 (facsimile)



Deacon Patricia Marks

This evocation of a 13th century creation legend, illustrated by a well-known American graphic artist, is taken from the Zohar, or Book of Splendor, in the mystical Judaic Kabbalah. (I reached for it after being fairly overcome by the wordiness of a recent theological study.) To my delight, here was the story of God Himself contemplating creation, with each letter of the alphabet asking to be the one through whom the world be created. No matter that the alphabet is in reverse: that's the point. No matter that the letters are Aramaic: the lesson is there nonetheless. The first is Tav, who

pleads that he begins the Torah; but God says that he also ends the word death. The letter Koph begins the word Kodesh, or Holy One, but also Kelalah, or curse. Finally, we see the letter Beth, which begins the word Baruch, or "Blessed be the Lord forever!" And God grants his wish: "In the Beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth." But what about Aleph, who is too modest to ask? You will need to read the legend . . . and then, together, we can quietly meditate upon the letters of our own alphabet as the foundation of our actions. It is a sure cure for wordiness.

The Deacon School for Ministry

by Deacon Patricia Marks



As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself. (BCP, p. 543)

How do you grow a plant? You give it plenty of water and food; sunshine to make the leaves green and rain to make the roots grow. You nurture, protect, and support it. And you talk to it, encouraging it to blossom and praising it for its fruit.

Perhaps growing a deacon is like that, and so is creating a training program. The Deacons' Formation Council (DFC) and the Deacon School for Ministry (DSM) began as the seed of an idea planted in 2005, when Dcn. Lynn Anderson was



This photo of the 2008 class was taken when Fr. Peter Ingeman served as supervising priest of the Homiletics section taught by Deacon Patricia Marks. Left to right standing: Scott Mithen, Jim McDonald (deceased), *Nancy Byars, Steve Byrd, Fr. Peter Ingeman, Happy Ingeman, Dianne Hall, *Nancy Sartin, and Lynn Anderson. Seated: Terri Degenhardt, Sue Gahagan, Patricia Marks, Ri Lamb, Becky Rowell, and *George Scott. *not yet ordained

What is special about the program? . . . community — the kind that teaches, supports, and rejoices, . . .

appointed DFC and Dcn. Linda Scales DSM chair. Bishop Louttit's unfailing and enthusiastic support, along with sage advice and generous help by Fr. Peter Ingeman and the good will and prayers of many others laid the path to approval in May, 2006 by the Commission on Ministry.

In the intervening months, much work was done by DFC members Curtis Johnson, John Warner, Saundra Reinke, Lynn Anderson, Patricia Marks, Karyl Miller, and Jim Purks. The first examining chaplains were nominated — Edie Adkins, Lynn Anderson, Mary-Kathleen Blanchard, Kathy Kelly, Patricia Marks, Geri Lee Nelson, Saundra Reinke, Sandy Turner, and John Warner — and given the task of writing competencies for the diaconal school in accord with canonical requirements. These areas include Church History and the Tradition of the Church; Diaconia and the Diaconate; Ethics; Holy Scripture; Homiletics; Human Awareness and Understanding; Liturgy; Spiritual Development and Discipline; and Theology. (All of this information, and more, is on the website, <http://www.georgia.anglican.org/deacons/New.htm>.)

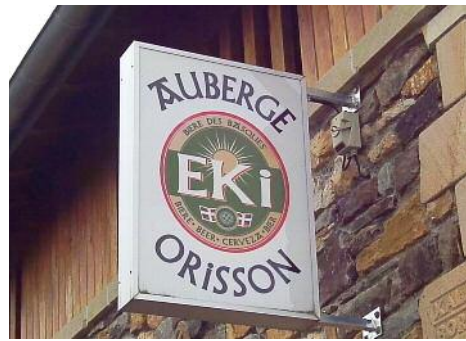
The members scheduled classes and worship, and framed prayers and requirements. One of the first weekend sessions was held here at Christ Church in June 2006; later ones met at the Convent in Augusta or at Ocmulgee State Park; but most were convened at Honey Creek. Today, John Warner (Deacon, St. Augustine's, Augusta) chairs the DFC, and Saundra Reinke (Deacon, Our Savior, Martinez) chairs the DSM.

What is special about the program? The overwhelming answer from former students is community — the kind that teaches, supports, and rejoices, the kind that provides companionship and understanding. Today, the diocese has 38 deacons, with 6 in process.

