

The Wheel

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS

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• **Wednesday, September 8 —**

Wednesday Night Live begins with dinner and programs for all ages (Adult program "Discovering God's Vision" begins Sept. 15).

• **Sunday, September 12 —**

- **Service times change** to fall schedule: Worship at 7:30, 8:45, 11:15 am

- **Ministry Fair at 10-11 am** — Join us in the Parish Hall to learn about all the many ministries of St. Catherine's, including Church School and other Christian education offerings this fall.

• **Sunday, September 19** — Church School begins for all ages at 10 AM

Want to get involved?

Fall is the time! St. Catherine's has so many ministries and opportunities for involvement in parish life. Your volunteer participation is one of the most important factors in keeping our community of faith alive and growing.

What are our opportunities? Each fall we have the Ministry Fair with information booths for every one of our ministries so you can get details face-to-face (Sept. 12, 10-11 AM). This newsletter and our weekly Parish Announcements email news are our principal means of communicating to you about the activities of our parish. For definitions of all our ministries look for our Ministry Directory booklet available for pickup in the church foyer. As part of our year-round Stewardship we conduct Time and Talent surveys to gather your volunteer interests. And all information is constantly available on our website at www.StCatherines.org.

So, how do you get involved? When you find the ministry you might want to learn more about, simply make the first step to communicate your interest to us. All of our publications aim to include the details of how to get in touch with the right person — whether signing up on the "Opportunities For Ministry" form found in your Sunday bulletin each week or calling or emailing the activity leader. If you have any question of who to contact or how, please call the church office, 770-971-2839.

Serving one another is a way we truly come to know Christ. Please take the step to contact that contact person, sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry form, respond to the Time & Talent Survey, come to that meeting or event, or call the church office. Please bring us your energy and your ideas, so your gifts in service can enrich us all.

The people of St. Catherine's seek to share in the love that Jesus Christ has for us and the world by welcoming, accepting, nurturing, and serving all people through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We Welcome You!

Next Blood Drive



Tuesday, August 24

3:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall — Making an appointment is easy, go to www.givelife.org and enter Sponsor Code HOLTRC. Or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Volunteers are needed to help greet donors and help with set up and take down, contact Jennifer Massey, jmmassey@tatt.blackberry.net or 404.375.8327.

New Youth Director joins us September 1st!

See letters from Mike, page 7 and from Father Jim, page 9



Office schedule

The church office will be closed **Monday, Sept. 5** for the Labor Day Holiday. Have a safe and blessed weekend!

Help us serve you

Please let the church know when you or a loved one has a medical procedure, an illness, a life transition, or other special need. We are here to serve you. Please allow us the opportunity to share your experience and offer our support. Simply contact the church office at 770-971-2839.

HOLY BAPTISM

Next date:
November 7 (All Saints)

Please check with the office for more information and to request the customary booklet about Holy Baptism.

Come Sit On Our Porch

By Amma Susan+

My parents love to sit on their front porch in the cool of the evening, watching the world pass by. They have a sign posted there that says, "Come sit on our porch." It's an open invitation to all to "Come sit a spell," and many people do just that. The gentleman from around the corner, walking his German shepherd, always stops to chat while my Dad gives the dog an affectionate scratch. It isn't uncommon to find all of the rocking chairs on that porch filled with the nearby neighbors, old and new.

It's sad that most contemporary homes have front steps but no porch. A porch invites people to "Come sit down, rest a while, have a chat." Porches are in-between-places, areas between the steps and the inside of the house that offer people a place to be and an opportunity to discover and test relationships.

Churches, like homes, need a ministry structure that serves as a porch so that people of the congregation and people who are passing by can get to know each other. Without a porch, people who don't know the life of faith may be rushed into the church without the needed formation, or they may never leave the sidewalk. A porch is a place where seekers can experience unhurried time and unhurried relationships with the faith community, where they can visit, learn, pray and worship together without being pushed to go in. In this environment they can begin to experience the kingdom of God, to test the waters. Without a porch, people may miss God's hospitality to strangers.

