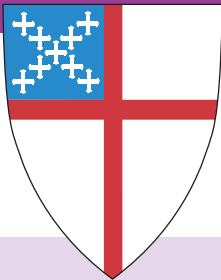


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

March 2012



Mark Your Calendar

March 4

"Re-vamp, Re-charge & Re-visit Youth Programs" discussion during Sunday School hour
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

March 8

Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge Dinner hosted by Christ Church

March 9 - 11

New Beginnings at Honey Creek for 7th - 9th graders

Looking forward to April

April 1

Palm Sunday

April 5

Maundy Thursday

April 6

Good Friday

April 8

Easter Sunday

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The 191st Convention of the Diocese of Georgia was held at the Marriott Hotel and Suites in Augusta, Georgia on February 2 - 4 and sponsored by St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Photos:

1. Marriott Hotel
2. St. Paul's Church
3. Griff Holland
4. Clinton Anthony
5. Andrew Greneker
6. Molly Stevenson
7. Christ Church delegates, clergy, & guests

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The Vineyard On the Web

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The Vineyard Deadline

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

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| 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

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| The Rev. Drazdowski | 249-0895 |
| The Rev. Elliott | 242-3333 |
| 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 January 16, 2012

- Held swearing-in ceremony for all the Vestry members.
- Elected officers for 2012 - Senior Warden Steve Roberts; Junior Warden - Aaron Parten; Secretary - Julia Ariail; and Treasurer - Carolyn Eager
- Discussed Budget for 2012 based on \$290,000 because of \$32,000 shortfall in pledges for 2012.
- Discussed how to eliminate costs and increase pledges, then tabled approval of the budget until the February 20th meeting.
- Reminded Vestry of St. Francis fundraiser, The Super Bowl Sunday Grillfest.
- Discussed the need for a full-time Youth Director.
- Addressed the transition process as we prepare for Fr. Ingeman's retirement.
- Distributed the Diocesan Transition Handbook and suggested all should read it and make notes to ask questions at the February meeting.
- Announced the Diocesan Convention in Augusta, Feb. 2-4, and elected 3 delegates and 3 alternates: Julia Ariail, Phyllis



Steve Roberts
2012 Senior Warden

Aaron Parten
2012 Junior Warden

- Hiers, and Molly Stevenson are delegates; Sandy Sandbach, Jim Drazdowski, and Sparky Greneker are alternates.
- Reported on Canterbury Club with Louttit Hall to be open this semester on Mon. and Tues. from 12 - 4 p.m. and on Wed. from 12 - 6 p.m. with intern Clinton Anthony in charge.
- Announced the upcoming mission trip of Tar+, Julius Ariail, and Savannah Spivey to the Dominican Republic from Feb. 8 - 21 to attend DR Convention, DDG meeting and lead exploratory trip.
- Requested Vestry approval of continuation of our three deacons' work at Christ Church after Fr. Ingeman retires.
- Commended Stefani Carroll for her work with the youth and agreed to work on a grant for a full-time youth director.

Dear Christ Church family,

We took David to the Roosevelt Institute at Warm Springs on February 13. He was excited and confident and very appreciative of the send-off he received from his church family. The cake, the St. Christopher medal, the gifts, the notes, and the hugs were all special to him. He loves you all.

He also thanks you for your support of his can project. Many people collected cans for him – some of the names we know (Sandbach, Tanner, DeMott, Synyard) but we don't remember everyone and some cans appeared in our driveway anonymously. Thanks to your help, he was able to contribute almost \$150 to the building fund and to recycle a pile of aluminum.

God has blessed him and us with a wonderful church family.

Love, Mike and Phyllis Holland

From the Rector



A TIME APART

So we come to Lent, an entire month of Lent. What should we do with it? Lent really is supposed to be a "time apart," a time to stop and take stock. To be "apart" is not an easy task today. We have very, very little uninterrupted time, time away from the buzzing cell phone and the texting. The world impinges on us, follows us wherever we go. The world followed Our Lord too; crowds pressed upon him, begging for healing, for a word or a touch or simply to be in His presence. Our Lord withdrew, sometimes to a mountaintop, sometimes to a garden, to sit alone absorbed in prayer, absorbed in speaking to God. The church has long tried to provide some time or space for prayer and contemplation, some spiritual privacy in the midst of the pressing demands of our lives. There are externals; the lack of flowers and "alleluias," the liturgical color purple, the language of the service, all to set our common worship apart. What then for ourselves, our personal time apart? That's up to us. Take this time, make the most of it; perhaps in your own silence the awesome reality of God's attending presence will speak to you and you will hear.

