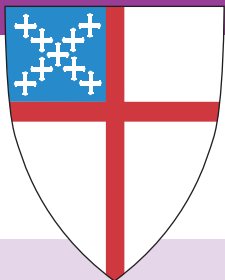


# The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

April 2011



## Mark Your Calendar

### April 3 - 10

City/County Schools & Preschool Spring Break

### April 8-9

ECW Diocesan Annual Meeting - All Saints Thomasville

### April 15

Student Recital at 7:30 p.m.  
(Steven Taylor's student)

### April 16

Marcia McRae's Ordination to the Priesthood at Christ Church at 3 p.m.

### April 17

Palm/Passion Sunday  
(begin outdoors - weather permitting)

### April 18 - 24

**Holy Week schedule**  
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### April 25

**Easter Monday**  
*Office closed*

### April 29

Relay for Life at Valdosta Middle School Track 6 p.m.

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## One Story, Not Two New Plans for Education Building

by Joseph Tomberlin



The illustration above shows the new one-story education building on the right, connected by a covered walkway to the new parish hall, which will be connected to the current church building by a covered walkway. Large, detailed copies of the revised plans will be on display in the Christ Church Parish Hall in April.

**T**he Facilities Planning Committee has met twice recently, on January 31 and March 9, to discuss a variety of issues related to the construction of Phase 1A of the Master Plan, which is the Education Building. The design of the Education Building has been altered from the original concept of a two-story structure to a single story, and the square footage has been reduced by the removal of the stairwells and elevator shaft that a two-floor configuration would have required. The Planning Committee believes that the changes in the plan will meet the needs of Christ Church.

At this point, the projected cost of the Education Building, as revised, is about \$1.8 million. The Planning Committee is working on further reductions such as replacing brick pavers with concrete

sidewalks, less expensive window designs, etc. While cutting costs, the Committee is cognizant of the need to maintain functionality, appearance, and ease of maintenance for the building. It would be ideal to start the project this summer while there are no Sunday school or preschool

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**"We need \$500,000 more in pledges to start construction on the Education Building and the Parish Hall."**

**Clinton Beeland**

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classes and less disruption to church life. Members of the Planning Committee are

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## The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to [juliacaraiail@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliacaraiail@bellsouth.net).

## 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, Assisting Priest  
The Rev. Stephen Norris, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark  
The Rev. Deacon Walter Hobgood  
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

Julia Ariail	Philip Gunter
Clinton Beeland	John Hiers
Tammy Borders	Aaron Parten
Stefani Carroll	Steve Roberts
Dave Clark	Mike Tanner
Jerry DeMott	Joe Tomberlin
Susan Elliott	Lucy Tomberlin
Sparky Greneker	

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The Rev. Elliott	242-3333
The Rev. Norris	548-5700
The Rev. Dcn. Clark	559-6159
The Rev. Dcn. Hobgood	630-6444
The Rev. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
Molly Stevenson	292-8215

## Vestry Report from February 21, 2011

- Reported overall success of the Diocesan Convention and lauded the participation of the Christ Church family.

- Reported the election of Lucy Tomberlin to 3-year term on the diocesan Disciplinary Board; of Molly Stevenson as lay deputy to General Convention, and of The Rev. Tar Drazdowski as first alternate clergy delegate to General Convention.

- Announced the success of Valentine's Dinner which raised over \$3,000 and thanked the committee, the youth who served and Mac Parks, our chef.

- Reported progress by Facilities Committee on the planning phase of the building campaign.



Mike Tanner,  
Junior Warden

Dave Clark,  
Senior Warden

- Proposed choices for removal of Bray House: 1) giving it to the Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets there with the stipulation that it must be moved; or 2) razing the building.
- Reported on upcoming Vocare weekend, Cursillo weekend, Episcopalian run, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Car wash and Relay for Life.



## How to Subscribe to the new Church in Georgia

The Church in Georgia, the 10-times-a-year newsletter of the Diocese of Georgia, is now being published in an all-digital version. Issue #1 of Volume 76 appeared in January, 2011. Subscriptions are free, and are available via a sign-up form on the lower left of the diocesan homepage at <http://georgia.anglican.org> website. Using this same form, one can also subscribe to the diocese's weekly newsletter, *From the Field*, e-mailed each Tuesday.