St. Catherine's has worked very hard to provide a welcoming environment for newcomers. Through our Ministry of Invitation,

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Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Eileen Motter, Vi Pratt, Joe Tarentino, Linda Smith, Trish, Judith Phillips, Barbara, Susan, Hillary, Jean, Ryan, Irene, Peggy, Ray Cole, Marilyn & Tom Bradbury, Jean Wintrow, Beatrice Ackenbom-Kelly, Stephanie Shaw, Ingrid Carmines, Sharon Parisi, Sally Kopp, Joyce & Terry Vaughn, Alan Sampson, Ansley Arnette, Joyce Bramlett, Randall Hayes, Dallas Jones, Terry, Mike & Leah Gailliot, Alexandra Pepper, Marion Cook, Sean, Sally Acker, Bernie, Lloyd Byars, Laura Hartman, Bill Ivey, Megan Shannonhouse, Miriam, Mandi, George T. Smith, Joan, Jarrett & his parents Jill & John, Thelma Anderson, Caroline Leigh & Brady Rose Wilson and their parents, Ben & Kate Wilson, Madison Cox, Lamar Floyd, Frank Rios, Susan Jenkins, Fran Coraggio, Carol Childs, Margaret White, Lynn Schmid, Ellen Black, Rob Black, Larry, Laura & Beth Panatera, Rujeania Woods, Helen Zimmerman, Jeremy Starkey, Kimberly Blythe, Britany McGheen, John Maddox

Before Surgery

Judith Phillips, 8/23/2010;
Barbara Cordery, 9/3/2010

Births

Eric Amescuba on 7/21/2010, son of Anthony & Shantall Amescua, great grandson of Elaine & Bill Krupp.
Kellen Joseph Pierce on 8/16/2010, son of Jessica and Jeff Pierce, grandson of Chris & Jan Potter.

Deceased

Preston Sellens, nephew of Tom & Shirley Day

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(8/22) Ray, Nancy, Katie, Becky & Jonathan Ban; David, Molly, Leah & Spencer Banko; John, Barbara, Riley, Katie, Mary Alice & Thad Barrington; Gina, Taylor & Abby Baumann; Art & Susan Bayless;
(8/29) Brian, Mary, Andrew & Jennifer Benton; Ron & Connie Bergeron; Vera Bibbings; Tom, Jane & Rusty Bird; Tom, Deana, Weston, Rhiannon & Reghan Bishop

Birthdays

(8/23) Scott Selby, Crystal Harwell, Lucinda Patrick, Jill Rawls, (8/24) James Bowden, Linda Minzenberger, Emma Gale, Betsy Broda, (8/25) Jennifer Mitchell, David Sherry, Wyatt Pitts, James Sampson, (8/26) Seamus Fahy, (8/27) Ellen Adams, Karen Manno, Alexandra Brooks, Susie David, Ellie Dover, (8/28) Julian Seneviratne, Jeff Pierce, Mason Parisi, (8/29) Courtney Gardner, (8/30) Patrick Brooks, Christopher Potter, Walker Martin, (8/31) Davis Waldron, (9/1) Debra Stockton Hilley, (9/2) Mark Moore, Pat Pepper, (9/3) Karen Smith, John Brooks, Nancy Mattox, (9/4) Richard Carter, Catie Nelson, (9/5) Ben Frost

Anniversaries

(8/27) Michelle & Chuck Zimmerman; (8/29) Chris & Rebecca Kiefer; (8/30) Randy & Kristina Farmer; (8/31) David & Stephanie Yucius; (9/2) David & Mary Lou Shannonhouse; (9/5) Fred & Jennifer Massey



Book give-away

In preparation for reorganizing his office, Father Jim has selected a number of his books he will not have space for and offers them now to anyone who wants to give them a new home. Drop by the table in the library to browse and take home several.

11 – Number of weeks to the start of 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration

Do you have a story or fact about our history? Send it to Wheel editor Karen Manno, Karen_AT_Stcatherines.org

Men's Retreat

Reserve now! The Men's Retreat is **October 1-3** at Montara Farm in the north Georgia mountains. Join us to make new friendships and renew old ones, explore your spirituality, have great food and enjoy some relaxing activities. Only 40 slots available, a \$100 deposit will hold your place. Final cost will be around \$300. Check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Rod Pope, rpope_AT_brwnald.com or 404.917.3610.

Sit on our porch (cont'd)

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people are greeted as they enter, receive a welcoming gift, are introduced to others, helped to find their way around by friendly shepherds and receive a cheery “getting to know you” phone call. The Ministry of Invitation is the steps that lead people to the front door of St. Catherine's. But for many, steps that lead immediately to the door of the house can be threatening. They need a porch, a safe zone in which to test the Christian faith and explore life with the people of that church before they commit to entering into the inner life of the parish.

