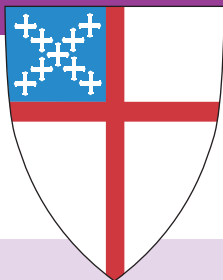


The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

June 2011



Mark Your Calendar

June 2

Ascension Day; 6 p.m.
service & Men-in-Blue BBQ

June 8 - 10

Province IV Synod
(Tar+ & Molly attending)

June 10

HEP Party in honor of Fr.
Peter & Happy's 50th
Wedding Anniversary
7 p.m., Place TBA

June 12 - 15

Vacation Bible School

June 17

Fr. Peter & Happy's 50th
anniversary

June 18

VSU Opera Board Yard
Sale at Christ Church

June 18 - 25

D.R. Mission Trip

June 19 - 25

High School Camp
at Honey Creek

June 20

Vestry Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

June 26 - July 2

Camp Sts. Joseph & Mary I
at Honey Creek

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

A Three-Ring Service Sunday, May 15!



May 15 was an amazing day with the youth of Christ Church serving in major roles for Senior Sunday at the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services, the Third Sunday lunch honoring the organizers who have served over 30 years, and the conclusion of the Silent Auction for the Dominican Republic mission trip.

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The Vineyard On the Web

The Vineyard is posted to the Christ Church Web site in color at www.christchurchvaldosta.org. Look in the "Publications" area to see this newsletter.

The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to 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

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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. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
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Vestry Report from April 18, 2011

- Presented the latest architectural drawings of the Education building and Parish Hall. Some modifications were made in the facade of the Parish Hall to reduce costs. That facade will be covered when the new Sanctuary is attached to it.



Mike Tanner,
Junior Warden

Dave Clark,
Senior Warden

- Reported on the completion of exterior painting of the church and purchase of a new storage building for the rectory.
- Discussed the progress of the Capital Campaign with an additional \$22,000 donation and \$2,000 pledge.
- Set a goal of early August for preparing the land for construction to begin on new buildings.
- Approved presentation of our building plans by Clinton Beeland at the Diocesan Standing Committee meeting on August 13 in Albany.
- Presented the upcoming special services and events for April and May.

- Announced the retirement of Sylvia Warrick and Wayne Ellerbee as coordinators of the Third Sunday Lunch program, which they ran for more than 30 years. Approved a gift certificate for both.
- Approved the formation of a Garden Committee.
- Discussed the Dominican Dinner at which the Men in Blue will cook and the Silent Auction.
- Announced Bishop Benhase's appointment of The Rev. Deacon Walter Hobgood as intern at St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal church in Moultrie and The Rev. Stephen Norris as intern at Christ Church.
- Discussed the Honey Creek Bond Drive and encouraged all to study the issue to vote next month.

**Groundbreaking
announcement
coming soon!**

**Be a part of this
historic occasion.
Pledge now!**

**Campaign
Pledge Total
\$1,515,573
as of 5-18-11**

**Campaign
Cash Total
\$619,101
as of 5-18-11**



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

From the Rector



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CHURCH!

Pentecost is coming; this year it will be June 12. You've probably heard Pentecost referred to as "the birthday of the church." In a way, it is. Pentecost is fifty days after Easter, after the Resurrection. That day was, and is, a feast day for the Jews, a special day to be in Jerusalem and to make sacrifice at the Temple. The streets were filled; all sorts of languages were being spoken by a festive, holiday crowd. It's no coincidence that is the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the tiny group of disciples, rushing wind and tongues of flame, opening their minds to the real meaning of all that they had experienced in the presence of Jesus and, perhaps, filling them with the courage to go out into those crowded streets and tell others, tell the world, the Good News. The people in streets carried that news home with them, wherever that might have been; converts to the faith in cities and tiny villages became part of one great congregation sharing one faith in one Lord; the church was born. In a sense, of course, the church is constantly celebrating birthdays. Each generation passes the faith on to the next. We really cannot say that youth are the "next generation" in the church; youth are here, now, present with us as a dynamic, vibrant part of our community. Any doubt of that must have been dispelled on our recent "Senior Sunday" when our young people performed every role possible in our services; performed those roles superbly. They brought to those roles an energy and enthusiasm that speaks, I think, of the touch of the Spirit, and, from where I sit, the enthusiasm was reflected in faces of all sorts of people in the congregation. It was, in short, a joyous morning, perhaps not unlike that morning in the streets of Jerusalem. Happy Birthday!

