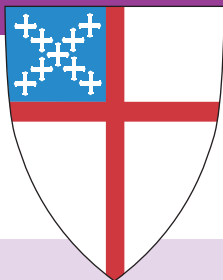


# The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

January 2011



## Mark Your Calendar

### January 1

Annual St. Mark's  
Birdwatching Trip;  
meet in church parking  
lot at 8:30 a.m.

### January 5

Epiphany Pageant  
Rehearsal - 7 p.m.

### January 6

Epiphany Service &  
Pageant - 6 p.m.

### January 16

Daughters of the King  
Meeting in the Parish Hall  
10:40 a.m.

### January 21 - 22

Church Development  
Institute Weekend #2  
at Honey Creek

### January 28 - 30

Happening #86  
at Honey Creek

### January 28

Deadline to sign up for  
June 18 - 25 mission trip to  
El Pedregal, DR

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

### A Sermon for Christmas Day 2010 by The Reverend Peter Ingeman

Have you ever been far away from the city on a crisp, cold night? There is a deep blackness to the sky; stars shine in their thousands, a myriad of points of light. The dazzling Milky Way splits the sky, and the stars are so many and so bright that they seem close, so close that they press down upon us.

Then you are under the real night sky, the ancient sky of the night not yet compromised by the lights we have created; that is the sky of the shepherds in Luke's Christmas Gospel. Shepherds, tending their flocks by night, gazing up at the slow, nightly progression of the stars in the constellations, marking the passage of time and seasons as they had always marked them, marking the passage of their lives by the sky. It had always been so; it would always be so.

Then that predictable, familiar star-filled sky was suddenly eclipsed by a brighter light, a brilliant light, the light of the presence of a glittering, glistening angel, filling the sky proclaiming the birth of a babe who would be the Savior and Deliverer of the world?

Then that angel was suddenly joined by a vast host of angels, a heavenly choir filling the sky, singing "Glory to God!"

How easy it is to put this story of miraculous Incarnation into the past tense, to see the birth of Our Lord as an event of long, long ago and far, far away; another time and another place. How easy it is in this noisy, absorbing, artificial light-filled world of ours to fail to see that above and beyond our knowing, and our seeing, the stars still shine as brightly as they did for shepherds on Judean hillsides and angels sing as sweetly now, for us, as they did then.

The glory of Christmas is that the light and song have never been lost, never overcome, in the midst of tinsel, giant inflatable decorations



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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  
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Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader  
Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter Editors

### Vestry

Julia Ariail	Philip Gunter
Clinton Beeland	John Hiers
Tammy Borders	Aaron Parten
Stefani Carroll	Steve Roberts
Dave Clark	Mike Tanner
Jerry DeMott	Joe Tomberlin
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## Vestry Report from November 15, 2010

- Approved donation requested by Dick Saeger for \$1,000 to Habitat for Humanity.
- Announced progress of stewardship campaign with 60 pledges totaling \$156,525 received. Budget committee of Larry Wisenbaker, Jeanna Beeland, Melanie Schwallenberg, James Stephenson and Amber Tanner will prepare 2011 budget.
- Approved motion for the Finance Committee for Capital Campaign, composed of John Hiers, Carolyn Eager, Tommy Hatcher, and Jeff Hanson to research the possibility of a construction loan and to prepare a packet for approval by the Diocesan Standing Committee.
- Reported progress on repair and painting of the church and repair of sidewalk. Approved replacement of un-repairable heat and air units in the rectory.
- Approved proposal to set up 403b accounts for all full-time church employees and contribute to Fr. Ingeman's account in 2010.
- Announced the results of the Vestry election. New members include Clinton Beeland, Stefani Carroll, Sparky Greneker, Steve Roberts, and Lucy Tomberlin.
- Elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention to be held in Valdosta, February 10-12: John Hiers, Joe Tomberlin, and Dave Clark; alternates will be Julia Ariail, Tammy Borders, and Jerry DeMott. Christ Church member



Dave Clark,  
Senior Warden



Mike Tanner,  
Junior Warden

Walter Hobgood will be ordained to the diaconate at the convention.