St. Catherine's is now adding to our welcoming structure a “porch” of Christian initiation called The Journey. This process is replacing the Inquirers Class. Here passers-by who come up our steps can pause and get a sense of what the people of St. Catherine's are like. In The Journey, those who climb our steps can sit on our porch and be able to see if St. Catherine's and the Gospel feel like a good fit. Sponsors who are already members of St. Cath-

erine's will spend time with inquiring newcomers: learning, praying and worshipping together, sharing fellowship and what our experiences of God have been, so that newcomers can have time to decide whether they are ready to enter into the inner life of the church through baptism, confirmation or being received into the Episcopal Church from another denomination.

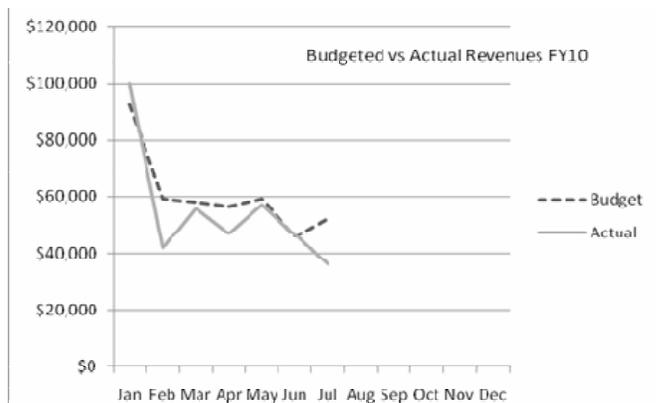
We invite those who are interested in adult baptism, confirmation or being received into the Episcopal Church to “come sit on our porch” by signing-up for The Journey. Meetings will be Sundays from 1 to 3 PM beginning Sept. 26, with an occasional Saturday “retreat” at the church. Childcare will be available. Space is limited to the first 20 to 25 who sign-up, so register soon by checking the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or call Susan Johnson+ at 770-971-2839. The last day to register will be September 12th at the Ministry Fair. If you are already a member of St. Catherine's and would like to share The Journey with a newcomer as their sponsor, please sign up.

Finance Update

By Tom Blackstock

These are financially difficult times for many of us and unfortunately, St. Catherine's is feeling the effects. The pledges received during five of the seven months of this fiscal year have been less than the budgeted amounts. In July, pledges significantly lagged the budgeted amount. Each year, the finance committee builds the budget based on pledges and then develops monthly amounts that we expect to receive based on the history of pledging over a three year period. As you know, we have fixed expenses like building mortgage, utilities, salaries and benefits that we must pay every month. The only expenses that we can potentially reduce are ministry team budgets. We don't intend to alarm you with this information, but we do

want to make you aware of the decreasing pledges and the impact on the wonderful work that our ministry teams accomplish every day. This chart illustrates the difference in budgeted revenues for the year versus actual revenues received through the end of July. If you have questions, please contact Tom Blackstock at tkeblackstock_AT_comcast.net.



This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 8/23

Susan's Day Off9:30AM Preschool begins
7:30PM B.S. Troop 713

Tuesday, 8/24

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
3:00PM Blood Drive
4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic
6:00PM Adult Ed.
6:00PM MUST Laundry Team
6:30PM Jubilate

Wednesday, 8/25

5:30AM MUST Breakfast
10:00AM Parenting: A Sacred Path
5:45PM Youth WNL
6:15PM Youth Choir

Thursday, 8/26

5:30PM Catechumenate

Friday, 8/27

Jim's Day Off

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 8/28

8:30AM Journey Catechists
10:00AM Theater Group
6:00PM Elizabeth Inn

Sunday, 8/29

7:30AM Coffee Time
8:00AM Holy Eucharist
8:45AM Breakfast
9:30AM Country Fair
10:30AM Holy Eucharist
3:30PM FPU
6:30PM FPU (Youth)

Join Choir

You are invited!

- **Youth Choir** — We welcome all young people—grades 2nd to 10th, boys with unchanged voices and all girls—who love to sing and wish to be part of the choir. First graders are invited to our Training Choir. Our regular Wednesday rehearsals begin on August 25. Youth Choir rehearses 6:30-7:30 pm; Training Choir at 6:15-7:00 pm. We sing most Sundays through the school year at the 8:45 am service (Training Choir singers will join the Youth Choir for anthems, but will not robe and process in the fall). No training or experience is required, just enthusiasm! Any questions? Please email Martha Bowden: martha_bowden@bellsouth.net.

