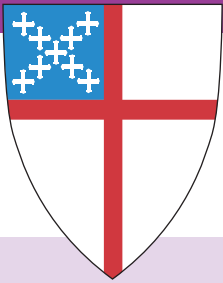


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

October 2011



Walter Hobgood Ordained at Christ Church

Mark Your Calendar

Fr. Ingeman and Happy
will be on vacation the
month of October

Vestry nominations will
be sought October 2 - 9

October 9

Blessing of the Pets, 3 p.m.

October 22 - 25

Dominican Development Group
meeting
at Christ Church

October 25

Oktoberfest, 6 p.m.

October 29 - Butterfly Trip
at St. Marks (see p. 12)

October 30

"Trunks of Treats"
(see p.8 for details)

November 1

All Saints' Day 6 p.m. service &
DOK dedication of new
members, followed by roast beef
& Yorkshire pudding dinner

November 2

All Souls' Day 6 p.m. service

November 5

St. Francis Road Race
7 a.m. registration, 8 a.m. 5K

November 6

Parish Picnic @ Grassy Pond
3 p.m. until

November 6 - 13

Vestry Elections

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



The Right Reverend Scott A. Benhase ordained Walter Palmer Hobgood, Jr. to the Sacred Order of Priests on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of September at four o'clock on a beautiful sunny day at Christ Episcopal Church. Approximately 150 friends, relatives, business associates and parishioners participated in the service and the reception that followed in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Rick Buechner, The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Dr. John Hiers, Mrs. Gail Hobgood and Mrs. Happy Ingeman served as presenters. Walter and Gail's children, Mr. Michael Hobgood, Mrs. Teresa Sage, and Mrs. Amber Teegardin vested their father with a new chasuble and stole during the ordination service. The Rev. Peter Ingeman was master of ceremonies and preached the sermon.

More than 50 of Walter's relatives came for the weekend to celebrate the occasion. A native of Innis, Louisiana, Walter came to Christ Church in 1998 and studied for the priesthood during several summer terms at the seminary at the University of the South in Sewanee, TN.

Walter owns Express Employment Professionals and has served as chairman of the Lowndes/Valdosta Chamber of Commerce in 2008. On the diocesan level



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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. Walter Hobgood, Priest Associate
The Rev. Stephen Norris, Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark
The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks
The Rev. Deacon Nancy Sartin
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. Drazdowski	249-0895
The Rev. Elliott	242-3333
The Rev. Hobgood	630-6444
The Rev. Norris	548-5700
The Rev. Dcn. Clark	559-6159
The Rev. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
Molly Stevenson	292-8215

Vestry Report from August 22, 2011

- Reported the Bray House moved and Rectory yard re-sodded with sprinkler system installed.
- Displayed a set of plans from architects for new Education Building, discussed current pledges and cash on hand.
- Approved a motion to begin construction on the education building using the current total pledges and committing no more than \$300,000 in long-term debt.
- Suggested Bishop Benhase be invited to break ground after his combined visitation service on September 25 at 10 a.m.
- Discussed Diocese of Georgia asking for 2012 and agreed to make a decision at the September Vestry meeting.
- Moved the September Vestry meeting to Tuesday, September 20 so those with other commitments could attend and vote on the relevant issues.
- Announced Confirmation classes schedule for September 10 and 17; Walter Hobgood's ordination September 24 at 4 p.m.; and Bishop Scott Benhase's annual visitation for the next day. Bishop Benhase will meet with the vestry sometime during Saturday or Sunday.



Mike Tanner,
Junior Warden

Dave Clark,
Senior Warden

- Reported on the VSU College Ministry kickoff, the upcoming start of PMO and Preschool classes.
- Distributed a Congregational Development Institute (CDI) brochure and encouraged Vestry to consider attending.
- Reported on the kickoff of Senior EYC with largest crowd ever.
- Reported on the Stitchers of Love contribution to the Haven auction and the start of the Special Olympics scarf project which will involve several churches in the diocese.
- Discussed dynamic new Christ Church website and encouraged everyone to visit it weekly.
- Announced the funeral arrangements for Janet Smith, long-time member of Christ Church.

In Addition . . .

In the first article in the series, "Priests who grew up at Christ Church," the editors should have noted that The Rev. Leslie Hiers Chadwick is currently the Associate Rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Herndon, Virginia.



