Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

May 2012

Christ is Risen!

Mark Your Calendar

May 1

VSU "Dead Day"

May 13

Youth Sunday/ UTO Ingathering

May 17

Ascension Day 6 p.m. service followed by Men-in-Blue BBO

May 19 & 20

Dominican Republic
Dinner and Silent Auction
Saturday at 6 p.m.
Silent Auction ends Sunday
after the 11:30 a.m. service

May 20

Senior Recognition Sunday

May 24

Preschool Graduation 10 a.m. in the church Sine Nomine Concert (Kick-off for Poland Tour) at Christ Church 7:30 p.m.

May 28

Memorial Day Office Closed

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n the darkness, fire is kindled; after which the Celebrant may address the people in these or similar words

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites its members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

-- from the service for The Great Vigil of Easter, Book of Common Prayer, p. 285.



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 <u >juliacariail@bellsouth.net>.

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The Rev. Jim Elliott, Assisting Priest

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The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks

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Vestry Report from March 19, 2012

- Reported on the progress of the Education Building and asked everyone to consider how to proceed with furnishings and signage.
- Received handout distributed by Steve Roberts from The Rev. Canon Frank Logue with the vita of The Rev. David W. Perkins, a candidate for the position of Interim Rector. More candidates' vitae will be sent by the April Vestry meeting.
- Announced the upcoming events and services for April including the five services on Easter and the Acolyte Festival at St. Anne's, Tifton on April 14.
- Announced the format for the April 21 Southwest Convocation day at St. Thomas, Thomasville. From 10-12 noon there will be a listening session; 1-3 p.m. Choir workshop; 4-6 p.m. Joint Confirmation service.
- Reported on the Companion Diocese trip made by The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and Julius Ariail.



Steve Roberts 2012 Senior Warden

Aaron Parten 2012 Junior Warden

- Announced the opening of Fall registrations for Preschool and Parents' Morning Out programs and the successful Canterbury Club dinner for the Jamestown College students working on a Habitat house.
- Announced the Pocket Prayer Shawl project by the Stitchers of Love.
- Announced the upcoming 5-week adult Sunday School class by Karen May which grew out of the information session on the children's Sunday School classes and the survey of interest. Karen's class is titled, "Raising Kids With A Faith That Lasts."
- Reported on the proposed youth activities for the end of school including Youth Sunday and Senior Sunday.

Dear Christ Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, flowers, and acts of kindness extended to Danny when he was in the hospital. It was a comfort during this difficult time, and it is nice to know how many people care. We extend special thanks to Father Peter for taking time from his busy schedule to visit.

Sincerely, Katherine and Danny Mayer

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



From the Rector

SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

his May we have two very special Feast Days to celebrate. The first will be on the 17th, the Feast of the Ascension, forty days after Easter Day. It marks the moment when Our Lord ascended to The Father, having prepared His disciples for the great task that they were to assume, the witness to the Gospel in Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth. The day when He assures those disciples that they will not be alone, that the "paraclete," the Holy Spirit, will inspire and strengthen them for the great task that will be theirs. He instructs them to stay together in Jerusalem awaiting the moment of inspiration; that moment arrives ten days later, on Pentecost, with the rush of wind and tongues of flame. It is the moment when doubt and fear are vanquished and otherwise unassuming men find the courage to speak of what they have seen and heard to places and peoples desperately in need of such good news. We are, of course, their descendents; their mission is ours. It is our turn, in this generation, to take our faith out into the world and share it; we have much to share. And, on a very personal note, my first service at Christ Church was on the Feast of the Ascension in 2000, when, on a more modest scale the entire parish marched down College Avenue to bless the Norma Tomberlin preschool building with incense and holy water and prayers.

Peter+



"For the glory of God" - what will that mean once the building is completed?

As I look at the new education building, I am amazed at the size of the building. I have heard, through the pre-school and Sunday school teachers, all of our children are excited about their new school and Sunday School building. As good and faithful stewards of the gifts God has given us, as a community we have decided that educational space was needed and we put our gifts together to get the building erected. The space needed for educational purposes was only stage one. We put a sign out on the lawn that said "Build it, They Will Come," and now we have to make sure that there is a reason to come. The

reason to come is twofold. Christian formation, for our children and as adults, is one of the ways we stay connected to God's word. The second reason is that it builds community. Nothing can take the place of a small group of Christians, young and old alike, who come together to learn and share how God works in their lives. Christ Church has many of these small groups, and they are intentional about meeting together on a regular basis, but there are some who are not part of a small group and would like to be a part of a smaller community of people. When we come together for Sunday worship, it is the family of God coming together for worship and fellowship, we are only together for a limited amount of time and that rarely allows time to share with each other on a more personal level.

