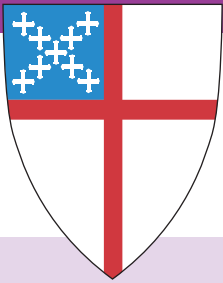


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

November 2010



## Let's Go to Sunday School!

### Mark Your Calendar

#### November 1

All Saints' Day - 6 p.m.  
Service followed by dinner

#### November 2

All Souls' Day - 6 p.m.  
Requiem Service

#### November 4

Blood Drive - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Christ Church Parking Lot

#### November 6

St. Marks Butterfly Trip  
Meet at 8 a.m. in the  
Christ Church Parking Lot

#### November 14

Youth Sunday; UTO  
Ingathering; DOK  
Induction;  
Dcn. Clark's 20th  
Ordination Anniversary

#### November 15

Vestry Meeting

#### November 25

Thanksgiving  
11 a.m. Service and Dinner

#### November 28

Advent I - Wreath-Making  
Event; Beginning of Las  
Posadas

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Kathryn Adams, center, leads two children on the traditional march to Sunday School at the end of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service. She teaches the first and second grade class with Jennifer Singleton.

With happy smiles and great enthusiasm the children of Christ Episcopal Church skip and hop beside their teachers as they follow them to Sunday School after the 9:30 a.m. service. The children leave the service during the last hymn and walk down the sidewalk with their teachers to the room assigned to their grade level in Louttit Hall. The adults get coffee and snacks in the parish hall before going to one of three class choices in the front of the parish hall, the choir room, or the rectory library.

The Sunday School program is supervised by The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and Mrs. Beth Baker, youth coordinator. The classes last approximately 45 minutes and follow a set curriculum. Many of the children also return on Wednesday for the EYC

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Beth Baker, right, leads her daughter Sally to Sunday School.



## The Vineyard On the Web

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## The Vineyard Deadline

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## Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Scott A. Benhase,  
Bishop of Georgia  
The Rev. Peter Ingeman, Rector  
The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant Rector  
The Rev. Jim Elliott, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark  
The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks  
The Rev. Deacon Nancy Sartin  
Beth Baker, Youth Coordinator  
Molly Stevenson, Parish Administrator  
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper  
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist  
Kathy Armstrong, St. Gregory Choir Dir.  
Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader  
Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter Editors

### Vestry

Mimi Allen	Susan Elliott
Julia Ariail	Philip Gunter
Charles Boatwright	John Hiers
Tammy Borders	Phyllis Holland
Dave Clark	Aaron Parten
Jerry DeMott	Joe Singletary
Carolyn Eager	Mike Tanner
Joe Tomberlin	

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The Rev. Elliott	242-3333
The Rev. Dcn. Clark	559-6159
The Rev. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
Molly Stevenson	292-8215
<a href="http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org">www.christchurchvaldosta.org</a>	

## Vestry Report from September 20, 2010

- Discussed the letter from The Rev. Canon Frank Logue concerning the need to bring Fr. Ingeman's salary in line with others with his length of service to improve his pension pay as it will be based on the average of the last two years of service.



Dave Clark,  
Senior Warden



Mike Tanner,  
Junior Warden

- Discussed mandatory retirement of priests at age 72 and Bishop Benhase's willingness to extend Fr. Ingeman's rectorship for an additional year to July 2012.

Unity Sunday, Bishop's visit, and ordination of Nancy Sartin to the diaconate.

- Discussed need to plan for compensation for an interim and the next rector including salary, health insurance, Social Security differential, pension fund, travel, and sabbaticals.

- Reported on upcoming events in October including Blessing of the Animals, Clergy Conference, Pension Fund meeting, lectures by John Robertson and Octoberfest.

- Discussed progress of the project of combining property plats.

- Received report on Youth Events - joint Spanish class for kids with Christ the King, Work project at the Haven, a canoe trip on the Suwanee, acolyte training, and a trip to the corn maze.

- Approved painting of Preschool and touch-up painting of the church and parish hall.

- Thanked the Vestry and congregation for a successful

- Announced capital campaign total as \$1,400,750 and the Envelope campaign by the youth as \$6,400.

