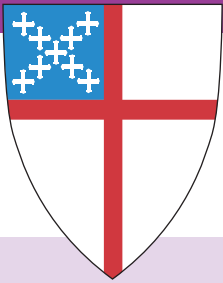


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

November 2012



Mark Your Calendar

November 1

All Saints' Day

November 3

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

November 4

Time change - Fall Back
All Saints' Sunday
10 a.m. combined service
Parish Meeting
Picnic Lunch

November 6

Election Day Pray-in

November 19

Vestry Meeting
5:30 p.m.

November 22

Thanksgiving
Schedule TBA

November 21, 22, 23

Office Closed for
Thanksgiving

November 25

Christ the King Sunday

www.christchurchvaldosta.org

Our Annual Blessing of the Animals



The 32 dogs were definitely in the majority of animals who came to be blessed on Sunday, October 7th. The Rev. Joye Cantrell's dog, Petie, enjoyed meeting the other canine parishioners. Two cats and two ferrets rounded out the beasts to be blessed.

After a short service, Joye+, Tar+ and Deacon Patricia sprinkled the pets and their staff members with

holy water. Karen Gunter distributed treats to the animals. Our St. Francis Ministry collected pet food and financial donations to assist their ministry to animals in distress.

In addition to current members, several neighbors and prospective members enjoyed this occasion to visit our church and to have their animals blessed. A festive afternoon in the bright October sunshine!





Vestry Report from September 17, 2012



Steve Roberts
2012 Senior Warden

Aaron Parten
2012 Junior Warden

- Discussed the use of the Tomberlin house.
- Discussed the need to repair or replace the exterior lights of the church.
- Approved the choir move to the former PMO room and the Rev. Tar's office to move to the former nursery.
- Approved the inclusion of the cost for a new roof and carpet for the parish hall in the construction loan.
- Discussed the Certificate of Occupancy delay because the sewer recently replaced to accommodate the Gabard Building runs on the housing side of the alley. We must secure signatures of approval from the other owners.
- Approved a 10% pledge to the diocese for 2013.

- Voted to reduce the 2012 pledge to the diocese by \$10,000 because of a financial shortfall for 2012.
- Established 4 committees: Building and Grounds, chaired by Aaron Parten; Hospitality, chaired by Robin Coleman; Missions, chaired by Sandy Sandbach; and Education, co-chaired by Stefani Carroll and someone else to be named later for the adult division.
- Discussed the need to replace old and outdated signage for our church.
- Announced upcoming events including the annual visitation by Bishop Scott Benhase and the combined Sunday service.

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

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. Cantrell	242-5115
The Rev. Drazdowski	249-0895
The Rev. Elliott	242-3333
The Rev. Dcn. Clark	559-6159
The Rev. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
Kim Dudley	242-5115

Office Hours at Christ Church

The following is a guide to Christ Church office hours. If for some reason you call during normal office hours and do not get an answer, please leave a message on the machine, or call back in a while. There are occasions where clergy or staff need to leave the office temporarily and no one is available to answer the phone. Although there are normal office hours, there are days when things just do not go as planned.

The Rev. Cantrell - All day Sunday, Monday-Thursday
The Rev. Drazdowski - All day Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Kim Dudley, church administrator - Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Amy Creasy, bookkeeper - Tuesday - Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Rev. Tar has moved her office. She is now in the former nursery. The St. Gregory choir is in the former Parents' Morning Out space with a robing room off to the side.

From the Interim Rector



The Reverend Joye Cantrell

Our Bishop has encouraged us to look at the reasons why our churches are losing the young adult Christians. In one study there are six reasons cited for why young Christians leave the church.