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

From the Rector



THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S CREATION

If I use the word "stewardship," what comes to mind? You think of an annual appeal for financial support for Christ Church, don't you? Of course, that is part of it. We do make that annual appeal, called a Stewardship Campaign or Every Member Canvas each year. Much of what Christ Church can do depends on our parish family's response to that appeal. You and I are quite literally entrusted with the life of Christ Church. Perhaps the best analogy I can think of to that responsibility takes place every October on our church grounds; it's the Blessing of the Animals on a day near the feast day of Saint Francis. A large, wonderfully unruly assembly of dogs, cats and, sometimes birds, fish, snakes and, once, horses, that we call "pets" are blessed with prayers and holy water. They are creatures of God. He has entrusted them to our care and their very life depends upon that care. Just so, we are entrusted with Christ Church. Stewardship is not just about money. It is about love and care and responsibility for all those things God has given us ... a big responsibility indeed. With or without a pet, come and see love, care and responsibility at its very best at 3 in the afternoon, Sunday, October 9, on the Christ Church lawn.

With many blessings, Peter+



Canterbury Club is off to a great start this year. Kelly and Craig Lambert are our official greeters for college students as they come to Louttit Hall on Sunday nights for fellowship, program, and a home-cooked meal. Kelly and Craig are excited about being

part of college ministry through the Canterbury Club.

Last year we saw a need to provide a place for students to study, fellowship, and gather together as a Christian college community. The Diocese of Georgia provided us with the funds to keep Louttit Hall open 3 days during the week. We are excited to have the house open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

I am holding office hours in the Palms Dining Center at VSU on Thursdays from 12:00-1:30 p.m. All are welcome!

The students who are participating in Canterbury Club and I are grateful for the support we all receive from their Christ Church family and the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia.

-- Tar+

Dominican Development Group to Meet October 22-25

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, who has represented the Diocese of Georgia for Bishop Benhase on the Dominican Development Group this year, will host the fall meeting of the group in Valdosta, October 22-25. Dominican Bishop Julio Holguín and representatives of the companion dioceses will speak on Sunday, October 23, at area churches, talking about ways to be involved in the Episcopal Church in the DR, much as Christ Church has been involved for the past decade in helping to construct and fund a church and school in El Pedregal.

"It is a special honor to host this important international group at our church," said The Rev. Tar. "I hope everyone has an opportunity to experience their charisma and passion for doing God's work."

Sixteen members of the group will meet in Louttit Hall and in the Christ Church Parish Hall as well as eating together at a local restaurant. Members of the 2011 DR Mission Team from Christ Church will be invited to dine with the group on Monday evening.

Men In Blue Host Cookout for Fragile X Syndrome



The Men in Blue held a fish fry on the evening of September 11th at the "Little House" on Indian Lake to raise funds to find a cure for Fragile X Syndrome and Autism. Approximately 28 Men in Blue and their friends attended, and the event raised \$480 for the cause. An associated fundraiser, "Team Up for a Cure," was scheduled for September 30, 2011, at Francis Lake Golf Course. Fragile X Syndrome is a genetic condition and the most common cause of inherited mental impairment. All donations from the fish fry and the golf tournament will be sent to the FRAXA Research Foundation <<http://www.fraxa.org>>, a nonprofit organization run by parents. To date, FRAXA has raised over \$20 million to support research on this syndrome. Please contact Charlie or Patty Cosey at 229-292-4964 for more information or to make a donation.

Olympic Scarf Project Sets Goal for Donation

This year's Special Olympics scarf project is underway, with all knitters and crocheters invited to join in providing hand-made scarves for the athletes in the 2012 Atlanta Winter Games.

The project began in 2009, with a plan to give a warm scarf to every Special Olympics athlete participating in the Boise, Idaho Winter Games. The idea snowballed, and today, making these symbols of unity, support, compassion and empowerment is an international project.

The Georgia Scarf Project page has specific instructions and links, as does the Stitchers page on the Christ Church website. Scarves, which are red and blue,

should be around six inches wide and four to five feet long, in the pattern of the maker's choosing.

Christ Church will hold a blessing of the scarves after the 6 p.m. Wednesday night service on Dec. 14th. For further information, contact Deacon Patricia Marks (spmarks@bellsouth.net; 229-630-8644).