## VESTRY ELECTIONS

Vestry elections will be held on the first two Sundays in November - Nov. 7 and 14. Five members will be elected to serve three-year terms, and will replace outgoing members Mimi Allen, Charles Boatwright, Carolyn Eager, Phyllis Holland, and Joe Singletary. We extend our thanks and gratitude to them for their service and commitment.

Current Vestry members are listed in the information list to the left of this article. Nominees for the 2011 Vestry are: Clinton Beeland, Stefani Carroll, Robin Coleman, Charlie Cosey, Pat Denmark, Jim Drazdowski, Sparky Greneker, Will Hanson, Nancy Lutsko, Tina Nunn, Steve Roberts, Melanie Schwallenberg, and Lucy Tomberlin.

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





# *From the Rector*



## **PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE, WE LIVE IN THE PRESENT**

**T**his is an exciting time for Christ Church. The response to plans for building a new education facility, parish hall and kitchen, all much needed to replace our aging and inadequate facilities, has been very positive. I thank all those who have made pledges and gifts toward the successful completion of the project. The plans reflect a dedication to the vision of ministry to which we are called by Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are so called today. We are blessed with a large campus, a beautiful church, and a wonderfully diverse and active parish family. Our clergy and laity are involved with, and often take a leading role in, many ministries in our parish and our community. Our youth activities and Christian Education programs for all ages continue to be active. These are things of the present that will continue into the future; they need our support now. Our facilities need maintenance. Our programs need funding. Our staff need support. This month of November is the time for our annual Stewardship Campaign in which we pledge that support to the life and ministry of a church we love. Please give your annual pledge careful and prayerful consideration. It is your support that is crucial to the life of Christ Church.

In Christ,  
Peter+

### **Our Bishop Agrees to Retirement Extension**

During his recent visit to Christ Episcopal Church, Bishop Scott Benhase discussed retirement plans with Fr. Peter Ingeman. The canons of the Episcopal Church require that priests retire at age 72, and Fr. Ingeman will be 72 on July 22, 2011. However, the Bishop received such a good impression of our congregation and our future plans that he has agreed to an extension of one year so that Fr. Ingeman can stay with us at least until July, 2012. He and Happy hope to be able to "shovel the dirt" at the groundbreaking of our new building.

Fr. Ingeman and Happy came to Christ Church for the first time when Fr. Ingeman was a deacon. He was ordained a priest at our altar in June 1987 and served as an assistant to the rector, The Rev. Henry Louttit, and chaplain to Valdosta State College. He was called to Savannah in August 1989 as rector of St. Francis of the Islands Episcopal Church, and returned to Christ Church as rector in May 2000.

The Ingemans plan to purchase a home in Valdosta in which to write icons and from which to travel to see their children and grandchildren.



**Thanksgiving 2009 in the Parish Hall**

### **THANKSGIVING AT CHRIST CHURCH**

**As has become tradition, Christ Church will celebrate Thanksgiving (November 25) beginning at 11 a.m. with the Holy Eucharist, followed by a family feast in the Parish Hall. All are invited to join. Turkey and beverages will be provided. Bring your favorite Thanksgiving side dish and/or dessert to share.**





## Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 3

by The Rev. Jim Elliott

Curious canines and felicitous felines of all colors, contours and configurations congregated with their humans for the Annual Blessing of the Animals on the lawn at Christ Church on the afternoon of October 3. Following the traditional prayer attributed to St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, a special liturgy was used by the humans assembled to give thanks to God for the wonderful ways in which we are blessed by our companion animals and to bless those animals that are indeed a blessing from God to us.

Photographs by Susan Elliott,  
Phyllis Hiers and  
The Rev. Dcn. Patricia Marks





# CONNECTING THE MISSIONS

by Julius Ariail

In the early morning hours of Friday, October 1, 2010, Pedro Peralta Romero, a young man from the village of El Pedregal in the Dominican Republic, boarded a bus for the four-hour ride to the capital city of Santo Domingo. He carried with him a bundle of knitted items that had been made by a group of women in El Pedregal, including his mother, Tomasina Romera de Peralta, one of the cooks at the Episcopal camp, church and school located in El Pedregal and operated by the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. Once in Santo Domingo, he made his way to the Diocesan House.