Peter+

El Pedregal and College Ministry



One of my life's greatest pleasures is returning to El Pedregal in the Dominican Republic. The pleasure is twofold. First of all, I love the work that Christ Church has accomplished in the life of this village. Where there was once an empty lot, there now stands an icon in the community, the Church of The Transfiguration, a reminder of God's love. Behind the church is a school that provides hope for tomorrow. The second aspect of my pleasure is from the joy I see in the faces of God's people. They are excited when someone returns to check on their progress. Julius and I were there from February 9-12 for the convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, where I presented greetings to Bishop Holguín and the delegates from Bishop Benhase and the Diocese of Georgia.

Our primary mission in El Pedregal is providing financial support for the school. Last year, we provided scholarship support for 27 children. These children attend school every day with the hope that a good education will enhance the quality of their lives. They are grateful that the members of Christ Church invest in their future. The knitting ministry is also crucial because it gives women a way to help feed their families and gives them a place to meet with other woman from the community. Our Dominican friends are very grateful that Christ Church has been so supportive over the last decade. International mission work is a way to say that we care about the world; we care about the lives of the people who live in it; and we care enough to answer the call to mission.

Our college ministry is branching out. They will provide a meal for students who are in Valdosta working for Habitat for Humanity at the Collegiate Challenge, then work with them the next day. This semester they also would like to work at the food bank and go canoeing.

All our youth did a great job representing Christ Church at the diocesan convention! Griff Holland spoke about Vocare; Clinton Anthony spoke about Canterbury Club in Valdosta; and Andrew Greneker spoke about Happening. I also want to thank Molly Stevenson, Jonathan Ariail, and Jay Connell who spoke on video about the importance of their youth experience in the Diocese of Georgia. Jonathan and Jay are the adult children of Julius and Julia Ariail. If you would like to see the videos, go to: http://convention.georgiaepiscopal.org/?page_id=392 - Video #2.

2012 Dominican Mission Trip: If God is calling you to share in our mission in the Dominican Republic, start making your plans for the trip now. Details available at: http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=2944.

Senior Warden's Corner



Steve Roberts

Greetings.

At February's vestry meeting, The Rev. Frank Logue, Canon to the Ordinary in our diocese, visited to discuss the upcoming transition process. Fr. Ingeman retires July 31, and his last Sunday will be July 29. The diocesan Transition

Handbook suggests that Canon Logue visit the following Sunday to preach and celebrate, giving the parish the opportunity "to participate in a theological reflection upon the challenges and opportunities of an interim period." How long the interim period lasts is to be determined, but conventional wisdom puts it at 12 to 18 months. The first order of business for your vestry will be to begin the process of choosing an interim rector. Canon Logue said his goal is to supply a preliminary list of potential interim candidates by the end of March. He stressed that input from the parish is encouraged, so if you know someone you think would be a good fit, give me the name, and I'll get it to Canon Logue. The process will take time, and I believe patience and communication will be vitally important, almost as important as prayer. Peace.

Steve

Sine Nomine Singers in Concert

The February 7 choral concert directed by David Johnson at First Methodist Church included several members of Christ Episcopal Church. Jane Kinney, Sue Ellen Rumstay, Rachel Rumstay, Dick Saeger, and Molly Stevenson performed thirteen selections including the music of Wagner, Mozart, Bach, Ames, Neufeld, Gabrieli, Monk, et al. The St. John Catholic Church Youth Choir also sang with Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*.

The group is going to Poland June 1 - 8 for a tour which includes three concerts with the group based in Krakow. On April 22 the group performs at Park Ave Methodist with Bel Canto featuring three professional soloists and a pianist. They are also performing in concert in the First Methodist Church of Homerville this spring and at Christ Episcopal Church on May 24. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

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Construction in February



Photographs by Deacon Patricia Marks and Julia Ariail

After the 5 a.m. Jan. 25 start to the concrete pouring which involved 15 concrete trucks and 25 workers at the site, the February work progressed quickly with steel framers constructed, the preliminary plumbing work completed, new pipes installed in the alleyway, leveling the alleyway, bricks laid on the foundation and more.