New Gift for Dominican Knitting Project



Mary Stowe of Yarns Etc. in Chapel Hill, NC, recently donated 32 pairs of knitting needles and 4 crochet hooks in a variety of sizes for the 2012 Dominican Knitting Project. Mary and her shop assisted the Christ Church 2011 Mission by offering 60 pairs of size 4 metal circular needles and 60 yarn needles to the group at cost. In September while visiting in the area, Julia Ariail went to the store to thank Mary and received the surprise gift of new needles for the upcoming trip.

"Mary is a delightful person who is in full support for our quest to give the women of El Pedregal a marketable skill as knitters and crocheters," said Julia.

Lonnie Lacy

in his own words



Favorite Memory of Christ Church

Without a doubt, my favorite memory from growing up at Christ Church is All Saints Day. I don't know how it is now, but in the 80's and 90's All Saints was a big deal at Christ Church. Pews were adorned with the shields of the faithful; folks got to choose and wear a button representing their favorite saint; kids wore burger king crowns and dressed up ... all to teach and remind us of our own saintliness and interconnection with those who have gone before us. Not only did we celebrate the lives of the ancients, but we also remembered those whom we had lost at Christ Church. It was beautiful. To this day, I carry a rich and abiding sense of the great communion of saints all around me, and I owe that to Christ Church.

Favorite Memory of a Priest at Christ Church

I have many treasured memories of the priests who shaped Christ Church over the years, but my favorite two memories are attached to two of Christ Church's deacons. First is Stella Clark, who always took time to kneel down and talk with us kids. She even had a little magic trick she would do when lighting the acolytes' torches before the procession. It brought a smile to our faces, and it's a trick I now use with my acolytes at St. Anne's. The second is Patricia Marks, though she wasn't a deacon at the time. As a young layreader, I was uncertain of how long to pause before saying, "The Word of the Lord." I asked this of Patricia one day as we lined up in the narthex. She responded with respectability and decorum, "Oh, it's quite simple, Lonnie. When you have finished the reading, take a breath and say to yourself," at which point she dropped all propriety and said bouncingly, "One potato! Two potato! Three potato! Four!" Everyone around us dissolved into laughter, and this was the moment I discovered that serious church folk can also be seriously fun.

What's in the water in Valdosta that makes us special?



My best guess is love. Growing up at Christ Church meant knowing that you were loved and cared for. It was a place where creativity was nourished. It was family. In every season--through every trial and triumph--Christ Church has been a place where people genuinely care about one another. One of the ways that love

has been expressed to young people through the decades is in the offering of solid Christian formation. Over my childhood and adolescence, folks like Norma Tomberlin, Pam Guice, Phyllis Hiers, Leeann Balanis, Jim Elliott, the Drazdowskis, Dan Schert, Molly Stevenson, Kathy Armstrong, and many more worked to give me the best Christian education they possibly could. They're a huge part of why I'm a priest today.

Education

Valdosta High School (go cats). Reinhardt College, a small United Methodist school in the hills of north Georgia. Virginia Theological Seminary, the only place for true religion and sanctification.



If you were not a priest, what would you have done?

I've always had a passion for art and graphic design. I also love American literature, especially Southern lit. Most of all, I enjoy working with people, organizations, and systems, creating a vision and bringing structure to help groups achieve their highest potential. Had I not entered the priesthood, I might have gone in any of several directions but probably would have been most at home in the non-profit world working with groups like

Habitat, Big Brothers Big Sisters, or the United Way.

Do you still use that other interest?

You bet. Priests are a funny breed, requiring skills in all areas of life. On any given day, we can find ourselves fixing toilets, writing a funeral sermon, counseling a couple, and leading the vestry through strategic plans. Part of why I love being a priest is because *all* interests and skills come in handy at one point or another.



The Rev. Lonnie Lacy is currently the rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Tifton. This is the second in a continuing series of interviews of priests who grew up at Christ Church Valdosta. Each responded to a series of questions which are the highlighted headlines.



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he is involved with the Church Development Institute (CDI) as one of four people from Christ Church currently enrolled in the three-year course. He plans to continue his CDI work to become a trainer himself. Walter served on the Vestry and as Senior Warden at Christ Church for three years. He also served as a member of the search committee for the Tenth Bishop of Georgia. He is currently assigned by the Bishop to assist at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Moultrie through December, 2011.

Walter celebrated his first Eucharist on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. on Sept. 25 at Christ Church.





