

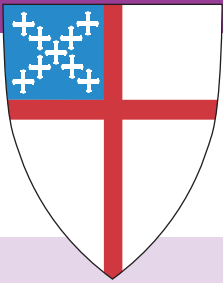
# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

January 2012

## Christmas 2011



### Mark Your Calendar

#### January 1

Feast of the Holy Name

Annual St. Marks

Birdwatching Trip;

To carpool, meet in church parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

#### January 4

Epiphany Pageant

Rehearsal at 7 p.m.

#### January 6

Epiphany Service/Pageant

at 6 p.m. followed by

Brunswick Stew Supper

#### January 16

Vestry Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

#### January 20 - 21

CDI at Honey Creek

#### January 27 - 29

Happening #88

at Honey Creek

Looking Ahead...

#### February 2 - 4

Diocesan Convention

in Augusta

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



Christmas at Christ Church Valdosta begins with the greening of the church as the altar guild prepares for the celebration of the birth of Christ. The 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service for the "young at heart" bursts forth with the sound of bells, the light of candles, and the joy of children watching as puppets explain the real meaning of Christmas.

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# The Vineyard

## The Vineyard On the Web

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## The Vineyard Deadline

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## 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. 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 '12	Phyllis Hiers '14
Clinton Beeland '13	Aaron Parten '12
Stefani Carroll '13	Steve Roberts '13
Robin Coleman '14	Sandy Sandbach '14
Susan Elliott '12	Jeani Synyard '14
Sparky Greneker '13	Joe Tomberlin '12
Philip Gunter '12	Lucy Tomberlin '13
Jeff Hanson '14	

## Phone Numbers

Church Office	242-5115
The Rev. Ingeman	245-0799
The Rev. Drazdowski	249-0895
The Rev. Elliott	242-3333
The Rev. Hobgood	630-6444
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 November 21, 2011

- Approved annual outreach donations to Habitat for Humanity and Break Bread Together for \$1,000 each.
- Received report on the Education Building construction and proposed parking solutions while the area is fenced: in the gravel lot, at the Rectory, in the Wesley Foundation lot, on College street, at the VSU History Department lot and the VSU Admissions lot.
- Announced five new Vestry members for 2012: Robin Coleman, Jeff Hanson, Phyllis Hiers, Sandy Sandbach and Jeani Synyard.
- Asked for nominations and volunteers to serve as delegates to the 191st Diocese of Georgia convention in Augusta, Feb. 2-4.
- Reported on College Ministry ending the fall semester.
- Announced the Georgia Supreme Court decision in favor of the Diocese of Georgia to



Mike Tanner,  
Junior Warden

Dave Clark,  
Senior Warden

retain ownership of Christ Church Savannah.

- Reported on the success of the Olympic Scarf project with 56 scarves in hand and more coming in before the blessing on Dec. 14.
- Received report on the curriculum for the youth Sunday School classes with the announcement of the Christmas party and lock-in on Dec. 16. Appealed to Fr. Ingeman to budget for a full-time youth director for 2012.
- Announced the Thanksgiving service and dinner plans; opportunity to sign up for the Las Posados project and reminded everyone to help supervise children during construction.

Dear Christ Church family,

*Thank you so much to all those who made possible the beautiful reception after Dottie Eager's memorial service. She would have loved it and all the family here certainly did. It was a small taste of the heavenly banquet to come and gave delicious sustenance to our whole family. It was a loving tribute to her, and I am grateful to all of you.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Carolyn Eager*

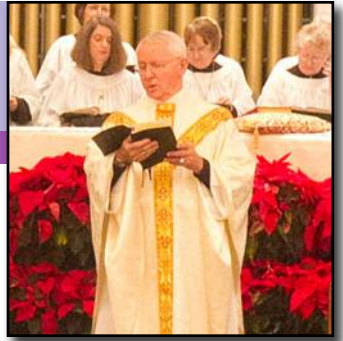
**Check the tower for "The Sunday Paper" a new children's lectionary resource in both "regular" and "junior versions." It's the children's bulletin.**