Also at the Diocesan House that day were five members of a mission team from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Savannah, Georgia, who had been in the Dominican Republic since September 27th, teaching Episcopal seminarians the techniques of singing the Mass and working in a nursing home operated by the Diocese. They had also been looking for locally-made craft items that they could buy for re-sale in the St. Paul's bookstore once they returned to Savannah and then use any profits to support other craft workers in the Dominican Republic.



Pedro (on the left) delivering knitted items to the St. Paul's team in October, 2010.

Upon hearing of this interest, a diocesan staff member made contact with the local knitters in El Pedregal.

These knitters had been working for several months on scarves, shawls, and hats using yarn donated in June, 2010, by members of another mission team led by The Rev. Tar Drazdowski. Christ Episcopal Church had been sponsoring mission work in El Pedregal for the past 8 years, and the 2010 trip was the ninth such visit to this community. Over the years, this team had conducted Bible School for the children of the village as well as had helped with the construction of a combined church and school building, other buildings and grounds improvements in the camp, and individual homes in El Pedregal. Several years ago, Juanita Quinn, one of the team members, had her knitting along with her on the trip, and that sparked an interest in knitting among the women in the community. In addition to construction and Bible School, knitting became the third activity of this team, and in 2010 over 60 women, including several teenagers, eagerly participated in three days of knitting classes using yarn donated for this purpose. Most of the donated yarn came from Episcopalians in Valdosta, but other donations came from fellow church members in other places such as Savannah, Georgia, and Dothan, Alabama. The knitting class projects included knitted purses and small decorative flowers that could be attached to a purse, hat, or hair clip. By the end of the classes, women could be seen knitting with donated



Our team donated yarn in June, 2010. Tomasina, Pedro's mother, is on the right.

needles and yarn on porches all throughout the community, guided by laminated instruction sheets that the mission team had translated into Spanish. All of the yarn left over from the classes was donated to the knitters who worked at the camp, including Tomasina, Pedro's mother.

On that Friday morning, the St. Paul's mission team met with Pedro and with The Rev. Deacon Bob Snow and his wife, Ellen, who had been serving as Episcopal missionaries in the Dominican Republic for many years and who coordinated the work of the mission teams from the United States. Ellen related the story of the history of the El Pedregal knitting project to the St. Paul's missionaries, who then decided to buy all of the knitted goods and take them back to Savannah for sale.

After his delivery was completed, Pedro returned to the bus station in Santo Domingo for the four-hour ride back to El Pedregal to deliver the proceeds of the sale to his mother and to the other knitters in El Pedregal. The knitted items were transported to the United States by the St. Paul's mission team, and have been added to the stock of items for sale at the St. Paul's bookstore in Savannah. On some of the items, small knitted flowers may be seen.

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*The Vineyard, p. 5, November 2010*



## Special Days Remembered in November



### BIRTHDAYS

- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Diane Corker        | 15 Helen Bennett        |
| Brandon Jackson       | 18 Jeanette Bajalia     |
| 2 Robbie Beeland      | Jon Burch               |
| Nancy Lutsko          | Aldine Carter           |
| 4 Robin Guice         | Marty Diamond           |
| 5 Jennifer Carter     | Emory Warrick, Jr.      |
| Marge Fitzsimons      | 19 Jim Elliott          |
| Matthew Wilkin        | Lauren Sandbach         |
| 6 Stefani Carroll     | 20 Lori Campbell        |
| Georgianna Manning    | 22 Claire Hanson        |
| 7 Robert Bauer, Jr.   | 23 Danny Clark          |
| Brad Burnette         | Dan Holcomb             |
| Diane McPipkin        | 24 Elizabeth Wisenbaker |
| 8 Melissa Carter      | 26 Valerie Page         |
| David Kirk            | 27 Pat Armstrong        |
| Karla Lauckhardt      | Shannon Flemer          |
| 11 John Nail          | 28 John Roberts         |
| 12 Lindsey Wisenbaker | 29 Phyllis Holland      |
| 14 Duane Carter       |                         |

