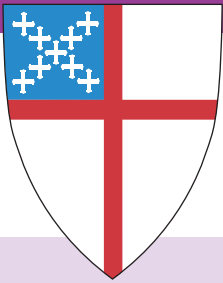


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

October 2012



Mark Your Calendar

October 7

Blessings of the Animals
3 p.m. on the side
lawn of the church

October 14 - 16

Clergy Conference
at Honey Creek

October 25

Oktoberfest
5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Adult event in the
Parish Hall
See p. 4 for details.

October 27

Butterfly Day
at St. Marks, FL

October 28

Trunks for Treats
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Patterson Street
Parking Lot

November 3

Paws for a Cause
5K run/Walk
8 a.m. at
Lowndes High

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The Rev. Joye Cantrell Begins Work as Interim Rector



The Rev. Joye Cantrell has arrived! After driving all day on September 5th from Columbia, SC, in a caravan of three vehicles with two close friends and Petie (see p. 7 for more about Petie), she was met at the rectory by several members of Christ Church who helped to unload her moving van. She got right to work that same week, looking over our building spaces with the senior warden, rearranging her office furniture, and presiding at her first worship services on Sunday, September 9th. During the next week, she met with all of the other clergy



and staff members, and on September 17th she presided at the vestry's regular monthly meeting. To cap off her busy first month, she was able to meet the other clergy members of the Southwestern Convocation when they came to Christ Church on September 22nd for their regular clericus gathering. Bishop Benhase was also at that gathering, and on the next day he made his annual visitation at a 10:00 a.m. combined service. All in all, a very busy month, and a good beginning for the transition work ahead for all of us.





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. Joye Cantrell, Interim Rector
The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Jim Elliott, Assisting Priest
The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark
The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks
Kim Dudley, Parish Administrator
Stefani Carroll, Youth Director
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 Members

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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 |
| Jeff Hanson -'14 | Lucy Tomberlin -'13 |
| Will Hanson -'12 | |

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| The Rev. Drazdowski | 249-0895 |
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| The Rev. Dcn. Clark | 559-6159 |
| The Rev. Dcn. Marks | 244-5159 |
| Kim Dudley | 242-5115 |

Vestry Report from August 20, 2012

- Discussed the need to monitor the power usage from lights and air conditioning in the Gabard building.
- Reviewed the Education Building Financial Review and the Christ Church Master Plan as of August 2012.
- Approved a motion to include the cost of a new roof for the church and carpet for the parish hall in the construction loan.
- Thanked Clint Beeland and Tom Carroll for the planning and construction of the Gabard building.
- Announced the agreement with the Rev. Joye Cantrell to be the interim rector for 12 to 18 months. She will move into the rectory on September 5.
- Suggested publishing the donation of flowers policy in the *Vineyard*.
- Thanked Jeani Synyard and her committee for the Ingeman farewell reception.



Steve Roberts
2012 Senior Warden

Aaron Parten
2012 Junior Warden

- Announced the schedule to open the Preschool and PMO in the Gabard building.
- Announced the re-assignment of the Rev. Deacon Nancy Sartin to St. James, Quitman, by the Bishop.
- Announced the temporary suspension of services at Langdale Place because of the decline in attendance. Heritage House services are going strong.
- Reported on the opening of Sunday School and the need for "floaters" to check on teachers' needs during the 45-minutes between services.
- Discussed the 10% asking from the diocesan office and postponed vote until September meeting.



FRAXA Thank You

The Fish Fry and Golf Tournament combined raised \$22,800 for research for Fragile X disease and support of Jacob's Ladder, a group that sponsors therapeutic horseback riding for special needs children.

We donated \$3000 to Jacob's Ladder and the remainder to Fraxa. We want to express our gratitude to Christ Church not only for everything our Men in Blue and members of the congregation did to help with the fundraiser, but also for their love and acceptance of Colten. We are so blessed to have the support of our church.