1. Young adults have unprecedented access to ideas and world views as well as a prodigious consumption of popular culture. As Christians, they express the desire for their faith in Christ to connect to the world they live in. Many say that the experience of Christianity demonizes everything outside of the church.
2. Many young people leave church as young adults because something is lacking in their experience of church. Church is boring, faith is not relevant to them, and the bible is not taught clearly enough.
3. Many young people leave the church because they feel that church or faith is in tension with science. Three out of ten young adults with a Christian background feel that "churches are out of step with the scientific world we live in." These young people are turned off by the creation-versus-evolution debate.
4. Young Christians' church experiences related to sexuality are often simplistic, judgmental. Many are struggling with how to live meaningful lives in terms of sex and sexuality.
5. Younger Americans struggle with the exclusive nature of Christianity. These younger Americans have been shaped by a culture that esteems open-mindedness, tolerance and acceptance. These young adults are also the most eclectic generation in American history in terms of race, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, technological tools and sources of authority. One fifth of young adults with a Christian background said "church is like a country club, only for insiders."
6. To many young adults the church feels unfriendly to those who doubt.

There are, of course, other reasons that this particular study does not cite. In the 1950's and 1960's the church did not have to compete with all the other activities that take place and are available on Sundays. Stores and movies are open. Athletic teams now use Sunday as often as any other day of the week on which to practice and to play. And finally, so many young adults live away from families that there is less family pressure to attend church.

So what can we do to reverse the trends? We must be clear about who we are and the values that shape us as a Christian community. Do members of this community see us at work in our world? If we are indeed a country club whose buildings are for our exclusive use, then these young people will go elsewhere.

Joye+

With Grateful Hearts



As we gather together as families and as community this month, we can't help remembering how blessed we are and how grateful we are for our many blessings that are too numerous to count. With grateful hearts we should acknowledge the bounty we have received. Our greatest blessings are found in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ on the hard wood of the cross. Our salvation is a free gift to us as believers in Christ, but paid with the high cost of our Lord's life. Because we have been given eternal life, we have a responsibility to share the Good News. As part of our calling, what is the Holy Spirit doing in our

midst? What are we being called to do as Christians in our church and in our a neighborhood? How can we use our wonderful resources and physical plant to show God's love to those who live around us and pass by us every day. The answers to these questions will become evident as we begin our work of discovering who God is calling us to be today and in the future. I encourage all of us to pray about these questions. In the process of discerning what we are being called to do, the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us and show us how to accomplish the task that has been set before us as a community. May God give us the vision and the grace to continue to be a Christian influence in our families, our neighborhood and the world. Amen.

Tar+

Senior Warden's Corner



Steve Roberts

Greetings.

November is always a busy month in the church year, but this year it's even more so. Beginning with the All Saints service and ending with the Thanksgiving celebration, our parish will be buzzing with

activity. Following All Saints, we'll have a combined service on Nov. 4 at 10 o'clock, followed by the annual meeting and a picnic. Call the church office if you have agenda item(s) for the meeting. Five new vestry members will be elected following ballots cast on the first two Sundays in the month. Of great importance this year is the naming of a search committee to begin the process of seeking our next rector. At its October meeting, the vestry decided to seek a seven-member committee which will include one vestry member. Please prayerfully consider parishioners you think would be good for this crucial assignment and get the name(s) to a vestry member. The committee will be selected at the November vestry meeting. Finally, please begin thinking about your pledge for 2013, keeping in mind our expenses have increased with the growth of our physical plant. Peace. Steve



UTO

Fall Ingathering November 4th, 2012

November is always a time of thanks for our rich blessings and also once again for all faithful United Thank Offering supporters to submit your collections.

Twice a year, you are asked to bring the amount of your daily thanksgiving in the form of coins and dollars collected in your blue boxes since our Spring in-gathering in May.

It is a completely voluntary personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church established in 1889 to keep us mindful of our many blessings, be it the birth of a child, a wedding, healing, a new youth building, new carpeting, an unexpected visit, the smile on a child's face. This money is then combined with the offerings of hundreds of thousands of Episcopalians to become a world-wide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the church for people throughout the world. Every coin submitted makes a difference.

If you do not already have a UTO box, pick one up in the tower or parish hall. For your convenience, UTO envelopes have been placed in visitor's card holders in the pews. Use the envelopes for the money you have collected in the blue boxes, or insert a check payable to Christ Episcopal Church in care UTO.

