# Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia July 2011

## Our 10th Year in the Dominican Republic June 18 - 25, 2011

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

**June 26 - July 2** 

Camp Saints Joseph & Mary (first session) at Honey Creek

#### July 3

Celebrating Independence Day at all Sunday services with a Hotdog Lunch following the 11:30 service. Sign up in the parish hall and bring side dishes to share.

#### July 10

EfM organization meeting 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall

#### July 10 - 16

Camp St. Peter at Honey Creek

#### **July 17 - 23**

Camp Saints Joseph & Mary (second session) at Honey Creek

#### **July 18**

Vestry Meeting 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall

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This banner was made in the Vacation Bible School class in El Pedregal, Dominican Republic by the Dominican children and team members of the 2011 Christ Church mission team and donated to the Episcopal church in El Pedregal.

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#### **Pentecost at Christ Church**



Christ Church celebrated Pentecost and the Holy Spirit in shades of yellow, orange, and red on June 12. Even the food at the social hour was decorated in rich reds and yellows. The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks wove a beautiful homily around the yarn and material that covers us all. Revisit her sermon on the sermons page of the new website.



#### 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 juliacariail@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	•

#### **Phone Numbers**

Church Office	242-5115
The Rev. Ingeman	245-0799
The Rev. Drazdowski	249-0895
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 May 16, 2011**

- Reported the repair of the sound system and landscaping improvements.
- Voted to present the Ingemans with a gift of money for their 50th wedding anniversary.
- Voted to contribute to Fr. Ingeman's retirement fund.
- Watched a video by Bishop Benhase about Honey Creek bonds and voted to buy 2 bonds.
- Reported approval to move the Bray house, which will be given to Mary Bryant for use as a halfway house.
- Discussed plans for construction of the new education building.
   The architects are re-drawing the plans and the facilities committee is deciding on what exterior finish will be most esthetically pleasing and most cost effective.
- Discussed the Christ Church website, which has been redesigned by Julius Ariail as a gift to the church, and approved the design to go "live."



Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

Dave Clark, Senior Warden

- Announced the profits from the Dominican Republic Mission dinner and auction at over \$7,000.
- Discussed the end-of-the-year college ministry Dead Day with food contributions from several parishioners.
- Requested volunteers and contributions for the Partnership for Health.
- Reported the success of the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Relay for Life, which raised over \$2,000, and Senior Sunday.
- Announced upcoming Vacation Bible School with a "Shake It Up Cafe" theme.

#### Thank You

Dear Christ Church Family,

We can think of no more delightful way to celebrate our fiftieth wedding anniversary than to be with our parish family at a grand party of Happy Episcopal People. Special thanks to Jeani Synyard for serving as hostess, to all those wonderful people who planned such a special evening and to all who brought delicious refreshments. Christ Church and you all are very special in our lives. It really is a joy and a privilege to be with you.

With love and many blessings, Happy and Peter+

#### **Building Zoning Update**

by Clinton Beeland

We now have all the zoning permissions we need to proceed with building any of our several options. This includes the setback on the alleyway, the proposed education building and parish hall, and even the Phase 3 sanctuary. We actually have permission to build slightly more square feet than the current master plan calls for which gives us a welcome flexibility as we plan for future buildings.



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

# From the Rector

#### **Independence Day**

ave I told you about my cousin Bill? We grew up together. Many, many years ago we spent each summer together at my grandfather's summer cottage in Lake LGeneva, Wisconsin. It was paradise for little boys. There was a lake for fishing and a creek to be explored full of tadpoles and turtles and frogs. There was an attic filled with ancient National Geographics and Saturday Evening Posts for rainy days. There were huge, to us, shade trees for lazy, hot afternoons and July in Wisconsin can be very hot indeed. My cousin was, and is, an inventor. One summer he invented his owns fireworks for the Fourth of July. He filled a brown paper bag with confetti and a long string of the little firecrackers called "ladyfingers," this being before such things were deemed dangerous. His plan was to wait until dusk on the Fourth while the adults were relaxing in lawn chairs, creep up behind them, light the firecrackers, hurl the bag over their heads, and look on as the explosion created a shower of confetti, all of which would elicit appreciative applause from our delighted parents and grandparents. This he did and it worked, far too well. It had been an exceptionally dry summer in Wisconsin. The explosion was impressive but the confetti, of course, caught fire, igniting hundreds of little fires all over the dry lawn. Adults were suddenly busy, running about stamping out fires. They were not amused. Bill vanished. Why tell this story? Well, we all have our moments of spiritual complacency, sitting in our own metaphoric lawn chairs thinking we have done it all. Those really are the moments when Jesus tosses a few fireworks into our lives to get us busy and active again doing what He has called us to do. The job is never really finished, but the doing can be very exciting. Have a great Independence Day. Peter+