So now it is your turn: tell your vestry how you envision us using this new space or how old space can be repurposed for formation, program or fellowship. Read the book of Deuteronomy and you will understand what I am talking about.

The Silent Auction for the 2012 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic will be held the weekend of May 19th - 20th. Gail Hobgood and Jeani Synyard are the wonderful angels who will be contacting you to help with the auction. If you have been a part of any "Go Team," please clear your calendar to help with the event.

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski

Senior Warden's Corner



Steve Roberts

Greetings.

As our education building continues to move toward a predicted June/July completion date, discussion has begun concerning what to do with existing property which will no longer be needed for current use(s). The most obvious space is

our current pre-school facility, which was the topic of discussion at April's vestry meeting. A suggestion has been made to use the building to house a thrift store, to be manned by volunteers. Good idea or no? Vestry members Robin Coleman and Sandy Sandbach agreed to investigate other similar operations here (St. Francis operated by St. John's Catholic Church) and in our diocese (St. Thomas, Savannah and St. Mark's, Brunswick). They need your input, and I urge you to contact them or any vestry member with suggestions, pro or con. Perhaps you have ideas for other uses for this space. Now is the time to begin planning. This topic will be on the agenda for your vestry's May



meeting. Let the discussion begin. My email is sroberts@ valdosta.edu, cell is 561-4344. Peace.

Steve

Construction in April







Photographs by The Very Rev. Canon William Willoughby III, The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks, and Julia and Julius Ariail



During April 2012 the exterior walls and the roof of our new education building took shape. In May, the roof shingles and windows should all be in place, and work on th interior walls should be well underway. On April 12th, the construction site was visited by The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Scott Benhase and The Very Rev. Canon and Mrs. William Willoughby, who were passing through Valdosta on their way back to Savannah after a visit in Thomasville.



UTO Spring Ingathering May 13th

This is our first of two collection times in 2012 for United Thank Offering, with the other being in the fall around All Saints Day. UTO is a ministry started in 1889 which unites all Episcopal Churches in collecting money (mostly coins) every day in a blue box

in thanksgiving for all the blessings which we receive every day. This money is then combined with other churches to help support programs that address compelling human needs supporting the alleviation of poverty both domestically and internationally within Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses.

We at Christ Church have many things to be thankful for. Our parish family, our new addition which is coming along beautifully, our supportive clergy and our wonderful youth who will be collecting for us on May 13th.

Help us in supporting this great ministry and thank you for your past contributions. Look for the UTO envelops in the card holders in the pews on this date.

Helen Tucker UTO Chairman

International Outreach Opportunity in Our Own Front Yard

by Molly Stevenson

One of the best parts of my job here at Christ Church is the unexpected, non-routine "God Moments." Those moments come in all sorts of ways.

Recently, I answered the phone to a woman with a soft, thick, South American accent. She explained that she is a missionary in Suriname, South America and that she would be travelling to Valdosta in a few weeks to make arrangements for a set of 19 year old twin girls who will be coming in July to study at the English Language Institute at VSU, and then continue here to study at VSU. Although I expected this call to be a request for financial support, I was surprised when she said she was calling to try to find a church community close to the university that could serve as a spiritual/ emotional support network for these girls. I asked her how she came about calling Christ Church and she said she googled the map and we were the closest to the campus. Knowing the heart of this place, I knew this was not just a coincidence. I had an instant connection with this stranger.

Anne Rita Lingers arrived at Christ Church on Ash Wednesday. We spent the evening with her and a new relationship was begun. She spent the rest of that week working out of the library at VSU, talking to program directors and making phone calls arranging for housing for the girls. We continue to communicate regularly. She made another trip here to tie up loose ends enabling her to worship with us on Easter Day. Perhaps you met her at the 11:30 service?

