



The Wheel

A NEW EXPLORATION OF STEWARDSHIP

By the Stewardship Committee

It is almost that time... time to "get your head in the game"! Jason Snape, one of our creative parishioners, has developed a great card game to help us explore Stewardship in a new way. Originally intended for the youth to spark conversations about the ways we serve and give, the game caught the Stewardship Committee's interest and generated such lively discussion, we were eager to share it with adults and youth alike. In brief, players use "Gift cards" to try to fulfill the needs of both "Home Events" (job loss, orthodontia, join vestry) and "Church Events" (Acolyte Festival, Rally Day, Diocesan Tithe). We will be having small gatherings (groups of up to 24) in the coming weeks to play the game.

All meetings will be in the Youth House (except Wed., October 6 in the Board/Conference Room). Each session will be lead by two vestry members and should last about 90 minutes. Sign up for your date and time at the table in the foyer, or contact Alison Harris (harris.jeffali@att.net), John Garner (john.garner@tihg.com) or Juan Sandoval (elsapifico@gmail.com, 678-355-0722).

So, choose your time from the following list and get ready to get your head, your hands, and maybe even your heart in the game!

- Sunday, Sep. 26, 1 pm
- Tue., Sep. 28, 7:30 pm
- Thu., Sep. 30, 7:30 pm
- Sun., Oct. 3, 1 pm
- Wed., Oct. 6, 6:30pm
- Sun. Oct. 10, 1 pm
- Thu., Oct. 14, 7:30 pm
- Fri., Oct. 15, 12 pm
- Sat., Oct. 16, 7:30 pm
- Sun., Oct. 17, 1 pm

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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!

Men's Retreat



It's almost here! 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@brwncald.com or 404.917.3610.

Blessing of the Animals



Saturday, Oct. 2, 10:00 AM

Bring your pet for a blessing under the Big Oak Tree! This day commemorates St. Francis of Assisi, who dedicated his life to peace, caring for the poor, and teaching respect for all God's creatures. St. Francis had a special affinity for

animals. He reminds us of the importance of our relationships with all of God's creation.



Remember to bring your pet leashed or caged as appropriate. A few treats for dogs and cats will be provided.

“Opportunities For Ministry”

Check it every Sunday

Every Sunday in the service bulletin is a folded insert with a section we call the “Opportunities For Ministry” form. Here you can find activities coming soon that ask for your sign-up or RSVP, and those that need volunteer assistance. Please take a few minutes before or after every service to look over and check off the ones that interest you. You may return it in the collection plate or drop it off at the church office.

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.

The horizons we fear: the stars we seek

By Father Jim

In my last Musings from MacMahan I wrote of three questions I asked everyone who visited me during my stay on MacMahan Island. The third and last question is this: *As you look at the horizon of the sea (in our case the Gulf of Maine) is it any surprise that people once thought the world was flat? And a follow-up question. It took courage for someone to sail for the first time to the horizon, what horizons are you avoiding sailing towards in your life?*

I’ve given the question some thought in the light of the answers I heard during various discussions on the Island. The answers ranged from the very serious to the downright humorous as people struggled to articulate what I believe is a part of human nature—the urge to seek safety. We are most comfortable at anchor in the quiet bays of our lives. Life is good there and to tell the truth there is nothing wrong with staying there. Sheltered from the stormy, open seas we can relax and enjoy the re-

wards of life. To sail out of the bay and into the open seas risks the storms of sea that beat us about not unlike the disciples in the boat on the sea of Galilee. It also risks sailing toward the horizon and—if they are right about the flatness of the world—the great risk of all falling off the edge.

I wonder if St. Catherine’s is at anchor in the quiet bays of life? I’d be interested in your responses. Some might argue ‘no, we are continuing to challenge ourselves and grow in obedience to the Word of God. In other words, we are not only not afraid to sail towards the horizon but are doing so. Some might argue ‘yes,’ we have grown comfortable with who we are and expend our energy maintaining the status quo. In other words, we are securely anchored at bay and out of the way of the tumultuous seas.