Bishop's Visitation, Groundbreaking, Dinner on the Grounds

The Right Reverend Scott Anson and Kelly Benhase came to Christ Church for the annual visitation on September 25. Bishop Benhase baptised and confirmed Erin Hibbs and confirmed Alex Almond, Kate Hanson, Katie Querin, and Nicole Pierce at the combined 10 a.m. service. Following the service, the Bishop and members of the original Facilities Committee, Tom Carroll, Joe Tomberlin, Al Turner and Brad Burnett, who had worked diligently for 5 years for the Education Building, broke ground for the new construction. The Men in Blue cooked barbecued chicken to add to the many salads, vegetables, breads and desserts provided by the parishioners. Approximately 125 people enjoyed the feast under the tents as well as inside the Parish Hall.



SPECIAL DAYS

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

1 Sallie Honeycutt	16 Meg Hiers
2 Tom Carroll	Landon Miley
3 Bob Johnston	17 David Sandbach, Sr.
David Koon	18 Blake Ellis
Terry Parsons	Grace Tanner
Hudson Tanner	22 Sarah Cribb
4 Sally Baker	Katie Querin
Maria Taylor	23 Jimmy Carroll
5 Erin Carter	Rachel Greneker
6 Aaron Parten	24 Pat Denmark
7 Natalie Savoie	25 Rebecca Parsons
8 Geri Coleman	Mike Savoie
Adair Pizer	26 Mackenzie Clark
Emily Rutledge	27 Lilly Kate Campbell
9 Gil Gjertsen	Jordon Jackson
12 Joan Dear	31 Jan Loeffler
Ginger Macheski	
Chappell Wolfson	
15 Jessie Querin	
Philip Roberts	

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Max Bontrager
6 Carter Elliott
8 Jane Ferrell
Lou Gabard
15 Bill Nunn
Bryant White
18 Pauline Brown
22 Allan Dear
24 Hayden Coggins
28 Melanie Schwallenberg
Emory Warrick, Sr.
31 Karen Gunter

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Wade & Geri Coleman
3 Ash & Pepper Croft
9 Len & Melissa Carter
Jim & Pepi Nelson
10 S.J. & Pat Denmark
14 Tom & Stefani Carroll
Ken & Sue Ellen Rumstay
15 Freddie & Shayla Bajalia
18 David & Jennifer Singleton
21 Lee & Valerie Page
22 William & Kathleen
Parmelee
31 Gil & Natalie Gjertsen

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>.

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. <stellamclark@att.net>.

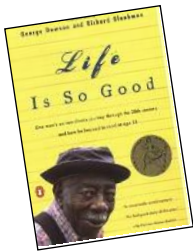
Toiletries Project - Gail Hobgood chairs the project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. Summer is coming. Bring in your travel toiletries. <WPHOBG@aol.com>.



Trunks of Treats on Sunday, October 30 2 to 4 p.m.

Our first "Trunks of Treats" will be held Sunday afternoon October 30th, between the hours of 2 - 4 p.m. "Trunks of Treats" is a fun and non-scary alternative way to celebrate Halloween. The Canterbury Club and the High School EYC are hosting this fun event for all the "children" of Christ Church.

Everyone is asked to participate in one way or another. Put on your favorite costume and participate in pumpkin carving (BYOP), cookie decorating, decorate the back of your car and pass out candy as you watch the parade of children as they come to "Trunks of Treats" in our parking lot. There will be games and good times for all.



The Church Bookshelf

a review by Patricia Marks

Life is So Good

George Dawson and Richard Glaubman

Random House: 2000



The subtitle says it all: "One Man's Extraordinary Journey through the 20th Century and How he Learned to Read at Age 98." Suppose someone knocked at your door and said, "I offer you the key to beautiful and thought-provoking spaces you never dreamed of. I offer you the fulfillment of your heart's desire." That is what happened to ninety-year-old George Dawson when a literacy volunteer came to his house. Here is the grandson of slaves, someone who worked hard all his life, someone who longed to read from the time he was a little boy. Supporting his brothers and sisters and then his wife and seven children came first, and so his love of school had to be postponed. Dawson, who became legendary for never missing a day of class, was studying for his GED when he died at 103. It is his life that is testimony not only to the difficult and dehumanizing experiences endured by many African-Americans, but also to the faith and joy that a compassionate, loving heart can experience in the midst of what most of us would see as deprivation.