Send-off for David Holland

At the Sunday School hour on Feb. 12, Christ Church parishioners gave David Holland a grand send-off to his school at Warm Springs, Georgia. There were hugs, a cake, gifts, and lots of good wishes for this child of the church.



Sonia Sullivan Clifton

in her own words



Sonia Sullivan Clifton

1. Favorite memory of Christ Church

When I think back to my time at Christ Church, first as a college student, then as a peer minister, then as a young adult, a mom, and a youth minister...there is a flood of memories. It is the people of Christ Church around whom the memories are rooted. They allowed and encouraged me to think about what I believed without judging me. I remember loving there was an 11:30a.m. service on Sunday mornings so I could actually make it to church on time. I remember the Louttit's big yellow van, "Aslan", and having to drive teens in it when I'd never driven a stick shift, much less, on the column (I pushed the clutch, Amy Louttit Johnson changed the gears). I remember meeting Skip and Pops (Stouffer) and even at the time thanking God for their love and guidance, and learning from them that one is never too old to do youth ministry. I remember the teens with whom I did ministry, with whom I shared many sacred times and many times of laughter, who taught me so much, and who allowed me to love them, and who I still have fun following (thank goodness for Facebook). And, I remember encountering the Holy One, time and time and time again.



2. Favorite memory of Honey Creek

Honey Creek was and is a sanctuary for me. Whether it was camp or Happening or Toil & Sweat or, or, or....it mattered not. At Honey Creek, as a teen, I was the me God created. I knew I was loved. And, I was free to love. I made friends in my teens that I have 35 years later. As an adult, serving as Happening Coordinator and Diocesan Youth Coordinator and eventually Summer Camp Director, Honey Creek continued to be "holy ground." Lives



are literally changed there, mine included. I remember lying on the cold floor of the Chapel sharing the depths of my soul and knowing that grace would protect my confession. I remember clearing the path for the outdoor stations of the cross and later the outdoor altar. I remember watching the dolphins, playing camper-counselor softball games, and designing and leading youth events so other kids could know God. I remember a trillion candles that Pam Guice and Henry Louttit would light; just in case you didn't know God lived in the Honey Creek Chapel, there could no longer be any doubt. And, I remember the tears (both of joy and sorrow) shed --- the most profound tears of my life have been received by that holy ground.

3. Favorite memory of a priest at Christ Church

I will never forget going to visit Fr. Louttit to talk to him about how to get rid of the crazy idea that was haunting me about being a priest. I had my speech prepared and rehearsed about how I was going insane. He totally disarmed me with words similar to "what took you so long to get here?" He was supposed to talk me out of priesthood. Priests had books, I didn't like books, I liked toys. How could I be a priest? Fr. Louttit's response, "Sonia, how can you not?" That moment will never leave me.

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

This answer is obvious to me - genuine love and care for the other. Teens and young adults are regarded as real members of the church. They are challenged to think on their own and to discover and use their gifts. They are raised up as valued members of the community. The word "authentic" keeps coming to me -- worship, service, and leadership are authentic at Christ Church.

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Sonia+ is currently the rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Orlando, Florida, and an adjunct faculty member at Trinity Preparatory School in Orlando. She is married to The Rev. Steve Clifton. Family: Christopher (FSU, '11), Steve, Catherine (Sewanee, '12).