Chemberlain and Carelyne will arrive in July ready to study and equip themselves to go back home to make a difference. Chemberlain wants to be a pharmacist and Carelyne wants to be a dentist... neither course of study is available in their country. Their housing and schooling is taken care of through scholarships with their father's business, but they

will need to furnish the apartment. As you are down-sizing and doing spring cleaning, will you please consider helping me create a comfortable home away from home for these girls? Two beds have already been promised.



Chemberlain and Carelyne

The girls will be coming basically with their laptops and their clothes. Below is a list of items I'd like to find for them.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Molly

Items to find for our international visitors

Small kitchen table and chairs Chairs

Small desks

Chests of drawers

Dishes/flatware

Baking dishes

Towels - kitchen &/or bath

Toaster

Coffee maker

Sofa/couch

End/coffee tables

Night stands

Twin bedding

Pots & pans

Tots & paris

Vacuum cleaner

Cleaning Supplies

Pantry items

If you have anything you can donate, please call the church office (229) 242-5115, or my cell phone (229) 292-8215. We can arrange for pick-up if necessary.

SPECIAL DAYS

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

1 Joyce Dunmire
Mary Catherine
Macheski-Preston
2 Joe Tomberlin
3 Matthew Barnes
5 Karen May
Rosanne Rumstay
6 Susan Elliott
William Querin
Raini Singleton
7 Nick Bajalia, Jr.
8 Joanna Lauckhardt
Sally Nunn
Kathleen Parsons
10 Nick Bajalia, Sr.
Sugie Catikos
Lou Gabard
Electa Ricket
11 Dave Clark
Ann Johnston

12 Marilyn Miller
13 Nina Cotterly
14 Eric Nielsen
15 Julia Claire Copeland
17 Elizabeth Hanson
19 Max Bontrager
Bill Nunn
Amy Wisenbaker
21 Bill Harris
22 Marlin Ferrell
23 Mackenzie Weston
24 Frances Crawford
Norma Tomberlin
25 Emily Saeger-Jarvis
Laura Sartin
26 Beth Baker
Jayme Parsons
29 Michael Holt

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

1 Hanae Kanno
2 Kate Hanson
5 Sandy Sandbach
6 Jane Teasley
8 Lilly Kate Campbel
10 Tammy Bezona
Patricia Grieve
16 Bill Tucker
19 Jimmy Carroll
20 Owen Coggins
21 Patricia Greneker
22 Rachel Rumstay
Dillon Whiddon
23 Bill Roberts

24 Norma Tomberlin 26 Malcolm Weston 27 Noah Carroll

28 Maddie Yarbrough

29 Matthew Barnes

30 Thomas Greneker

Isabella Turner

If your special day is not included in our calendar, please call the church office

at 242-5115 to let us know.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

5 Philip & Karen Gunter
12 Michael Holt &
Miranda Edmonds
19 Harrison Tillman, Jr. &
Jan Loeffler
22 Todd & Jan Skinner
25 Jim & Susan Elliott
27 Ron & Tammy Borders
30 Craig & Kelly Lambert

Christ Church Ongoing Projects

Adopt a Haven Family - The Haven has a special need for new or likenew clothing and kitchen supplies (appliances, dishes, etc.) for mothers and children moving out of the shelter. Contact Patricia Marks (244-5159); <spmarks@bellsouth.net>.

Hungry at Home 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!

Sleeping Mats for Africa - Deacon Stella Clark chairs the project in conjunction with other churches to collect plastic shopping bags to be woven into sleeping mats. (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 - A project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. It needs a new coordinator. Bring in your travel toiletries from your summer vacations.

Dominican Auction and Dinner May 19-20

Make plans to donate items to the Dominican Auction, then come and enjoy good food and fellowship at the Caribbean dinner on Saturday, May 19 at 6 p.m. The auction opens that night and concludes after the 11:30 a.m. Sunday service the following day.

For 11 years the generosity of Christ Church has helped to support the outreach mission to the Dominican Republic. Our "Rev. Tar" leads the go team with the help of the home team, who pray and donate money for scholarships at the Episcopal School our teams helped build.

Thank you for your generosity!



What is this? Come to the DR auction and find out!