We are in the early stages of a second generation planning endeavor that, in some ways, will ask these questions of us. Led

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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, Ray Cole, Marilyn & Tom Bradbury, Jean Wintrow, Beatrice Ackenbom-Kelly, Ingrid Carmines, Sharon Parisi, Terry, Mike & Leah Gailliot, Alexandra Pepper, Bill Ivey, Joan, Jarrett & his parents Jill & John, Caroline Leigh & Brady Rose Wilson and their parents, Ben & Kate Wilson, Madison Cox, Susan Jenkins, Ellen Black, Rob Black, Rujeania Woods, Kimberly Blythe, Britany McGheen, John Maddox, Ron Brannock, Judith Phillips, Lynn Schmid, Ellen Brandt, Ethel Jane Blaske, Michael Garacia, Sylvia Nash, Alycen, Ann McBrayer, Sheryl Cromer, David Madison, Tim Seibert, Chip Madren, Margaret Bowman, Louise Huey, Ted, Marilyn Hunter

Before Surgery

Barbara Cordery, 9/17/2010;

Julie Brannock, 9/20/10;
Matt Heil, 9/21/10

Deceased

Otto Dover, grandfather of Ron Dover

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(9/19) Ron & Julie Brannock; Tim, Caroline & Bourke Brennan; Frank & Pat Brent; Beth Brinkley; Betsy Broda;
(9/26) John, Fran, Patrick & Addison Brooks; Lanie & Bailey Brooks, Malcolm & Morgan Haymes; Jennifer, Michael, Caitlyn, Connor & Lilli Buckalew; Rick, Tracy, Kate & Clay Buckalew; George & Marilyn Cain

Birthdays

(9/20) Barbara Kallas, Eric DeLaBarre, Victoria Frank, Arrevia Pierce, (9/21) Jeffrey Tindall, Jay Hendricks, (9/22) Ben Hilley, (9/23) Jim Greene, Marshall Jones, (9/24) Libby Rouleau, Lauren Tear, (9/25) Bette Hamilton, Vic Phillipotts,

Charles Mace, (9/26) Mel Paris, (9/27) Susan Martin, Ferrell Martin, Katherine Tanner, Harrison Long, Elizabeth Lee, (9/28) Justin Alexander, Stephenie Blythe, Justin Blythe, Eric Ragan, (9/29) Peter Morich, Trenholm Fahy(9/30) Robbie Selby, Henry Gary, Bryce Pyburn, (10/1) Julia Denton, Nathan Tomchik, Nancy Perkins, Cole Nabinger, Richard Pearson, (10/2) Ansley Bayless, Sue Jones, David Yucius, (10/3) Delicia Reily, Andrew Benton

Anniversaries

(9/20) Ken & Linda Minzenberger; (9/21) David & Emilie McLaughlin; (9/25) Susan & Art Bayless, Ron & Connie Bergeron; (9/30) Ed & Tracey Pitts; (10/2) Jim & Laurie Dirksen, Kathleen & Philip Hamilton

Special prayers

Melissa, for strength, direction and guidance.

Look for our Bulletin Board



St. Catherine's is a busy place! Where do you see information about all our activities around the buildings? We have a number of bulletin boards for display, and we've added even more to help keep us all in the know. **Here's where to look for information... and when your group has an event, here is where to post it:**

1. "Life at St. Catherine's" board – at the top of the atrium stairs (currently used for monthly Ministry Team focus) will be for posters about events at our church: Blood Drives, educational events such as FPU, fun gatherings such as Low Country Boil, Valentine's Dinner Dance, etc., plus the church calendar, newspaper clippings of our parishioner's, etc. ** Plus we've added two new events boards also for all your events flyers: Events board in the education wing near the choir room, around the corner from the drinking fountain – a good view point for Catechesis, children & family events Events board on the north wall of the Parish Hall near the three doors into the atrium walkway
2. Event sign up sheets – for sign up for activities such as blood drives, prayer vigil etc. – small board in the foyer near the coat rack
3. Youth events – continues on the board in the hall outside the Youth Director's office
4. Outreach – continues on the small board next to the Outreach table opposite the Parlor
5. Community events – the first bulletin board outside the Conference Room (close to the Parish Office) – for non-St. Catherine's events, posters, sales, etc. A copy of our church calendar will also be here so you can check it to find out where your meeting is as you come in the Parish Offices entrance.
6. St. Catherine's photos – the second bulletin board outside the Conference Room (near the door to the foyer & sanctuary) that currently has photos, continues for pictures of people, places, and events.