Patty Cosey

From the Interim Rector



The Reverend Joye Cantrell

The National Weather service announced that this summer has been the hottest in recorded history. It was the kind of summer when I felt that I ran from the air-conditioned car to the air-conditioned house and back. By June it was too hot to walk Petie at midday. I looked longingly out of my windows in my den at the garden but it was simply too hot to be outside in it.

Now with the weather moderating we can move around outside. An especially wonderful place to be is on a screened porch. The screened porch at the rectory is a peaceful place to be. On the porch one is partially in the world but not completely. I can see the students walking to class but I can remain unseen behind the screen and the bushes. The smells of the outside are so welcome and the fresh air stirs my senses. The outside makes me feel more connected to God. I know that what I smell and sense are but part of the larger cycle of summer/fall/winter/spring. I feel part too, of the glorious earth over which God has given us stewardship.

Richard Rohr is a bestselling Christian author who encourages us to rediscover the lost tradition of mystical Christianity. Over the last six months, I have been reading Rohr and trying to learn to live life more fully and to step away from dualistic thinking of the modern world. This contemplative life or life of prayer can teach us how to live in the naked now and to appropriate the "sacrament of the present moment." When you can be present, you will know the Real Presence. Too often we are taught the "what" to believe about God and not the "how" to know God.

Take time this fall to be with God. Slow down; savor the moment.

Some of Richard Rohr's books:

Everything Belongs

The Naked Now: Learning to see as the Mystics See

Breathing under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps

Joye+

Jesus Calling



One of the daily devotions I read is *Jesus Calling*. Sarah Young is the author of this book, as well as many others. She is a missionary in Africa. The reason I read *Jesus Calling* is that the devotions help me to focus...focus

on Jesus. Like many of you, I have come to the realization that everything in this life is temporal. This world, as wonderful as it is with friends, family, and the bountiful things we enjoy in our daily lives, is just temporal.

The image for this morning from *Jesus Calling* is the path that we continuously follow. Many times Jesus, our Jesus, is walking side by side, but there are times, for whatever reason, we become separated for even the slightest moment. When I find myself in that situation, I have to be willing to focus on the voice that will lead me in the right direction. For me, it is a trust walk. I don't always go willingly, but when I focus on the voice

that will lead me home, I know that I am going in the right direction. I know this not because I have a map, but because I have a personal guide to lead me through whatever the chances and changes of life are that distract me. I am sure that I am the provider of those distractions, just as I am equally sure that Jesus as my companion will lead me home.

I believe there are many parallels between our personal spirituality and corporate life together as the Body of Christ. Sometimes we consider change as an intrusion or a distraction to our day-to-day lives. Change is always with us. In reality, change is the only thing that remains constant. As a Christian community, we can focus on Christ, listen for the still small voice of God, and follow in the direction that it leads. It may require that we close our eyes to envision something new or renewing what we already have. Be assured, we can listen with confidence, because corporately we will hear the voice together. Amen.

Tar+

The Vineyard, p. 3, October 2012

Senior Warden's Corner



Steve Roberts

Greetings.

This is indeed an exciting time in our parish as we begin a period of transition. The Rev. Cantrell hit the ground running and has not slowed up. Now that I've seen her in action, I am even more

impressed than I was during her interview process. I think you'll find her energy contagious as we move forward. Changing gears, I want to thank Tar, Mike Tanner and anyone else involved in the obvious improvement in the sound in the sanctuary. Several of our hearing-challenged parishioners have thanked me, but their thanks are misplaced. Tar, Mike, et al. are responsible for the obvious improvement. Thanks also to Robin and Richard Coleman, who hosted the vestry and clergy for dinner during Bishop Benhase's annual visitation. Finally, thanks to all of you who have either completed your "Strengthen Our Stakes" pledge or who are on schedule to do so. The amount we will need to borrow to begin paying for the Gabard Christian Education Building can be lessened if outstanding pledges are satisfied. If your financial situation permits, please consider completing your pledge. Peace. Steve



Good Stewards of Christ Church

The church and parish hall have been re-roofed after thirty years. The vestry voted to include the new roof and a new carpet for the parish hall in the construction costs currently being funded. Even though we were not able to afford the new parish hall, we hope to improve the current parish hall with the new carpet, doors to the breezeway and small storage closet near the kitchen.