- **Adult Choir** — Adults, and all youth past the age for Youth Choir, please join us! Our first rehearsal will be Sept. 1. We regularly rehearse from Labor Day to Memorial Day on Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m., and meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays to prepare to lead in the 11:15 a.m. service. Our fall program will include classic and contemporary choral works each Sunday, plus preparation of our special music for Advent Lessons and Carols (December 5) and Christmas Eve. You are guaranteed at each rehearsal to learn something, laugh heartily and experience God's presence through beautiful music. Sight-reading ability, while helpful, is not required. Please contact director Brian Williams at brian@stcatherines.org or 678.461.9656, or any choir member if you have questions.

The Mission continues

*By Tom Hunter*

Several years ago, as we finished building our new Sanctuary and Parish Hall, we engaged in an effort to pool our resources to bring the costs of the new construction within our budget. We called this fund raising effort "Faithful Mission." Officially, the pledge commitments made to Faithful Mission ran out at the end of 2009. The need continues, however, but with a difference. Due to the faithful giving of the people of St. Catherine's and due to some really good negotiating, we have a much lower debt than we had anticipated and a very good interest rate of 3.5%. The payments fit into our budget, but they take a big part of it.

Anything we can do to reduce those payments directly effects the funding for our Ministries. Shortly, our interest rate and payment amount will be reviewed by the bank. We do not expect our rate to change, but we can reduce our payments by paying off some of the principal of the loan. The funds in Faithful Mission are the funds we will use to reduce our debt and our payments. Any giving to Faithful Mission, including from anyone who has joined St. Catherine's in the last few years and who were not involved in pledging to Faithful Mission, will help.

Faithful Mission is no longer about building a building; it is about supporting our Ministries. The Mission continues. Please help if you can.

Musings from MacMahan

Father Jim is sending us updates and photos weekly throughout his summer chaplaincy during the month of August at St. Cuthbert's, MacMahon Island, Maine, which are being posted in blog form on our website. Here is his entry for August 18:

"It's been a quiet week on MacMahan. After my sister and brother-in-law and the McGill's left on Friday, August 6 I was alone until Saturday, August 14. The time went slowly and quickly depending on the hour and the day. It's funny! I look forward to the alone time and the attention I can give

to what I want to do or read, but there are times in the midst of it that I think I don't want to be here alone. For those who regularly place themselves into such situations, I wonder if they share similar feelings? Or does it "grow on you" the more you do it. In any case, Tuesday of last week was a difficult day. For whatever reason, I had promised myself I would not leave the island before the mid-way point between my first company leaving and the second group arriving. That mid-way point was a Wednesday ..."



READ THE REST NOW ON OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.STCATHERINES.ORG/MACMAHAN2.HTML

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 8/30

Susan's Day Off

7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 8/31

10:00AM Morning Prayer

10:30AM Staff Meeting

4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic

6:30PM Jubilate

6:30PM Theater Group

Wednesday, 9/1

10:30AM Parenting: A Sacred Path

5:45PM Youth WNL

6:15PM Youth Choir

7:00PM Invitation Ministry

7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 9/2

Friday, 9/3

Jim's Day Off

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 9/4

Sunday, 9/5

7:30AM Coffee Time

8:00AM Holy Eucharist

8:45AM Breakfast

10:30AM Holy Eucharist/Baptism

5:00PM Stephen Ministry

Hold These Dates

- September 19 – Church School begins
- October 2 – Blessing of the Animals
- November 6-7 – Rally Day/Start of 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration
- November 7 – Fall Memorial Service

Foyers Kick Off

By Maureen Donoghue



Mark your calendars! The Kick Off for a new year of Foyers will be **Sunday Sept 12**, 6pm at the Donoghue's home. Foyers is a wonderful dinner group open to all adults who want to get to know others better. We meet in groups of 6-8 once a month from September to June. The host rotates each month with everyone bringing part of the meal. It's a fun, inexpensive evening out with adult conversation and delicious food. More info to come.

Caregiver Support Group

If you are caring for an aging or seriously ill parent or spouse, "Caring for the Caregiver" is for you, based on the book *Passages in Caregiving* by Gail Sheely. The book describes the journey of caregiving from a personal point of view. We will meet Mondays, September, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 to 8 PM in the Parlor. For information, contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890.