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

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Nicholas Balanis    | 12 Charles Adams   |
| Cecilia Carroll       | Helen Bennett      |
| Stefani Carroll       | Dennis Savoie      |
| Molly Stevenson       | 14 Tamara Dennis   |
| David Holland         | 15 Liz Williams    |
| Marie Moser           | Walter Williams    |
| Robert Porter         | 16 Christopher     |
|                       | Sandbach           |
| 2 Erin Carter         | 17 Ellie Copeland  |
| Marty Tucker          | Andrew Diamond     |
| 3 Brett Nelson        | Emily White        |
| Alexandra Peeples     | 20 Chase Adams     |
| Lauren Rutledge       | Jake Adams         |
| 4 Michael Black       | Regan Adams        |
| Rachel Greneker       | 21 Grace Diamond   |
| Patricia Marks        | 22 Gil Gjertsen    |
| Harrison Tillman, Jr. | McKey Nunn         |
| 7 Elonda Holcomb      | 26 Nancy Lutsko    |
| 8 Sophia Bajalia      | 27 Tom Carroll     |
| Craig Lambert         | 28 Chapell Wolfson |
| Kyle Stevenson        | Molly Wolfson      |
| Kari Wilkin           | Wilby Wolfson      |

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- |                                |
|--------------------------------|
| 2 David & Sue Sandbach         |
| 16 Richard & Barbara Rigby     |
| 17 Hugh & Joan Bailey          |
| 24 Charles & Carmen Boatwright |
| Steve and Maggie Roberts       |
| 26 Jon & Linda Burch           |
| 27 Dan Coleman & Carolyn Eager |
| Paul & Molly Stevenson         |
| 30 Dennis & Patricia Marks     |

### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

- |                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| 11 The Rev. Tar Drazdowski      |
| (4th anniversary)               |
| 14 The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark |
| (20th anniversary)              |
| 22 The Rev. Deacon Patricia     |
| Marks (7th anniversary)         |

### Christ Church Ongoing Projects

**Adopt a Haven Family** - The Haven has a special need for new or like-new clothing and 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. <[stellaclarkcamino@gmail.com](mailto:stellaclarkcamino@gmail.com)>.

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

### Capital Campaign Pledge Update

Pledgers since 14 July are Lucille Sineath; Fleur Healy; The Michael Clark Fund; Dave and Stella Clark; Walter and Gail Hobgood; Buddy and Dottie Pitts; Philip Gunter; Dick and Debbie Saeger; Hugh and Joan Bailey; Aaron and Josie Parten; Leslie and Jay Chadwick; Kevin and Stephanie Hiers; Meg Hiers; Jim and Susan Elliott; Melanie Schwallenberg; Jane Ferrell; Al Turner; Jan Carter; Walton Carter; Mike and Amber Tanner; Marilyn Willis; Bill and Sally Querin; Ashley and Keith Meade; David Sandbach, Jr.; Paul Leake; Adair Pizer; Jonathan and Christie Ariail.

**Campaign Pledge  
Total 10/13/10  
\$1,459,178**

## Diocesan-Wide Lenten Reading

by The Rev. Canon Frank Logue

### One Book, One Diocese

#### *A 40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

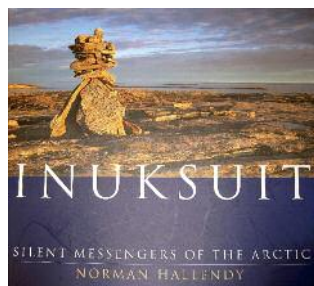
Those who wish to journey through Lent together as the Diocese of Georgia may join in a diocesan-wide time of reflection. Every congregation in the Diocese is requested to announce to parishioners that we will follow cities and universities that have all gotten on the same page through reading the same book at the same time. The book is *40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, edited by Ron Klug.