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





# From the Rector



## STARGAZING

Of course they were late; three years late. They were busy fussing, choosing the right gifts, taking readings of the stars, pursuing ancient prophecies in old, dusty books. They were rich and educated and Gentiles, so simple Jewish shepherds got to the stable first. The question is, of course, why did they go at all, what did they seek? William O'Malley, a wise Jesuit, tells us they were hungry to confront the Truth Himself and that hunger carried them over the sterile deserts of Asia Minor, a truly unpromising route to that goal. What did they find at their journey's end; a baby in a hovel. Both shepherds and magi recognized Christ when they saw Him. Shepherds had come in response to the heavenly host of singing angels, filling the Judean night sky proclaiming the coming of the one who would be the Way, the Truth and the Life. Magi had come at the persistent beckoning of a star. Both shepherd and wise man had come to see and wonder at, to worship, the Christ. The Epiphany is God's self-revelation to shepherds and kings, to us all. Come celebrate Epiphany on January 6; follow your own star.

Peter+



This has been an exciting year for Canterbury Club at Valdosta State University. This past fall Louttit Hall has been open to local college students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have students who attend VSU, GMC, and Wiregrass Tech. Clinton Anthony is our college intern who serves as host and

moderator. Louttit Hall serves as a meeting place for our college students to gather to study individually, in a group, or just to share lunch and talk about the daily grind. Kelly and Craig Lambert serve as hosts for Sunday evenings coordinating meals with the people in our parish. They are a big help and feel right at home in this ministry.

I would like to thank all of the wonderful people at Christ Church who support this ministry with their financial contributions and their willingness to provide food on Sunday evenings. I hope that next semester you will continue to support this important ministry in our parish.

Through the joint efforts of Christ Church and the Diocese of Georgia, we are reaching out to our students and our students are reaching out into the world. This year I have seen tremendous growth in this ministry. Our students are looking for ways to serve God in their lives and their community. The three projects this year have included the "Trunks of Treats" for our little children of Christ Church, adopting a family for Christmas, and looking for ways to help one of their fellow students.

I feel we are all blessed by this ministry we share with our college students.

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski

## Dominican Dates & Flights Established for 2012 Trip

- What:** 2012 Mission Trip to El Pedregal, Dominican Republic
- When:** June 16 - 23, 2012
- Flights:** JetBlue 1717 to Santo Domingo  
7 a.m. on June 16  
JetBlue 1706 to Orlando  
10:26 a.m. on June 23
- Who:** All are invited; if you are 18 or younger, bring a parent
- Work:** Knitting, VBS, and more to be determined by members of the team.
- Contact:** The Rev. Tar Drazdowski
- Cost:** Approximately \$1,300

Complete information about flights, email sign-up list, and other details are available on this webpage:

<[http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page\\_id=2944](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=2944)>



## Christ Church 2012 Vestry



Julia Ariail



Clinton Beeland



Stefani Carroll



Robin Coleman



Susan Elliott



Sparky Greneker



Philip Gunter



Jeff Hanson



Phyllis Hiers



Aaron Parten



Steve Roberts



Sandy Sandbach



Jeani Synyard



Joe Tomberlin



Lucy Tomberlin

The 2012 Vestry will elect officers at the January meeting. The Vestry meets in the Parish Hall on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Like last year's Vestry, this vestry has the youngest member ever elected, Sparky Greneker, and father and daughter serving members, Joe and Lucy Tomberlin.

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## Construction and Parking



Construction on our new education building is underway! Alternate parking is available at:

- The gravel lot behind the church
- The paved lot beside the rectory
- The paved lot behind the Wesley Foundation
- The paved lot behind the VSU History Department
- The paved lot behind the VSU Admission Building
- Street parking on College Street - reserved for mobility impaired.

The most current parking information will continue to be available on our website: <http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?p=3011>.