*Thank you for your support and always
being so generous.*

Helen Tucker (UTO Chairman)



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

**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.

Grace Notes

Ever feel that when you are trying to do the right thing you just get knocked backward? Taking the high road is often lonely and we have a tendency to get dusty and dirty. The high road is dusty and dirty because it is not as frequently traveled. While taking the high road is always the best option, it is sometimes difficult to do. May God give us the courage and strength to take the high road so that we may become dusty and dirty in His name. Amen. Tar+

Oktoberfest - October 25, 2012



About 125 Christ Church members and friends gathered for our annual Oktoberfest in the Parish Hall. Steve Roberts cooked the bratwurst. Others brought side dishes of potato salad, sauerkraut, a marvelous variety of pickles, bread, many varieties of mustard and pretzels. Jane Kinney coordinated the event. Funds were collected for the Philip Gunter scholarship at Valdosta State. Several varieties of German beer and wine rounded out the menu. The Martin Luther bobble-head doll made his annual appearance between the mustards.



Christ Church wins Haven Award

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and Sandy and Elise Sandbach accepted the Community Partner Award from the Haven shelter director Karen Yawn at the Domestic Violence Appreciation Luncheon. The Haven is a shelter for women and children who are leaving abusive situations as well as a rape crisis center. For several years, the Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks has been an active leader of Christ Church volunteers to provide assistance to the shelter staff and clients.

"Christ Church volunteers always step forward when we are most desperate to give financial assistance, pay a client's utility bill or provide clothing or household donations," said Ms. Yawn.

Christ Church member, attorney and Haven Board member Al Turner was also recognized at the luncheon for his "relentless dedication" to the work of the Haven.

Last May, Christ Church member Lauren Sandbach accepted the position of volunteer coordinator and rape crisis advocate. While the shelter location is kept secret for the protection of the clients, Lauren shared the information that they have built a new shelter and are in need of donations. To facilitate donations, the Haven is registered at Target and Walmart for household items. They also need used household items to assist clients moving from the shelter to private housing. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact Lauren at 229-244-6142.



The Rev Tar Drazdowski, left; Karen Yawn, Haven shelter director; Sandy and Elise Sandbach.



Trunks of Treats



On the lovely Sunday afternoon of October 28, the High School EYC and College Canterbury Club hosted the Trunks of Treats for the children of the parish. All of the nearly 50 people there enjoyed the fellowship, beautiful weather, and entertainment by Joel Williams, who performed his juggling act for the crowd. John and Phyllis Hiers, Diane Wright, Molly and Paul Stevenson, Stefani Carroll and Sallie Honeycutt decorated their car trunks and gave away candy to the kids. The Bakers provided a bounce house and the college group held cupcake giveaways to the winners of the musical chairs game. Several teens tossed a football, Grace Diamond painted faces and Tristan Guice supervised the prize in a haystack game. Petie, our church dog, had a good time too.



Butterfly Day at St. Marks

In the center photograph above, a young member of Christ Church is delighted by the presence of a Monarch butterfly on her shoulder. She had trapped a butterfly in her net and brought it to the tagging station to be tagged. The ranger on the right is removing her butterfly from the net. The volunteer in the center of the photograph is holding another butterfly waiting to be tagged. Twelve members and friends of Christ Church enjoyed the morning of October 27 at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge on the Gulf Coast south of Tallahassee, FL. The day marked the annual Monarch Butterfly Festival where hundreds of people gather to watch the migrating Monarchs on their way to Mexico. After experiencing the tagging, the group enjoyed a picnic lunch and hiked a nature trail.

Brenda Keller



Christ Church member Brenda Keller recently published her first book, "A Monk in High Heels." The book is an outgrowth of a blog she began about her search for God. The following interview is a portion of a blog interview with her friend, Penelope Nash, the Associate Rector for Youth, Children and Families at Bruton Parish Episcopal Church in Williamsburg, VA. Brenda dedicated the book to the Rev. Tar Drazdowski, assistant rector at Christ Church.

How did you end up going to a monastery in the first place?