- Received report on Preschool tuition and possible increase next year after a market survey revealed our tuition is low. The Rev. Drazdowski would like to increase the pay of the teachers with the money from the increased tuition. The Preschool and Parents Morning Out programs are not aiming for profit but are a gift to the community and good public relations.
- Received report on the Diocesan Council attended by the Reverends Elliott and Drazdowski with the main point of discussion being the 10% assessment of all churches in the diocese. The proposed budget will be voted on at convention.
- Reported the progress of the Scarf project for the Special Olympics, the Adopt-a-Family Haven Project for Christmas and the Labyrinth classes in December.

- Reviewed upcoming schedule.



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# From the Rector



## THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY

*"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."*

So wrote the prophet Isaiah long, long ago, long before the Incarnation and the wondrous event that we call Christmas. Of course Christmas is properly twelve days of feast, not simply one. Christmas is a season in the calendar of the church, a time of unfolding events. The twelve days lead us to the Feast of Epiphany on the sixth of January. What is an epiphany? An epiphany is a revelation, God's self revelation to us. In the Gospel of Luke that self-revelation is to the people of Israel as represented by shepherds attending their flocks and angels singing in the night. In Luke God reveals Himself as an infant in a stable in Bethlehem, a small village in a backwater of the world. But in Matthew, God's revelation is to Magi, Kings, Wisemen, travelers from distant lands who have seen signs and portents and come to do homage to a newborn king. In Matthew the Incarnation is a cosmic event, God's gift to all the world. That is what we celebrate on the Feast of the Epiphany, but local and cosmic; both are correct and both are needed if we are to understand the true significance of Christmas. It really is the light of God, the glory of the Lord, come into the world, risen upon us. Empowered and inspired by that it is our calling, our task in this world, to "Arise, shine," and make that light visible in this new year.

With many blessings, Peter+

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### Church Development Institute -- Leadership Training by Walter Hobgood

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, The Rev. Jim Elliott, Molly Stevenson, and I are participating in a leadership training program sponsored by the Diocese of Georgia. CDI, Church Development Institute, is an intensive leadership training program for clergy and lay leaders of the Episcopal Church focused on the ministry of developing the spiritual, community and organizational life of a congregation through a hands-on approach to learning.

The training program was developed by Robert Gallagher who has been a consultant and trainer in religious systems, non-profit organizations and small businesses since 1970. He has also served as a parish priest in Philadelphia, Maine, Trenton NJ, and Seattle. He also served as the Director of the Church Development Institute at the General Theological Seminary from 1985 to 2000. Bishop Benhase has participated in the leadership training program and used it extensively over the years in the parishes he has served.

There are 24 participants from the Diocese of Georgia in this session and as I understand it, there will be additional sessions over the next few years. The CDI training is conducted by a team of trainers/facilitators that have been through extensive training by the Church and/or Leadership Development Institute. Our team is from the Diocese of Wisconsin, based out of Milwaukee. The team is usually made up of both clergy and lay ministers. The clergy representative is from Jacksonville and served as a translator between our southern language and culture and the other members of the team from the frozen north.

During this first session, we focused on the necessity to develop trust and open communication within a parish as a prerequisite to growth. We also learned to measure growth in a variety of ways – spiritually, corporately, personally, etc. It is not just average Sunday attendance.

We did some work with four different models that can be used to assess needs, strengths, and gaps to help a parish renew and maintain an active and effective parish and community ministry. We do have homework between sessions, so some of you may be hearing from us to help us with our homework.

Bishop Benhase plans to develop and put in place a team from the Diocese of Georgia to be able to offer this to other parishes and congregations on an on-going basis.

## Christ Church 2011 Vestry



Julia Ariail



Clinton Beeland



Tammy Borders



Stefani Carroll



Dave Clark



Jerry DeMott



Susan Elliott



Sparky Greneker



Philip Gunter



John Hiers



Aaron Parten



Steve Roberts



Mike Tanner



Joe Tomberlin



Lucy Tomberlin

The 2011 Vestry will elect officers at the January meeting. The Vestry meets in the Parish Hall on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. This Vestry has the distinction of having the youngest member ever elected (Sparky Greneker) and the first father and daughter to serve concurrently (Joe and Lucy Tomberlin).