In Lent, we will use the diocesan website to not only allow Bishop Benhase to share his thoughts on using Bonhoeffer's writings as a Lenten guide, but will open up the floor to comments from around the Diocese. Each day, the book offers a short reading from the martyred German Theologian, together with a verse or verses of scripture, questions to ponder, a "Psalm fragment" to read, journaling suggestions and prayer. Each day, those who wish to share how the Holy Spirit

is using the readings and reflections in their hearts and minds may write something at the website. That could consist of reading and reflecting on this book or some other Bonhoeffer study, such as reading and reflecting on *The Cost of Discipleship* or watching a film on Bonhoeffer. However, the central idea is for people around the Diocese to make this journey through Lent and either read others reflections at the website, or also offer their own thoughts as the season progresses.

As the time draws closer, we will provide a flyer to make parishioners aware of the One Book, One Diocese Lenten journey.

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## The Church Bookshelf

by The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks

### *Inuksuit: Silent Messengers of the Arctic.*

**By Norman Hallendy. Vancouver, Canada: 2001**

Imagine a stark landscape, covered with snow that hides crevasses from the unwary, with water on one side and an expanse of land on the other. And dotting the landscape, figures of different shapes and sizes — stone balanced carefully on stone. These are inuksuit, made by the Inuits. In this fascinating account illustrated with evocative photos, Hallendy recounts his forty years of Arctic exploration. But more important than his impressive background, which includes a gold medal from the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, is his ever-deepening friendship

with the Inuits. That association nourishes his understanding of the stone figures, created before memory as warning signs or navigational aids marking the path of the caribou or the hunter, treacherous ledges or safe havens. Today they are used as commercial icons, and, controversially, as the logo for the 2010 Winter Olympics. Yet it is the time-worn inuksuit that hold real power. "This is the way," they say; "walk here when you are unsure. Follow me to food when you are hungry and shelter when you are weary. I am the path home." It is a universal message indeed.







Sunday - PreK and Kindergarten



Sunday - First and Second Grades



Sunday - Third, Fourth and Fifth Grades



Sunday - Middle School



Wednesday - Little Folks



Wednesday - Middle School



Wednesday - High School. These four EYC High School members also play football or cheerlead for Valwood.

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programs which are grouped into three divisions: high school, middle school, and little folks.

Each class has two or more teachers:

PreK and Kindergarten - Rena Nelson and Julie Savoie

First and Second Grades - Jennifer Singleton and Kathryn Adams

Third-Fifth Grades - Jacqui Thigpen and Ann Stephenson

Middle School - Bonnie Hanson and Susan Elliott

High School - Mike Tanner and Molly Stevenson



Sunday - High School

EYC Little Folks - Phyllis Hiers, Mimi Allen, and Katherine Mayer  
EYC Middle School - Beth Baker  
EYC High School - Dan and David Schert and the Elliott and Querin families.

The Sunday School classes fill the currently-available space in Louttit Hall, but some meet in rooms not intended for this purpose. One goal of the Capital Campaign is to provide new, appropriately-furnished educational spaces for all the youth and adult Sunday School and Wednesday night groups. As of October 13th, we have received pledges for that campaign that total \$1,459,178. Another \$1,040,822 in pledges will be needed for us to meet the campaign goal of \$2,500,000 so we can start construction to provide the new spaces our youth and adult classes need -- and then to expand the current educational offerings to include new groups, new topics, new times.

*The Vineyard will feature the three adult Sunday School classes in the December issue. Have you ever seen a photo of an adult class meeting in the choir rehearsal and vesting room? Stay tuned!*

This book, *13 Very Bad Days in the Bible and How God Fixed Them*, is used in the Little Folks EYC class on Wednesday evenings after the church service and supper. It is one in a series of books entitled *Small Group Solutions for Kids*. By exploring the book, kids learn how God fixed some very bad days for Bible characters like Noah, Daniel, Mary, Lazarus, and Stephen. They also learn how the same God of long ago watches over them, and that God knows how to fix their very bad days, too.







### Aaron Parten Celebrates

On October 6, Aaron Parten celebrated his birthday at the Wednesday night supper following the 6:00 p.m. service. The Parten family cooks and serves supper every Wednesday night as a ministry to our congregation.