We are establishing some simple rules about putting flyers and information at church:

1. Flyers and announcements should be posted only on bulletin boards. Please, no pages taped on walls, doors, etc.
2. Our staff will monitor and edit the bulletin boards to keep them neat and up to date.

Stars we seek (cont'd)

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by Stephanie Yucius, a group of nine other individuals will ask you over the coming months to weigh in on this question and many like it in the profound confidence that through your voice and your hopes, God will speak to us and lead us into the open sea and towards a new horizon. The process is aptly modeled on a book called "Holy Conversations."

My experience of life is that God is always ready to lead us into the open sea with the promise that when things get rough God will be with us. However, God is also very willing to meet us in the shelter of the bay and is just as present. The choice is ours: the sheltered protection of the calm bay or the tumultuous open sea. The question for St. Catherine's is are we willing to sail that open sea towards a horizon that brings risks and unknowns? Or shall we drop an-

chor where we are and enjoy the fruits of our labor? The one thing of which we can be sure: God will be with us no matter our choice.

Many years ago I quoted a prayer by Sir Walter Drake at another point in our common life not unlike the present:

"Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves. When our dreams have become true because we dream too small. When we arrive safely because we sail too close to shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we've lost our hunger and thirst for the waters of life. Disturb us, Lord, to dare boldly, to venture onto wider seas where storms will show your mastery and not our own, where in losing sight of land, we will find the stars. This we ask in the name of our sure captain, Jesus the Christ."

My prayer for St. Catherine's and for each of us is that over the coming months "we will find the stars."

Turkey 2011 Pilgrimage meeting

Sunday, September 19

All interested in this trip, please join us at 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall. "The Second Holy Land : St. Paul's Missionary Journeys" adult pilgrimage will be March 26 to April 8, 2011, led by Father Jim. Brochures with complete information are available on the information table at church.

Cats On Wheels Luncheon

Saturday, Sept. 25

Note this date! Cats on Wheels will meet for their next bi-monthly Dutch treat luncheon at 11:30 am at



Mary Mac's Tea Room, 224 Ponce de Leon Ave, Atlanta, GA 30308, www.marymacs.com. For those who wish to carpool, we leave the church parking lot at 11:00 am, otherwise meet us at the restaurant at 11:30. Either way, if you will be there please confirm so we will have enough seating. RSVP asap to Alan Certain, st.cats.on.wheels@ATgmail.com, 404-661-2200.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 9/20

Susan's Day Off

20th-24th **Cobb Schools closed**
 6:30PM Caregiver Support Group
 7:00PM Kneeler Project
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 9/21

10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic
 7:30PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 9/22

5:30AM MUST Breakfast
 9:30AM Bible Study
 10:00AM Parenting: Sacred Path
 5:00PM WNL Program
 5:45PM WNL Dinner
 6:15PM Youth Choir
 6:30PM WNL Program
 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 9/23

6:30PM EFM
 7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 9/24

Jim's Day Off

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 9/25

10:30AM Cats on Wheels @
 Mary Mac's

Sunday, 9/26

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
 8:00AM Breakfast
 8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
 10:00AM Church School
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
 1:00PM Stewardship
 1:00PM The Journey
 3:30PM FPU
 6:30PM FPU (Youth)
 7:00PM Bridges to Contem. Living

WNL — for everyone!

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) is back each week for the fall. Please join us for dinner or program (hopefully both). **Be sure to make your dinner reservation by Tuesday**, by filling out the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin, or call the church office (770-971-2839). Please join us, it's a great break to the middle of a busy week!

- 5:00-5:45 pm - Early Program (best time for families with young children)
- 5:45-6:30 pm - Dinner for everyone
- 6:30-7:30 pm - Programs for Adult, Youth, and Children.

Our adult program at 6:30 is "Discovering God's Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts", there is an \$18 materials fee per person.

Men's Book Study



Second Mondays, 6:30 pm

The Men's Book Study meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Our gathering rotates to different members' homes each month and a light dinner is included. At our initial meeting on September 13, after much consideration, we have decided to read Bruce Feiler's new book, "The Council of Dads: My Daughters, My Illness and the Men Who Could Be Me." Bestselling author Feiler ("Walking the Bible"), fearing the outcome of his diagnosis of a rare tumor, decided to recruit six friends in a Council of Dads to leave a legacy for his young daughters. He movingly chronicles his battle to recovery, and building a community to help teach his daughters to travel, dream, and live life to its fullest.