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## Organ Blessing at the Nunn's



On December 4, 2010, The Rev. Peter Ingeman blessed the new organ at the home of Bill and Sally Nunn. John McCall gave a concert of Christmas music and show tunes to the friends invited to the event.

John McCall is the house organist for the Rylander Theater in Americus, where he has played for many productions of the Sumter Players and has been featured with Micky Rooney as well as President Jimmy Carter and his first lady Rosalynn.

Bill and Sally Nunn are members of the St. Gregory Choir at Christ Church.

## Gunter Appointed Provost and VP for Academic Affairs



Dr. Philip Gunter, member of Christ Church, has been appointed Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Valdosta State University. He served in an interim capacity in this position for the previous year. Prior to that time, he was the Dean of the College of Education. "My job will not change significantly from what it was this year, but we will be able to make some permanent decisions and move forward," said Philip.

Dr. Patrick Schloss, President of VSU, said in a press release to the faculty and staff that "Phil has served as interim provost for the past year, during which he has demonstrated the qualities of an outstanding chief academic officer. Under his leadership, progress has been made in updating the campus strategic/master plans with a particular focus on recruitment and retention of new students and support for faculty scholarship. He is committed to expanding participatory governance and enhancing the voice of students, faculty, and staff in promoting a stronger University."

Philip serves on the Christ Church Vestry, and as a member of the Parten family, frequently washes dishes after our Wednesday night suppers.



## The Labyrinth during Advent

On the third Sunday of Advent, the St. Nino chapter of the Daughters of the King met with Deacon Patricia Marks to form a prayer circle around the labyrinth. After saying the Circle

Prayer for the light of God's presence on themselves, their families, and the nation, the Daughters read the prayer list aloud and were sprinkled with holy water as a blessing for those mentioned in prayer.

The labyrinth was in place in the front of the Christ Church Parish Hall for two weeks, December 3 - 12. Deacon Patricia Marks taught two Sunday School classes about the history and use of the labyrinth.



## Dominican Republic Discovery Trip

The Diocese of Georgia will conduct another discovery trip in the Dominican Republic February 22 - 28, 2011. This trip is designed to allow leaders from several churches to explore potential mission sites.

At present representatives from Trinity, Statesboro; St. Andrew's and St. Cyprian's, Darien; St. Peter's, Savannah; and Christ Church, Valdosta are signed up to participate. For further information contact The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, chair of our companion diocese committee, at 229-242-5115.

## Advent Wreathmaking, a tradition at Christ Church

On the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, the Parish Hall of Christ Church is filled with beautiful greenery and delightful smells of rosemary, pine, eucalyptus, cedar, and other greenery. Susan, Alex, and Carter Elliott gather the greenery, wreath forms, clippers, pins, and candles so that parishioners can make Advent wreaths to take home. It is a craft project for young and old alike.



## Christmas Card Project

As featured in the December issue of *The Vineyard*, the Christmas Card project gathered over 60 cards either handmade by the children of Christ Church or bought and signed by members. The cards were blessed at our altar on December 13 and taken by Dr. Hanae Kanno when she returned to her home church of St. Margaret's in Tokyo, Japan for the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Kanno will bring greetings from the members of her home church to our parishioners when she returns to Valdosta in January. She was inspired to conduct the project because she enjoyed a sister church relationship when she was in college in Maryland in the 1990's.