Peter+



¡Vamanos!

As we prepare to leave for the Dominican Republic Mission Trip, I would like the Home Team of Christ Church parishioners to know how grateful I am for your financial and prayerful support. The Dinner and Silent Auction for the Dominican Republic was a huge success. We fed around 125 people with take-out and seated dinners of chicken, ribs and sausage served with slaw, baked beans and dessert. The Men in Blue turned out in force to cook for us. We had an amazing selection of items for the auction. Thank you to all who participated in this effort. We raised around \$7,000 which will fund 23 scholarships for the children at the school we helped to build in the 10 years we have been going to the Dominican Republic.

This year we have the largest team ever. Thirty people will fly out of Orlando, Florida, on June 18 to Santo Domingo, ride a bus for four hours to El Pedregal and work for a week before returning on June 25. In addition to my husband Jim and me, the members of the team include Julia Ariail, Julius Ariail, Mike Richardson, Liz Welch (Dothan, AL), Clinton Beeland, Jeana Beeland, Mitchell Beeland, Robbie Beeland, Stefani Carroll, Cecelia Carroll, Fred Richter (Statesboro), Zack Herring (Statesboro), Cheryl Perkins (Statesboro), Steve Sanders (Statesboro), Riley Yuro (Jacksonville, FL), Nolan Yuro (Jacksonville FL), Sarah Gibbs (Tifton), Marilynne Marshall (Tifton), Marge McCartney, Savannah Spivey, Jim Ellis Fisher (Anniston AL), The Rev. Justin Yawn (Statesboro), The Rev. Lonnie Lacy (Tifton), Bonnie Hanson, Joshua Hanson, Michael Wood (Statesboro), Joel Williams, and Grady Lacy (Canton).

The group will divide into teams to work on construction, vacation Bible school, and knitting. Julius Ariail will photograph every day and, if Internet conditions permit, post photos and a journal from El Pedregal on the Christ Church website so that you can keep up with our activity from day to day while we are away. Blessings on you.

Tar+



Redesigned Website for Christ Church

Our church website has a new look. It reflects who we are as a parish, starting with the eloquent welcome by Fr. Peter Ingeman on the first page. The list of topics includes About Christ Church, News, Ministries,

Youth, College, the Building Program, Publications, Links and a last look at the design of the former website. Each heading has a drop-down menu with an overall total of over 40 pages of information. A mobile version allows the site to be easily viewed from smartphones and tablets. The "News" section features special announcements and a copy of the notes and calendar pages from the Sunday bulletins.

The new site was created by a working group that included Julia and Julius Ariail, Jim Drazdowski, Deacon Patricia Marks, and Joe Tomberlin.

Take a look at: www.christchurchvaldosta.org.

Building Plan Update

by Clinton Beeland

We received approval from the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to move Bray House. Mary Bryant has agreed to accept the house and will be moving it within the historic district establishing it as a half-way house.

We also received HPC approval to build the Parish Hall and Education Wing. All we need now is a regular building permit from the City of Valdosta.

This means that we are on schedule to build in August but possibly breaking ground earlier in the summer. The building committee is continuing to review exterior materials of construction for both aesthetics and cost. Whether we build both the parish hall and the education wing or just the education wing is still to be determined.

The Diocesan Standing Committee gave us permission to borrow up to \$800,000. A decision on how much to borrow will be made soon.



Junior ushers collected the spring

United Thank Offering on May 22. The money will be sent to the national Episcopal Church UTO for grants to alleviate poverty in the world, including our companion diocese in the Dominican Republic. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Helen Tucker, Chairman



Honey Creek Needs Our Help!

The note for the accumulated debt of \$700,000+ for Honey Creek is callable in August 2011. Honey Creek does not have the money to pay the debt or even the interest. Please buy bonds now, so we don't lose Honey Creek!

Watch the video on the Diocese of Georgia website: <http://georgia.anglican.org/> made by Bishop Scott Benhase to understand the issue better. Click photo tab 3, then click the words "Bishop Benhase's Video." The bonds are in increments of \$5,000 for 10 years at 5% interest. A YouTube video of the Hymn for Honey Creek is at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vH6ldh1lJQ&sns=em>.