fingerprints of children as grapes on a vine.

#### 2011 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

This year's Dominican Republic mission team of 30 was the largest group ever in our 10-year history, but very easy to manage because of their servants' hearts and cooperative spirits. We accomplished more separate construction tasks than ever with three crews: roofed two houses, excavated an electrical station site, tore down a 100-foot fence and dug the foundation to replace it, dropped ceilings in two bathrooms in a new dormitory, and installed three ceiling fans in the dining hall. Other team members worked at Vacation Bible School for approximately 125 children, knitting and crocheting classes for 75, where 25 were first-time knitters, and held a

splash party for the children of the village. This team had talents we didn't know about before we gathered. There were also more Spanish speakers than we realized which enriched our experience tremendously.

Some of the traditions we started years ago, like the splash party, have been taken up by the teen workers at the camp to share with others who come to the camp. They use the pools and a large tarp we purchased years ago.

Father Carlos Santana held the graduation ceremony for the church school of the Mount of the Transfiguration on Wednesday afternoon on the lawn of the camp. The community of El Pedregal gathered for a dinner with the team in the dining hall on the Thursday evening before the team left. There was music and dancing. Father Carlos has plans for a day care center where nutritious food and fresh water is served to children from six weeks to four. The school now serves children from Pre-K through the eighth grade. He plans to split shift the classes when it becomes overcrowded. Our team left money for 27 scholarships to the school for the 2011-2012 school year.

Like those to whom Jesus spoke in Matthew 10:40-42, we went to the DR to offer a cup of water but we received a gallon in return. I want to thank all the people who supported us financially, materially, and spiritually, giving us the joy of seeing the children of Christ in the Dominican Republic. With all the wonderful things we accomplished, it is the ministry of presence that completes the relationship...One God, One Church, One Mission.



#### Icon of Mary Donated to Christ Church

An icon of the Virgin Mary, written and donated to the Dominican Mission auction by

The Rev. Peter and Happy Ingeman, was purchased and donated to Christ Church.

The icon is of "Mary, Interceding" and was written in March and April of 2011. It is the seventh icon the Ingemans have written.

"We became very close to her," said Happy. "She seemed to emerge from the very gessoed board on which we worked."

Icons are written and not painted because of the prayer that is part of the creation. The Ingemans used egg tempera in the Russian Byzantine style like that of Vladimir Andreyev.

According to Fr. Ingeman, Mary is always depicted in blue. The starburst on her headscarf and robe indicate her position as the queen of heaven.

Fr. Ingeman blessed the icon at a Vespers service, and it presently stands on the side altar.

#### Spring Softball 2011 by Jim Drazdowski

The Christ Church softball team began its season with 3 straight losses before winning its first game against Park Avenue Baptist Church. They then lost 1 game before winning their next game. After that they lost 6 more games before winning the final game of the season.

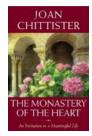
Unlike last year's team, which had a better overall record, this team played more complete games with only three games called because of the mercy rule, and none where in three innings. The mercy rule in softball is that if a team is winning by 20, 15, or 10 runs at the end of the 3rd, 4th, or 5th innings respectively, then the game is called.

This year's outstanding players include Paul Stevenson with the most singles, Stephen Sandbach with the most doubles, Houston Maples with the most triples. There were only two home runs hit this year, one by Bryan Deloach and one by William Wilkens. William was also the RBI leader with 19. Andy Boutwell was the Batting Average leader, but was unable to play all season because of a broken heel. Stephen Sandbach was the Batting Average leader for those players with over 15 at bats. Griff Holland once again had the most walks of any player. See the individual stats on the website at <a href="https://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page\_id=368">www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page\_id=368</a>.

