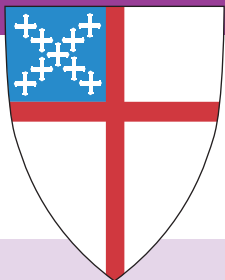


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

December 2012



## Mark Your Calendar

### December 1

Altar Guild Meeting  
10:30 a.m.  
in the Church

### December 2

Advent Wreath Making  
10:30 a.m. in  
the Parish Hall

### December 17

Vestry Meeting  
5:30 p.m. in  
the Parish Hall

### December 21

Christmas Party and  
Lock-in  
at the Church

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Altar Guild  
(+ any volunteers)  
Greening of the Church  
2:00 p.m., in the church

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Family service at 5:30 p.m.  
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music at 10:30 p.m.,  
service at 11 p.m.

### December 25

Service at 10 a.m.

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

## Annual Parish Meeting, Instructed Eucharist & Picnic



On Sunday, November 4, 2012, Christ Church held a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. where the priests, deacons, and senior warden presented an instructed eucharist explaining the meaning and intent of every part of our service. Following the service, the Rev. Joye Cantrell, Interim Rector, and Steve Roberts, Senior Warden, led the annual parish meeting.

After the meeting the congregation enjoyed a picnic of hamburgers and hotdogs cooked by the Men in Blue and side dishes brought by parishioners.

The minutes of the annual meeting and the text of the instructed eucharist are on the Christ Church website at:  
<<http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?p=4887>>.



## The Vineyard On the Web

The Vineyard is posted to the Christ Church Web site in color at [www.christchurchvaldosta.org](http://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 [juliacarail@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliacarail@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 Grenaker '13	Joe Tomberlin '12
Jeff Hanson '14	Lucy Tomberlin '13
Will Hanson '12	

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

## Vestry Report from October 22, 2012

- Established a plan to organize the search committee for the next rector by inquiring from parishioners whom they would nominate, submitting the names to the senior warden or priests and voting at the November meeting of the vestry.



Steve Roberts  
2012 Senior Warden

Aaron Parten  
2012 Junior Warden

- Received report from the junior warden on several church repair projects - the outdoor light poles, the fountain and signage.
- Thanked the anonymous donor for the new carpet in the parish hall and suggested we work on replacing the chairs next.
- Named two new committees - Technology with Julius Ariail as chair; and Communications with Julia Ariail as chair.
- Voted to hire the STS company to rewire the offices and Virtual World to service and backup our computer systems on a yearly contract.
- Announced the upcoming schedule including the combined 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday services on Nov. 4 to be held at 10:00 a.m., followed by the annual parish meeting and a picnic with the meat provided by the church and side dishes provided by the parishioners.
- Announced a Day of Prayer on Election Day, November 6. St. Barnabas and Christ the King Episcopal Churches are joining us in this day of prayer.
- Voted to contribute to the Habitat for Humanity and the Choral Society performing "The Messiah" with several voices from Christ Church members.



## Five New Vestry Members for 2013

The parish elected five new members of the Vestry by written ballot on Nov. 4 and 11. These members will serve three years. The fifteen member Vestry has five members that rotate off every year. The five new members are:

Larry Wisenbaker, Will Hanson, Karen Gunter, Nancy Lutsko and Frances Guice.

Those rotating off the Vestry this year are: Julia Ariail, Susan Elliott, Will Hanson (serving out the term of the late Dr. Philip Gunter), Aaron Parten, and Joe Tomberlin.

The Vestry meets on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Parishioners are welcome to attend. The full Vestry minutes and financial reports are available on the Christ Church website at: [http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page\\_id=141](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=141).



# *From the Interim Rector*



The Reverend Joye Cantrell

## **Looking forward to the Christmas Season**

**C**hristmas season at Christ Church promises to be glorious. On the fourth Sunday of Advent, in the afternoon the church will be decorated for the season. On Christmas Eve there will be a family service at 5:30 p.m. with the St. Francis Choir. The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark has after twenty-three years of service decided to retire as storyteller for that service. She will be missed, as she has been an integral part of that service, but we thank her for her long and faithful service. Different things will take place at that service, but the format will be similar.

At 10:30 p.m. the St. Gregory Choir will perform special music and at 11:00 p.m. the traditional Christmas Midnight service will begin. On Christmas Day there will be a 10:00 a.m. service.

The next day will be Wednesday, and the customary Wednesday night service will take place at 6:00 p.m. There will not be supper, but if folks want to gather, we could order some pizza. Let me know if you are interested.