*From our hearts we thank you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, for your faithful prayers for our son-in-law, Ian Noble, our daughter Catherine and grandchildren, Connor, Cameron and Madison. Your supportive love and prayers continue to bring us all through this difficult time. We will always be grateful.*

*Our love to each of you,  
Mike and Susan Kaiser*



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

# From the Rector

## Catch Your Breath



Each year, in the service of Ash Wednesday, the celebrant invites the congregation to the "observance of a Holy Lent," a season of "penitence and fasting." We are all enjoined to dedicate ourselves to our personal preparation for Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection, to self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial, by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP 265)

Lent really is supposed to be a period of quiet reflection. But life goes on, for the church and for each of us, personally, and the Lenten season flies by until we arrive, somewhat out of spiritual breath, at Palm Sunday and wonder where it had gone. On Palm Sunday, the "Sunday of the Passion," the liturgy begins with a procession and singing and palm waving, joyful busy-ness, and ends with the quiet solemnity of Our Lord's crucifixion. If, for you, Lent seems to have vanished, this is the time to catch your breath. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, a week in which you and I are called to walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room and the Last Supper, to the Garden of Gethsemane and then to trial and to The Cross. If we fail to take time to experience the growing darkness, to see and feel the magnitude of Our Lord's self-sacrifice to the powers of this world, self-sacrifice for our redemption, how can we truly know the magnitude of the proclamation at the great Vigil of Easter, "He is Risen"? That proclamation is the very center of our Christian faith; it is made as light returns to a church and world in darkness. I do pray that your Lenten season will prepare you for that moment, and I do invite you, personally, to walk through Holy Week and to the great Vigil and services of Easter.



Easter Vigil 2009

In Christ, Peter+

## The Rev. Tar Drazdowski at the Dominican Diocesan Convention



Speaking at the Dominican Convention



Meeting with fellow DOK members



Marching in the ordination procession

The Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic held February 18-19, 2011, was full of energy, the Holy Spirit was present, and the family of God came together to engage the mission of the church. The Dominican church was very gracious and made all of their guests feel welcome and at home. Much like our convention of the Diocese of Georgia, reports were given, elections were held and ordinations were done at the closing Eucharist.

Prior to the closing Eucharist, there was a parade of seminarians, Dominican clergy, visiting clergy and

bishops, followed by the representatives of most of the congregations. The parade was led by a band that played "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "We Come with Joy to Our Lord." Once we arrived at the church, we all processed into a packed building with standing room only inside and people standing outside the exits. There were at least five hundred people in the church and outside in the church yard. It was a great day in the life of the Dominican Church, as there are now five more priests to labor in the fields of the Lord.

What an awesome day!

-- Tar+

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## Diocesan Discovery Trip to The Dominican Republic



Ten members of the Diocese of Georgia spent the week of February 22-28, 2011, in the Dominican Republic evaluating several potential sites for mission work. The discovery team members were The Rev. Sam Buice, St. Peter's (Savannah); The Rev. Ted Clarkson and Allison Clarkson, St. Andrew's and St. Cyprian's (Darien); The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Christ Church (Valdosta); Julius Ariail, Christ Church (Valdosta); Dorothy Cunningham, St. Cyprian's (Darien); Karulynn Koelliker, St. Andrew's (Darien); Fred Richter, Trinity (Statesboro); and Dave and Judy Sweeterman, St. Peter's (Savannah). The team flew from Orlando, FL, to Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, on Tuesday, February 22nd, and returned on the 28th.

For the first four nights of their trip, team members stayed in a hotel in the Colonial District of Santo Domingo and traveled on a bus to potential mission sites each day, returning to the hotel at night. On Wednesday, they visited four sites in Santo Domingo, including a large crafts market; on Thursday, they traveled to five sites east of Santo Domingo, including a rural church and school in a sugar cane area where the Dominican Episcopal church had increased its support to assist the


local residents in maintaining their way of life after the local sugar processing plant had closed; and on Friday, they visited five sites west of Santo Domingo, including an Episcopal high school under construction in an area where no public high school is currently available.

On Saturday, the team left Santo Domingo to visit several sites in Bonao, a large city about two hours to the north, and then continued on to spend two nights at the Dominican Episcopal camp, conference center, church and school in El Pedregal, the village where mission teams from Christ Church have worked for several years.