**The Stitchers of Love** invite all knitters and crocheters to contribute red or red-and-white scarves for the 2011 Special Olympics State Winter Games scarf project. For patterns and further information, see Phyllis Holland (245-3821), [pholland@valdosta.edu](mailto:pholland@valdosta.edu) or Patricia Marks (630-8644), [spmarks@bellsouth.net](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net).



### Kneeler Project Yarn

The kneeler project is in the final stages of preparation and design before the kits are given to the needlework volunteers. Bill Nunn is designing and painting the canvas. Almost half of the yarn has arrived and the remaining half should arrive shortly. The 10 people who will work on the project are anxious to begin. The kneelers will feature the 12 Apostles, 4 Evangelists, and 4 female saints.

## Fall UTO Ingathering set for November 14, 2010

It is time once again to turn in the collections from our UTO blue boxes. The mission of the United Thank Offering is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve this mission, we encourage daily prayers, offerings, and awareness of the abundance of God's blessings. Ingathering encourages the counting of blessings. The size of the ingathering is not so important as the practice of thanksgiving. It is the sum of our daily thanks for the blessing in our daily lives - for good weather, happy times, job opportunity, unexpected visits, and rescue of miners. There are so many things for which we can be thankful. I invite you to pick up a Blue Box and join the United Thank Offering. Put it in a convenient place. Take a moment each day to say thank you to God and put a coin in that box. Your coins and mine are joined with those all over the Episcopal Church to help others in need. Thank you for your continued support.

UTO Chairman Helen Tucker



Newly ordained Deacon Nancy Sartin received the gift of a festival stole from The Rev. Peter and Happy Ingeman. It was blessed on the altar during the Wednesday evening service on September 22.

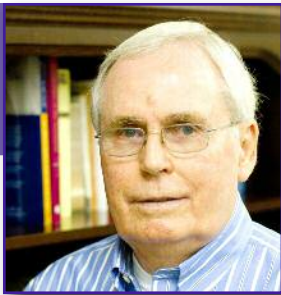


### John Robertson Lectures by The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks

"How do you speak of God in an age of Science?" "Are evolution and faith incompatible?" These were some of the thoughtful questions considered by Dr. John Robertson on Wednesday, Oct. 20, when over fifty VSU students, faculty, and Christ Church parishioners gathered to hear his talk. Dr. Robertson, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at McMaster University in Ontario, is a well-published religious philosopher much in demand as a speaker. In discussing the relationship between science and religion as conflict, independence, dialogue, or integration, he presented an insightful review of major thinkers on the subject, from Augustine to Whitehead, focusing as well on Darwin and the possibility of seeing God in the evolutionary process. The discussion continued Thursday evening at an informal gathering in the parish hall, when he led a lively discussion on the challenge of secular humanism to Christianity. Christ Church is grateful to Dr. Jim Hill, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at VSU, for helping to coordinate the visit.



Left to right: Dick Lord, Dr. Jim Hill, and Janice Lord at the discussion on Thursday.



# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Michael Joseph Kippenbrock, Vicar of Christ Church beginning on May 1, 1953, was a Texan, born in Austin on September 29, 1903. He was the eighth of nine children and the fifth of the six sons of Francis Lewis Kippenbrock and Josephine Bernardine Brown Kippenbrock.

Little historical information about Michael Kippenbrock, other than that relating to his stint at Christ Church, 1953-1963, is readily available. The first concrete item appears in the 1930 Federal Census, which shows him living with his first wife, Annabel Mae Coffman Kippenbrock, in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he was Vicar of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Annabel Mae Coffman was born on September 14, 1904, and she married Kippenbrock on June 7, 1928. Their first child, David Michael, was born in Fairbanks on December 27, 1931. The second, Anne Virginia, also was born in Fairbanks on February 3, 1935, and her mother died the same day.