The Church's Sound System

The clergy members are using clip-on microphones to amplify the sound in the church so that as many parishioners as possible hear all the speakers. Thanks to Mike Tanner, Jim Nelson, Jim Drazdowski, and Sound Vision techs John O'Steen and Daniel Johnson. There are many possible adjustment settings in our sound system control box, and we are working to find the best combination of them. Thank you for your patience.

Oktoberfest at Christ Church

Oktoberfest this year is Thursday, October 25th, with the biergarten opening at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served around 6:30. On the menu: the best bratwurst this side of Munich (imported all the way from Milwaukee), potato salad and tossed salad, sauerkraut and other pickled things, rye bread, and beer and wine. Cost will be \$10 per person.

To honor the late Philip Gunter, one of our most devoted, cheerful, and tireless Oktoberfest crew members, we will also be accepting contributions toward the VSU scholarship fund in his name.

Please note that this is an adult gathering, so no nursery will be provided.

Since Jane Kinney needs to know how many bratwurst to order from the elves at Usinger's in Milwaukee, please sign up before October 12th. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the parish hall, or you can call the church office.

If you'd like to contribute by bringing potato salad (German or "regular") or sauerkraut, there will also be a sign-up sheet for that. Danke schön!



The St. Francis Ministries for Animals is helping with the Paws for a Cause 5K Run/Walk on

**Saturday, November 3rd, 2012 at
8 a.m. at Lowndes High School,
1606 Norman Drive, Valdosta.**

Christ Church member Karen Gunter is the contact person for information. There are registration forms and sponsorship forms on the Christ Church website at <www.christchurchvaldosta.org/hold/paws-forms.pdf>. You are encouraged to sign up in advance by October 29 for a reduced registration fee. Proceeds will benefit local animal charities including our St. Francis Ministries. Bring your leashed furry friend to join in the fun.

October 7, 3 p.m. - Blessing of the Animals

During our pet blessing on October 7, contributions will gladly be accepted for the St. Francis Animal Fund, which helps pay costs for animals in need.

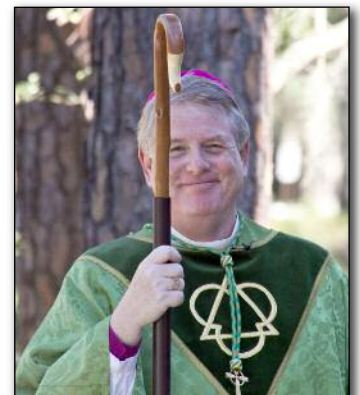
Bishop Scott Benhase at Christ Church, September 22-23



Bishop Scott Benhase made the most of his visitation to Christ Church Valdosta the weekend of September 22-23, 2012 by meeting with several groups in addition to celebrating and preaching at the combined 9:30 and 11:30 services on Sunday morning. On Saturday he met with the clergy of the Southwestern Convocation: Christ Church, Valdosta; St. Barnabas, Valdosta; Christ the King, Valdosta; St. James, Quitman; St. Thomas, Thomasville; All Saints, Thomasville; Good Shepherd, Thomasville, St. Margaret's, Moultrie; St. John's, Moultrie; and St. John's, Bainbridge. Following the larger meeting, he met with the Rev. Joye Cantrell and the Rev. Tar Drazdowski. Next, he met with the Vestry of Christ Church followed by dinner with the Vestry and clergy members and their spouses at the home of Robin and Richard Coleman. After the combined Sunday service, Bishop Benhase met with the young adults.

Bishop Benhase described the "New Era of Mission" in the Diocese of Georgia as nothing less than a reformation. The Campaign for Congregational Development aims to grow congregations, develop clergy and lay leadership and mobilize youth and young adult leadership. The Diocese has published a brochure which describes the campaign goals in more detail. It is available in the Parish Hall of Christ Church.

"It is an exciting time to be at Christ Church," said Bishop Benhase. "I wish I could be here with you as you choose the direction of your church, your mission outreach and your new rector. I will keep in close contact."