**Campaign  
Cash Total  
\$606,784  
as of 12-19-11**



# Shonna Roberts, a special friend of Christ Church

by Savannah Spivey



**O**n December 12, a 12-year-old Kamp Phun and St. Francis camper slept in her own bed for the very first time. With the help of Christ Church, Shonna Roberts received Christmas gifts a few days early this year. Savannah Spivey organized this endeavor for Shonna, and after posting a note on Facebook, she quickly found out how giving people can be. Jessica Irwin, a recent VSU Graduate, knew Savannah through classes and offered to donate her entire bed and bed-set for Shonna, a girl Jessica had never even met. After organizing the trip with the help of two strong friends, Allan Celik and Landon Bryan, Savannah and the guys delivered Shonna's new bedroom. Others were involved in this endeavor as well. Ashlyn Horney

and Sam Shouppe regularly donate nice clothes to Shonna, and Katie Parker also donated an "Ihome" stereo for Shonna's Ipod, also a gift, from Jay Sizemore.

One of the most rewarding things about this experience was Shonna learning to make up her own bed with the brand-new bed set bought for her by Penny and Russell Spivey.

Her room was also decorated with pictures donated by Julius Ariail from her experiences at Honey Creek. They hang over her bed, where she can be comforted knowing how many people love her and how much fun she had at camp.

The joy of Shonna sleeping in her new bed and in her own room for the first time was augmented by the fact that she had spent the day in the

Coffee County Hospital because of her Type 1 Diabetes.

Savannah hopes to be able to send Shonna to camp at Honey Creek again this year, but it was only through donations and scholarships that this was made possible for her last four sessions at camp. If you can help Shonna with the expenses of camp, or if you would like to help in any way, please remember Shonna and her family this year in your prayers.

Christmas will be a hard time for many around us, and we hope this story inspires you to believe in the power of giving without expectations to receive.

If you have any questions regarding Shonna or feel like you can help in any way, please contact Savannah Spivey (478-795-0268).

## Advent Wreathmaking on Nov. 27, 2011

Susan Elliott organized the annual wreathmaking program held during the Sunday School hour on the first Sunday of Advent. Wreath forms, pins, a variety of greenery and berries, as well as candles were available. The Elliott family has given this present to our congregation for many years encouraging the celebration of the preparation in Advent.



# SPECIAL DAYS

## JANUARY

### BIRTHDAYS

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

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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



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

## Las Posadas - "The Lodgings"



The Holy Family creche figures have "lodged" with several Christ Church parishioners during Advent. In the photos above Mike and Phyllis Holland handed the figures to Elizabeth and Larry Wisenbaker at the children's party on Friday, December 16. Las Posadas has become an annual tradition at Christ Church and the figures arrive and are installed in the manger during the children's Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. service after being hosted in parishioners' homes all during Advent. If you haven't participated in this before, please consider signing up next November.

**Christ Church Projects will reappear in this space in February.**

## Christ Church Preschool Visits Christmas Tree Farm



The children and staff of our Preschool visited a Christmas tree farm on Friday, December 2, 2011 to learn more about where Christmas trees come from. In the photo above, Mrs. Norma Tomberlin and Ms. Patricia Greneker escort children as they walk through the rows of growing trees, looking for that special one. Our Preschool has regular outings like this during the year, winding up with a pool party on the last day of school.



## Special Olympics Scarf Project at Christ Church, Valdosta



When the call for knitted and crocheted scarves for the Special Olympics athletes went out, the Christ Church Stitchers of Love and friends in the community rose to the challenge. The scarves, given to the participants in the January 2012 Indoor Winter games in Marietta, are a symbol of unity, support, compassion, and empowerment for the athletes. On Dec. 14, Fr. Peter Ingeman blessed over 135 scarves. As word spread, other groups participated, including in Valdosta, the Withlacoochee Quilters Guild, the Chemo-Cap knitters, members of St. John's Catholic Church and First

Methodist, and many other friends in the community; and out of town, the stitchers at St. Paul's, Jesup; St. Andrew's, Darien; and others in the Americus-Albany region. "So many people were generous with their time," Deacon Patricia said, "and we are so grateful to all who participated. Our prayers and good wishes were woven stitch by stitch into every scarf. While all the scarves are red and blue, each one has its own unique pattern and is as special as the athlete who will receive it."