SPECIAL DAYS

MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

| | |
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| 2 Charles Adams | 17 Sara Canup |
| Joan Bailey | Carter Coleman |
| 4 Helen McClure | 18 Walton Carter |
| 5 Marilyn Kemper | Olivia Nunn |
| Harrison Tillman, Jr. | Pat Tudor |
| 6 Mitchell Beeland | 19 Duke Guthrie |
| 9 Hanae Kanno | Richard Saeger |
| Phoebe Singleton | 20 Anne Reid |
| 10 Malcolm Weston | 21 Regan Adams |
| 11 Kelly Lambert | Steven Taylor |
| 12 Jane Teasley | 23 Sarah Bartholomew |
| 14 Merrill Guice | 25 Blake Yarbrough |
| Dennis Savoie | 27 Ken Rumstay |
| 15 Julia Ariail | 29 Jacob Diamond |
| Kitty Bauer | Bill Roberts |
| Jeani Synyard | 30 Bill Tucker |
| 16 Gloria Boyette | 31 Dottie Curtis |
| Kathy Failor | Janet Dickman |
| Julie Jackson | Edith Shepherd |
| | Amber Tanner |

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 3 Linda Riggle |
| 5 Marilyn Kemper |
| 14 Mackenzie Clark |
| Larry Wisenbaker |
| 20 Margaret Weston |
| 21 Helen McClure |
| 23 Willa Valencia |
| 25 Stephanie Tillman |
| 26 Aldine Carter |
| Cindy Waters |
| 27 Dylan Phillips |
| Ethan Warrick |
| 28 Mike Holland |
| 30 Dave Armstrong |
| Robbie Beeland |
| 31 Emma Claire Campbell |
| Natalie Gjertsen |



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|
| 1 Terry & Kathleen Parsons |
| 5 Boots & Pat Tudor |
| 8 Duane & Jennifer Carter |
| 17 John & Helen Bennett |
| Bob & Sue Ann Johnston |
| 18 Searcy & Helen McClure |
| 23 Allan & Joan Dear |
| Stephen & Georgianna |
| Manning |
| Mike & Julie Savoie |

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>.

Back Pack Program - Deacon Stella Clark chairs the project in conjunction with other churches to collect backpacks and financial support to be used to send food home on Fridays to children in need. (559-6159); <stellamclark@att.net>. **NEW!**

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. Bring in your travel toiletries. <WPHOBG@aol.com>.



Super Bowl Grillfest

The St. Francis Ministry to Animals sponsored a grillfest on Feb. 5 which netted approximately \$1,600 which will be used to repay local veterinarians who have been treating animals for the group. Thanks to all who bought meat and desserts from the group.

Note Card Sale for St. Francis Ministry

Carmen Boatwright's note cards feature original art she painted of cats, dogs, and playful mice. The proceeds from the sale of the cards goes to the St. Francis Ministry for Animals. Call Carmen at 257-0704 to purchase your cards. Each set of 10 unique cards is \$15.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Photographs by Phyllis Hiers

Susan Elliott, Sally Querin, and the Senior EYC group cooked and served our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21. Donations received for the meal will be used for the youth programs of the church.

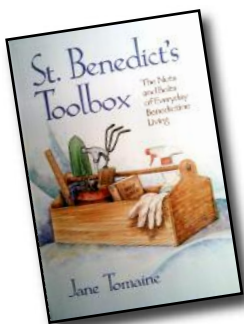


Ash Wednesday



Photographs by Deacon Patricia Marks

Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman prepared the ashes for Ash Wednesday by burning the palms from Palm Sunday 2011 with the assistance of John David Greneker. These ashes were imposed during three services on Feb. 22, the start of Lent.



The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

St. Benedict's Toolbox

By The Rev. Jane Tomaine
Morehouse, 2005



Trusting, dear readers, in your forgiving hearts, I am reviewing a book I plan to finish by Easter. I believe that Lent itself is a process, calling us to refocus and reshape our lives by chipping away at the excesses and smoothing out the rough spots. Hence the *Toolbox*, a useful collection of, as the subtitle says, *The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living*. Beginning with a call to discern God's presence in the ordinary, the author presents a brief history of St. Benedict. She guides us through the art of *lectio divina*, that foundational and illuminating practice of praying with scripture, and then introduces the Benedictine values of stability, obedience, and conversion of life, values foundational to balanced lives of work, study, prayer, and rest. Last of all is a chapter on developing a Rule of Life, something we all need to reconsider from time to time; such a rule is a "holy treasure trove" that is above all paradoxically liberating, freeing us to run joyfully toward the light of life. With God's help, may we find the tools to open our lives to holiness this Lent.