And more are needed, more are welcome . . .
Come and see, said Christ. Come and see!



Pilgrims Stella Clark; Mary Marwitz, senior warden at Holy Trinity Statesboro; and the Rev. Joan Kilian, rector of Holy Trinity.



"Auberge" translates as hostel or an inn for pilgrims.



One hundred twenty pilgrims stayed in this hostel.



Pilgrims on the way.



The pilgrims walked through cities, villages, sheep tracks up mountains, and into valleys.



The vistas from the tops of mountains along the way were picture postcard beautiful.



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walked to the very center stone of the plaza, took a picture of themselves with the cathedral facade in the background, embraced each other, laughing and weeping at the same time. Then they too, looked around the plaza, also appearing vaguely bewildered.

The tourists' bewilderment was purely practical: was lunch next or a museum tour? The bewilderment on the pilgrim's faces was much more existential: Now What? This awareness hits you unexpectedly: the one thing that has totally occupied your every waking minute for the past 5 weeks has suddenly and conclusively come to an end. It's followed by a wave of awareness that of course it's not over. You'll keep walking...out of the plaza and away from Santiago...into the rest of your life.

Most pilgrims arrive in Santiago much changed from wherever they set out, and while the tears and the bewildering NOW WHAT? might come as surprise to them, they've been weeks in the making and come I think from two very important daily experiences: generosity and adversity.

Generosity is everywhere on the Camino, often in surprising places. The woman in the doorway who

wished you "buen Camino" as you pass by, the priest who shows you his little church and wants to pray with you before you walk on, the fellow traveler who gives you a better way to treat a blister (I learned about Compeed from a fellow pilgrim), from sharing of food along the way. There is beauty and bounty all around when the luxuries are stripped away and you're more dependent on the kindness of others.

Adversity, too is a daily companion...usually around the last few kilometers of the day, or when the third blister engulfs your toe, or the mountain in front of you is steep and rocky. The Camino invites every pilgrim to walk through adversity, not around it, with their blisters, sore muscles, and bad moods. Each ache reveals to them the importance of their mission: I WILL get to Santiago, one step at a time!

There is a saying that's been on the Camino since the Middle Ages: *a Santiago solo se va, nunca se llega*, "You can only keep going to Santiago, you can never arrive." Standing in the plaza, with that bewildered look, every pilgrim is discovering this for themselves, a secret that the package tourists cannot begin to appreciate.

I'm still pondering that secret back in my day-to-day life and



Cold and wet, pilgrim Stella walks beside the metal sculptures of other pilgrims.



asking questions that I imagine every one of us asks whenever God wakes us up to the adventure of life: How do I become more than a tourist in my own life? How do I stay on the path? NOW WHAT?

Editor's Note: As I interviewed Deacon Clark for the story of her trip, she told me she had written a sermon to deliver at Christ Church on July 25, 2010 on the Feast of St. James. After reading it, I knew that her sermon told the story of her pilgrimage and spiritual journey much better than I ever could. With her permission, I am reprinting it here. Julia Ariail

Facts

Deacon Stella Clark walked with two companions on the pilgrimage, the Rev. Joan Kilian, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Statesboro and Mary Marwitz, senior warden at that church. The journey began as they flew from Atlanta to Madrid on May 25, went by bus to Pamplona and by shuttle to St. Jean, France. There they received their Pilgrim's passport and set out walking 500 miles across Spain. There were approximately 2,000 pilgrims on the journey, very few Americans, mostly Europeans. In each city or in churches officials stamped their "Credencial del peregrino," pilgrim's passport. Each night they stayed in a hostel for 5 to

8 Euros and ate in local restaurants. They walked in the rain and cold and in beautiful sunshine up mountains and across valleys, meditating, listening to music, praying, talking to fellow pilgrims or in silence, listening.

The shell symbol of St. James marked the way. Sometimes the shell was set in cast bronze or brass. Other times it was paint on a sign or made of sticks. Yellow arrows also marked the way. The pilgrims walked, rode bicycles or rode horses. Along the way, they came upon town festivals, the running of the bulls and feast day celebrations like Corpus Christi.

Stella visited the small churches and large cathedrals along the way lighting candles for people who had asked her to pray for them. She also made crosses to add to the kilometers-long fence row with crosses made by pilgrims over the years.