The team also had two meetings with The Rt. Rev. Julio Holguín, the Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. Commenting on these two meetings and the several site visits, The Rev. Tar Drazdowski said that "opportunities and mission sites are plentiful. The churches in the Dominican Republic are looking for partners to help build their Church. Successful partnerships are formed when church communities share their resources and build buildings and relationships."

-- Julius Ariail



 A daily journal of this trip with linked photo album is at this site: <[http://georgia.anglican.org/?page\\_id=1697](http://georgia.anglican.org/?page_id=1697)>



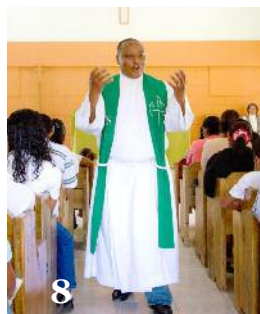
## El Pedregal: February 2011 Update on our Mission Field



As noted in the article on page 4 about the work of the discovery team from the Diocese of Georgia in the Dominican Republic between February 22-28, 2011, the team spent two nights in El Pedregal and was able to have an extended visit with many of the local residents who have worked with the Christ Church mission teams in this village for several years. The photographs on this page show some of the progress in the village since our last mission trip there in June, 2010. (1) The house under construction at what we called "site #1" in June, 2010, is now occupied by our friends Pablo, his wife Josefina, their niece Elizabeth, their son Esterling, and Pablo's mother Inez. The house is functional, but needs painting. (2) Pablo is showing Tar+ the living room in his new house, and (3) Josephina, Inez, and Pablo are standing by a table on another side of the living room. (4) The house at construction site #2 has not seen much progress since we left, and more work remains to be done before the house can be occupied by the woman shown in the center of (5), a photo taken during the Sunday service in the local church. (6) shows the "standing room only" congregation in that church on the first Sunday after Padre Carlos' ordination to the

priesthood, where he celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the first time. (7) The Episcopal school has expanded to serve over 150 students now, and some classrooms have temporary wall dividers to separate the two classes that have to be housed in one room. (8) Padre Carlos preaching in the center aisle of the church during the Sunday service. (9) Josephina is holding a photograph of her that had been taken in June 2010. We purchased several knitted and crocheted handwork items from Josephina and other village residents to sell at our upcoming silent auction to support our 2011 mission team's program. (10) One highlight of the Sunday service was Tar+'s blessing of the children. Planning is now underway for the programs of activity for the 2011 mission trip. To assist with that planning, we held a meeting of the El Pedregal craft workers to see what type of knitting or crocheting supplies and patterns they would like for us to bring in June. Ideas ranged from items to be made for sale to help support their families to items to be given away to brighten the lives of other families in need. Look for more information about our plans for those projects in the May *Vineyard*.

-- Julius Ariail



## The Rev. Stephen Norris To Intern at Christ Church



Stephen Norris is interning at Christ Church as a priest associate to learn about the ancillary duties of priests in parish ministry.

"Stephen brings many talents to our clergy staff and we are pleased to have him at Christ Church," said The Rev. Peter Ingeman.

Stephen is also the Director of Pastoral Care at South Georgia Medical Center. As the institution's head chaplain, he directs and provides for the overall delivery of pastoral care services to everyone who serves and is served by SGMHC. The department is comprised of 5 staff chaplains, 25 volunteer chaplains, and one administrative assistant. The members of the department provide 24/7 coverage.

He was born in Valdosta at South Georgia Medical Center, not too far from where his current office is located. He grew up in Lowndes County, graduating from Lowndes High in 1993.



After four years of college in Florida, he returned to Valdosta to get married. He attended Virginia Theological Seminary sponsored by Christ the King Episcopal Church. After seminary, he served as rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in

Moultrie before moving to his current position.

His wife, Stephany, is a Licensed Professional Counselor. They have two children: Jacob, age 10 and Benjamin, age 6, both of whom attend Sallas Mahone Elementary School. Jacob is an avid Cub Scout, and Benjamin has his sights set on playing professional baseball.



"I am amazed by the high level of involvement of the people of Christ Church in the Diocese of Georgia and The Episcopal Church. From the younger members who camp at Honey Creek to the young adults who are sent out from Christ Church to serve the larger world and church as laity and clergy, to the many numbers of professionals from Christ Church who make up diocesan councils, conventions and even General Convention. The engagement of Christ Church's members in the larger community and church is exhilarating. As a priest of God's Church, I deeply value and aspire to emulate your level of connection and involvement with God's world and church."