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Convention *continued from page 1*

The convention featured Bishop Scott Benhase's address about the new era of mission; Bishop Stacy Sauls' address about the national convention; videos on the importance of youth activities by Molly Stevenson, Jonathan Ariail and Jay Connell, the resolution introduced by Molly Stevenson (passed) and much more. Check out the many photos posted online here: <https://picasaweb.google.com/gaepiscopalphotos/20120202Convention#>

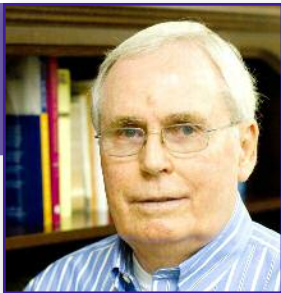


In the Dominican Republic, Our Companion Diocese

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Julius Ariail and Savannah Spivey

The three-phase Dominican mission trip by The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Julius Ariail and Savannah Spivey from Feb. 8 - 21 began and ended in the Orlando airport. For phase one, Tar+ and Julius attended the DR Diocesan Convention in El Pedregal, the site of 10 mission trips by Christ Church. Phase two continued in Santo Domingo, where Tar+ represented the Diocese of Georgia at the Dominican Development Group. Phase three began on Tuesday, 02/14, with the arrival of six people from the Diocese of Georgia, including Savannah, who then travelled around the DR to several sites exploring opportunities for mission work. Julius photographed all the activities and kept a journal of the trip. The journal and photos are online at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/gaepiscopalphotos/20120208ExplorationTrip> - photos and http://georgia.anglican.org/?page_id=3167 - journal





Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

As recounted in the February history article, Vestry Clerk Robert G. Macks explained at length to Zoë Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Council of the Diocese of Georgia, that her fears about possible disruption of her vacation by Christ Church's need to pay building costs were pointless. As he said to Miss Coburn in his letter of July 12, 1948, "one of us is laboring under a misapprehension."

In her response the next day, Miss Coburn wrote, "... I checked again on the change of handling Valdosta affairs and find that I misunderstood[,] for which I am more than grateful." She also declared, "... I learned that it is only through you that I handle funds for you to handle there---just as the bishop had told me---so when you begin to need the money you may call on me and before going away we will have in your hands whatever funds we hold for that purpose." Not content with that missive to Macks, she wrote him again on July 14th, and in her new letter claimed that she was "overjoyed to know that I had misunderstood." Once more she assured Macks that she would transfer money from the Diocese to Christ Church as required. "Whenever you need the money I have," she wrote, "let me know. I shall check with you before I go away, in case I have not heard from you, and send you what funds I have on hand."

Though the issue of how the diocese would pay its gift toward *The Vineyard*, p. 10, March 2012

construction of the new Christ Church seemed to have been put to rest, the Vestry continued to be concerned about money. The specific source of anxiety was how to acquire funds sufficient to pay for erection of the "Assembly Hall" [i.e., the Parish Hall] at the same time as the church was built. In Vestry's meeting on July 18, 1948, Senior Warden Jerome Tillman provided an account of pledges "due to the program" and "funds in hand." In light of the information from Mr. Tillman, the group's consensus was that "we would simply work toward as much as we can, pressing for a new 'drive' after the commencement of actual work on the new property. . . ." And, looking ahead to tasks still to do, vestrymen selected Noah Fry and Glenn Robinson to serve as a "furnishings committee."

At the next Vestry session on July 31, 1948, Fr. White joined the Furnishings Committee, following which "he presented many samples received from business houses he had contacted." Vestrymen yet again discussed the cornerstone at length and agreed to the placement inside the stone of an airtight liner of copper or aluminum that would contain various items such as a "Bible, Prayer Book, name of Vicar and Vestry." They reaffirmed their previous decision that the existing cornerstone from the building on East Central Avenue "be worked over and the date of construction of the new Church be added." They decided as well that letters should be sent to "all members of the

Church who had not contributed to the building fund" to solicit contributions from them.