## Special Days Remembered in January



### BIRTHDAYS

2 Pat Peaslee	15 Kathy Armstrong	28 Ann Burnette
Ken Ricket	16 Cindy Foster	29 Henrietta Barnes
David Sandbach, Jr.	Stephen Manning	Anna Coggins
3 Brooks Lovelace	Holly Querin	Savannah-Jane
4 Brighton Prine	Anne Reid	Gilchrist
Ethan Warrick	Tim Teasley	30 Clinton Beeland
5 Sarah Parrish	17 Mimi Allen	John Hummel
6 Chase Adams	Tyler Johnson	31 Hannah Johnston
Claire Holland	Brian Nelson	
7 Sparky Greneker	18 Saber Simmons	
9 Carmen Boatwright	19 Laura Copeland	
Laura Paine	20 Kate Hanson	
Ann Sumner	Rosa Hiromoto	
10 Henry Parrish	Kimberly Waters	
Linda Riggle	21 Robert Church	
11 Emily Macheski-Preston	22 Carolyn Eager	
12 Carol Roberts	Emory Warrick, III	
13 Lauren Cloud	25 Madison Jackson	
Joshua Hanson	27 Ralph Jackson	
14 Richard Coleman	Leigh Long	
Grif Griffin	Stephanie Tillman	

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

5 Richard Coleman
Rick Coleman
6 Stephen Sandbach
9 Judy DeMott
Robin Guice
Danielle Pitts
11 Meg Hiers
12 Sandra Fletcher
Laura Sartin
13 Nathaniel Balanis
Michael Holt
Rosanne Rumstay
14 Lindsey Wisenbaker
15 Jack Warren
21 Phyllis Holland
22 Gnann Moser
25 Robert Tillman
26 Pat Armstrong
27 Andrew Hummel
Greg Hummel
Jodie Hummel
29 Lauren Sandbach

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6 Trent & Anna Coggins
12 Larry & Elizabeth
Wisenbaker
23 Ed Preston & Ginger
Macheski
30 Walter & Gail Hobgood

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

### 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)>.

**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 families. <[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)>.

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### Save the Date

**What:** 2011 Mission Trip to El Pedregal, Dominican Republic  
**When:** June 18 - 25, 2011  
**Who:** All are invited; if you are 18 or younger, bring a parent  
**Work:** Construction, Knitting, and VBS  
**Contact:** Rev. Tar+ by January 28  
**Cost:** Approximately \$1,300

Mark your Calendars!

## February 14 Valentine's Day Gourmet Dinner

a Fundraiser for the  
Christ Church Capital Campaign

Features food, wine, & dessert by Chef Mack Parks  
in the Parish Hall for \$50 a person  
Call 242-5115 to make reservations.



## Red & White Special Olympics Scarves



Scarves of all patterns were piled high on the altar of Christ Church for a blessing on December 15th. Over sixty knitted and crocheted scarves will be given to participants in the Special Olympics Winter Games in Cobb County, January 21-23. The project was organized by Phyllis Holland and Deacon Patricia Marks, who, along with the Christ Church Stitchers of Love, are grateful for all the help they received from church and

community. Among the churches participating are St. Michael's, Waynesboro; St. Andrew's & St. Cyprian's, Darien; St. Margaret's, Moultrie; St. Paul's, Jesup; St. James', Quitman; Christ the King, Valdosta; and St. John's, Bainbridge. David Holland made the fabric tags for the scarves made by Christ Church members. Attached by a piece of white yarn, the tags read: "Christ Episcopal Church, Stitchers of Love."

## Thanksgiving at Christ Church



Photographs by Dcn. Patricia Marks

Several Christ Church families celebrated Thanksgiving in the Parish Hall. Judge Wayne Ellerbee prepared the meat and parishioners brought their favorite side dishes. It was a great feast, and everyone was thankful.

## Preschool Thanksgiving



Photographs by Dcn. Patricia Marks

The 35 students from the Christ Church Preschool enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 19th. Prior to the feast, the children sang and performed skits in each classroom, then paraded to the Parish Hall. The teachers arranged the program, and the parents provided Thanksgiving cookies.

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## Christmas 2010

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and miles and miles of pretty paper and ribbons. It's the simplicity of it, the simplicity of the meaning of the day; it means that love is triumphant over all, the love of God for us, His children, that transcends all time. How can we conceive of such a love, find words to express what that love means for every one of us; how can we comprehend a love so great that the Creator of all things would become one of the most helpless of us?