Our next meeting will be at John Brooks' house at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 11. Please read Chapters 1 - 7, which will cover about 65 pages. Each participant should obtain their own copy of the book, whether from the public library, purchase, online sources, etc.

All men are invited to participate, please be sure to let us know you're coming by RSVP on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Tom, thunter41@bellsouth.net, 678-488-6675, for directions to the meeting place.



New early program: "Savor the Moments" Bible Study

by Lisa Spessard

Most of us will admit that we could use a little help with patience. We have busy lives and we are almost always in a hurry. The series we are studying this year at 5:00 PM will help us discover how we can become more patient in our everyday lives. We will talk about what the Bible says about patience, as well as have open discussion with one another. Weekly sessions include "Slow to Anger - Learning about God's patience," "Patience in the small things - Grocery stores, traffic jams and long lines" and "Patience in God's Timing - This isn't what we had planned" as well as others.

While this study time has been primarily attended by parents with young children, it is open to all who would like to focus on strengthening their faith. Childcare is available. For some of us, it is the only structured time during the week that we are able to dedicate to our own Christian development.

I hope you will consider joining us each Wednesday and then stay for dinner at 5:45 PM. You can contact Father Jim to sign up for the study and order a book (approximately \$10). We will begin meeting on September 29.

Also, if you might be interested in leading the kids (ages range from 2-8) in crafts or games occasionally throughout the semester, please contact Stephanie Yucius (stephyucius@hotmail.com).

Grief Support Group begins Oct. 4

This group offers support for those who have lost a loved one. Each week, the group utilizes grief education and story telling. Topics include the grieving process, preparing for the holidays, helping yourself through grief, and Scriptural/theological reflections. We will meet Mondays, October 4 through November 8, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the Parlor. Led by Gail McGill, for information contact her at (770) 971-8890.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 9/27

Susan's Day Off

6:30PM Caregiver Support
7:00PM Mentor's
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 9/28

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis – Catholic
6:00PM Elizabeth Inn
6:00PM MUST Laundry Team
6:30PM Jubilate
7:00PM Stewardship

Wednesday, 9/29

9:30AM Bible Study
10:30AM Parenting: A Sacred Path
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Program
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 9/30

6:30PM EFM
7:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM Holt Rd. closed for
Wheeler Homecoming Parade

Friday, 10/1

Jim's Day Off

1st-3rd Men's Retreat @
Montara Farm
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 10/2

10:00AM Al-Anon District Meeting
10:00AM Blessing of the Animals
1:00PM Catechesis Group

Sunday, 10/3

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
1:00PM Stewardship
1:00PM The Journey

Church School for all ages

Sundays, 10 am starting September 19

For complete descriptions of all our offerings please see the Christian Nurture and Development brochure in your bulletin, pick up a copy at church, or check the Sept. 6-19 issue of our *eWheel* newsletter on our website.

- Nursery for children through age 4
- "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" Children's program:
Young Lambs Atrium (age 2½ to 3½);
Level I Atrium (3½ through Kindergarten);
Level II Atrium (1st-3rd Grades);
Level III Atrium (4th-6th Grades).
Schedule: Young Lambs at 10-11:00 am ; Level I, II, III atria at 10-11:15 am
- "Journey to Adulthood" Youth program: Rite-13 (7th & 8th Grades); J2A (9th & 10th Grades); YA (11th & 12th Grades)
- Adult classes:
"Christian Caregiving – A Way of Life" – Led by Juan Sandoval.
"Rector's Forum" – Led by Father Jim
"Song of the Spirit – Art, Music and Literature That Moves Us" – Led by Jan Potter
"The Lectionary" – Led by Tom Snead & Jim Mattox
"2,000 Years of Christianity from a Jet Plane: The Reformation On" – Led by Ginny Acocella.



Hold These Dates

- October: Advent Reflections booklet signup
- Nov. 10-17 – Preschool Silent Auction
- Nov. 12-14 – Atlanta Diocesan Council
- Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day Gobble Jog for MUST
- Nov. 30 – First Sunday of Advent, make your wreaths!