At the end of the journey Stella and her companions arrived in the square at the Cathedral of Compostela just as the church bells began to peal. She describes her emotional response in the sermon printed above. After the church service, an official issued her Certificate of Compostela after checking to see that she had two

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Hot and tired, the pilgrim rests along the journey.



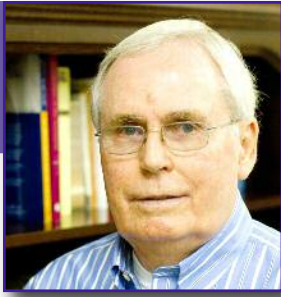
The Benedictine monastery, Monasterio de Samos, is the oldest monastery in the western world and has 90 beds for pilgrims in one stark room.



The crypt of St. James is in the cathedral in Santiago. Pilgrims carried limestone rocks to help build this 11th century cathedral.



Each town and church stamped the Pilgrims' passports along the way.



Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

A group of articles beginning in the September 2009 *Vineyard* focused initially on efforts by Christ Church's Vestry to borrow money from the American Church Building Fund Commission to construct Sunday School rooms. Subsequent articles dealt with the conflicts that developed between the Vicar, Clifton H. White, and the Vestry and between Fr. White and the Bishop, Middleton S. Barnwell. What remains now is to tie together the two threads of the story.

One thread is the \$16,000 loan offered to Christ Church by the A.C.B.F.C. via a letter dated October 3, 1952. The Vestry, in the meeting of October 17, 1952, discussed the proffered loan without deciding to accept it. Vestrymen decided that Clerk Robert G. Macks should confer that evening with Bishop Barnwell about the issue and report to a called meeting on the nineteenth. Macks's later account of his conversation with Barnwell was brief, "chiefly to the effect that the Bishop did not look with any particular favor on our desire to effect a loan through" A.C.B.F.C. Barnwell's attitude, Macks explained, was that Christ Church should fortify its own financial position "before attempting any further expansion."

Vestry therefore approved a Perry-Jones motion that Mr. Macks write A.C.B.F.C. "expressing our thanks and appreciation, and asking for a postponement of at least a year." Macks sent a letter to Richard P. Kent,

Secretary of A.C.B.F.C., on October 27, 1952, in which he said, "we have come to realize the justice of the comment by the Bishop that we were trying to make too much progress too rapidly, and that, for our size, we were enjoying a plant of adequate size." He stated also that "there were other communities whose needs at this time . . . [are] greater than ours." While thanking Kent for the favorable consideration of Christ Church's loan application, he expressed his hope that "at a later date, in perhaps a year or eighteen months when we have improved both our size and financial position" the Commission would be "kind enough" to receive a new Christ Church loan request.

Regarding the second story thread, Vestry soon engaged in another round of talk about the controversies within the Parish recounted in previous articles. At a called meeting on December 23, 1952, Vestry opened the floor for an exchange of views on "recent happenings in the Church." Mr. Noah E. Fry, a former Senior Warden, according to the Minutes, "spoke feelingly and at length" about the disagreements that had occurred. Mr. Fry's remarks generated "some discussion of all angles," after which "it was agreed by all that the very best possible course would be to forget the whole matter—to bury it for good and all, and not mention it again." Sadly for the historian and for posterity, Vestry agreed that "*under the circumstances, it seemed best not to make any mention of details in the*

minutes of the meeting. The matter is settled, and a workable solution arrived at, acceptable to all. The main and sole object is to work together for the good of the Church, in an active and unified manner,"

The closing statement in the Minutes declared "Vote of confidence passed on all parties concerned."

In the Vestry's session on February 1, 1953, members first discussed the issue of rotation of Vestry membership and the question of finding \$859 to pay off the balance of the mortgage on the Parish Hall. Fr. White thereupon announced that, on January 1, he had presented to the Bishop his resignation, effective March 21, 1953. The Minutes note quite briefly, "Motion made and passed to accept [the Vicar's resignation] with regret." Next, Mr. Jamie Carroll read aloud Bishop Barnwell's letter about replacing Fr. White. Barnwell suggested that Christ Church provide a salary of around \$400 per month for the new Vicar. The Vestry's reaction was to approve a motion for Mr. Carroll to inform the Bishop that Christ Church had passed a budget for 1953 and could not afford to pay more than \$200 monthly "at the most" for the remainder of 1953. A higher salary probably could be paid in 1954, depending "very heavily on the ability of the replacement sent to this Church."