It's in the assurance of the lights in the heavens; it's in the song, the angels' song, sung to shepherds, sung to us.

In 1849 a minister in the Unitarian Congregation of Wayland, Massachusetts published a poem in the *Christian Register*, a poem that was set to music by the Sullivan of Gilbert Sullivan; it entered the Hymnal in 1874. It begins with words about the star-filled sky of the shepherds, "It came upon a midnight clear." The hymn speaks of that angel song.

Over time verses have been added to or taken from the hymn, but its message is never changed. The song is a song of respite and an invitation; respite from the care and pains of the world, respite given by God to His children. A verse, not to be found in our present hymnal, says:

"O ye, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow, Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing; O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing."

It is the promise of respite and the invitation to go, as did the shepherds, to see that miraculous thing, to be in the presence of the incarnate God, to bow in profound adoration, and to tell the world "The Savior is Born."







### St. Nicholas

On the Feast of St. Nicholas, December 5, our own St. Nicholas appeared in the Parish Hall and Louttit Hall to give out cookies to children of all ages. Dr. Kenneth Rumstay, dressed in cope and miter, brought treats to share.

### Happy Episcopal People



Sandy and Elise Sandbach hosted the annual Christmas party for the Happy Episcopal People December 23rd. This is the third consecutive year and seventh year they have held the event in their home.

### Greening the Church



The Altar Guild, clergy, staff, and volunteers decorated the church on Thursday, December 23rd, in preparation for the Christmas services.



### Rectory Open House

Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman welcomed parishioners and friends to their annual open house on Sunday, December 19th. Happy's miniature English village display and the great food and fellowship make the yearly event a holiday treat.



### Las Posadas

Diane Halim explained the Advent activity of Las Posadas, the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem, to Ethan Warrick.

"We remember their journey by carrying their figurines from home to home," said Diane.



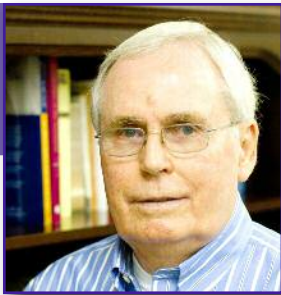
### Children's Christmas Party, December 22, 2010



### St. Francis Tea

Josie Parten, Eleanor Parten, Karen Gunter, Matthew Barnes, Aaron Parten, David Schert, Sally Hunnicutt, Sue Ellen Rumstay and Rachel Rumstay hosted the annual St. Francis Tea at 4 p.m. on December 12th. This event features British food treats and benefits the animal rescue ministry.





# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Our continuing story relates Christ Church's efforts in 1953 to acquire money to build a Sunday School Annex on the rear of the Parish Hall and to find a contractor to do the work. As noted in December's article, by early July 1953, Vestry had bids from two builders, one of whom was not even identified in the Minutes. The other was E.W. "Bill" Tullis.

At 8:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 1953, Vestry convened in a called meeting to deal with the bids, and Mr. Tullis was present. By then, architect Joe Bright had prepared a new building plan, containing unspecified features not in his original drawings. The updated plan set off what the Minutes called "considerable discussion of construction with a special reference to the detailed specifications in the architect's latest plans which were not included in the previous blue print submitted."

Afterward, Mr. Tullis presented two different offers. If Vestry chose to proceed with Mr. Bright's original concept, his previous bid of \$7,500.00 still applied. Should Vestry decide to use Mr. Bright's newer drawings, his bid was \$8,850.00, with an allowance of \$200.00 for electrical work and \$300.00 for folding doors between two of the classrooms. At that point, Mr. Tucker, a member of the Building Committee, moved that "further consideration be given" to the Tullis bids and that Mr. Tullis receive a response from Vestry by noon on Tuesday, July 28. Further, the other prospective contractor, now identified only as Mr. Morrison, was to *The Vineyard*, p. 10, January 2011

have an opportunity to study the new drawings and to resubmit his bid. Subsequently, Mr. Morrison was contacted, met with the Vestry, and received plans to examine overnight. His answer was to be given to the Vestry at a second called meeting at ten o'clock on the morning of July 28th. Toward the session's conclusion, Vestry "directed" Vestry Clerk Bob Macks to contact the American Church Building Fund Commission to request that the already approved loan to Christ Church of \$7,000.00 be increased to \$9,000.00.