Preschool and PMO Begin in the Gabard Building

by the Rev. Tar Drazdowski

The preschoolers returned Tuesday after Labor Day. The Gabard Education Building is full of happy little voices. During the first week of school, I had the privilege of watching the children arrive for their first day of school. They were happy and ready to begin the school new year. Our Preschool teachers Elise Sandbach, Norma Tomberlin and Betsy Kirk have done a marvelous job in creating centers for learning, which are fun and full of inviting activities. The school year has gotten off to a fabulous start.

We still have space available in our preschool classes. If you know of anyone who is looking for an excellent preschool program, please have them call the church office for more details.

Parents' Morning Out

June Kruse and the Parents' Morning Out staff moved into the Gabard Education Building and started serving children on September 10th. June did an excellent job creating a fun space in the multipurpose room for the children to play. The multipurpose room is used for large group activities and the smaller rooms in the nursery are used for arts and crafts and snacks. The very capable PMO staff is delighted with their new space and look forward to working with our children who are enrolled in our PMO program. If you know of anyone who would like to enroll their child, please have them call the office.

Nursery

Christ Church has now moved into a new nursery. Everything is brand new and very inviting. Stefani Carroll was in charge of buying new furniture and making sure the nursery is furnished with the equipment necessary to provide a safe and loving environment for our young children on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour and during the services. Katie Gamble will continue to work in the Nursery.

Grace Moments

An attitude of gratitude always helps us to focus on what is right in our world. Gratitude is a way of acknowledging what someone does to make our lives just a little better. When we remember to express our gratitude it makes our world just a little bit brighter for those we thank and for us as we remember someone has gone out of their way to make our lives better.

Tar+

Open Enrollment

Our Preschool classes and PMO program are currently accepting applications. The hours are from 9-12 daily. Lunch Bunch is from 12-1 daily. All of our programs provide two adults in each classroom, and supervision in the PMO is calculated by the number of children enrolled for the day. There are always at least two staff members present at all times. All of our programs are developmentally age appropriate. We are committed to providing the best educational environment for the children who are entrusted to our care.

The two-year-old class is under the direction of Betsy Kirk and her assistant Ashley Bird. The students do not have to be potty trained before entering this class. Our new facilities have given us the opportunity to lift this requirement. The two-year-old classroom shares a bathroom with the three-year-old-classroom.

The three-year-old class is taught by Norma Tomberlin, and she is assisted by April Southerland. The four-year-old class is taught by Elise Sandbach, and she is assisted by Carrie Kendrick.

The Reverend Laura “Joye” Cantrell in her own words

What is your favorite childhood memory of Charleston, SC?

I remember the freedom to go anywhere my bike would take me. Things were slower, and Charleston was a small town. I could go to the Battery to watch the boats and ships or to the library to check out books.

How long have you and your dog Petie been together?

Petie was a gift from God at a time when I needed a companion. My father was ill in Charleston, SC, in 2002, and I was travelling to see him frequently. A week after my father died, a friend of a friend called me to ask if I wanted a dog. We have been together ever since.



Tell us about your children.

I have two children, Margaret and Paul. Margaret is an attorney with the Department of Labor in Washington, DC and is engaged to be married. Paul works as a chef in Miami, is married and with his wife expecting a baby in January.

I heard you like football. Which team is your favorite?

Clemson. All my family went to school there.

What are your hobbies?

After I bought and renovated an old house in Laurens County, South Carolina, I got interested in woodworking and stained glass. Actually, I will try any craft at least once. I mainly enjoy the creative outlet of working in a group setting, enjoying the camaraderie and learning new skills.

What do you consider your greatest strength as a priest?

I care about people. It is really a sincere interest when I ask people about themselves. I enjoyed taking groups to Haiti because it introduced people to outreach, making the Gospel relevant.

Why did you choose to go into interim ministry?

When you agree to be a rector, you are committed to a 5 to 7 year period. At this stage of my life with grandchildren on the horizon, I wanted the flexibility to spend a lot of time with them and my children in the next few years. I also enjoy going different places. I plan to look for a variety of places to serve as an

interim minister.