Written for *From the Field* of December 20 by The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks.

## Lessons and Carols at St. Barnabas



Phyllis Hiers and Julie Van Ham served as readers along with members of other Episcopal churches in our area during the annual service of Lessons and Carols at St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoon, December 4th.

## The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

*Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is.*  
By Joan Chittister, OSB, and Archbishop Rowan Williams.  
Liturgical Press: 2011.



Years ago I heard a dynamic Trinity Church broadcast of Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams – this book reflects the same evocative interplay of perspectives on faith. These short meditations, grouped into "Discovering What We Are," "Becoming Who We Are," and "Growing into the Unknown," both refresh and revive, with full acknowledgement of the tug between faith and doubt, peace and suffering, darkness and God. The authors seek to lead us out of the wilderness so that we say "Alleluia" – thanks be to God for holy doubt, which turns complacency into a pursuit of truth; for suffering, which liberates us from the prison of the self; and even for death, which urges us to reevaluate and "choose again for the lasting beyond the ephemeral." Alleluia for the courage of Sister Joan and Archbishop Williams, who call us to a form of practical spirituality so that we may live our lives fully. As they say, having brought creation "to the point of abundance and possibility and dynamism, God left it for us to finish"; we are the ones chosen "to bring the goodness of God to outweigh the rest." May we be granted the grace to do so.

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## Christmas 2011

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The solemn Christmas Eve service begins with choir, organ and instrumental music at 10:30 p.m. and is followed by the celebration of the Eucharist. The service ends in candlelight as each participant holds a candle to light the way into Christmas. The 10 a.m. Christmas Day service and the 6 p.m. Vespers and the Blessing of the Creche complete the festive celebrations.





## Happy Episcopal People



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

## Teachers' Harvest

A thank-you note for our donation of books, pens, pencils, glue sticks and erasers:

*Dear Christ Episcopal Church,  
Thank you for your recent donation to Teacher's Harvest. We are always grateful for school supplies to give to our dedicated, hard-working teachers. We appreciate your continued support of our organization.*

*Best regards,  
Shannon Zapf  
Director of Development*

## Greening the Church



The Altar Guild, clergy, staff, and volunteers decorated the church on Thursday, December 22nd, in preparation for the Christmas services.



## Clergy Moves

Three clergy members associated with Christ Church will have new or expanded assignments in other churches starting on January 1, 2012. The Rev. Stephen Norris will move from Valdosta to Savannah to become priest-in-charge of St. Francis of the Islands Episcopal Church beginning Feb. 1. The Rev. Jim Elliott, currently priest-in-charge of St. James' Episcopal Church in Quitman, will become the Vicar there and will hold services at that church every Sunday. Fr. Elliott will continue with his leadership role with the Christ Church senior EYC program and will also assist in occasional Wednesday evening services here. The Rev. Walter Hobgood, currently an assistant at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Moultrie, will become priest-in-charge there and will serve there on Sundays and occasional Wednesday evenings. He will continue his regular attendance at Christ Church's Thursday morning services.



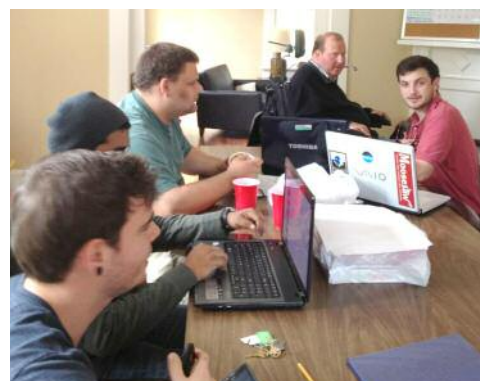
## Rectory Open House

A 2" snowman was the newest addition to Happy Ingeman's miniature English village display, which draws much attention at the annual rectory open house. The great food and fellowship make the yearly event a holiday treat as Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman welcome parishioners and friends on Dec. 18.