Advent One, December 2, is the beginning of a new calendar year within the church. It will be an exciting time at Christ Church where the spirit is at work.

Joye+

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## **The Meaning of Advent**



**A**dvent in Latin means coming. For the Christian world, it is a time of expectation and preparation. In modern times, we are preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord and Savior which we will celebrate in the birth of Christ the Messiah and for Christ the Prince of Peace, who is coming again at the close of the age.

As Anglicans we are encouraged to spend the Advent season in a reflective mode asking ourselves if we are ready to receive the King of Kings and Lord of Lords into our hearts. During this season of reflection we have the opportunity to identify those things that displace Jesus from being the highest priority in our lives.

The Collects for Advent found on page 211-212 in the Book of Common Prayer are great prayers to center our thoughts as we approach the Nativity of our Lord.

Once we have journeyed through the four Sundays of Advent, if we have prepared ourselves with expectant and repentant hearts, we come to the realization the Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, the Word incarnate, our Mediator and Advocate, the Prince of Peace, nothing less than the King of Glory, Amen.

Tar+

## Senior Warden's Corner



Steve Roberts

### Greetings.

Thanksgiving has passed and Advent is upon us. The four weeks are a time of preparation and anticipation for the coming of our Lord and also, I think, a time of reflection. We are completing

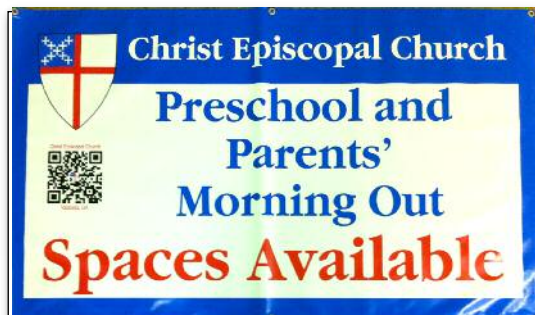
a most eventful year during which we said goodbye to Peter and Happy, dedicated and moved into the beautiful Gabard Education Building and welcomed Canon Cantrell as our interim priest. Before year's end we will name and charge the search committee, which in the new year will begin the process of finding our next full-time rector. At the November vestry meeting, Phyllis Holland was confirmed as committee chair, and Jeani Synyard was elected the vestry liaison. Before December's vestry meeting, Dr. Holland, Ms. Synyard, junior warden Aaron Parten and I will tackle the difficult task of suggesting a list of five other parishioners to complete the committee. These names will be submitted to the vestry for its consideration. Please pray for all of us as we continue with this important work.

Finally, I thank the clergy and the vestry for their wonderful support this year. I wish for each of you a peaceful Advent and Christmas season. Peace.

Steve

### New Banner Advertising Preschool and PMO Space Available

Look for the new banner on our property with a QR (Quick Response) code that can be scanned by a smartphone with a QR code reader app. The code links to the Christ Church website. Help us advertise our school for children 2 ½ to 4-years-old for Preschool and 6 months to 4 for PMO.



## Christmas Schedule

### December 21

Children's Christmas Party and  
Lock-in at the Church  
see page 11 for time and other details

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Donations for the 2012 tax year must be given to the church no later than 12/31/2012 or mailed to the church in an envelope postmarked no later than

12/31/2012. Any donations not in the office or postmarked after 12/31/12 will be posted to the 2013 tax year.

### Note of Appreciation

*I would like to thank everyone in the parish family for all your prayers, cards, and good wishes after my kidney transplant at Piedmont in Atlanta on September 28th. These have meant a lot to me! I very much appreciated Deacon Patricia Marks bringing communion to me right after I was discharged from the hospital, as I started my recuperation. It has been so welcoming to be home again and able to return to church and Bible studies after a month in Atlanta. I have been blessed with a perfectly matched kidney and pray that things will continue as well over the next few months, the initial critical period, as they have so far. I appreciate all your prayers and good wishes!*