Bray House Finds a New Home



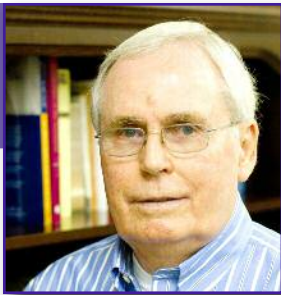
Christ Church Junior Warden Mike Tanner took these photographs of the Bray House being set up on Charlton Street in Valdosta as a halfway house for another ministry.

Young Adults Gather for Food, Fun and Fellowship

by The Rev. Jim Elliott



Many of the young adults of Christ Church gathered recently for "Food, Fun and Fellowship" at the home of Fr. Jim and Susan Elliott. Molly and Paul Stevenson, The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and the Elliotts hosted the event which was born from a desire to see our "twenty and thirty something" adults become more connected to the life of our wonderful parish family. The evening began with a celebration of Holy Eucharist which was followed by the group sharing a meal and fellowship with one another. Sparky Greneker and Jason Peaslee provided the Eucharistic service music. Molly Stevenson facilitated a group discussion which considered, among other things, the stresses on the lives of our young adults and their families and also looked at ways in which they would like to connect better with one another and their church family. Future gatherings for young adults are being planned, so if you missed this one, be on the lookout for the next event. More "Food, Fun and Fellowship" to come!



Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

John Courtenay LeBey, who shaped the plans for the new Christ Episcopal Church on North Patterson Street was described in his 2002 obituary as “one of Savannah’s most distinguished architects.” A Savannah native, born in 1905, he graduated from Savannah High School, and earned his architectural degree from Georgia Tech in 1928. LeBey spent the summer of 1927 in France where he studied at L’École des Beaux-Arts in Fontainebleau and received the institution’s Diploma in Architecture. He was intensely involved in more than sixty building restoration projects in the Savannah Historic District. Among others, he designed the renovations of the Davenport House and the Waring House and guided thirty restoration projects for Mills B. Lane, Jr. LeBey was responsible for the design of the Georgia Salzburger Museum in Ebenezer, as well as the New Ebenezer Retreat Center. His personal Savannah residence for many years was the historic Cruger House at 4 West Taylor Street, a Greek Revival style structure built by Nicholas Cruger in 1852.

For Christ Church Valdosta, LeBey produced a design that, below the tower level, incorporated elements of Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, and he modeled the tower itself upon a seventeenth century design by Sir Christopher Wren. For designing the new church, he received \$2,000.00, which came from the \$25,000.00 that Bishop Middleton Barnwell pledged toward the project. However, he did not supervise the construction work; *The Vineyard*, p. 10, October 2011

that was instead in the hands of Lloyd Greer, one of Valdosta’s best known architects of an earlier time. For his work, Mr. Greer was to receive a fee amounting to 1½ percent of the project’s total cost. As Vicar Clifton White reported to Vestry on April 4, 1948, Greer was “at present familiarizing himself with the plans and specifications and will invite bids in due time, calling for them the end of the first week in May [1948].” Vestry then held a called meeting on April 18, 1948, that focused on “final approval of the plans for the new church.” Members of the Executive Board of the Women’s Auxiliary also were present to discuss the possibility of increasing the kitchen’s size from its original dimensions. Vestrymen granted approval to suggestions by the Vicar that would “enlarge the kitchen to about 15 [feet] x 18 [feet].”

The church ground breaking ceremony occurred on May 3, 1948, and was followed by a meeting of Fr. White and three vestrymen, Jerome Tillman, Noah E. Fry, and Robert G. Macks, with Bishop Barnwell to learn his “views . . . on several points.” One issue was the bonding of the Christ Church’s treasurer for a minimum of \$2,000.00, to which the Bishop agreed, with the provision that Vestry arrange the bonding and pay the \$5.00 annual fee. He agreed to save Christ Church the expense of bonding the Building Fund Treasurer for \$50,000.00 by requiring three signatures on all Building Fund checks. The signatures were to be those of Senior Warden Jerome Tillman, James D. Carroll, Chairman of the Building

Committee, and Fr. White.

Bishop Barnwell would be out of country on an extended European trip at the time of the cornerstone laying. Consequently, he approved the appointment of Arthur Goodin as his deputy for the service. As the final issue, the vestrymen raised the possibility of bids on the new church exceeding the money available for construction “in view of the Bishop’s anticipated absence abroad.” Barnwell responded that, if bids were more than available funds, the Building Committee should “make the necessary loans, if any, at a local bank, and the matter would be taken care of on his return.” The final statement in the minutes of this meeting declared: “The foregoing points are made record of and introduced into the records of the Vestry in order to indicate approval by the Bishop, of necessary future acts of the Vestry.”