I had a professor in college who always talked about visiting one about an hour from where I went to school. I don't remember even hearing about a monastery before that point. She always made it sound like a peaceful retreat place and that year I was in desperate need of exactly that! I got brave enough to call and ask one day and, as they say, the rest is history.

Why did you keep going back?

Two monasteries in particular became home base for me spiritually. I found myself seasonally almost seeking God in the quiet and warmth of such a holy, safe place. It became the only place I could be completely honest with God. So, when I couldn't figure things out, was very frustrated especially spiritually, or just needed some room to hear myself think, I would go for a few days and reconnect. I used to go several times a year (need it or not!), but since I joined the Episcopal Church in recent years, I

haven't been back as much. I think much of what my soul craved that I didn't even realize from the monastery was the liturgy. Now I'm fortunate enough to be a part of that all the time.

What is the hardest part of "monastic life" to live out in your uncloistered life?

Meditation! My definition of meditation is just quiet communion with God and whether that noise is literal or just inside my head, I find it very hard to be still. It's no easy thing to sit with hard questions and trust God not only has the answers, but ultimately is the answer. True monastics make it a priority to be set apart on a regular basis. Like on purpose! I have an entire room in my house set apart for contemplation, I have no TV and no internet at home, and it's still hard. There's always going to be distractions. My prayer often is that God would help my mind listen only to his heart.

What made you decide to write a book about your experience?

I didn't mean to write a book in the first place! I know that sounds ridiculous, but it's true. For several years my experiences, especially conversations and interactions with the monks, were very private to me. I liked not having to share them. But, over time I would mention this or that and people always wanted to know more. As modern as we claim to be, I think our souls still yearn for the

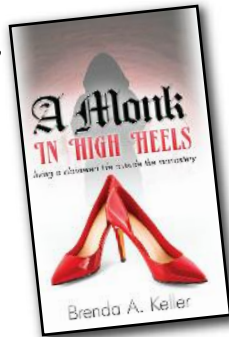
ancient practices and to connect with God in simple but profound ways. I started a blog series on monasticism and got a bunch of e-mails from people desperate to know God like the monks do. I started writing down my experiences, mainly for them, and the rest is history! It's not my story as much as it is the monks who have dedicated their lives to true monasticism. I want people to know about their lives. The ministry they have there forever changed my relationship with God. You can't really thank people for that, but this is a start.

Why did you dedicate the book to Tar+?

I dedicated the book to Tar because I believe in God connections. For a lot of reasons joining the Episcopal Church was at the center of a difficult,

confusing season for me especially spiritually. Tar came alongside this life with wisdom, grace, and patience. She has quickly become an important part of my ongoing spiritual journey and a cherished friend.

Christ Church has restored my belief in a community of faith. Joining this church has felt like finding a family. As I've gotten to know more people, I find so much of what I love about life integrated in the fellowship there. I'm grateful for the all the ways God guides my life, but especially that He brought this journey to Christ Church for such a time as this.



Brenda Keller is leading Cafe Grace on Mondays at 8 p.m. at Starbucks on St. Augustine Road.

Brenda's blog: <http://brendakeller.blogspot.com>

SPECIAL DAYS

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Diane Corker | 15 Helen Bennett |
| Brandon Jackson | 18 Jeanette Bajalia |
| 2 Robbie Beeland | Jon Burch |
| Nancy Lutsko | Aldine Carter |
| 4 Robin Guice | Marty Diamond |
| 5 Jennifer Carter | Emory Warrick, Jr. |
| Marge Fitzsimons | 19 Jim Elliott |
| Matthew Wilkin | Lauren Sandbach |
| 6 Stefani Carroll | 20 Lori Campbell |
| Georgianna Manning | 22 Claire Hanson |
| 7 Brad Burnette | 23 Danny Clark |
| Diane McPipkin | Dan Holcomb |
| 8 Melissa Carter | 24 Elizabeth Wisenbaker |
| David Kirk | 26 Valerie Page |
| Karla Lauckhardt | 27 Pat Armstrong |
| 10 Karen Rainey | Shannon Flemer |
| 11 John Nall | 28 John Roberts |
| 12 Lindsey Wisenbaker | 29 Phyllis Holland |
| 14 Duane Carter | |