Kippenbrock remarried on April 21, 1937, slightly more than two years after Annabel's death. His bride was Virginia Lee of Norfolk, Virginia, who was born on February 1, 1898. He apparently was a chaplain in the United States Army during World War II. Robert G. Macks, Clerk of Christ Church's Vestry and a retired Army officer, addressed him as "Padre" [a title often applied to military chaplains] in letters concerning his move from Saint Thaddeus Church, Aiken, South Carolina, to Christ Church. In *The Vineyard*, p. 10, November 2010

addition, Kippenbrock was an officer in the Army Reserve when he came to Valdosta, and one of his first requests to the Vestry in the meeting of July 5, 1953, was for vacation time between August 16th and 30th, 1953, "to attend Reserve Officers Camp" at Fort Gordon, Georgia. As noted, his position immediately before his move to Christ Church was Rector of Saint Thaddeus in Aiken, South Carolina, from May 23, 1949, until March 31, 1953.

Fr. Kippenbrock served at Christ Church until his departure on September 30, 1963. Volume III of the Christ Church Parish Register shows the same brief note next to his name and that of his wife: "Transferred to All Saints, Enterprise, Fla. 9/30/63." David Kippenbrock, then in the U. S. Army, already had transferred to Trinity Episcopal Church, Columbus, Georgia, on April 23, 1959, and Anne, who had married George William Tudor in 1959, transferred to All Saints, Enterprise, Florida, on June 23, 1965. When Kippenbrock died on February 24, 1973, he and his wife were residents of Orlando, Florida. He and Virginia, who died on December 23, 1974, in Norfolk, Virginia, were buried next to each other in Oakwood Cemetery, Norfolk.

During Fr. Kippenbrock's first Christ Church Vestry meeting on May 3, 1953, Senior Warden Jamie Carroll raised the possibility of selling the old "Rectory" at 115 West North Street as the first step toward acquiring new housing for the Vicar and his family. On an Omer Franklin motion, however, Vestry tabled the

question until the June meeting. On June 7, 1953, the same action occurred again: "Possible sale of the Rectory tabled to the next meeting."

What also occurred in the same session was the Vestry's turning again to the idea of expanding the physical plant to provide new Sunday School rooms, which initiated significant discussion. As the Minutes relate, "The Vicar was kind enough to subordinate action on a new Rectory to the definite needs of the Sunday School." Some vestrymen stressed the urgent need for additional teaching spaces, but there were also calls for unanimity on the issue. The immediate decision was that Vestry Clerk Bob Macks approach the American Church Building Fund Commission anew about "securing in the immediate future a loan of \$7,000.00 on projected cost of approximately \$10,000.00." Other vestrymen were to "check on local financing."

Macks wrote Richard P. Kent, Jr., Secretary of the A.C.B.F.C., on June 8, 1953. He emphasized that Clifton White had been called to a church in Lakeland, Florida, that Christ Church "had been fortunate" to obtain "the services of the Rev. Michael J. Kippenbrock," and "happily that we have every indication of having a thoroughly united congregation supporting our new Vicar." Moreover, Christ Church now was debt free. As he said, "We do not owe any money." Then he got to the point, which was the Vestry's desire to borrow \$7,000.00 from A.C.B.F.C.: "Is there any possibility of early action through the Fund?"

More to follow in the December issue of the *Vineyard*.



## Acolyte Training September 25



Frs. Ingeman and Elliott and Dcn. Marks conducted training for new acolytes and those who desired to polish their skills on Saturday, September 25. Acolytes carry the cross and torches in processions, hold the torches beside the Gospel reader, accept the oblations, and serve the celebrant assisting with the water, wine, and chalices for communion. Multi-generational acolyte participation is a tradition at Christ Church. Grandparents and parents often serve with children.



### Christmas Cards to Japan

Dr. Hanae Kanno, who was received into Christ Church in September 2010, is a fourth-generation Episcopalian from Japan. Hanae attended Episcopal schools in Japan, and her family has a strong connection with the Episcopal church. She is now teaching at Valdosta State University in the division of Social Work.

For Advent and Christmas we would like to send her church in Japan cards from our church members. Individuals, families, and groups like Sunday School classes, Bible study groups, choirs may send cards. You may send greetings, and introduce yourself, your family, and our church in your cards. Many people at her home church speak and read English, so cards in English are fine.