After the meeting with Bishop Barnwell much of the building project activity dealt with matters such as insurance on the new church while it was constructed. Vestry Clerk Robert G. Macks had correspondence with Zoe Colburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocesan Executive Committee, including a letter to Miss Colburn on May 4, 1948, that obviously answered a letter from her that is no longer in the Parish records. He responded to her inquiry about insurance, “At the moment nothing can be done about insurance on the new building. When construction is undertaken, the contractor will place his construction risk, and we take over when the building is delivered to us.”

More in the November 2011 *Vineyard*.

Christ Church Preschool Starts a New Year

Three teachers and three aides began the 2011-2012 school year on September 6 at Christ Episcopal Preschool.

Elise Sandbach and aide Carrie Kendrick teach the 4-year old class; Norma Tomberlin and aide Patricia Greneker teach the 3-year old class; and Betsy Kirk and aide Laura Sartin teach the 2½-year old class. The 4-year old class has 14 students; the 3-year old class has 13 and the 2½-year old class has 7.

The bright, cheerful, newly repainted rooms provide a colorful background for art displays and teaching materials.



Wednesday EYC

Grades	Teachers
Little Folks - (K-5)	Phyllis Hiers and Mimi Allen
Middle School	The Rev. Tar
Senior High	Dan Schert, Jim and Susan Elliott, Bill and Sally Querin

2011-2012 Sunday School

Grades	Teachers	Location
K - 2	Jane Peeples and Elise Sandbach	2nd Floor, Louttit
3 - 5	Jacqui Thigpen and Diane Halim	1st Floor, Louttit
6 - 8	Susan Elliott and Stefani Carroll	2nd Floor, Louttit
9 - 12	Molly Stevenson and Mike Tanner	1st Floor, Louttit

We still need a teacher for Middle School and substitutes

Little Folks and Middle School EYC Begin the Year



The Little Folks and Middle School EYC groups started the year with fun events - a swim party on August 31 and a visit to Starbucks on September 7. Teachers for these Wednesday night groups are Phyllis Hiers, Mimi Allen, Diane Halim, and Katherine Mayer. Children meet for about an hour after supper on Wednesday night.



High School EYC

October Schedule

- 10/5 - Elliotts' Home
- 10/12 - Louttit Hall
- 10/19 - Querins' Home
- 10/26 - Louttit Hall

November Schedule

- 11/2 - Elliotts' Home
- 11/9 - Louttit Hall
- 11/16 - Querins' Home
- 11/23 - No EYC - Thanksgiving
- 11/30 - Louttit Hall

Features on the Christ Church Website - www.christchurchvaldosta.org



The website for Christ Church contains a page with information about the Diocese of Georgia, including links to the Diocese's website, online photo albums, and publications. The location of this page is in the "About" section of our main menu, and the exact address is http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=71.



Annual Butterfly Trip to St. Marks on Oct 29

Christ Church will sponsor a trip to St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge to see the migrating Monarch butterflies on Saturday, October 29th. This is an annual event that many members have enjoyed in the past, and includes a picnic lunch at 12 noon in the Refuge's picnic area. If you are interested in carpooling, bring picnic lunch supplies and meet in the church parking lot at 8 a.m. Cups, utensils and other paper products will be supplied. For more information, contact Phyllis Hiers at 229-244-5942.

St. Francis Road Race



The St. Francis Ministries for Animals is sponsoring a 5K Fun Run/Walk and 1 mile Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, November 5, with registration at 7 am. The event begins and ends on Patterson Street in front of the Christ Episcopal Church parking lot.

The fee structure is as follows:

5K	\$15 registration fee (\$20 after 10/28)
1 mile	\$10 registration fee (\$12 after 10/28)
Family Discount	\$45 registration fee (\$50 after 10/28)

Ghost Runner \$25 - Donation (no need to run)

As you might imagine, animals are welcome but must be leashed at all times. Each participant and ghost runners receive a t-shirt. There will be awards for the overall male and female in each race as well as the top 2 male and female participants in each age group.

Todd Smoot of A Course/Line, LLC of Valdosta is supervising the race. Contact Karen Gunter at 229-794-8146 for more information.

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

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

***Nursery Available**

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

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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