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

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 Nicholas Balanis | 12 Dennis Savoie |
| Cecilia Carroll | 14 Tamara Dennis |
| Stefani Carroll | 15 Liz Williams |
| Molly Stevenson | Walter Williams |
| David Holland | 16 Christopher Sandbach |
| Marie Moser | 17 Ellie Copeland |
| Robert Porter | Andrew Diamond |
| 2 Erin Carter | Emily White |
| Marty Tucker | 20 Chase Adams |
| 3 Brett Nelson | Jake Adams |
| Alexandra Peeples | Regan Adams |
| 4 Michael Black | 21 Grace Diamond |
| Rachel Greneker | 22 Gil Gjertsen |
| Patricia Marks | McKey Nunn |
| Harrison Tillman, Jr. | 26 Nancy Lutsko |
| 8 Sophia Bajalia | 27 Tom Carroll |
| Craig Lambert | 28 Chapell Wolfson |
| Kyle Stevenson | Molly Wolfson |
| Kari Wilkin | Wilby Wolfson |
| 12 Helen Bennett | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 16 Richard & Barbara Rigby | 27 Dan Coleman & |
| 24 Charles & Carmen Boatwright | Carolyn Eager |
| Steve and Maggie Roberts | Paul & Molly Stevenson |
| 26 Jon & Linda Burch | 30 Dennis & Patricia Marks |



**Cafe Grace is a group gathering
for young adults meeting at
Starbucks on
St. Augustine Road
(Exit 18, I-75)
at 8:00 P.M. every Monday**

**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!**

Contact Brenda Keller: brendaakeller@gmail.com



New Website Topic: Young Adults

The church's website now has a new subject category for "Young Adults:"

www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=4755.

This category currently includes sub-topics for "Cafe Grace" and "Episcopal College Ministries." Brenda Keller has recently joined the team of web sextons who maintain the church's website, and has assumed the responsibility for keeping these two areas up-to-date. Welcome to the team, Brenda!

Sunday, November 4, 2012

We will combine the 9:30 and the 11:30 services into one service at **10:00 a.m.** The United Thank Offering will be collected at that service. We will be having the annual parish meeting after the 10:00 service, followed by a church picnic in the parish hall. There will be hamburgers and hot dogs provided. We are asking everyone to bring either chips/dip or a dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. For more information, call the church office at (229) 242-5115.



Christmas Cards by Carmen Boatwright to benefit St. Francis Ministry

For \$15 you can give the gift of health to an abandoned animal and receive 11 different Christmas cards and envelopes with reproductions of the custom painted designs by Christ Church member Carmen Boatwright. Several members of

the St. Francis group rescue many abandoned animals, feed them, pay for veterinary appointments for emergency surgery, rabies shots and other necessary care. They also help to find homes where the animals will be loved and cared for.

The cards are available at \$15 per pack in the Christ Church office and at coffee hour on Sunday in the Parish Hall.

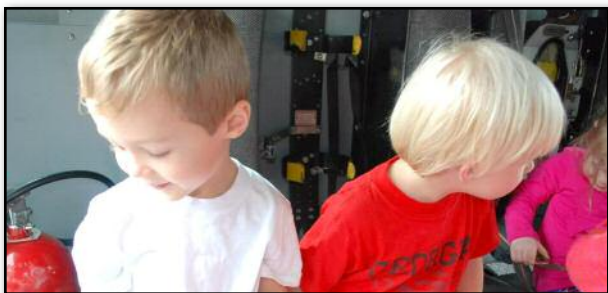
Vestry Nominees for 2013

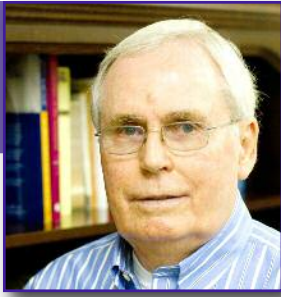
Christ Church members (age 18 or older) will vote for 5 of the following nominees on two Sundays, November 4 or November 11:

Tal Barnidge
Michael Black
David Blevins
Stephanie Blevins
Jerry Byrd
Charlie Cosey
Frances Guice
Karen Gunter
Duke Guthrie
Diane Halim
Will Hanson
Rita Hightower
Ann Kasun
Marilyn Kemper
Nancy Lutsko
Marge McCartney
Sally Nunn
Eleanor Parten
Larry Wisenbaker

Firefighters visit Christ Church Preschool

October is Fire Prevention and Safety Awareness Month in the City of Valdosta. Three Valdosta Fire Fighters treated Christ Episcopal Preschool to a visit and they brought their big red fire truck too! Ashley Drazdowski took some excellent pictures of the children with the firefighters. The preschool teachers taught lessons that taught the children about fire safety. Next month the firefighters will come back to Christ Church as we have our first fire drill in the new building.





Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

The purpose of November's article is to complete the account [that began in October's *Vineyard*] of Christ Church's insurance problems in 1951 with the Diocese of Georgia, as well as to begin to tie together certain other aspects of the aftermath of the construction of the new church and parish hall on North Patterson Street. To repeat a point made in October, the Vestry's response to what the minutes of June 3, 1951, described as "a suggestion for a rather complete revamping of the Church insurance program" appeared in a letter of July 15th from the Clerk, Robert G. Macks, to Zoë Coburn. Two statements in the Macks letter contained the core of the Vestry's answer. First, "it was decided not to increase insurance coverage on the Church property, other than the Rectory." Second, "the Vestry of Christ Church has no objection to the Diocese taking out . . . additional [coverage] . . . provided we are not obligated for any part of the premium."

Miss Coburn's answer, which provided an acceptable end to the issue, came in a letter to Macks on August 21, 1951. She thanked Macks for his correspondence of July 15th "containing information for our files in connection with your insurance there." In light of what seems to have been an effort by the Diocese to require both missions and parishes to place insurance coverage with the Church Fire Insurance Corporation, Miss Coburn wrote, "It is perfectly

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all right about the policies, and I should have remembered. There are many who are with you regarding doing business at home and I understand this perfectly for any policy which we have with the Carswell Company here [in Savannah] I could not conscientiously take from them and place even with the Church Fire Insurance Corporation." She said that she had made the same statement to representatives of the C.F.I.C. "and they tried to argue me out of it." Then, she ended by writing, "Mr. Carswell, on the vestry of Christ Church [Savannah] is a large contributor and grand churchman in every sense and has been a wonderful help to us in checking our policies and other details."

At this juncture, with the insurance story behind us, we can turn to another facet of business left over after the building of the new Christ Church. On May 1, 1949, Vestry held a joint meeting with the officers of the Men's Club and of the various guilds. One item noted in the minutes of this gathering was a bill for \$156.00 from Mixer Electric Company for wiring the stove and oven in the kitchen, which then was located in the so-called "parish house" that is now the south wing of the church proper. Vestry voted, without discussion, to pay the bill "as part of the Church installation." Subsequently, the amount of the charge became a source of controversy that went on until at least September 1950, and it is not clear that it was ever resolved satisfactorily.

At the Vestry's session of July 3, 1949, according to the minutes, ". . . bills were offered for payment and passed, excepting that of Mixer Electric Company covering wiring of the stove." Jamie Carroll agreed to "consult with Mr. Mixer concerning the seeming overcharge." In the September 5, 1949, Vestry meeting the bill from Mixer, still outstanding, "was finally approved for payment when, as, and if the job is completed." Mr. Macks, the Clerk, "was instructed" to write Mr. Mixer to remind him of the situation, which he did two weeks later. In his September 19, 1949, letter, Macks declared, "your bill" will "be paid as soon as the work called for by the contract is completed by you. We would ask you to complete the installation at your earliest convenience."