Marilyn Miller

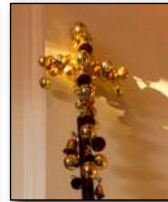


## The Bell Staffs at Christ Church on Christmas



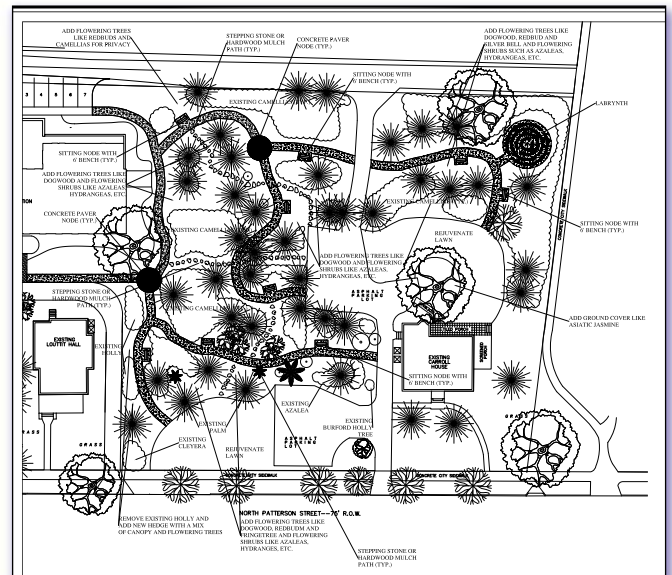
The 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Service features bells of all shapes, sizes and tones, some of which are mounted on elaborate bell staffs that are carefully stored during the year and brought to this service to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Children - bring a bell to ring and a candle to place before the Christ child!



## Camellia Garden

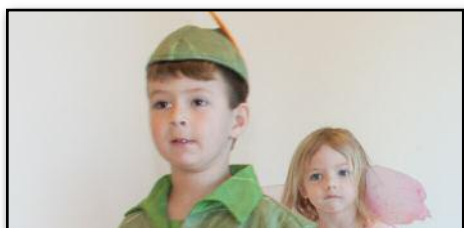
Many years ago Christ Church was fortunate to acquire the Sarah Oliver House, which currently houses our Rectory. The property surrounding the house was maintained during Mrs. Oliver's lifetime as a beautiful camellia garden, which many of our past parishioners frequented. Hulyn Smith grafted many new camellias from the old growth. Though many years have passed and the garden has become overgrown, the camellias still survive. Recently, as a memorial to their dear friends Hulyn and Janet Smith, the Valdosta Camellia and Garden Club contributed money to revitalize the gardens. Funds provided are enough to provide the master plan, irrigation system, and initial cleanup of the site. In addition to the generous donation, they are also cultivating several of the thirty-six camellias developed by Hulyn that will be planted at Christ Church. A work day is being planned with our EYC and other parishioners to preserve the garden and prepare it for the master plan. Paths, benches and other items (perhaps given as memorials or honorariums) can be added to the site, bringing this precious treasure back to life. If you wish to participate monetarily, or physically, please contact Clinton Beeland (Christ Church), Mark Crawford (Valdosta Camellia and Garden Club), or make a contribution to the Church with a note in the memo line indicating Camellia Garden Renovation.



Brett Ganas drew this landscape plan for renovating the camellia garden beside the rectory. An enlarged version is on the Christ Church website.



## Halloween Preschool and PMO Parade



The office staff of Christ Episcopal Church was treated to the annual Halloween parade by the preschool on Wednesday, October 31. What a delight to see happy children as they paraded their fabulous costumes! As they paraded by each child received a chocolatey treat. It was a fun day for all. Mrs. Sandbach's class did their Halloween program with songs they had learned; Mrs. Tomberlin's class read stories fit for the day; and Mrs. Kirk's class played a Ghostbusters game. All the children were treated to a special party.





# An interview with the author of **“Holy and Unholy Deacons in Late Nineteenth-Century Verse”** by the Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks



“Holy and Unholy Deacons in Late Nineteenth-Century Verse,” published in Christianity and Literature, Winter 2012: 241-264.

## What motivated you to write about this subject?

Much of my research over the past years has been about satire and caricature in late 19th century periodicals, especially those that are unindexed. I’ve always been interested in the popular response to events like the visit of the great French actress Sarah Bernhardt or such well-known authors as Oscar Wilde and Charles Dickens. Those responses, whether they are comical drawings, verse, or parodies, say a good deal about the cultural expectations of the day. The same can be said for other figures as well.

## Where did you do your research?

I started research on my holy and unholy colleagues around three years ago, when I stumbled across short stories about deacons published in the 1890’s. There were so many that I needed a different approach, and thought that there must be verses (aside from the popular Holmes poem, “The Deacon’s Masterpiece, or the Wonderful One-Hoss Shay”) written by authors who weren’t famous, who were all but forgotten.

There are some wonderful resources on the internet, newspapers and other periodicals scanned and just waiting to be searched. Then I went to the Library of Congress in D.C. and happily spent days thumbing through the treasures there.