"I hope Christ Church will provide me with a broad learning experience that consists of an exposure to all of the program areas. Additionally, I hope to spend time worshipping and fellowshiping with you and getting better acquainted with you, your church, and that which you value and cherish most."

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### The Education Building *continued from page 1*

scheduled to meet on March 24, 2011, with the architects, civil engineers, and local contractors to iron out details before work begins on construction plans.

The Finance Committee has been in contact with several local banks and has received letters presenting options for both construction and permanent financing. In May of 2011 Christ Church will present a request to the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Georgia for permission under the Canons to borrow up to 150% of the annual budget for the project. However, at this time the Committee does not want to borrow more than \$300,000 until more pledges are received. The Campaign Committee reports total pledges and other financial commitments to date as \$1,515,173 and \$545,405 in cash.

"At the present, Phase 1A is possible with a large loan which has to be approved by the Diocesan

Standing Committee," said Facilities Committee Chair Clinton Beeland, "but we need an additional \$500,000 in pledges to begin construction on the Education Building and Parish Hall." The most efficient and least disruptive approach to the project is to combine Phases 1A and 1B; that is, to construct the Education Building and the Parish Hall together.

With the Education Building being near realization, the Planning Committee hopes that members of Christ Church will work to fund the entire project by speeding up payments of pledges, by making pledges if not previously made, and by increasing current pledges. The more all of us can contribute to the project, the more we can complete, and the more we contribute now, the less we will have to borrow and pay later.

**Campaign  
Cash Total  
\$545,405  
as of 3-16-11**





## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

This year's Pancake Supper was a huge success thanks to lots of helpers, cooks and eaters! Once again, we devoured 15 pounds of the best bacon in the world. Thanks Sunset Farms and Tom Carroll! The "pig out" collected over \$200 which the youth want to give to the Building Fund. Our fabulous young people love cooking for everyone and thank you for your continued prayers and support. -- Susan Elliott

## Interested in Reviving our ECW?



The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) was active at Christ Church for many years, but is currently inactive. Leanne Balanis is interested in reviving our ECW and is currently looking into the activities of other active ECW groups in the diocese.

The Christ Church group had several committees as part of ECW which are all still very active: the Altar Guild, the Manna Group, the Hospitality Group and others. In the 1970's and 80's as more women went to work outside the home, ECW morning meetings and luncheons became impractical. Leanne is interested in examining other options for meeting schedules. We have lots of new members who may see the ECW as a good way to contribute their tithes of time and talent.

If you have opinions about reviving our ECW, please email or call Leanne at [<leabalanis@hotmail.com>](mailto:leabalanis@hotmail.com) or 229-247-4033.



In preparation for the start of Lent, the clergy heard confessions at the altar rail on Shrove Tuesday. A booklet of daily Lenten meditations and a calendar of suggested daily Lenten family activities were available in the tower of the church.



## Special Days in April



### BIRTHDAYS

2 Cecilia Carroll	18 Jane Ferrell
Mallory Lind	19 Thomas Greneker
3 Eric Herndon	20 Cathy Hanson
4 Leanne Balanis	Sue Ellen Rumstay
5 Pierce Baker	22 Happy Ingeman
Jan Carter	23 Sophia Bajalia
Lee Page	Allan Dear
6 April Cox	Carter Elliott
7 Tal Barnidge	Thurman Larsen
8 Jennifer Lawrence	Summer Warrick
Cindy Waters	24 Allan Canup
Kari Wilkin	Patricia Greneker
10 Edward Preston	Tristan Guice
12 Sis May	Anne Singletary
13 Jake Adams	25 Annie Reid
Elizabeth Davis	Jennifer Singleton
15 Bobbie Ann Mitchell	26 Grace Flemer
16 Joel Williams	30 Kathleen Parmelee
17 Lucy Tomberlin	Elise Sandbach

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

2 Sparky Greneker	13 Robert Church
3 Michael Bajalia	John Roberts
Nicola Bajalia	Keith Tucker
Mitchell Beeland	15 Jessie Querin
Jim Elliott	Sue Sandbach
4 Joe Tomberlin	17 Will Armstrong
5 Jan Carter	Anna Coggins
Joan Dear	Janet Dickman
Richard Saeger	18 Merrill Guice
6 Brandon Jackson	19 William Bajalia
7 Carolyn Eager	Jordon Jackson
Paul Stevenson	20 Olivia Nunn
9 Matilda Stubbs	Brooklyn Prine
Sylvia Warrick	22 Nicole Bajalia
10 Brian Nelson	23 Madison Jackson
Steve Roberts	25 Caroline Prine
12 Sue Ellen Rumstay	Greg Prine
	28 Pat Tudor