As of May 17th, the Diocese has sold \$355,000 of the Honey Creek Bonds. The goal is \$2 million. To buy a bond, call Canon Mary Willoughby at (912) 236-4279, or email her at mwilloughby@gaepiscopal.org.

This sale is essential to the health and vitality of the Diocese and is best completed by the participation of those who know and love Honey Creek.



Interested in becoming a Prayer Partner or Daughter of the King?

Please contact Pat Bezona at pbezona@bellsouth.net or 229-242-8289.

A new class for DOK will begin in late July.

Superheroes at Relay for Life - April 29, 2011



The Christ Church Superheroes raised over \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society's 2011 Relay for Life event held at the Valdosta Middle School Track on April 29. Youth Coordinator Beth Baker reported that the Christ Church team was one of the few teams that stayed all night until the closing ceremony at 7 a.m.

Christ Church College Ministry Hosts "Dead Day"

Valdosta State University students used Louttit Hall as a place to study, share food and fellowship with others getting ready for finals on May 3. The day between the end of classes and the beginning of finals is known as "Dead Day" at VSU. Parishioners prepared food and brought snacks to support the students as they studied.



Save the Date June 10 at 7 p.m.

The Happy Episcopal People will celebrate the **50th Wedding Anniversary** of Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman

Place and other details to be announced





DR Silent Auction and Dinner, May 14

Gail Hobgood and Jeani Synyard organized the Dominican Silent Auction and Saturday Night Dinner. The two events raised over \$7,000, which will be used to fund scholarships at the Monte de la Transfiguration Episcopal School in El Pedregal, Dominican Republic. Julia Ariail hosted a luncheon and work session for the knitters who will be teaching designs using Baby Blocks and Washcloth patterns.

The Dinner featured chicken, ribs and sausage prepared by the Men in Blue. The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark and Pat Denmark kept the serving line supplied for take-out as well as seated diners.





Senior Sunday, DR Silent Auction, and Third Sunday Lunch, May 15

Thomas Greneker preached the Homily for Senior Sunday, likening himself to one of the sheep who "aren't so dumb after all, if they follow the right Shepherd." More than 20 Christ Church youth participated in two lively and enthusiastic services.

Third Sunday lunch was a joyous celebration of the ministries of Sylvia Warrick and Judge Wayne Ellerbee who have organized the events for more than 30 years. The church gave them both "Thank You" gift cards to Publix.

David Holland received the Michael Clark Scholarship.





Special Days in June



BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Julie Prine | 13 Bradford Hanson |
| Bill Sineath | 14 Sheelagh Panizzi |
| 2 Ingrid Carroll | Jan Skinner |
| Willa Valencia | George Tidmore |
| 3 Wilby Coleman | 16 Thomas Rutledge |
| Natalie Gjertsen | 17 Caty Carter |
| 4 Ron Bezona | 18 Louis Levy |
| Molly Wolfson | 20 Beulah Murphy |
| 5 Sally Querin | Eleanor Parten |
| 6 Nicholas Balanis | 22 Danielle Pitts |
| Lee Phillips | Mollee Puckett |
| 8 Abigail Macheski- | 23 Mike Richardson |
| Preston | Larry Wisenbaker |
| Victoria Warrick | 25 Buddy Pitts |
| 9 Patricia Isaacson | 27 Liz Williams |
| 10 Pam Guice | 28 Karen Diamond |
| Rena Nelson | Terry Parsons |
| 11 Charles Dennis | 30 Stella Clark |
| John David Greneker | Teresa Sage |
| 12 Jerry Byrd | Lauren Rutledge |
| Bryant White | |

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Elizabeth Armstrong | 11 Happy Ingeman |
| Davis | Barbara Warren |
| 4 Joe Tomberlin | 12 Robin Coleman |
| 5 Maria Taylor | 14 Alex Lind |
| 6 Aaron Davis | Mallory Lind |
| 7 Tristan Guice | David Sandbach |
| Abigail Macheski- | Amber Tanner |
| Preston | 15 Lucy Tomberlin |
| Emily Macheski-Preston | 20 Leigh Prine |
| Erin Macheski-Preston | 22 Sally Nunn |
| Mary Catherine | 25 Julia Claire |
| Macheski-Preston | Copeland |
| Raini Singleton | 28 Lee Phillips |
| 9 Claire Holland | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|
| 5 Mike & Phyllis Holland |
| 9 John & Phyllis Hiers |
| 12 Walton & Jan Carter |
| 15 Chris & Karen May |
| Bill & Sally Nunn |
| 17 Ken & Marilyn Davis |
| Peter & Happy Ingeman |
| Kip & Tina Nunn |
| 18 Clinton & Jeana Beeland |
| 19 Aaron & Elizabeth Davis |
| 21 Charlie & Melanie |
| Schwallenberg |
| 24 Jerry & Judy DeMott |

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>.