Praying for Pars**Next golf date Sept. 19**

RSVP by Sept. 12! If you are like most of us hackers "praying for pars" please join us to go to the early church service and eat breakfast together, then head out for a 10:00 am tee time. Please RSVP by the Sunday one week before. Sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Walt McGill, wsmcgill@taol.com, 770-971-8890. Final golf date this year will be Oct. 10.

Letters

Dear St. Catherine's,

Thank you so much for the generous amount of book money you gave me and the rest of the graduates. Education is the key to understanding, so thank you very much for helping me further my own education. I truly appreciate all that you have done for me.

Thank you so much,
Brontë Taylor

Vestry Notes

By Sally Powers



At the regular meeting on August 17, your Vestry:

- Heard from Fred Massey of the hope to build a St. Catherine's Habitat House to be dedicated in November, 2011 as part of the celebration of our 50th anniversary;
- Elected Harry Tear to the Vestry to fill the unexpired term of John Barrington;
- Affirmed the payment of \$4,500 to Burge and Associates, PC, for our 2006 audit and authorized the balance to be paid after the presentation of the audit at the September Vestry meeting;
- Heard Joyce Hendricks' explanation of the audit process and the status of audits at St. Catherine's;
- Certified that we are in compliance with our insurance regarding Safeguarding God's Children training;
- Received the financial reports of June and July from Tom Hunter. Pledge income is down for the year which can have a significant impact on our ministries. We need to be faithful to our pledges.

Dear Father Jim, Mr. & Mrs. Dickson, and St. Catherine's Family,

I just received your letter letting me know that I'll be getting \$300 from the St. Catherine's Book Scholarship Fund. Thank you so much! The scholarship will be a big help when I'm buying books.

Love always,
Rachel Bottoms

August Ministry Focus: Outreach

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Outreach Ministry Team, which includes teams for Blood Drives, Bread Ministry, Communities in Schools, Elizabeth Inn, MUST, ESL, Emmaus House, The Extension, Giving Tree, Gobble Jog, Habitat For Humanity, Hunger Walk/Run, Native American Ministry, New Orleans Ministry, Operation Christmas Child, Rice Bowls and more.

To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convener Nadine Pope.

Cookbook update

By Sally Powers



Thanks to all who attended and participated in our Tasting Party on August 15. We had such a good time. The title of the cookbook was announced during evening: it will be "The Oak – Fifty Years of Gathering at the Table." Congratulations to Jay Hendricks who submitted the winning entry, his prize will be a free cookbook. Thank you to Bill Ivey for the wonderful music, to Pam Phillips and Meg Boyd for orchestrating the decorations, to all who helped set up and to all who brought wonderful food!!

Pre-orders are over now, but please see a member of the cookbook committee if you have not yet paid or found that you need another copy. We will surely try to accommodate these orders.

So far, we have sold 350–400 cookbooks. They should be available for pick-up by November 6 in plenty of time for Thanksgiving dinners and for Christmas gifts. To everyone, many thanks for your support.

EfM begins Sept. 9



Education for Ministry (EfM) is a 4-year program by the University of the South which provides people with the education to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. A new class begins at St. Catherine's on September 9. We meet on Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 9 every week through the school year. A fee is involved, partial scholarships are available for those in. For more information, sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Jan Potter, 404-444-8627, jcpotterATgmail.com or Chris Potter, 404-376-7430, cdexterpotterATgmail.com.

Turkey 2011 Pilgrimage update & meeting

Sunday, September 19, 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall, for everyone interested in this trip to be led by Father Jim.

In The Community

• The Coracle offerings

Contact Deacon Kathy Holman, kdh53ATcomcast.net, 770-973-6362, or sign up on Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin:

- Parenting: A Sacred Path – Wednesdays Aug. 25 - Oct. 20, 10 am - noon. Program fee \$80.00 includes book. Facilitated by Kathy Holman and Karen Maxwell.

- Bridges to Contemplative Living – Sundays, Sept. 12 - Oct. 31, 7 - 9 pm. Program fee \$175.00, includes booklets. Facilitated by Kathy Holman and Keith Dumke.

- Understanding Christian Spirituality – Second Saturdays, October to May, 9 am to 2 pm. Program fee \$175.00 plus cost of books. Facilitated by Kathy Holman.