The Macks missive apparently had no effect, so the matter continued to be discussed by the Vestry. In the December 4th meeting, Marion Tucker agreed to talk with Mr. H.G. Tinker, the contractor who built the church, to seek his advice about the charges from Mixer Electric. At the session on January 6, 1950, discussion persisted, Vestry heard a report on Mr. Tinker's views, and the minutes stated that "Mr. Tillman [the Senior Warden] will finally settle the matter. However, on February 5, Jerome Tillman informed Vestry that "he had been unable to contact Mixer re the long outstanding bill but would endeavor to take care of the matter."

This story will continue in the December *Vineyard*.



Senior Highs are B-U-S-Y

by Susan Elliott

On September 30 Andrew Diamond, Holly Querin, Andrew Greneker, Hudson Tanner, Carter Elliott along with Dr. Dan, Mike Tanner and Susan Elliott met at church at 8 a.m. to go to St. James in Quitman for Holy Eucharist with Father Jim. Our young people were very well received and we celebrated with a wonderful breakfast at Waffle House afterwards.

Our Wednesday EYC group has had Father Jim talking about Apostolic Action as we continue to fill our spiritual tool boxes by probing the question, How well do you overcome obstacles? We talked about being an "overcomer." Dr. Dan explained it is not good enough to be intelligent, talented and so on but how well, when you are out on your own, will you overcome life's obstacles. He referenced 1 John 4:4: "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you; than he who is in the world." God dwells in our hearts and by His strength and grace we are able to face each day overcoming its obstacles and being successful. We talked about the biggest strength of this extraordinary group of young people . . . they love one another!

Molly & Paul Stevenson and Mike Tanner lead our young folks every Sunday, opening with each person's "God Moment" of the week! This is a very powerful exercise as it makes everyone concentrate on God's presence in our lives! It also makes everyone listen and celebrate each other's journey. They have also challenged the group to know what their favorite Bible verse is and why and to ask each other this question. What is YOUR favorite Bible verse? Share yours with one of our young people for a great conversation!

On October 28 we will be busy serving our little ones during Trunks for Treats from 2-4 in the parking lot!

Holly Querin is gearing up to be on team for the upcoming New Beginnings! Please keep her and the entire team in your prayers for this incredible weekend for Middle Schoolers.

And if we haven't mentioned it recently, WE LOVE OUR ROOM and are GRATEFUL TO ALL WHO HELPED MAKE IT SO AWESOME!!!!

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

Journey to the manger
Begin the new Liturgical Year joining
your Christ Church Family in making an

Advent Wreath

to guide you through the season

Sunday, December 2, during the Sunday school hour.

All supplies available; donations gratefully accepted.





Thank you all so much for the gift of your children! Our teachers are enjoying the opportunity to expand their relationships with God and Christ; keep sending them!

There will be no Sunday School on November 18 (Thanksgiving Break), but we will resume on November 25. We hope you have a safe and blessed holiday!

Also, please remember that on December 2 we will have our annual Advent Wreath Making, which is an intergenerational Sunday School event (no classes in Education building, as everyone will be making wreaths).

Here is the overview of Sunday School classes for November:

November 1 (All Saints' Day) – Jesus brings Lazarus back to life, Focus: A Celebration of Saints

November 4 (Proper 26 / Pentecost 23) – Jesus teaches us to love God and our neighbor,

Focus: Summary of the Law

November 11 (Proper 27 / Pentecost 24) – Jesus praises the generosity of a poor widow who offers two small coins,

Focus: The Joy of Generosity

November 18 (Proper 28 / Pentecost 25) – No Sunday School (Thanksgiving Break)

November 25 (Proper 29 / Pentecost 26) – Our king, Jesus, is not like other kings, Focus: Paradoxical King

Finally, we are beginning the planning for our **annual Christmas Party and Lock-in on December 21**. We will need volunteers in the following areas:

1 or 2 people to make sugar cookie dough in advance

1 or 2 people to make or buy icing in advance

3 or 4 people to help put cookies on sheets, bake and cool, then set out for decorating (approx. 1 - 1½ hours)

Chaperones for the lock-in portion of the evening, especially male

Thank you for your support of our children's programs!

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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