At ten o'clock the following morning, Vestry reconvened, and Mr. Morrison handed over his bid on the architect's newer plan. Morrison offered to do the project, excluding "electrical installation, heating and flooring," for \$8,400.00. His proffer was \$450.00 less than Mr. Tullis's \$8,850.00. Consequently, on a motion by Bill Gabard, seconded by Bob Macks, Vestry accepted Mr. Morrison's bid, with the stipulation that payment to him for the construction would be made two weeks after Christ Church's final acceptance of the completed Sunday School Annex. Also, Mr. Gabard's motion required that Mr. Morrison provide a "Performance Bond for the amount of the contract, the Vestry to pay the premium." As a closing note, Mr. Macks, the Clerk, reported that he was sending a letter by air mail to the A.C.B.F.C. seeking an increase in the loan from \$7,000.00 to \$9,000.00.

At that point, almost all aspects of launching the project seemed to be settled. Within five days, however, the situation changed significantly. When

Vestry held a regular monthly meeting on Sunday, August 2, 1953, Senior Warden Jamie Carroll asked Mr. Tucker for a report from the Building Committee. According to Tucker, following the called meeting on July 28th, he had offered the contract for building the Annex to Mr. Morrison at a total cost of \$8,400.00. Shortly thereafter, because Mr. Morrison himself could not finance the project and "the J.N. Bray Company showed no inclination to finance it" for him, he had withdrawn from consideration. Now came the suggestion to award the contract to Bill Tullis. On a Tucker-Macks motion, Vestry voted to accept "as a base bid for construction" Tullis's offer of \$8,850.00, "exclusive of electrical work, floor covering, attic fan and heating, but including rock wool insulation in the ceiling. . . ." Also in the approved motion was the statement: "Any changes in the specifications made by the architect, Joe Bright, would be at the discretion of the Building Committee."

Three additional actions followed. One authorized the Senior Warden to borrow from Citizens and Southern National Bank up to \$3,000.00 for building and equipping the Sunday School Annex and designated Omer Franklin, an attorney, to act as Mr. Carroll's agent in the loan process. The second provided that the architect, Mr. Bright, should check "construction at all stages and supervise all details." The third required that Vestry contract with the Orkin Company "for complete termite protection on new construction," a step neglected during original church construction in 1948-1949.

More in the February *Vineyard*.



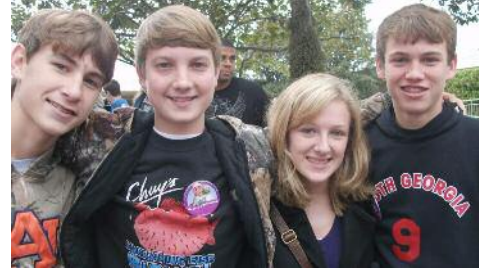
## Youth News by Beth Baker



Las Posadas traveling basket



Elizabeth Hanson and Thomas Greneker



Christ Church Youth at Walt Disney World

### Las Posadas

This year's Las Posadas was a wonderful success! Twelve Christ Church families offered shelter in their homes for Mary and Joseph and invited others to celebrate in this fun activity. For those of you who do not know, Las Posadas is a yearly tradition for many Catholic Mexicans and some other Latin Americans and symbolizes the trials which Mary and Joseph endured before finding a place to stay where Jesus could be born, based on the passage in the New Testament, the Gospel of Luke.

### Children's Christmas Party

Our fabulous children got their "jingle bells on" and had a blast at the Christ Church Children's Christmas Party on December 22nd. We had special "guest" readers, crafts, games and loads of fun! The kids dressed in their coziest pajamas, brought pillows and blankets and snuggled up for this Christmas tradition!