• Be a literacy tutor

Why not volunteer for one hour a week to help a child improve their reading skills. There is flexible scheduling and training provided. What a wonderful way to allow God's love to shine through you. For more information, please contact Carol Fey at 678-503-0901. These opportunities are offered through The Georgia Literacy Connection, a program of Communities in Schools of Marietta/Cobb County, Inc. www.cismcc.org.

• Young Adults of NW Atlanta

Interested in getting to know other Episcopalians your age around the NW Atlanta area? Come spend an evening with other young adults (18-35, married & single) Wednesday, August 25 at 8:00 p.m. at Hemmingway's, 29 West Park Square, Marietta, GA 30060. We'd love to get to know you! Contact Sean Holder at 678-230-9214 or nwatlepiscolpalyaATgmail.com.

• Cursillo applications due Sept. 11

Atlanta Episcopal Cursillo Weekend #65 will be September 16-19 at Camp Fortson in Hampton, GA (near Atlanta Motor Speedway). For information and an application, go to aecc.episcopalatlanta.org. Questions? Contact Tanya Bowers-Dean, 404-943-1688, radiant_tanyaATyahoo.com.

Youth

Congrats, Eagle Scout

Congratulations to **Zach Pope** who received his Eagle Scout award at his Court of Honor on August 8. Zach's Eagle Scout project was the construction of our labyrinth under our great oak.

School supplies collection

Please place items in the drop off box in the Outreach Corner at church **by September 1**. These items in particular are needed: *Washable markers, Glue sticks, Glue bottles, Dry erase markers, Colored pencils, Crayons, Folders, Spiral notebooks, Composition notebooks, Hand sanitizer, Tissue boxes, Personal tissue packs, Antibacterial wipes, Scissors, Notebook paper, Pencils, Pens, Backpacks, Index cards, Erasers, Sharpies, Binders, Dividers, Highlighters.*

New Director of Youth Ministry, Mike Peterson

To the Congregation of St. Catherine's,

Hello! My name is Mike Peterson and I am the in-coming Director of Youth Ministries. Let me say from the beginning how excited I am and how much I am looking forward to getting to Marietta and joining your parish! I have visited St. Catherine's several times and have worked with the youth group on retreats, at the Kanuga Conference Center, and in their rebuilding trip to New Orleans last spring, and I couldn't think of a more terrific group of young people and adult volunteers that I could be more fortunate to join and work with.

While I look forward to meeting each of you in person, please permit me to take a minute to tell you a small bit about myself. I have been involved in Episcopal youth ministry in one form or another since I was 11 years old. I grew up in North Carolina and also earned my undergraduate degree there in History and Religious Studies from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduation, I worked for four years in the field of mental health and developmental disabilities. I then transitioned to working for Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of Louisiana's Rebuild



Program for the last two years. I have also worked since 2001 as a professional musician, predominantly for the Episcopal Church. I have served as musician and/or consultant for conferences, retreats, services, and other parish/diocesan events from South Florida up to New Jersey since 2001. I have also served as a worship leader, conference coordinator, camp counselor, and in other various capacities over the years.

I can't wait to meet all of you in September. Please keep the Youth Program of St. Catherine's in your prayers as we enter a new phase of Christian development.

God's Peace,
Mike Peterson

- **Youth WNL every week**

Wednesday Night Live is every week for all youth, grades 7 through 12. Join us for Dinner from 5:45 to 6:30 pm (\$3.00 per person) and Program from 6:30 to 7:30. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions: Call Keith Dumke, 770.361.8688.

- **Fall Retreat October 22-24**

The fall youth retreat will be held at Earthshine, a retreat center in Lake Toxaway, North Carolina (www.earthshinelodge.com). This is open to all youth in the J2A program (Rite 13, J2A, YA). Please reserve your spot ASAP, a \$75.00 deposit is **due by Sept. 19**. The approximate cost will be \$175 per person. Checks can be made out to St. Catherine's, please designate for "Youth Retreat."

- **Calling all Babysitters!**

The Young Families group is compiling a babysitter directory. If you are interested in earning money while getting to know some great kids from St. Cat's, this is the opportunity for you. Please forward your name, phone number, email address (and specify which way is best to reach you) and available times to babysit to Suzanne McGhee at willandsuz@comcast.net. We will update this list again in January and next summer, so any changes in your schedule can be noted. This information will be posted at the church and only go out to church members.