## What is the most interesting fact you learned?

I suppose what was most interesting to me was that the deacon was so present in the popular imagination. Songs, plays, verses, stories – deacons were everywhere in the late nineteenth century. They were neighbors and friends; they were active in community and church.

## What other articles do you have in progress?

At this point, I have two other articles pending. In looking at short stories about deacons, I discovered Robert Mahaffay, a Seattle Times staff correspondent and free-lance fiction writer, who published an intriguing series in Star Western in the 1930’s and 1940’s. I had a lot to learn – I had never done research on the wild West! So I read all the stories I could get my hands on and eventually went to the University of Washington in Seattle to look through the Mahaffay papers. “Deacon Bottle of the Wild West: Robert E. Mahaffay’s Pulp Hero,” will be appearing soon in The Journal of the West. I’m also waiting to hear

about another article, this one examining the unexpectedly supportive response of the satirical magazine Puck to Johnson Chesnut Whittaker, the African-American cadet ostracized and expelled from West Point in 1880 and posthumously awarded a commission in



1995. It was a case that generated intense interest and one that is emblematic of the personal tragedy engendered by discrimination.

## What else are you writing?

I’m also working on a series of meditations – familiar parables and miracles seen through the eyes of bystanders. Some I’ve given as Vespers homilies, others not. This is a lo-o-o-o-ng-term project.

**The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks earned an undergraduate degree from Douglass College and a Ph. D. in English from Michigan State University. She retired after a 30-year career as a Professor of English at Valdosta State. She has authored five books, over 40 articles and 24 academic papers. The Vineyard featured her in the April 2009 issue available on the church website.**

# SPECIAL DAYS

DECEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathryn Adams	15 Tar Drazdowski
2 Diane Halim	Sheri Gravett
Loyce Turner	Chase Miley
4 Julie Savoie	17 Len Carter
5 Harry Cotterly	18 Sue Bentley
Katie Schutt	Noah Carroll
8 Thomason Gilchrist	19 Nathaniel Balanis
Dylan Whiddon	20 Mary Tunison
9 Frances Guice	21 Jack Warren
Mark Weston	23 Patricia Grieve
10 Miss Wilby Coleman	26 Melanie Ford
Griffin Kirk	28 Mary Gray
12 Frank Corker	Keith Tucker
Katherine Miley	29 Tina Nunn
13 David Schert	31 Tammy Bezona
Joe Stubbs	Susan Chamberlain
Maddie Yarbrough	

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

7 Georgianna Manning	20 Andrew Flemer
11 Frances Guice	Blake Yarbrough
14 Sally Baker	23 Ellis Moser
18 Grace Flemer	24 Emory Warrick, Jr.
19 Grace Tanner	26 Walter Hobgood
20 Joyce Dunmire	29 Beth Curtis

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 Brad & Ann Burnette	19 Richard & Robin Coleman
7 Harry & Nina Cotterly	Sandy & Elise Sandbach
12 Emory, Jr. & Summer Warrick	21 Jimmy & Ingrid Carroll
15 Mike & Amber Tanner	23 Emory & Sylvia Warrick
16 Danny & Kim Clark	24 Gene & Sandra Seago
Fred & Juanita Quinn	26 Buddy & Dottie Pitts
Mark & Margaret Weston	29 Mike & Susie Kaiser
17 Joe & Ann Singletary	30 Julius & Julia Ariail
19 Ron & Pat Bezona	Tal & Norma Barnidge

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



## New Location for Cafe Grace

**Cafe Grace continues to grow!**  
**We've outgrown our location at Starbucks and are now meeting next to Christ Church at Louttit Hall, Mondays at 8 p.m. Open to**

**all 18-35 year olds, Cafe Grace is a part of Christ Church, but is open to everyone. If you know of people in that age group who could benefit from community and great theological discussion, please send them our way! Cafe Grace will meet until December 3rd this year. December 10th we will have a Christmas party at Brenda's house at 8 p.m. We will break for the holidays resuming our regularly scheduled meetings January 7th. Questions? Call Brenda 834-8087.**

**Cafe Grace Christmas Party  
8 p.m., December 10, 2012  
Brenda Keller's House**

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## Election Day Prayers

The advertisement above appeared in the Valdosta Daily Times on Sunday, November 4. Our church, along with Christ the King and St. Barnabas Episcopal churches, sponsored a prayer vigil from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, election day. Many people came by during the day.