### New Beginnings

Christ Church, Valdosta had a great turnout for the latest New Beginnings at Honey Creek. Holly Querin, Thomas Greneker, Caroline Prine, Cecilia Carroll, Andrew Diamond and Beth Baker all spent a Christ-centered weekend singing, discussing scripture and enjoying other Episcopal teens!

### Disney Give-A-Day

After spending an entire day volunteering at the local battered women's shelter in March, many Christ Church families earned Disney World tickets. A few high school kids finally got to redeem their tickets and headed to the Magic Kingdom on December 11th! Elizabeth Wisenbaker was kind enough to drive and help chaperone the teens! After leaving Valdosta at 6 a.m., Andrew Greneker, Katie Wisenbaker, Hudson Tanner, Jake Mims, Beth Baker and Elizabeth stayed at the park until the wee hours of the night! The kids hit all the

major mountains - Space Mountain, Splash Mountain, and Big Thunder Mountain - as well as all the must see attractions. We were graciously allowed to spend the night at The Rev. Sonia Sullivan Clifton's home and attended Father Steve Clifton's church, Christ The King, in Orlando. Everyone had a wonderful time!

### Happening Reunion

Cathy and Jeff Hanson were kind enough to host the latest Happening Reunion meeting at their home on December 20th. Happening Reunion is open to all those who have attended any Happening Weekend. Happening Reunion is a more relaxed atmosphere that allows former Happeners to gather together for an opportunity to share in the servant ministry of Happening and prepare for upcoming weekends. If you would like to join us, please contact Beth Baker, Thomas Greneker or any active member of the Valdosta RUG (Reunion Group). Find us on Facebook, too (Valdosta Happening Reunion Group). The next Happening Reunion Group will be held at Louttit Hall on January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. We encourage all past Happeners, young and old to attend! We need help in preparing for the upcoming Happening.

### Happening #86

Our very own Thomas Greneker will be the Rector of Happening #86, January 28 - 30. He is the son of Molly Stevenson and Sam Greneker. Thomas is a senior this year at Valdosta High School and has worked very hard with the Diocese of Georgia's youth programs. We are very proud of his dedication to the Happening movement and to the youth programs that he loves.



Find all youth group schedules and events on our Facebook Group titled:

**Christ Episcopal, Valdosta Youth & EYC**

## Upcoming Events

### Youth January

5th Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal  
6th Epiphany Pageant  
23rd Happening Super-Reunion  
28th-30th Happening #86

### Youth February

6th Undie Sunday  
10th-12th Diocesan Convention  
in Valdosta

### Senior

### EYC January

5th - Church: Help  
with Epiphany  
Pageant Rehearsal  
12th - TBA  
19th - At the Elliott's  
Home  
26th - TBA

## The 190th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

**Valdosta-Lowndes County  
Conference Center**

**February 10-12, Valdosta, Georgia**



Dates to keep in mind:

- Dec. 10, 2010** - Deadline for nominations and resolutions
- Dec. 31, 2010** - last day for early registration rates
- Jan. 31, 2011** - last date for conference rate in hotel
- Feb. 3, 2011** - closing date for registration
- Feb. 10-12, 2011** - the Convention

### Registration Costs

\$55 for delegate (by Dec. 31, 2010) or  
\$65 for late registration (from Jan. 1 - Feb. 3, 2011)  
\$30 for retired clergy, seminarians and guests  
(by December 31, 2010) or

\$35 for late registration (from Jan. 1 - Feb. 3, 2011)

\$25 for banquet on Friday evening

For additional information about the Convention,  
please check the diocesan website at

<<http://convention.georgiaepiscopal.org>>.

## All Diocesan Churches Photographed



St. Margaret's, Moultrie

The project to  
photograph all of  
the 70 churches, 3  
chapels, and 1  
convent in the  
Diocese of Georgia

has been completed, and one exterior and one  
interior photograph of each building are now online  
at this link:

<<http://picasaweb.google.com/gaepiscopalphotos/ChurchesInTheDioceseOfGeorgia>>.

## 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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