Men in Blue's Lenten Fish Fry











On March 28th, the Men in Blue had their traditional Lenten fish fry after the Wednesday night service. In addition to the traditional fried fish, grits and sausages, this meal also included fish baked in our new oven in the parish hall kitchen. The Men in Blue, led by Dave Clark, serves as the "men's club" for Christ Church, and their activities range beyond cooking to landscaping and other "fix it up" tasks as needed.

photographs by Phyllis Hiers



Our softball team is now playing at Freedom Field off Guest Road in the Men's Church League (Level C). Led by player-coach Griff Holland, their games so far have been full of spirit and fun. Come out and support them!

Southwest Convocation April 21 Meeting and **Confirmations**



Brenda Ann Keller of Christ Church, Valdosta, r., stands with her Confirmation sponsor, The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, minutes before the joint SW Convocation Confirmation service at St. Thomas, Thomasville, on Saturday, April 21 at 4 p.m. The service featured music by choir members of the SW Convocation churches under the direction of Raymond Hughes.



The Church Bookshelf





Fr. O'Driscoll's book – subtitled Contemporary Meditations on the Way of Christ – anchors our faith in an event. Not a legend, not a myth, not a piece of art, although, as he says, it is all these things as well. These forty meditations are powerful witnesses to the way that Christ's presence and life and communication are indeed "electrifyingly real." To read through each two-page meditation is to walk the path from the annunciation to the crucifixion; it is to pierce the present moment with an experience of Christ. In simple yet powerful language, Fr. O'Driscoll calls us to open the inns of our hearts, to become Mother Mary as we say "Yes" to new birth beneath the disguise of everyday life, and to hearken to Christ's "Follow me" as we experience the transcendent "costliness of all our loving." This biography of the living Christ is a good companion to have on the way.















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Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Tour major items on the agenda of the Vestry meeting of November 7, 1948, related to certain aspects of construction of the new church. A topic of extended discussion was the fittings, including pews, for the building. The Vicar, Fr. Clifton H. White, reported, "No worthwhile bids. .. [have] been received except from Amidon for the furnishings, exclusive of pews." Vestry understood that "action had to be taken" and concluded that "if no other offerings were received in short order, the furnishings would be ordered from Amidon. In addition, Noah E. Fry informed Vestry that carpet for the church had not been purchased. Reaction to that piece of news was the suggestion that "carpet and flooring be referred to Mr. [Lloyd] Greer [the supervising architect]" and that he report directly to the Building Committee on the matter. Also, Vestry approved the extension of an "extra heat duct from the heating unit to the Northwest corner of the building for consideration by the architect and contractor, if the expense involved was not out of reason." There was some talk about the nature of finish to be used in the interior of the church, sand blast versus acquella, and that question was left in the hands of the Building Committee. The Building Committee's decision on the issue is unclear, given that the Committee left no records.

A few days later the subject of "insurance coverage on the new church building" came up again in a letter of November 15, 1948, from Zoë Coburn, Executive Secretary of the diocesan executive committee, to Robert Macks,

Clerk of the Vestry. Miss Coburn alleged to Macks that she had received no reply to her earlier missive about the issue and asserted that Bishop Barnwell was responsible for the "proper protection" of all diocesan property, and "we have no record of any insurance whatsoever." In fact, Miss Coburn's statement was not quite accurate. As Macks had written her on September 4, 1948, the process of acquiring Builder's Risk insurance was then underway, and "we will hold the policies here, notifying you of the company, number, and coverage. . . . " As noted in the March 2012 Vineyard, the procedure Macks outlined was not what Miss Coburn wanted to see in September 1948, nor was it what she wanted two months later in November 1948. She had implied in September that policies covering the Christ Church project should be held in the diocesan office, and now she was explicit: "The policy should remain in the diocesan safe and we should have a record if you prefer making payments direct."

Macks responded by letter on the following day, November 16, 1948. He pointed out that, in accordance with Miss Coburn's instructions, Christ Church had obtained Builder's Risk insurance "shortly after construction was started in the amount of \$50,000.00 and on directions from Vestry \$25,000.00 placed with the McKey-Tillman Agency and \$25,000.00 with the Bass Insurance Agency and policies delivered to the Treasurer of the Building Fund." Moreover, he wrote, the Georgia Inspection and Rating Bureau had not yet established "a

definite rate on the building, [so] the coverage is on a tentative basis and no payment being made until a definite rate is arrived at." Macks also declared, "However, the building is thoroughly covered at the present time." Miss Coburn had recommended that the policy be carried on a three-year basis as a means of saving money on the premiums, but Macks reported that Christ Church's policy was on an annual basis. As he put it, "the money was just not on hand to pay a three year policy even though it meant a saving of one-sixth on the premium."