## 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.

## Twitter Account for Christ Church



Christ Church is now using Twitter as yet another medium to "spread the good news" about our church activities. The Twitter address is <<http://www.twitter.com/christchurchvga>>.

If you're a current Twitter user, please add us to the list of other Twitter users you are following. If you're not a Twitter user, don't worry -- most of the Twitter messages are copies of messages posted on the church's Facebook page or on the church's website.

As always, comments on this new medium are welcome: send them to Julius Ariail <[jariail@bellsouth.net](mailto:jariail@bellsouth.net)>.

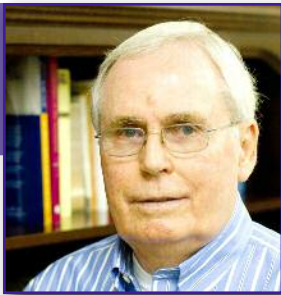


## Ana Maria Quiroz Home at last in El Pedregal, Dominican Republic

Ana Maria, our Dominican friend and sister in Christ, spent six months in the United States for medical treatment. Ana Maria will testify that God supplied all her needs physically and emotionally while she was here for treatment of a brain tumor. She received medical treatment in South Carolina where she underwent surgery and received radiation therapy. Ana Maria's expenses have all been paid by people who knew her and by the medical people in South Carolina. Liz Bailey was instrumental in bringing her to the United States for treatment. The people of Christ Church and the mission teams that have been sponsored by Christ Church were supportive of her needs

medically, paid for her transportation, helped with medical bills and medication, and the support of her minor children while she was in South Carolina. Ana Maria will still have to take medication for the next two years, but the medication has been supplied by a donor.

She is grateful for all of the prayers, love and support she received during her illness. She is happy to be home! She is happy to be reunited with her family! She says God has blessed her in so many ways and she wants everyone to know that she praises God for all that has been done for her in His name.



# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

November's history article began tying up loose ends from the building of the new Christ Church, including the Parish Hall, in 1948 and 1949. One unfinished piece of business was Mixer Electric Company's \$156.00 bill for wiring the stove and oven in the kitchen. As previously related, Vestry received the written invoice on May 1, 1949, and approved payment "as part of the Church installation." Also, as reported, the charges, for reasons now unclear, provoked controversy that continued meeting after meeting in the remainder of 1949 and did not end until September 1950.

For example, the Vestry minutes of March 4, 1950, stated, "[Senior Warden Jerome] Tillman is handling the Mixer situation." The minutes of April 14, 1950, reported that the "Mixer situation was mentioned. In view of no figures from Mixer, no action." Minutes from the May 7, 1950, meeting declared, "In the absence of details from Mixer as to his long outstanding bill, matter was left in status quo, pending further advices from him." On July 21, 1950, Senior Warden Jerome Tillman "requested that he be placed on record as rejecting the Mixer bill as presented." The parish records provide no indication of the nature of the Mixer bill "presented" at that meeting. The culmination of efforts to clear the disputed charges from Mixer Electric came finally at the Vestry's session on September 10, 1950. At the bottom of the minutes of that date appears the following blunt statement: *The Vineyard*, p. 10, December 2012

"There will be no further discussion of the Mixer bill in any Vestry meeting." Christ Church's minutes book does not contain any further reference to the issue, so, as pointed out in November, "it is not clear that it was ever resolved. . . ."

The remaining topic to be clarified is the financing for the building of Christ Church's Parish Hall, then known as the "assembly hall." For those wishing to refresh their memories, Christ Church's efforts to obtain \$15,000.00 to construct the Parish Hall were explored in considerable detail in the June 2012, July 2012, and August 2012 issues of *The Vineyard*. In brief, as Bishop Middleton S. Barnwell recommended, Christ Church's Vestry incorporated itself to be able legally to mortgage church property to borrow the necessary funds. Barnwell also suggested the Citizens and Southern National Bank in Savannah or in Valdosta as the source of a loan. In the Vestry meeting of February 6, 1949, Senior Warden Jerome Tillman spoke of "a slight difficulty" with obtaining a loan from the local C & S and said that "he was endeavoring to straighten the matter out." He also mentioned that Christ Church might acquire the money from a private source instead of C & S. That is precisely what occurred; regrettably, Christ Church's records contain a very slight paper trail for the historian to follow in reconstructing the story. However, scattered clues provide enough information that the story can be told in a sketchy fashion.