# Sermons on the New Website

The Rev. Deacon
Patricia Marks has
worked for several years
to post online a selected
group of sermons
preached at Christ
Church. Those sermon
texts are now available in
the Publications area of
our new website. The
sermons include recent
and older sermons dating
back several years.

Look for your favorites at: <a href="http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org">http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org</a>, Publications.



#### The Church Bookshelf

a review by Patricia Marks

The Monastery of the Heart:
An Invitation to a Meaningful Life
By Joan Chittister. Bluebridge: 2011.
http://www.monasteriesoftheheart.org



A gentle invitation to live a holy life, a good and happy life in the midst of our everyday activities: what a promise that holds. Joan Chittister's new book, a meditation on the spiritual path laid down 1,500 years ago by St. Benedict, calls readers from all walks to conversion of heart. As she weaves the Rule of Benedict into contemporary concerns, showing how the sacred makes the ordinary translucent, she welcomes us into a quiet, focused space in the midst of a world that clamors for attention. There is an online community for those who wish to pray with others or to learn about such practices as *lectio divina*, or sacred reading. For the contemplative, the layout of the text, centered in short lines, is itself a pathway, a call to slow down and make a commitment to Benedictine values — peace, care for creation and community, hospitality, prayer and study, and conversion of life. The monastery of the heart, open to all, is a sacred space where one moves from "one moment of prayer to the next,"

in the consciousness that all of life is sacred and that every act of ours makes life either more—or less—holy.

#### **Ascension Day Service and Supper**

















The service on Thursday, June 2, at 6 p.m. celebrated Ascension Day with a full choir, incense, and supper by the Men in Blue. After the supper, Christ Church youth and adults spoke about their experiences at Honey Creek.

















After the supper for Ascension Day, the youth and adults spoke in support for buying the \$5,000 bonds for Honey Creek. All who spoke were passionate about what a difference their experiences at Honey Creek had made in their lives turning their focus to God and his work in the world. "It's one of the thin places," said Phyllis Hiers, "where God is closer to his people."

Watch the video on the Diocese of Georgia website: <a href="http://georgia.anglican.org/">http://georgia.anglican.org/</a> featuring Thomas and Rachel Greneker and other diocesan youth talking about what Honey Creek means to them. Another video made by Bishop Scott Benhase explains the financial issue. 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: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vH6ldh1lJQ&sns=em">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vH6ldh1lJQ&sns=em</a>.

As of June 21st, the Diocese has sold \$760,000 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>.

Let's support the bond issue so that Honey Creek can be a legacy for our children!

#### An Invitation to lunch at VSU

Diane Halim, associate professor of social work at VSU, has organized an every Tuesday lunch at 1 p.m. in the Student Union at Valdosta State University. The dutch-treat lunch is just an opportunity to get together. People do not have to be members of our church to join the group. There is no program and no long-term commitment.

The student union is at the intersection of N. Oak Street and Baytree Road.



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### Special Days in July



WEDDING

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

1 Aleta Corley	15 David Holland
2 Hugh Bailey	16 Sandra Fletcher
Julian (Boots) Tudor	17 Michael Black
4 Beverly Cowart	Linda Burch
Grace Diamond	Rachel Rumstay
5 Laurie McCall	18 Pepi Nelson
Theo Reed	19 Lisa Gilchrist
6 Katherine Mayer	20 Pam Pitts
8 Katie Bell	21 Hayden Coggins
Dottie Eager	Nancy Sartin
Walter Williams	22 Peter Ingeman
9 Katie Wisenbaker	Alexandra Peepl
11 Brooklyn Prine	23 Gail Hobgood
14 Jerry DeMott	Caroline Prine
15 David Cribb	Richard Rigby
John Hiers	
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24 Jeff Hanson
Walter Hobgood
Brett Nelson
25 Pat Bezona
Andrew Greneker
Philip Gunter
McKey Nunn
27 Juanita Quinn
Billy Tidmore
Al Turner
28 Griff Holland