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

I was a school librarian for 25 years. I love libraries and would still be a librarian if I had not answered God's call to be a priest.

What do you hope to accomplish at Christ Church Valdosta?

I want to help the parish understand the importance and wonderful opportunity they have to move forward to decide what they want to be as a congregation in the next 5 to 10 years. Sadly, we have to let the Ingemans go on to their next ministry, too. I hope to organize the ministries and gifts we have for the next rector. We can work together to come up with a strategy to be even better than we are now.

When I told my friends in South Carolina that I was moving to Valdosta, many people said, "That is the nicest town!"

They were so right, and this is a wonderful time to be here.



VITA

Hometown: Charleston, SC. Priest since Jan. 30, 1993
Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science
from Converse College, 1971
Master of Library Science degree from Univ. of SC, 1973
Master of Divinity degree from Bexley Hall, Rochester,
NY, 1992
Interim Ministry training, 2012

SPECIAL DAYS

OCTOBER

BIRTHDAYS

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

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 Ford
- 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.



NEW

Cafe Grace is designed for young adults between the ages of 18 and 30. A group gathering in a casual setting to share thoughts, find God in everyday life and discuss theology, Cafe Grace is sponsored by Christ

Church but is open to everyone. We are meeting at Starbucks on St. Augustine Road (Exit 18, I-75) at 8:00 P.M. every Tuesday night.

**Bring an open mind, a heart for God, and a friend!
Come join the conversation!
Don't just go to church - Be the church!
See you there!**

Save the dates!

The 2013 Dominican Republic mission trip is scheduled for June 15 - 22, 2013



**Christ Church Preschool
Open Enrollment
*There are openings in the 2½, 3, and 4-year-old classes.
Call the church office to apply.***



**Camellia Garden
to be renovated.
More to come.**



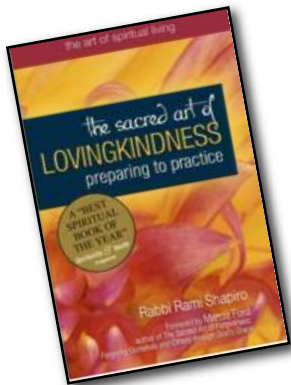
http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=4395

The website now has a new, major section named "Transition" that contains some preliminary information about the leadership transition process that will culminate in the calling of a rector in twelve months or so. One feature that will be expanded soon is the "Frequently Asked Questions" area. Got a question about the transition? Ask a vestry member or send an email to <websexton@christchurchvaldosta.org> and we'll get your answer posted in this space as quickly as we can.

Website

We've always tried to keep the information on the church's website as accurate and as up-to-date as possible, but as we enter the leadership transition period, there will be a special effort to review all of the posted images and text pages to make sure that this key publication of the church represents who we are and what we do. When the search process for a new rector begins in a few months, prospective candidates will be going to the website for information about Christ Church -- not just the main headings, but also all of the little details on the interior pages. In addition to prospective candidates themselves, their families and friends will also be taking a look.

You can help in this "keep it up-to-date" effort. If you spot anything that needs a re-write or a new image, please contact the websextons at <websexton@christchurchvaldosta.org> and let them know.



The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

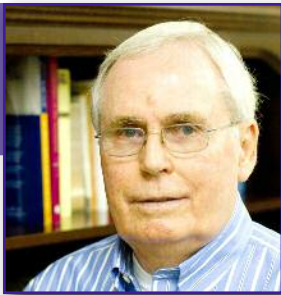
The Sacred Art of Lovingkindness
by Rabbi Rami Shapiro. SkyLight Paths, 2006.



"How can I write a book about something I myself have not mastered? When it comes to the sacred art of lovingkindness I am neither a Rembrandt nor a Picasso. I am more like a kindergartner with finger paints." So begins Rabbi Shapiro with his characteristic mix of humor and humility, admitting that

living up to the thirteen attributes of lovingkindness is, indeed, a life's work. In this simple but profound book, the Rabbi draws upon a number of religious traditions—Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity—inviting us all not merely to pray for transformation, but to live it by acknowledging God's presence in ourselves and others, by engaging in creativity and compassion, by bringing truth, kindness, and grace to our interactions with others. He offers glimpses into his own experience, suggests prayers and meditation practices, and opens doors to dealing with the suffering of others. This treasure of a guide to spirituality ends with "an invitation to become a hidden saint." I leave you to find out how.