First, on March 8, 1949, Zoë Coburn, of the diocesan office, sent a letter to Mr. Tillman, in which she wrote, "Immediately upon receipt of your telegram today I made up deposit [of \$15,000.00] as requested and left this with Mr. Joseph Harrison, Vice President of the Citizens & Southern National Bank here [in Savannah], copy of deposit slip enclosed, and he said he would take care of the matter as you requested." The copy of the deposit slip for \$15,000.00 is still attached to Miss Coburn's letter in Christ Church's Minute Book. But there is no copy of Mr. Tillman's telegram outlining his instructions for the bank deposit.

Neither Miss Coburn's letter nor the deposit slip provides an indication of the source of the \$15,000.00, but I assumed that the money came from the Valdosta C & S National Bank. Eventually I found evidence, in Vestry minutes of February 5, 1950, of the inaccuracy of my assumption. Back in March of 1949, Christ Church had been offered a gift of \$5,000.00 by the National Council of the Episcopal Church to aid in defraying construction costs. Now, in the Vestry meeting on February 5, 1950, Senior Warden Jerome Tillman reported that he "had requested the remittance of the \$5,000.00 obtained through the Bishop---to be applied, if possible, in the reduction of the principal of our mortgage, if such a course [is] acceptable to the mortgagor." The next sentence identified a "Mrs. Simpson," not C & S, as the holder of the mortgage.

This story continues in the January 2013 *Vineyard*.



## Youth News

by Stefani Carroll

Sunday School and EYC are both going well; we are blessed to have a great group of kids AND teachers/leaders. Please note the following dates as we close in on the Christmas season:

- On December 2, we will have our annual intergenerational Sunday School event – Advent Wreath Making – and therefore will not hold Sunday School in the Gabard Education Building that day.
- We WILL have Sunday School on December 9 and 16.  
December 9 - Luke 3:1-6, John the Baptist proclaims a message of repentance, Focus: Promise of Salvation  
December 16 - Luke 21:27-28, John the Baptist's Preparation for God's Messiah, Focus: The Good News
- We go on break until January 6, when we will hold our annual Epiphany Pageant during the 9:30 service, and will take the place of the sermon during that service.
- Regular Sunday School resumes January 13, 2013
- There will be no EYC on December 26, and January 2. EYC resumes January 9, 2013.



## Christ Church Youth Christmas Party and Lock-In!

**Friday December 21, 2012**



**From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.,** PreK through 12th graders are invited for a Christmas party, including games, cookie making and decorating, a Christmas craft, and a snack.

**From 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.,** 4th through 12th graders are invited to stay for a Lock-In that will include Compline, games, food, movies, and fellowship. Bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, pajamas, and a FRIEND!

RSVP to Kim Dudley, 242-5115 or [office@christchurchvaldosta.org](mailto:office@christchurchvaldosta.org).

## Winterblast is slated for December 7 - 9, 2012 at Honey Creek

This December 7-9, Episcopal Diocese of Georgia Youth will hold its annual Winterblast for 6-12 graders. The three-day event is always a great weekend at Honey Creek just ahead of Christmas break. More details will be posted soon, but be sure not to miss out on the weekend. Register now and pass the word along to your friends.

The cost is \$110 and scholarship assistance is available through congregations and the Diocese. I look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact The Rev. Loren Lasch, the 2012 Winterblast Coordinator via email at [youth@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:youth@goodshepherd-augusta.org) or at (706) 738-3386



## Senior EYC

by Susan Elliott

God continues to bless this group with spirited and vital discussions on how to maneuver through these fast-paced times. Every Wednesday evening begins with everyone answering the questions, "How are you doing and what did you have for lunch?" Oftentimes the various answers revealed become the focal point of that night's discussion. And Dr. Dan and Father Jim use their individual knowledge and experiences to guide our young people always reminding them that God is with them throughout everything! This tight-knit group loves being together and really empathize with each other's journey.

### Advent Event

The Christ Church family will once again come together in the Parish Hall to make Advent Wreaths on Sunday, December 2 during the Sunday School hour. Wreaths and candles as well as cypress, fir and pine greenery will be supplied. Other greenery necessary to make a meaningful wreath are rosemary, ivy, myrtle and holly. If you have any of this in your yard, please bring some that morning to share!

**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



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### Join us for Regular Services

**Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
**11:30 a.m. Holy Communion\***

**9:30 a.m. Holy Communion\***  
**6:00 p.m. Vespers**

**\*Nursery Available**

**10:45 a.m. Christian Education\***  
**8:00 p.m. Holy Communion**

**Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.\***

**Thursday: 7:00 a.m.**

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