29 Emory Warrick, Sr.

30 Debi Saeger

3 Carter Coleman
5 Dori Carter
7 Kelly Lambert
Carol Roberts
Philip Roberts
9 Marge Fitzsimons
10 Griff Holland
19 Diane Halim
20 Pam Pitts
25 Victoria Warrick
26 Edith Shepherd

**BAPTISMAL** 

**ANNIVERSARIES** 

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4 Cliff & Elizabeth Baker
Ralph & Julie Jackson
12 Bill & Lucille Sineath
22 Rusty & Laurie McCall
24 Bill & Kathy Armstrong
25 Dave & Pat Armstrong
26 Halim Faisal & Diane
Halim
29 Aaron & Josie Parten
Bill & Helen Tucker

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); <juliacariail@bellsouth.net>.

**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>.



#### Two from Christ Church attend Province IV at Kanuga

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and Mrs. Molly Stevenson, who were elected by the 2011 Diocesan Convention as deputies to the 2012 General Convention of the Episcopal Church, recently attended the Synod of Province IV at Kanuga Conferences, near Hendersonville, NC. Province IV, also known as the Province of Sewanee, is the largest of the Provinces in The Episcopal Church. Twenty dioceses in nine Southeastern states comprise Province IV, which is named for the School of Theology of the University of the South, located in Sewanee, Tenn. Included in the Province are dioceses located in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and part of Louisiana. Province IV has the largest number of clergy, baptized members, communicants, church school and day school pupils and is the largest contributor to the General Convention

budget of any Province in our Church. The 2011 Province IV Synod, held June 8-10, 2011, featured discussions on the proposed Anglican Covenant, the denominational health plan, immigration issues and provincial ministries. The website for Province IV is <a href="http://www.provinceiv.org/">http://www.provinceiv.org/</a>.



#### Peter and Happy Ingeman Celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary



Never was a message more prophetic than the one on the cake below which read "Retirement is just the Beginning," in July 1984 when Fr. Peter Ingeman retired from the U.S. Army. On June 10, 2011 Christ Church gathered to help the Ingemans celebrate their 50th anniversary. The Ingemans brought several scrapbooks with photos of their "dress-up" occasions.

















#### **May 26th Preschool Graduation**

Christ Church Preschool teachers Elise Sandbach, Norma Tomberlin, and Betsy Kirk with aides Laura Sartin, Patricia Greneker, and Carrie Kendrick led the two-, three-, and four-year-old classes to the graduation ceremony held in the sanctuary of the church at 10 a.m. on May 26, 2011. The ceremony and reception following marked the culmination of the school year for the thirty-four students who sang "Rise and Shine," "Tommy Thumb," "L'Allouette," "How Many, How Much," "Being Five," and "Sunshine Medley" to piano accompaniment by Maggie Roberts. The Rev. Tar Drazdowski gave the invocation for the ceremony.





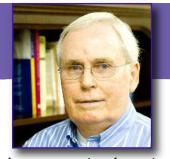






# **Christ Church Looks Back**

by Joseph A. Tomberlin



In the congregational meeting of April 11, 1954, that focused on the "Articles of Association," James D. Carroll moved approval of the Vestry's application for parish status, and Courtney Ritsch seconded. Discussion of the motion apparently was brief; the Minutes note only one question. Irene R. Miller asked if Christ Church had achieved its budget goal for 1954. Mr. Carroll, chairman of the Every Member Canvass, replied that the goal had been \$13,000.00, and the church had received \$11,000.00 in pledges, compared with only \$7,500.00 in pledges in 1953. Harry Davis then called for a vote on the question, and the motion won unanimous approval.

Subsequently, Mr. Carroll, seconded by his wife, Frances Carroll, moved that the existing Vestry "be retained." Upon consent to that motion, Fr. Kippenbrock, read aloud the "Articles of Association," and members signed the document. Fortyeight signatures appear on the "Articles of Association" in Parish records, including one instance of a husband signing for himself and his spouse. There were two duplicate signatures, as two communicants signed the document two different times. The Parish records also contain a second copy of the Articles, with the names of signers printed at the bottom; here, the names of the husband and wife signers were separated, and duplicate signatures were deleted. Inexplicably, the last three signers of the "Articles," all vestrymen, disappeared from the

printed list. Then, following the signing process, on a Gillespie-Wanman motion, the members voted to adopt the "Articles." Finally, the Vicar announced that Vestry members were to sign the Oath of Office for Vestrymen before departing.