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14 Mike Richardson & Nancy Sartin
17 Dave & Stella Clark
19 Bill & Sally Querin
20 Dan & Lee Phillips
28 Pat & Curt Grieve

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); <[juliacarail@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliacarail@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)>.



**Please bring filled plastic Easter eggs for the Easter morning children's egg hunt. Bring to church office no later than 3 p.m., Friday, April 22.**

### Easter Week Schedule

April 18, 19	Evening Prayer - 6 p.m.
April 20	Stations of the Cross & Holy Eucharist - 6 p.m.
April 21 -	Maundy Thursday - Agape Meal - 5 p.m. followed by Holy Eucharist/Footwashing/ Stripping of the Altar at 5:45 p.m. WATCH before the Blessed Sacrament (8 p.m. - 7 a.m. Friday)
April 22 -	Good Friday: Services at 7 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m.
April 23 -	Holy Saturday - Service at 10 a.m. followed by "flowering" of the church
April 24 -	EASTER DAY! 6 a.m. The Great Easter Vigil 8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School 6 p.m. Paschal Vespers

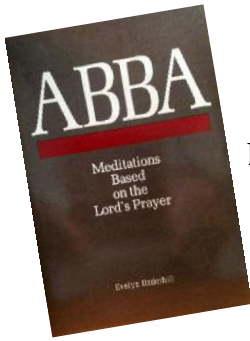


# The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

*Abba: Meditations Based on the Lord's Prayer.*

By Evelyn Underhill. Longman, 1940: online at <http://www.katapi.org.uk>.



The size of this diminutive book, not much bigger than my hand, belies the wealth within. Written the year before Underhill's death, *Abba* is a meditation on the seven parts of the Lord's Prayer. More importantly, it is a working example of prayer in action: not words, repeated as part of a litany, but "an act of loving attention." Best known for her work on mysticism, Underhill evokes the transcendence of the Lord's Prayer, opening the doors of the heart to the wondrous vista provided by the

"awed recognition of pure Being." This is a book to be savored, not read through quickly. Each chapter is devoted to one of the prayer's seven linked phrases, from the invocation to Abba, Our Father, through self-abandonment to God's will, to acknowledging the weakness that feeds on temptation. If, as she says, we have the courage to ask how to pray, we become Christ's true disciples, asking not for the specific words to say but rather for an attitude of reverence and love that permeates our very being.

## DR Trip and Auction

Mark your calendars for the Dominican Auction and Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 14. The dinner will feature Caribbean style food served in the Christ Church Parish Hall. The silent auction begins at the dinner and will continue until 12:30 p.m. Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. service.

"We need to raise \$20,000 for our work in the Dominican Republic this year," said Tar Drazdowski. "The cost of building materials and other supplies has risen significantly."

Please bring items for the auction to The Rev. Tar's office before May 13. Big ticket items like stays in vacation homes, cars, boats, golf carts, fishing trips, etc. would be wonderful additions to the auction and will enlarge the amount we can raise.

"Thank you for your past generosity," said Tar+. "You are our home team, and we could not do this work without you."

This year's mission trip to the DR is planned for June 18 through the 25th. The team will leave from Orlando, Florida, fly into Santo Domingo, and ride a bus to El

Pedregal, our mission field. To date 25 people have signed up to go on the trip. The team plans to do construction on three houses, teach vacation Bible school, and teach knitting and crocheting.



God Willing  
And the People consenting

The Right Reverend Scott Anson Benhase  
Tenth Bishop of Georgia

Will ordain to the Sacred Order of Priests

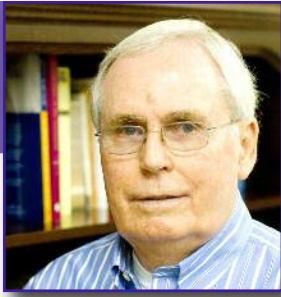
**Marcia Owens McRae**

Saturday, April 16, 2011  
At 3 o'clock in the afternoon  
at  
Christ Episcopal Church  
1521 North Patterson Street  
Valdosta, Georgia

Your presence and prayers are requested  
Clergy, red stoles      Reception following

Marcia and John McRae, both of whom were active members of Christ Church when they lived in Valdosta, invite everyone to a Dutch treat gathering at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 15 at Rick Coleman's SurEste Cantina at 3209 B North Oak St. Ext., Valdosta.