## Dead Day at Louttit Hall

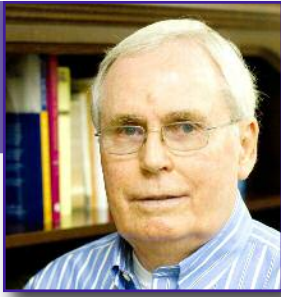
Several of our college students enjoyed food and other refreshments as they studied in Louttit Hall on December 6, the traditional study day at VSU before final exams begin.



Photograph by The Rev. Tar Drazdowski

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# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

The December 2011 article concluded with certain developments in the Vestry meeting of June 6, 1948, that related to construction of the new church. In that same session vestrymen deliberated at length about “means of complying with the Bishop’s instructions to reduce costs. . . .” Subsequently, they approved a Jamie Carroll-Glenn Robinson motion for a new round of bids to be submitted by interested contractors by June 28, 1948. The motion required the tender of three different bids by each contractor: the first for the complete church plant, including the church proper, the so-called “parish house,” and the “assembly hall,” meaning the present parish hall. The second would be for the church and the “parish house,” excluding the “assembly hall.” The third would be for the “parish house” and the “assembly hall,” excluding the church proper. After the meeting, the Building Committee was to contact the supervising architect, Lloyd Greer, immediately, asking him to advertise for new bids and “urging him to attempt to secure bids from other localities besides Valdosta.”

Meanwhile, on June 7, 1948, Vestry Clerk Robert Macks received a letter from J. Randolph Anderson, Treasurer of the Corporation of the Diocese of Georgia, explaining how the Corporation would pay to Christ Church \$23,000.00 of the \$25,000.00 promised by Bishop Middleton S. Barnwell toward construction of the new church. The remaining \$2,000.00 would pay John C. LeBey, a Savannah *The Vineyard*, p. 10, January 2012

architect, for his design of the new church plant. Bishop Barnwell had earlier told Macks that Christ Church would receive two payments: \$13,000.00 on July 1, 1948, and \$10,000.00 on August 1, 1948. However, as Anderson now wrote, the money was to be derived from selling Series “F” United States bonds held by the Corporation. Without clarifying how the source of the funds affected the payment schedule, Anderson informed Macks that Christ Church would receive \$10,135.00 on July 1, 1948; \$7,970.00 on September 1, 1948; and \$4,895.00 on December 1, 1948, the total being \$23,000.00

Macks responded diplomatically on June 8, 1948, saying to Anderson, “You may be certain that we will be very pleased to receive the funds whenever it is convenient for you to let us have them, and we will make our arrangements accordingly.” He also reported that the contract for the Church had not been let, “so that the slight delay in receipt of funds will not cause any difficulty.”

Then, at three o’clock on the afternoon of July 2, 1948, Vicar Clifton H. White, Jerome Tillman, Jamie Carroll, Glenn Robinson, Noah Fry, and Robert Macks met with Lloyd Greer in his office to open the new bids from two Valdosta contractors, J.N. Bray Company and R.R. McCall Company, and from Tinker Concrete of Macon. To simplify a somewhat complex story, Tinker Concrete submitted the lowest bid of \$62,800.35 for the complete project [church, parish house, and assembly hall] and \$50,680.25 for the church and parish house without the assembly hall. The

minutes of the meeting declared that the Tinker bid of \$50,680.25 for the church and parish house “per specification but minus the Assembly Hall, was accepted, with the provision that the bid for the entire structure might be accepted at a somewhat later date, at the original price, if we are able to raise the additional funds required and there had been no major change in costs or labor conditions.” A further development from this gathering was the decision that Jerome Tillman, Jamie Carroll, and Fr. White would meet with Horace Caldwell, a communicant and manager of the Daniel Ashley Hotel, to consider the possibility of “soliciting the funds to complete the entire Church as proposed – solicitation to be made from certain parties well known to the vestrymen . . . and to Mr. Caldwell.”