On April 27, 1954, the Vestry submitted a formal petition to the 132nd Annual Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, to meet on May 11, 1954, seeking the "admission of Christ Church, Valdosta, Lowndes County, into union with the Convention as a Parish. . . . " This document explained that Christ Church had asked the Bishop's permission to submit "this petition" and "to adopt articles of association" on March 8, 1954, and had received his assent on March 12, 1954. The congregational meeting on April 11, 1954, had agreed to Articles of Association. Minutes of that meeting and the Articles also were attached to the petition, as was a copy of Christ Church's 1954 budget. The petition's core was the fifth paragraph, which declared: "in compliance with Article *V of the Constitution of the Diocese* of Georgia, we certify that the Wardens, Vestry and Congregation of Christ Church, Valdosta, do accede to the Constitution and Canons of this Church, are regularly organized by the election of two Wardens and ten vestrymen, and we do further certify that it is our belief that this Congregation shall be able to maintain the worship of the Church and to support a Rector. . . . "

The Vestry, on May 3, 1954, assuming that parish status for

Christ Church would prevail at the Convention, chose Fr. Kippenbrock as the first Rector. On a motion by Junior Warden W.H. Sadler, seconded by William Gabard, the group approved a statement that, contingent upon parish status, the Vestry "call[ed] and invite[d] the Reverend Michael J. Kippenbrock to be the Rector of Christ Church, at a salary of \$4,800.00 per annum and the use of the Rectory. . . . " The call went to Fr. Kippenbrock by letter from Clerk Robert G. Macks on May 8, 1954, closing with the statement, "It is my sincere hope that we will all have many years of happy association in THE GOOD WORK."

Fr. Kippenbrock responded formally by letter on May 15, 1954. He reported that the Diocesan Convention on May 11th had "voted unanimously to approve the petition for admission as a Parish; the approval of the Bishop, at least the formal approval, is lacking since the Bishop is out of his office for the time being due to an operation." He believed, however, that Bishop Barnwell's "formal approval" would come as soon as he was "able to work again at his desk." As he said, if Barnwell had disapproved, "he would have made it known before this time." Fr. Kippenbrock closed with words that are as fresh now as in 1954: "As a parish church, Christ Church now enters a new phase of its existence, more responsible than ever for a continuing and effective witness for the truth of the Christian religion. As we work together for the extension of the Kingdom of God, may the Lord bless us all and prosper our handiwork."

#### Christ Episcopal Church Vacation Bible School - June 12-15, 2011







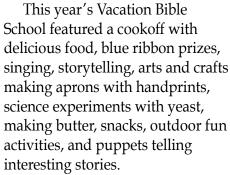








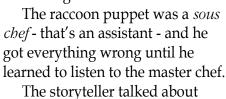










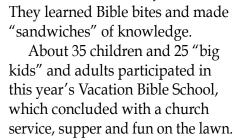


Passover and the food Jesus ate.

















#### **EYC Little Folks and** Middle Schoolers Celebrate End of Year



The Little Folks EYC group celebrated the end of the year with a swim party and pizza picnic. The middle schoolers also ate pizza at Cici's Pizza after a manicure at a nearby nail salon.





EfM will begin again this September at Christ Church. Scheduled mentors are Mike Holland and Ron Borders. An information session is scheduled for July 10 at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Details about the program are found at

<www.theology.sewanee.edu.>

Sewanee advertises the program to "Dig deeper into the Christian faith, studying the Bible, Church history and theological ideas and reflect on connecting faith with life experiences."

Former participants who have not finished the program are encouraged to apply. Please contact <ron@ronborders.com> or <mholland@valdosta.edu> to learn more about this educational program.

# 2011 Camp Honey Creek a week of life-changing experiences A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia 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

#### 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

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. @ Langdale Place Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.\* 10:45 a.m. Christian Education\* 8:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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