Please respond to John at [<jhmcrac@bellsouth.net>](mailto:jhmcrac@bellsouth.net) so he will be able to give Rick an approximate number. *This is the night before Marcia's ordination to the priesthood at Christ Church on Saturday, April 16 at 3 p.m.*



# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Following their meeting on Sunday evening, January 24, 1954, Vestry members made "a short inspection" of the Sunday School Annex then being built onto the rear of the Parish Hall. The following day, Clerk Robert G. Macks summarized the "various details noticed" during the inspection in a letter to architect Joe Bright, who was responsible for supervising the project. The Macks letter emphasized several instances of sloppy or incomplete work.

For example, the builder had not placed "base molding" . . . "to cover the expansion joints between the walls and floors throughout the building." The "acoustic ceiling" tiles were "very irregularly nailed" at certain points, and many of the tiles "already seem to be loose." Doors were not properly hung, and, in particular, the exit door in the "Southeast corner room" was installed in a way that made "exit dangerous." The apparent solution was to reverse the door to open in the opposite direction. Insulation in the ceilings of the Annex seemed "to be loose and very liable to clog up the ventilating fan." A "very bad piece of molding" was conspicuous on the partition between the center room and the "Southeast corner room" and required replacement. None of the cabinet doors in the Annex fitted properly and would have to be refitted. Trim wood should be placed "around the flue in the heater room and the flue insulated." The Vestry inspection also revealed loose roofing shingles at the "Northeast corner" of

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the Annex that would have to be secured.

Mr. Macks's letter clearly stated that the items he enumerated had come to the Vestry's attention during "a cursory examination" of the Sunday School Annex. According to Macks, the points he covered were offered to Mr. Bright, "solely with the idea of being of possible assistance in your own checkup." What is unmistakable is that Vestry was dissatisfied with the work on the project completed to date; other signs of dissatisfaction followed.

Meanwhile, with construction nearing completion, Christ Church still was involved in the application process for the \$9,000 loan from the American Church Building Fund Commission. On January 27, 1954, Omer E. Franklin, Jr., acting as Christ Church's agent, sent a letter to Richard P. Kent, Jr., Secretary of the A.C.B.F.C., that contained what Franklin believed were all materials needed for closing the loan. The packet included seven documents. The first and perhaps most significant was a "promissory note executed by The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Georgia, Inc. and the Vestry of Christ Protestant Episcopal Church of Valdosta, Georgia, Inc.," which, incidentally, has been the full legal name of Christ Church since its incorporation in 1949. The note, dated January 15, 1954, was "in favor" of the A.C.B.F.C. loan for \$9,000 with annual interest rate of 3½ percent and required repayment at \$267.66 quarterly. The first payment was due on April 1, 1954, and the full

principal of the loan was to be repaid "within ten years from the date of the loan," meaning by January 15, 1964.

The other items included: a "Loan Deed" that pledged "the property known as Christ Episcopal Church of Valdosta, Georgia, as security for the . . . promissory note;" an "Authority to Mortgage," approved by the diocesan Standing Committee to authorize Bishop Barnwell "to execute the . . . note and loan deed;" a "Consent of Bishop" approving of the previous actions; an "Authority to Mortgage" in which Vestry empowered the Senior Warden "to execute the . . . promissory note;" a "Certificate of Counsel" that certified the authenticity of the title to the property owned by Christ Church; and a certified copy of the Charter of "The Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church of Valdosta, Georgia, Inc."

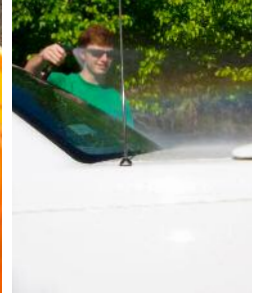
At the Vestry meeting on February 7, 1954, Senior Warden Noah Fry presented a copy of Franklin's letter, which was then "entered into the minutes." Fry also reported that the proceeds of a recent concert, totaling \$800, "had been completely wiped out by payment for the heating equipment of the Sunday School addition." Then, Vestry heard that contractor Bill Tullis and architect Joe Bright had requested payments for the project. However, Vestry approved a Marion Tucker-Robert Macks motion "that payment only be made on acceptance of the premises by the architect and the Building Committee, substantiated by the consent of the Vestry as a whole."