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Mark Your Calendars

- 8/24 – Blood Drive;
Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 8/25, 9/1 – Youth WNL
- 8/28 – Elizabeth Inn dinner
- 8/29 – Country Fair
- 9/1 – Adult Choir begins
- 9/8 – WNL begins for all
- 9/9 – EfM, Men's Bible Study begin
- 9/12 – Worship times change;
Ministry Fair;
Foyers Kickoff

The Wheel

Next Publications:
Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1
Deadline for articles:
Wednesday before

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Country Fair Sundays

Fun for all ages! Come to the St Catherine's Country Fair – remaining dates are Sundays **August 22 & 29**. Each week between 9:30 and 10:15 am, the Country Fair will offer activities outside under our great oak tree focused on the story for the week. The theme for the 22nd is “Jonah and the Whale” and for the 29th is “Noah's Ark.”

Elizabeth Inn

Laundry: Tues., Aug. 24
Dinner: Sat., Aug. 28

You can help at the MUST Ministries Elizabeth Inn Marietta homeless shelter. Laundry team on the fourth Tuesday and fifth Wednesday every month: contact Fred Massey, 404.731.4466 or f_massey2@hotmail.com. Dinner team on the 28th every month: contact Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609, or Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411.



Men's Weekly Bible Study



Order books by August 22

The men's weekly evening Bible study begins Thursday, September 9. Our fall study will be on the Gospel of Luke using our Study Guide (cost \$8.00). All men are welcome to join us. The only needs are: an openness to God speaking to you in the words of Scripture, companions to join us on the way, and a Bible. This study will be coordinated by Tom Snead and Jim Mattox.

The group will meet every Thursday, except Thanksgiving, through December 9, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Conference Room. The books will be preordered for you to read the first chapter before the first meeting. Please sign up the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Tom, tom.snead@earthlink.net.

August 10, 2010

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to tell you that I have hired a Youth Director. This decision is a result of the careful and extensive process led by Mr. Keith Dumke and a faithful group of adults and youth. I have asked Mr. Mike Peterson to join my staff and he has accepted my invitation with joy and deliberateness. Mike's first day in the office will be Wednesday, September 1.

Mike is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has a B.A. in History and a Minor in Religious Studies. His most recent position was with Episcopal Community Services of Louisiana Rebuild Program (ECSLA) as the Contracting and Compliance Coordinator. Indeed, some of our adults and youth worked with Mike during our recent mission trip to New Orleans in April, 2010.

Prior to this Mike worked as a Qualified Developmental Disabilities Professional at Pathways for People, Inc. in Cary, NC and as a Direct Care Staff Shift Leader at the Carolina Living & Learning Center in Pittsboro, NC. Mike, a life-long Episcopalian, has had extensive involvement with youth as paid and volunteer staff at Kanuga (Winterlight and Junior Young People's Conference), the Diocese of East Carolina (Winter Conference) and UNC (Episcopal Campus Ministry at UNC).

One of the many gifts Mike will bring to St. Catherine's is an extensive music ministry. He has been and will continue to be a conference musician/consultant providing "worship music and facilitated group participation for diocesan youth conferences, parish/youth group retreats, church services, and non-profit organizations." Mike and I have spoken about his continued involvement with the church beyond St. Catherine's and I have encouraged him to continue his involvement and assured him of our support for his ministry. He has "attended over 100 conferences to date and served over 50 different groups in various dioceses throughout the church." I look forward to discovering along with you how he will share his musical gifts and talents with us.

Mike is not a stranger to St. Catherine's. As I already mentioned he worked with our youth in New Orleans and as musician for one of our early retreats under Amelia's leadership. He's also worshiped with us at Amelia and Mike's wedding and Lucy's baptism. In his cover letter to me in May he said about St. Catherine's, "I have found it to be a welcoming and supportive parish with a strong commitment to Christian development, outreach and pastoral ministries." Mike will bring strong leadership and a commitment to "cooperating and coordinating with many different people of various backgrounds to achieve a common goal."

I want to thank Keith for his outstanding leadership in this process. Along with him I've enjoyed working with and benefitting from the insights of Tanya Bowers-Dean, Maureen Donoghue, Ellis Kilgore, and Elizabeth Lopez. In addition many of our youth participated with us in telephone interviews and on-site interviews. I was continually impressed with their commitment to the youth program and their insights about each of our candidates. They are, indeed, the church at work among us today. As plans develop for welcoming Mike into our midst we will keep the congregation informed and invite you to take the opportunity to come and meet our newest staff member.

In Christ I remain your servant,

Fr. Jim Nixon+
Rector