Rabbi Shapiro will present a program, "Biblical Wisdom for Post-Biblical Times—Learning to Read the Bible Like a Mystic," at St. Augustine's in Augusta, Oct. 12-14. For more information about the Saint Helena Series for Spiritual Growth, see <<http://www.osb.org/flyers/events.pdf>>.



Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

As noted in the previous Vineyard, on June 3, 1951, Vestry heard from Fr. White about a letter from Zoë Coburn, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the diocese, that proposed “the rather complete revamping of the Church insurance program.” Vestry asked Robert G. Macks to “investigate” and to report at a called meeting on June 10, 1951. Macks duly presented his findings at the called meeting; unfortunately, the minutes of that meeting say only that he reported and that “some discussion” ensued. Further, Glenn Robinson and Noah Fry agreed to “study the matter carefully, and make a report, with recommendations,” at the next session on July 1, 1951.

At the July 1st meeting Noah Fry read a memorandum from him and Mr. Robinson about Christ Church’s insurance program. The July 1st minutes state that the memo was “attached herewith,” but it is no longer in the minute book. Consequently, we cannot know what recommendations the Vestry heard. What is certain is that Vestry passed a motion that the members did not favor “any further insurance on the Church at this time, feeling that we are sufficiently covered and not in a position to undergo any additional expenses.” However, Vestry agreed to “increase coverage on the vicarage by \$6,000, to be placed with the Bass Ins. Agcy.” The final note on the matter was the statement that Vestry had “no objection to the Diocese adding any coverage it may desire on the Church property, provided it pays

premiums. Secretary directed to so advise Savannah.”

Mr. Macks, as Vestry Clerk, wrote to Miss Coburn on July 15, 1951. He affirmed that Vestry had carefully considered her letter of May 30, 1951, and had “investigated the matter of additional coverage on Church property from all angles.” He pointed out that Christ Church carried \$40,000.00 worth of insurance on its property, meaning that the church was “not covered for anything like replacement cost, but aside from total destruction, \$40,000 would very easily replace any normal fire loss.” Macks noted also that “the Vestry is very much against adding to our expense.”

Macks then introduced a new element of the story that leads to the conclusion that the diocesan office sought coverage of church properties by the Church Fire Insurance Corporation, “a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Church Pension Fund.” He wrote, “despite the fact that we were able to work out a schedule even more favorable than that proposed by the representative of the Church [Fire] Insurance Corporation, it was decided not to increase coverage on the Church property other than the . . . [vicarage].” As Macks observed, the insurance on the vicarage had gone from \$5,000.00 to \$11,000.00, including the garage, but the “utility building” at the vicarage was not “worth any coverage.” Toward the end of his letter, Macks delivered Vestry’s message that should “the Diocese feel additional coverage is desirable . . . the Vestry of Christ

Church has no objection to the Diocese taking out that additional desired coverage provided we are not obligated for any part of the premium.”

The details of the schedule of premiums from the Church Fire Insurance Corporation [C.F.I.C.] Macks alluded to are unknown. The only information from that organization preserved in parish records is a letter, dated August 13, 1951, from T.M. Lickel, an Assistant Secretary of C.F.I.C., to Macks. The date is more than four weeks after Macks’s July 15th letter to Miss Coburn, so he could not have based his statement on figures quoted by Lickel. Lickel obviously was anxious that the C.F.I.C. acquire Christ Church’s insurance business. He avowed that he could insure the Church’s property “at rates that are twenty per cent below tariff.” And he claimed that, “in addition to the savings to be effected by individual parishes through placing business with us,” there was a further advantage for the general church because, as “a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Church Pension Fund, . . . all profits we make accrue to the benefit of that organization.”