Please bring your cards to the church office by December 8. We plan to send them in a bundle to Hanae's church. --Diane Halim

### Run for Vocare

The Young Adults of the Dioceses of Atlanta and Georgia are once again looking forward to Vocare, which will take place February 25-27, 2011.

Savannah Spivey and Griff Holland are part of the Vocare Steering Committee. To raise awareness and scholarship money, the "Run for Vocare" will be taking place again this November. If you would like to find out more about Vocare, sponsor Savannah as she runs, or make a donation, please contact her at (478) 795-0268. Any amount would be greatly appreciated by the entire Vocare community!

## Core Training Class for Godly Play

by Beth Baker and The Rev. Canon Frank Logue  
(reprinted from a diocesan press release)

Christ Church (Valdosta) will be hosting a CORE training course for the widely popular Godly Play program. The training is scheduled for January 20-22, 2011 and will include several intensive sessions. Each trainee will come away with ways to set up a Godly Play classroom, how to use the program effectively, and several storytelling practices. Christ Church has used this curriculum for many years and is ready to expand the age range that we reach. The Rev. Tar Drazdowski has taken Godly Play with her on several mission trips to the Dominican Republic, and the program has touched hundreds of children in the process. For more information on this core training, email Beth Baker at [<bethbaker@bellsouth.net>](mailto:bethbaker@bellsouth.net).

## Youth News

by Beth Baker

### Christ Church Youth Events

#### November

3rd - Messy Olympics 10:30  
14th - Youth Sunday & UTO Ingathering  
17th - Christ Church Creek Clean-up  
19th - New Beginnings (7-9th graders)  
28th - Advent Wreath making during Sunday School hour and first day of Las Posadas.

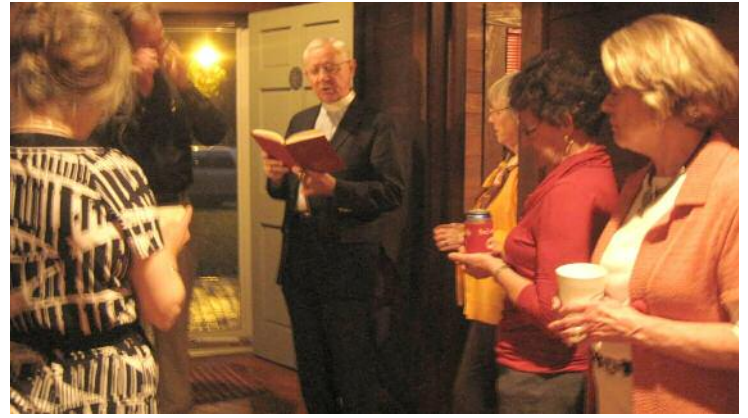
### Senior EYC Schedule for November and December

Nov 3 -	Church
Nov. 10 -	Querins
Nov. 17 -	Creek Cleanup
Nov. 24 -	THANKSGIVING BREAK - No EYC
Dec. 1 -	Querins
Dec . 8 -	Church
Dec. 15 -	Elliotts

Carter Elliott has been appointed to the New Beginnings Steering Committee for our Convocation.



## October 1 H.E.P. Party and Stevenson House Blessing



Molly and Paul Stevenson welcomed over 75 Happy Episcopal People on October 1 to join in a blessing of their new home. Frs. Peter Ingeman and Jim Elliott and Dcns. Patricia Marks and Nancy Sartin led prayers for the family and for their ministry of service and hospitality, asking blessings on each room.

The Stevenson house is a 120-year-old farmhouse in which its original owners raised 21 children. It was moved from Lanier County to Valdosta 30 years ago. The lovely wide, dark wood planks in the spacious hallway provide a perfect background for the many crosses given to Molly over the years. Guests brought a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres, and the happy crowd filled the rooms and spread into the backyard enjoying conversation and each other's company.



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### 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**  
**\*Nursery Available**

**10:45 a.m. Christian Education\***  
**8:00 p.m. Holy Communion**

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

**Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.\***

**Thursday: 7:00 a.m.**

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