By the time of the next sitting of the full Vestry on July 4, 1948, no progress had been made with the idea of seeking additional funds to carry out the full project of building the church, parish house, and assembly hall as originally envisioned. The meeting, however, did make two decisions. The first was to confirm an agreement reached earlier to reuse the original cornerstone from the old church on East Central Avenue. The stone would be turned “endwise” so that it could be re-carved with the information about the new church. Second, Vestry recommended that the Building Committee “check with Mr. Tinker [H.G. Tinker, owner of Tinker Concrete] and check [into] Mr. Tinker . . . to determine the necessity of securing a Building Bond.”

More in February.



## Youth News by Stefani Carroll

### Children's Christmas Party, December 16, 2011



The children of Christ Church enjoyed a Christmas party and lock-in on December 16. Among other activities, they iced and decorated cookies; ate a pizza supper; had a visit from the Holy Family and the real St. Nicholas portrayed by Dr. Ken Rumstay; decorated banners with their handprints; and enjoyed hot cocoa and candy canes. The older youth had a guided Eucharist led by The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and learned about the different vestments and the correct names for the items used on the altar during the Eucharist. They stayed for an



overnight lock-in sleeping in sleeping bags on the floor of Louttit Hall ending at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Molly Stevenson, Stefani Carroll, and Tar+ planned and supervised the evening's activities. Paul Stevenson, Jennifer Singleton, Grace Force, Griff Holland, and Josie Parten also helped with the planning, preparation and supervision of the evening. Our EYC members Hudson Tanner, Katie Wisenbaker, Raini Singleton, Madison Jackson, and Cecilia Carroll helped with all the children's crafts, supper and other activities.



### Upcoming Events

#### Mary Peeples to star in "Annie" in Atlanta

The talented Mary Peeples, a member of Christ Episcopal Church, has been cast as Annie in the Atlanta Fox Theatre Production of "Annie" which will run for a week January 14th through the 22nd. Tickets are available at: <http://www.com-atlanta.org/venues/387/fabulous-fox-theatre-ga-tickets>.



#### Epiphany Pageant

January 6 (Friday)

Contact Jennifer Singleton (269-1399), Tina Nunn (560-6784) or Stella Clark (251-0781) for more information. There will be a rehearsal Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21 (Tuesday)

Senior EYC members cook pancakes and bacon for the congregation. Contributions benefit the Senior EYC program. Contact Susan Elliott for more information (561-0026).

#### Senior EYC January 2012

Dan Schert and Fr. Elliott head this up, with a rotating schedule of locations:

Jan. 4 - Louttit Hall

Jan. 18 - Louttit Hall

Jan. 11 - Elliotts' home

Jan. 25 - Querins' home

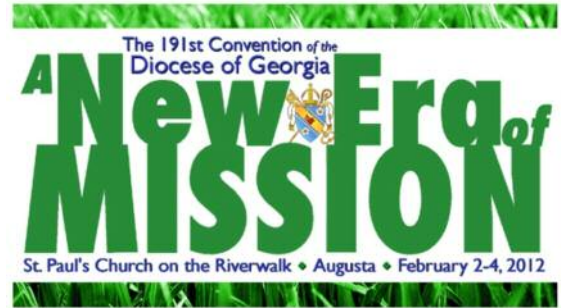
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## Birdwatching At St. Marks on New Year's Day, Rain or Shine



Make plans to join the bird watching group at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge on January 1, 2012. Cars will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. The group enjoys a picnic at noon at the Tower Pond picnic area, a river boat ride at Wakulla Springs, and a supper meal at a coastal restaurant. Several expert birders usually attend, including Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit. Call Phyllis Hiers at 244-5942 for information and view lots of photos from last year's trip at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta/20110101StMarks>.



## The 191th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia February 2 - 4, 2012 St. Paul's Church on the Riverwalk Augusta, Georgia

### Registration Costs

\$80 for Voting delegates, alternates and clergy  
\$65 for retired clergy, and guests  
\$30 for Students and seminarians  
\$95 for exhibitors

For additional information about the Convention, please check the diocesan website at <http://convention.georgiaepiscopal.org>.

## 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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