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

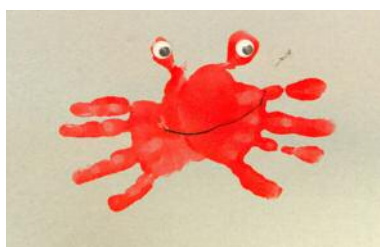
Partnership for Health Clinic Project - Diane Halim chairs this project for donations for specific items to patients and families. <dhollim@valdosta.edu>.

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>.

Toiletries Project - Gail Hobgood chairs the project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. Summer is coming. Bring in your travel toiletries. <WPHOBG@aol.com>.

Preschool Art Show, May 22

Works of art by children in the classes at the Christ Church Preschool were on display in the Parish Hall on May 22 and were enjoyed by parishioners during the social hour between the 9:30 and 11:30 services.





Christ Church Clergy Reassigned

Bishop Scott Benhase assigned The Rev. Jim Elliott to be the Priest-in-Charge of St. James' Episcopal Church in Quitman. He will be at St. James' on the second and fourth Sundays of each

month preaching and celebrating Holy Eucharist as well as meeting with the Vestry once a month. Fr. Elliott and his brother Walter are both attorneys, having worked in Savannah and Atlanta, respectively, for several years before returning home. They have a practiced law together in Valdosta since 1995.

In addition to ministries at Christ Church and St. James', Fr. Elliott serves as Chancellor of the Diocese of Georgia providing legal counsel to the Bishop and other Diocesan authorities. On May 9, he and counsel for the Episcopal Church argued the case seeking recovery of historic Church property in Savannah for Christ Church Episcopal. A breakaway congregation left The Episcopal Church in 2007, taking the Church's property with them and the Diocese is seeking the return of the property for the mission and ministry of faithful Episcopalians. Videos of the attorneys making their case to the justices of the Georgia Supreme Court are now online. A link to the videos and viewing instructions are here: <http://georgia.anglican.org/?p=2359>.

Fr. Jim Elliott, his wife Susan, and their three children, Gus, Alex and Carter are longtime members of Christ Church. He and his family continue to be a part of our church as well as St. James'.



Fr. Jim and Susan Elliott hosted the end of the year EYC Fiesta Party on May 18.

The Rev. Deacon Walter Hobgood was recently assigned to St. Margaret of Scotland in Moultrie to intern with The Rev. Galen Mirate.

"It is always a fine gift for any church to receive the irreplaceable spiritual and liturgical assistance of a deacon," said The Rev. Galen. "Yet I feel especially delighted by Walter's arrival at St. Margaret's, because he is not just a deacon, but a dear and trusted friend as well. We traveled through all four years of EfM together, yet I doubt that either of us could have foreseen that we would ultimately be called to serve, even temporarily, in the same place. I look forward to the countless ways that Walter's tenure at St. Margaret's will be a rich and powerful blessing to the congregation - and hopefully, to Walter and Gail, as well," she concluded.

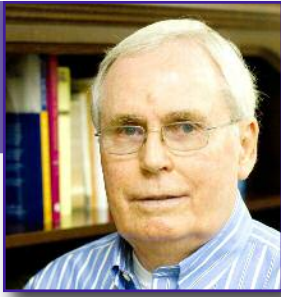
The Rev. Deacon Walter said, "When I started my journey toward ordination, it was clear that part of my ministry would be to serve smaller parishes in the diocese. Growing up in a very small Episcopal parish in Louisiana, I can relate to the needs of smaller parishes and the devoted Episcopalians that faithfully keep their doors open. So this assignment is another step along the way to fulfilling what I believe I am called to do."

The Episcopal Church requires someone destined to become a priest to serve first as a transitional deacon for additional growth to prepare to serve as a priest.