Thus the disputes between Vicar and Vestry and Vicar and Bishop affected rejection of the A.C.B.F.C. loan and led to the Vicar's resignation. In September we turn to the search for a new Vicar and to renewed pursuit of money for Sunday School rooms.

Icon and Prayer Shawl Blessing, June 30, 2010



Deacon Patricia Marks made the prayer shawl, in feather-and-fan stitch, for the Dominican silent auction. The person who bought it brought it to be blessed. Prayer shawls are loving creations, given for comfort and celebration, in times

of sadness and joy. While making the shawl, the stitcher prays for the recipient, and then the shawl is blessed and given away.

The icon in the photo on the left is of the Archangel Michael, written by Happy and Peter+ for the silent auction in support of the Dominican Republic Ministry. It is written in egg tempera on gessoed birch board in the tradition the Russian Byzantine style after an original by the iconographer Rublev in 1420. The icon received the traditional blessing of icons at the altar of Christ Church.

Gift Tag for blessed items

This gift, which was prayerfully made for you, has been blessed at the altar of Christ Church. May it keep you in comfort and in peace. May it sustain and embrace you, and may it be a sign that we are all wrapped in God's love. In His Holy Name, The Stitchers of Love, Christ Church, Valdosta

A special reminder - as you travel this summer, please bring back the hotel toiletries for Lamp and other organizations.

Thanks, Gail Hobgood

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>.

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

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

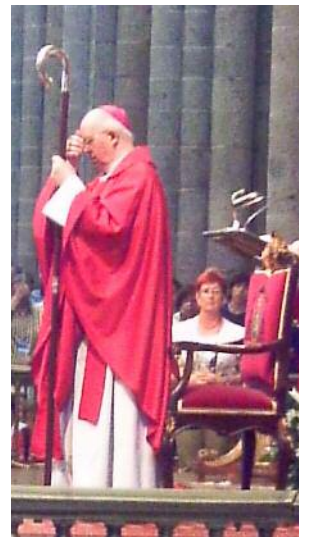
Partnership for Health Clinic Project - Diane Halim chairs this project for donations for specific items to patients and family. <dholim@valdosta.edu>.

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. <stellaclarkcamino@gmail.com>.

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

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stamps from every day along the journey. He also wished her a "Happy Birthday" as the end of the journey coincided with her birthday.

After Santiago, the Rev. Joan and Stella took a bus to Finisterre to "the end of the earth" rocks where you can look west toward America. Stella picked up a handful of green, brown and white sea glass on the beach there. She and Joan also toured Madrid viewing museums and botanical gardens before heading home from Madrid to Atlanta on July 6.



The Bishop celebrated the mass at the cathedral in Santiago on June 30.



Above are the "end of the earth" rocks at Finisterre.

Deacon Stella and the Rev. Joan proudly hold their "Certificate of Compostela," the document written in latin at right.



Walking With The Good Shepherd

Please sign up for our exciting Day Camp on August 4th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. We will provide age appropriate activities for all of our children. Forms are located in the Parish Hall on the information table.

Ichetucknee Family Float will be rescheduled because of School Open Houses

The upcoming year calendar will be out this month. Please be on the look-out!

**The first Senior High EYC
meeting will be Wednesday,
August 11 at the Elliott's at
1112 Cloverhill Drive for a
kick-off Fiesta!**

Happening # 85

Happening #85 will be held July 30 - August 1! Check out www.georgiahappening.com for more information.

Elizabeth Hanson, in the photo above, is a member of Christ Church. She will serve as the rector of Happening #85. Thomas Greneker, in the photo below, will



be the observing rector. Several other Christ Church youth will serve on the staff. Look for an expanded article in the September *Vineyard*.

Mission Trip Presentation

August 18, 7 p.m.

It is time for the "Go Team" to report back to the "Home Team." We successfully completed this year's mission, and in order for you to see what we have accomplished and hear the stories associated with the pictures, we invite you to share in this celebration. The mission is a collective effort by everyone involved. If you donated a scholarship(s), donated to the auction, bought an item(s) at the auction, donated money for yarn or prayed for us while we were gone, come and see what you helped to accomplish. Julius Ariail has taken some wonderful pictures and behind every one on them, there is a story to tell. The presentation in the Parish Hall will follow the service and a typical Dominican meal.

**2011 Mission Trip Date
June 18th - 25th**

Mark your calendars! Please pray about joining us in our efforts.

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

8:00 p.m. Holy Communion beginning September 19

***Nursery Available**

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

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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