Miss Coburn's answer to the Macks letter arrived as a note typed on the bottom of an epistle written to Macks by Bishop Barnwell: "Thank you very much for the information received today with reference to insurance protection. That was what we needed. I suppose when all is completed and you get down to yearly or 3-year policy you will then handle it as before—just please let me know at that time."

With the insurance commotion out of the way, Christ Church was able to return to some of the prosaic business of equipping a new church. In particular, at a called Vestry session on November 19, 1948, Fr. White presented "bids he had received from a church furnishing company North of *Atlanta* on the pews, which seem very much more attractive those submitted by Amidon or American Seating Company." Vestrymen asked Fr. White and Jamie Carroll "to investigate the situation with the thought of placing contract for all furnishings with this organization, if feasible."

Youth News by Stefani Carroll

As the Sunday School year comes to a close, we are already planning for next year. Our current plan has the following age levels: pre-k and kindergarten; 1st through 3rd; 4th and 5th; middle school; and high school.

For all classes through middle school, we will be using a liturgically based program, *Living the Good News*, which is moving to an online format. This will enable us to distribute lessons easily to teachers and substitutes, though we will happily print out materials for teachers who prefer that method.

We are currently looking for teachers, substitutes and floaters, who will walk through as classes are going on and make sure everything is going well. It is especially helpful to have teams of 2 or 3 so no one person is expected to teach every Sunday. There are about 30 Sundays on next year's schedule.



We will have sign-up sheets for students and teachers between services on May 6, 13, and 20.

Helping our children to explore their relationship with God and Christ is an important part of Christ Church's mission. Please prayerfully consider how you can best serve the most precious asset we have.

Stefani Carroll

Adult Sunday School with Karen May





For five Sundays from April 15 - May 13, Karen May will lead an adult Sunday School Class in the front room of the parish hall titled, "Raising Kids With a Faith That Lasts." The series has 20-minute videos for each session, followed by discussion and handouts. Parents and grandparents can learn simple ways to engage children and grandchildren in learning how to love God and keep this love as a focus in their daily lives. Join the group any Sunday at 10:40 a.m. For more information contact Karen at 229-561-2076.

Upcoming Events

Youth Sunday, May 13 - if you haven't signed up, please email Stefani Carroll at 4stefani@bellsouth.net

Last day of Sunday School, May 13

Senior Sunday, May 20

Senior EYC Wednesdays in May 2012

Dan Schert and Fr. Jim Elliott

May 2 -- Church

May 9 -- Church

May 16 - Fiesta! at the Elliotts' house

May 23 -- Church

This group has expressed an interest in continuing to meet during the summer, so watch for summer schedules in the next issue of *The Vineyard*.

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Christ Church is an Episcopal parish within the Diocese of Georgia.



Christ Church now has an active Facebook page for news and photos of church activities to supplement the Sunday bulletin notes, email list, the website, and the monthly Vineyard newsletter. You can locate the page on Facebook using the name "Christ Episcopal Church (Valdosta GA)" or use this direct link:

http://facebook.com/ChristEpiscopalChurchVa ldostaGA>. The page came online on April 8th, and was approved by the vestry on April 16th. If you like to use Facebook, check out the news about our church here. If you have questions or comments about this page, contact Julius Ariail <jariail@bellsouth.net>.



You may remember Keishonna Roberts, a young friend of Savannah Spivey and Patricia Greneker from "Kamp Phun" at Honey Creek. Shonna turned 13 years old this month. She spent this monumental birthday in Savannah Memorial Hospital after having a diabetic emergency. Her Episcopal family came through for her once again; Canon Leigh Hall and Rachel Greneker visited her and kept her company during her four-day stretch in the hospital. Shonna is well aware of the love that Christ Church and the wider Episcopal community have shown for her. With care packages and memories from camp, she has retained a love for Honey Creek and for the Episcopal church. She would like to return to camp this summer; but without your help, she will not be able to do so as her family cannot support her financially. Please help us to send her to camp for the fifth! time so her Episcopal family can grow even larger. If you would like to help, contact Molly in the church office at 229-242-5115 or Savannah at 478-795-0268.

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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