The writer expected to finish this account in April; however, the story must necessarily conclude in the May *Vineyard*.





## **Workin' at the Car Wash...** by Beth Baker



### **WOOOHOOOO**

#### **The MOST Successful Car Wash EVER!**

The youth of Christ Church had a blast washing cars on March 13. They attended the 8 a.m. service and then promptly began washing vehicles. Even though the day began a bit chilly, a great time was had by all! More than \$600 was collected as donations. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the EYCS, the Episcopal Youth and Children Services, which provides scholarship money to needy children throughout the Diocese. The remainder of the money will go into the youth fund for a possible canoe trip in April or May.

#### **"Shake It Up Café"**

##### **Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!**

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it!

Dates: June 12 - 15

Times: June 12th (6 - 7:30 p.m. Kick-Off)

June 13th 9 a.m. - 12 noon

June 14th 9 a.m. - 12 noon

June 15th 9 a.m. - 12 noon and 6 - 8 p.m.

We are in need of people willing to teach! Please consider spending a few days of your summer with the wonderful children of Christ Church! Contact [<bethbaker@bellsouth.net>](mailto:bethbaker@bellsouth.net).

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Relay For Life is April 29! Our theme this year is Christ Church's Cancer Superheros! If you have a superhero in your life or just want to be a superhero for the day, please sign up on the round table in the Parish Hall. We need a lot of help!

### **SENIOR SUNDAY**

May 15th will be Senior Sunday. This is a time for the Christ Church family to celebrate the hard work of all graduating seniors. If you or one of your loved ones will be graduating this spring, please contact Beth Baker or Molly Stevenson to make sure we can list them in the bulletin that Sunday and honor them on that special day.

\*\*\*Don't forget that we offer EYC classes on Wednesday nights after the service\*\*\*

#### **Upcoming Events in April**

1-10th Spring Break for Valdosta and Lowndes (no EYC)

24th Easter Egg Hunt

29th Relay For Life

#### **Upcoming Events in May**

15th Senior Sunday

### **Senior EYC Schedule**

#### **April**

6 - At Church - Valdosta/Lowndes Spring Break

13 - At the Querin's home

20 - Holy Week - At Church

27 - At the Elliott's home



photo by The Rev. Leigh Hall  
Matt Harrell and Rachael Greneker at Vocare

## Vocare #20

Matt Harrell, the son-in-law of Tar+ and Jim Drazdowski, and ten other young adults from the Christ Church family attended a Vocare weekend February 25 - 27 with forty other participants at the Rock Eagle conference center near Eatonton, GA. Matt serves as the lay director of Vocare, a joint ministry of the Diocese of Georgia and the Diocese of Atlanta. This program provides renewal weekends and a community for young adults, with opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

## Softball 2011

by Jim Drazdowski

Spring softball season begins in April, and the team is already practicing on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. We are returning 10 of last season's regulars with the majority of those not returning being off at colleges. There are four new players so far: Andy Boutwell, Duane Carter, Andy Drazdowski, and Scott Rupert.

Returning this season will be 8 of the 9 RBI leaders from last season: Cliff Baker, Bryan Deloach, Sparky Greneker, Matt Harrell, Griff Holland, Stephen Sandbach, Paul Stephenson and William Wilkens. Also returning will be coaches Jim Drazdowski and Sandy Sandbach. For more information on last year's team see the article in the July 2010 *Vineyard* online at the Christ Church Website. If anyone is still interested in playing, contact Jim Drazdowski or sign up on the parish bulletin board.

## Geocaching

by Julius Ariail

Have you heard of the new sport of geocaching?

It is a hide-and-seek

game being

played by thousands of people young and old. This is how it

works: a person or organization hides an object in a specific place, then posts directions to that spot online at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

so that someone else can find the object by using only longitude and latitude coordinates. A stealthy member of the clergy at Christ Church (see photo above) recently hid a cache somewhere? on the grounds of the church, and we have had several "finds" in the first month of participation. Join the hunt and share the fun!



## 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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