"My plan is to live in Valdosta and serve as ordained clergy on a part-time basis while continuing to operate our business. I have learned that my plans are not always God's plans. Due to the many career moves I made over the past 40 years, the 12 years here are the longest we have ever attended the same church. We could not have asked for, or even dreamed of, a better place to be. I am very appreciative for the love, support, and encouragement that everyone has shown along the way. While I came to Valdosta as a result of my employment, I also believe that God brought me to Valdosta, to Christ Church, to open my eyes and ears to the ministry I am called to. Christ Church is a very special place!"

In the meantime, look for Walter to be at the 7 a.m. service on Thursday mornings at Christ Church, followed by breakfast at King's Grill.





Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

This month's topic is Christ Church's movement toward becoming a parish in 1954. The Vestry had drifted in that direction in a meeting on May 16, 1952, when members unanimously approved a Glenn Robinson-D.C. Roddey motion to call Vicar Clifton H. White, "as Rector of Christ Church, Valdosta. . . ." Bishop Middleton Barnwell reacted quickly via a letter of May 20, 1952, informing vestrymen they had acted rashly. He reminded them that, given Christ Church's being a mission church, Fr. White could become the rector only after the Diocesan Convention approved the mission's transition to parish status. Barnwell also asserted that, if Christ Church made "proper application" to the next convention, he was confident the application would win approval. [For a fuller account of this episode, see *The Vineyard*, April 2010, p. 10.]

Christ Church, however, took no steps toward parish standing until the matter arose at a Vestry meeting on February 17, 1954. Fr. Michael Kippenbrock, broached the issue "of application for Parish status. . . ." He promised he would "ascertain full information . . . [about] the mechanics at the [upcoming] Clergy Meeting . . . and report at the next meeting." At the session on March 8, 1954, Senior Warden Noah E. Fry addressed "the question of our Parish status." Fry made three points: the Vicar's attitude was "that we ought definitely to apply"; the Bishop had no objections to Christ Church's becoming a parish; *The Vineyard*, p. 10, June 2011

and the "mechanics are simple - merely a formal application by the Vestry." Consequently, on a motion by Lewis Kafoure, with Roy Newham's second, Vestry voted to "make said application," and the twelve vestrymen present signed a letter to the Bishop declaring their intention to apply to the 1954 Diocesan Convention "to be admitted into union with the Convention as a Parish. . . ."

The Vestry thus asked Bishop Barnwell's permission to apply to the Convention for parish standing. The letter pointed out that, "as a mission church," Christ Church had existed since "about 1885." The Vestrymen claimed "we have made sufficient progress to enable us to be self-supporting; to meet all local expenses, including the salary of a settled clergyman; [and] to meet all obligations as currently existing to the Diocese and the National Church." Further, the church had 144 communicants enrolled, and the 1954 budget, "which we have reasonable expectation of raising, is about thirteen thousand dollars." At the letter's end, the Vestrymen affirmed their understanding that, if the Bishop approved their making application to the Convention, Christ Church would then have to "adopt the articles of association in the form provided in Canon 14, Section 2."

Bishop Barnwell responded quickly and briefly in a letter dated March 12, 1954.

He said first that he was returning "the copy of the charter of the vestry," most likely meaning the charter issued by the Georgia

Secretary of State when the Vestry incorporated in 1949. The records do not contain a copy of any other "charter of the vestry." He noted that the Chancellor of the Diocese, Judge Douglas, "had looked . . . [the charter] over and it seems to be all right." Therefore, he consented "to Christ Church[s] becoming a parish and . . . would recommend to the Convention that it be so received." In conclusion, he wrote that the only other necessary step for Christ Church was "to adopt the Articles of Association in the form provided in Canon 14, Section 2."

Subsequently, a congregational meeting convened at Christ Church at noon on Sunday, April 11, 1954, to take up and to act upon the "Articles of Association." Fr. Kippenbrock, presided and explained that the reason for the gathering was to "secure the approval of the congregation for the petition, dated March 8, 1954, submitted by the Vestry to Bishop Barnwell seeking consent for Christ Church to apply to the 1954 Convention of the Diocese of Georgia for parish status." Kippenbrock also noted that the petition had claimed 144 communicants at Christ Church and had put the church's 1954 budget at \$13,000. He confirmed that the Bishop had agreed to the petition and would urge the Convention's acceptance of Christ Church as a parish. He contended too that Bishop Barnwell had suggested adoption of the Articles of Association in a congregational meeting, but that suggestion had not appeared in his letter of March 12; perhaps it was made orally.