Christ Church’s response to Lickel was a Macks letter to him on September 3, 1951. He reported that Lickel’s letter of August 13, had been read to the Vestry at the monthly meeting the day before. Subsequently, he had been instructed to state that “our insurance requirements are all taken care of for the present. If at any future time, we can avail ourselves of your offer, we will be most happy to do so.”

More in November.



Fall Gathering at Honey Creek, September 14-16 by Holly Querin

On the weekend of September 14, 2012, roughly forty middle-schoolers and high-schoolers gathered for the annual Fall Gathering. The weekend was led by Father Joshua Varner from St. Patrick's Episcopal of Pooler. The theme of the weekend was Shel Silverstein's poems. Throughout the weekend, we read and analyzed different poems and talked about how they related to our lives and to our faith. Some of the activities accompanying the poems were performing a skit and writing our own poem about Honey Creek. The weekend also included a lot of music, as participants were encouraged to bring their instruments, and many new songs were learned throughout the weekend. On Saturday night, we had a traveling Eucharist in which we moved around Honey Creek, performing different parts of the service in different locations. That night ended with a bonfire by the Creek. The weekend was both relaxing and thought-provoking, and I believe that everyone took away a lot of meaning from the weekend.

Senior EYC by Susan Elliott

The Senior EYCers are enjoying their new space in the Gabard Education Building! It is beautiful! October is a busy month for these young people with school work, SAT & ACT Test, completing college applications, cross country, softball and football, homecoming games and dances and learning to drive. They enjoy their time together and really support one another through the highs and lows and in-betweens of teenagehood. They appreciate all their Christ Church family does for them!

Here is the schedule for the next 3 months. Remember to invite a friend!

October 3 - Gabard Building; 10 - Elliott; 17 - Querin; 24 - Gabard Building; 31 - HALLOWEEN (TBA)

November 7 - Elliott; 14 - Gabard Building; 21 - Thanksgiving Holidays; 28 - Querin

December 5 - Elliott; 12 - Querin; 19 - Gabard Building; 26 - Christmas Holidays

Note: Elliott - 1112 Cloverhill Drive, Valdosta GA 31602; Querin - 1120 North Lakeshore Drive, Valdosta GA 31605

Mrs. Dottie Curtis was a loyal friend of mine. I knew Mrs. Curtis since I was a little girl. On September 5, 2012 at EYC, we were talking about friends and friendship. We were talking about honesty, being trustworthy, funny and everything. You imagine a friend like Mrs. Curtis. I was also good friends with Dr. Curtis and he was very funny. I used to go to his grown-up Sunday school. They were amazing people. They used to make me laugh every time I saw them. I remember when Mrs. Curtis gave me a little stuffed Curious George monkey. That monkey means the world to me. I would sometimes sleep with it and read with it. One thing I would never forget about Mrs. Curtis is her smile that would brighten up the whole room. She always made me laugh. She was a positive person and I will never forget her.

Victoria Warrick



This letter by Victoria Warrick was written after an EYC class about friendship. Victoria, the daughter of Emory and Summer Warrick, is in the class taught by Stefani Carroll, Lauren Sandbach, and Tanner Fudge.

Youth News

by Stefani Carroll



Sunday School

Thank you all for sharing your wonderful children with us during Sunday School! We are in full swing and our teachers are doing a fantastic job! Our main need at this point is a group of floaters, who will walk through the building during the Sunday School hour and make sure that no teacher or student needs assistance. This is simply another layer of protection for our teachers and students, and an easy way to serve our children! The sign-up sheet will be posted on the Sunday School teacher photo board in the Parish Hall.

We will also have copies of the Overview of Fall Quarter for Living the Good News, so you know what scriptures are being covered and what the focus of the lesson will be for that day. These will be available in the Parish Hall on the photo board, as well.

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Stefani Carroll for her hard work in ordering and assembling the new furnishings in the Gabard Education Building and for her efforts in getting Sunday school started this fall. She has worked tirelessly in organizing materials and orchestrating the move of the Sunday school into the new building. Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers who are working hard to provide our youth with a solid Christian foundation.

Tara

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

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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