In early September the Macks-Coburn correspondence resumed. On the fourth of that month, Macks informed Miss Coburn that "all seems now set for the church. The contract has been let---and the construction is actually under way." The Building Committee, he said, was now dealing with the "matters of the construction bond and the builder's risk [insurance]. . . ." As he had previously informed Miss Coburn, "we will hold the policies here, notifying you of the company, number and coverage," which was not at all what she wanted. Her view was that the insurance policies should be sent to her to be held in the diocesan office, a procedure she had suggested indirectly in correspondence with Macks months earlier. He now told Miss Coburn that, according to the construction contract, payments to Tinker Concrete, the builder, would have to begin soon. He recommended, therefore, that she begin to send to Christ Church "such funds as may be available." He added, "It would not be a bad idea to build up our bank balance a bit, as we plan on making a change and hope to profit considerably from the new connection." The term "new connection" evidently was a reference to the relationship with Citizens and Southern National Bank in Valdosta established by depositing Building Fund money with C & S.

Look for the continuation of this story in the April *Vineyard*.

Youth News by Stefani Carroll

Revamp, Recharge and Revisit our Youth Programs

March 4 - All parents, grandparents, and anyone interested in helping with our youth programs: Meet us during Coffee Hour (10:30 - 11:30 a.m.) to discuss where our youth programs are, where we want them to be, and what we can do to get there!

New Beginnings - Grades 7 - 9

March 9 -- 11 at Honey Creek. The deadline to register is Friday, March 2, and you can do so on edogy.org.

Acolyte Festival, St. Anne's Tifton

Mark your calendars for April 14 & 15! More information to come.

Happening # 88 - January 27 - 29, 2012



Happening #88 participants included Andrew Diamond, Andrew Greneker, Hudson Tanner, and Katie Wisenbaker from Christ Episcopal Church along with 43 others. The rector was Kim Buice and Observing Rector was Helen Mahany. Molly Stevenson was an Angel, Thomas Greneker was Head Samaritan, and Jason Peaslee was on the entertainment staff.

The Valdosta Choral Guild by Electa Ricket

The Valdosta Choral Guild gives two concerts each year - a Christmas program in early December and a spring concert in April - with religious and secular music. All singers are local volunteer singers. Mr. George Howell & Ms. Electa Ricket of Christ Church, and Ms. Sarah Riggle of St. Barnabas participated in the December 2011 Christmas concert. The spring concert will be held April 22 at 2:30 pm and April 23 at 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, and will include patriotic and popular Broadway type music. Mark your calendars and bring your friends for a wonderful musical program.

Senior EYC March & April 2012

Dan Schert, Fr. Jim and Susan Elliott
Senior EYC Leaders

March 7 - Elliotts' home

March 14 - Louttit Hall

March 21 - Querins' home

March 28 - Louttit Hall

April 4 - No EYC - Spring Break

April 11 - Elliotts' home

April 18 - Louttit Hall

April 25 - Querins' home

Sonia Sullivan Clifton interview continued from p. 5

5. What was your total educational pattern?

I attended high school at Savannah Christian Prep ['81], Valdosta State for a BBA ['84], Valdosta State for MBA ['89], University of the South in Sewanee for M.Div.['93]. Add to this, professional training in youth ministry and lots of continuing education in counseling.

6. If you were not a priest, what profession would you have chosen?

After college, I worked in the corporate office of Playland Toy Stores, then non-profits in organizational disciplines including youth ministry locally and nationally (Exec. Dir. of Nat'l Happening-8 years; Youth Ministry Consultant-10 years), so I imagine I'd be...a professional youth minister or in management of non-profits or both! After having served as a Chaplain at Trinity Prep, I have also discovered that I love to teach and coach, so maybe I would have done that too?!

7. Do you still use that other interest in your ministry?

Not a day goes by that my business-related education, youth ministry experience, and counseling training lies dormant. I can't imagine being a priest without having this kind of background. It comes in handy when working with all kinds of folks, on budgets that creatively balance (or not), recruiting volunteers, marketing the church, listening, guiding, teaching, praying, fixing leaking facets, and playing sardines with the kiddos.

Camp Honey Creek

A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

Campers have come to Honey Creek for over 50 years to connect with God, develop lifelong friendships, explore nature, and just be kids. Join us. Look for camp info: <<http://www.honeycreek.org>>.



Sessions

High School Camp - June 17-23

Completed Grades 9-12

St. Joseph and Mary I - June 24-30

Completed Grades 3-5

St. Peter - July 8-18

Completed Grades 6-8

St. Joseph and Mary II - July 15-21

Completed Grades 3-5

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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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