This story continues in July.

Christ Church Youth

by Beth Baker



Christ Church Superheroes Invade Relay for Life

This year, Christ Church had an excellent turnout for Relay for Life! Grown-ups, big kids and little kids, alike, joined forces to walk the track at Valdosta Middle School to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Opening ceremonies began at 7 p.m. Friday, April 29th, with events continuing all night until the closing ceremonies at 7 a.m. Saturday. The highlight of the event, Survivors and Caregivers Lap, was a glorious and moving experience, and we had many members of Christ Church participate. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the ACS and Christ Church's outreach efforts!

Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday was amazing, uplifting, and musical this year! We were very honored to have Sparky Greneker, our youngest Vestry member, as well as Bradford Hanson and Jason Peaslee, providing youthful and awesome music! The entire service was done by our high school students with a few middle school students assisting, and we honored our graduating seniors with a cake and gifts! See the photos in color on the Christ Church photo site: <http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta>. Our seniors this year are: Jake Adams, Alex Elliott, Thomas Greneker, David Holland, and Trent Marshall.

Happening Reunion Breaks for the Summer

The Happening Reunion group met for the last time at their favorite meeting place, SurEste! "Dollar Tacos" are their most favorite items to order and, boy, can they eat a bunch! Happening Reunion (RUG) is a more relaxed atmosphere that allows former Happeners to gather together for an extended opportunity to share in the Happening experience and further develop our Christian life. It also gives us the chance to discover and share our talents while preparing for the upcoming Happenings!

Happening #87 will be July 29 - 31, 2011. This is a weekend for upcoming 10-12th graders.

2011 Vacation Bible School "Shake It Up Café"

In this kid-friendly cafe full of chefs' hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, our kids will explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word. Through interactive lessons boys and girls will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God. Our dates are June 12-15th.

Some of our themes are:

Be ready for God
Give happily to God
Believe fully in Jesus
Remember Jesus often
Celebrate God forever

If you are interested, please text or email Beth at 229-251-1143 or [<bethbaker@bellsouth.net>](mailto:bethbaker@bellsouth.net).



Christ Church Softball

by Jim Drazdowski

The Christ Church softball team will be in the playoffs during the 1st or possibly 2nd week of June depending on the weather. It will be an 8 team double elimination tournament playoff. Each team will advance in the winner's bracket with a win or go to the loser's bracket with a loss. Two losses and the team is out of the tournament. If a team advances to the final bracket of the playoffs after being in the loser's bracket, they must defeat the team in the winner's bracket twice to become champions. Although the teams and brackets are not yet set, all games will be played on Tuesday or Thursday evenings at Freedom Park. The time and schedule will be posted on the Christ Church website when the schedule becomes available.



Preschool May Day Celebration

Christ Church Preschool celebrated May Day with their traditional march around the light pole with multicolor crepe streamers. "Here we go 'round the Maypole, the Maypole, the Maypole, ... on a summer's day."



Photos by Phyllis Hiers

2011 Camp Honey Creek

a week of life-changing experiences
A ministry of the
Episcopal Diocese of Georgia



New Schedule for 2011
High School — June 19-25
FINISHED GRADES 9-12
St. Joseph & Mary I — June 26-July 2
FINISHED GRADES 3-5
St. Peter — July 10-16
FINISHED GRADES 6-8
St. Joseph & Mary II — July 17-23
FINISHED GRADES 3-5

www.honeycreek.org
912-265-9218

The Rev. Sonia Sullivan Clifton, a former member of Christ Church, will be the director of the 2011 summer camp



program at Honey Creek. A native of Savannah, she attended Valdosta State where she earned a BBA degree in 1984 and an MBA in 1989. She also holds a M.Div (1993) from the University of the South (Sewanee). She has served the Diocese of Georgia as vicar of Good Shepherd, Swainsboro, and as Diocesan Youth Coordinator (including Happening and New Beginnings) for 10 years. She is currently the rector of St. Matthew's in Orlando, FL.

The camp brochure and application form are available at this site: <<http://www.honeycreek.org>>. Cost of a single camp session is \$395 and registration can be completed online.

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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