Low Country Boil

Saturday, October 23

Please join us for lots of fun, good food and music at St. Catherine's Annual Low Country Boil on Saturday, October 23. Tickets will be sold at the church on Sundays, October 10 & 17 for \$12.50 per person.

Children's Chapel

Children's Chapel provides a time during 8:45 Sunday service for children to hear and respond to the Gospel of the day in a "child friendly" setting. Children leave during the Sequence Hymn and return at the Peace. Children's Chapel is for children who are interested and able to "still" themselves to hear God's Word. The age is usually three to nine years old.

Adults and Young Adults volunteers

needed – This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with the youngest members of our Community in Christ. contact Mary Lou Shannonhouse, mshannon@tcolpipe.com

Caregiver Support Group

Mondays, 6:30 pm through Sept. 27 – If you are caring for an aging or seriously ill parent or spouse, "Caring for the Caregiver" is for you. For information, contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890.



Cat's Meow

50th Anniversary Memento

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of St. Catherine's, the Parish Life and Fellowship Ministry will be selling a beautiful, three-dimensional, detailed replica of the church designed by Jason Snape. Inscribed on the back is St. Catherine's mission statement. We will be pre-selling the replicas for \$20 at church on Oct. 24, 31 and Nov. 7. A sample will be available for view. They will be received before Christmas and would make a great gift.

This church replica can only be purchased if pre-ordered, so be sure to buy yours on October 24, 31 or November 7.

September Ministry Focus: Invitation

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Invitation Ministry Team. This team includes committees for Bread Makers, Getting To Know You, Greeters, Newcomer Coffees, Porch Visitors, Shepherds and more. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convener Maureen Donoghue.

Elizabeth Inn

Next date:
Tuesday, Sep. 28
Dinner AND Laundry
Teams

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.



WELCOME

Several new friends have been visiting with us this summer. Please look for them and let them how welcome they truly are.

Pierce and Katie Hale — Pierce and Katie are Georgia natives (Macon and Atlanta) who met at UGA. They spent their first year of marriage in London, then Dunwoody until moving to Marietta in August. They are excited about their new neighborhood not only for the arts and music scene, but also for joining the vibrant St. Cat's community. Pierce is an accomplished pianist with a Master's degree in Music Psychology. A Spanish speaker and travel junkie, Katie is a paralegal at an immigration law firm. They are interested in learning more about our ministries and becoming part of the Young Families Group.

Joe and Pat Tarentino — Joe and Pat are retuning to St. Catherine's after living in Kentucky for a few years. They have two grown children and three grandchildren in this area. They are interested in music and the Cats on Wheels group. Usually, they attend the 11:15. service.

Todd and Michelle, Elenor and Sam Hudson — Todd is entering graduate school and Michelle is a PreK teacher. Todd is interested in our music programs and also in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Look for them most often at 11:15.

Jeanna and Hannah Norton, Lisa and Grace — They have just moved to our area from Jasper County (Monticello). They are interested in Catechesis and in music. Most often, they attend 11:15.

Brent Hartnett — Brent, a recent graduate of Syracuse University and a native of upstate New York, has relocated to Marietta for his new job. So far, our Georgia summer has proved to be a challenge for him. Look for him at 11:15.

Jada, Larry and Cody Ellis — Jada's in-laws, Larry and Jean Ellis were members of St. Catherine's and she is returning here. Jada is planning to participate in *The Journey* and her son and grandson are interested in Catechesis. She enjoys needlework, yard sales, and antiquing.

We are happy you are here!

Praying for Pars

Our final golf date for the year is coming up on October 10. If you are like most of us hackers "praying for pars" 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 October 3 by signing up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Walt McGill, wsmcgill@aol.com, 770-971-8890.



In The Community

- **The Coracle - "Understanding Christian Spirituality" begins Oct. 9**
Introduces participants to Christian spiritual thought through study, lectures, group discussion and reflection. Topics will include Imaging God, Spirituality of Children, Contemplative Practice, and Spirituality in Social Justice. This is an 8-month program on the second Saturday from October through May, 9:00 to 2:00. Program fee - \$175 plus the cost of books, a \$25 non-refundable registration fee is applicable to the program fee. Class limited to 12 participants. For information or to register contact Kathy Holman, kdh53@comcast.net.
- **"Parenting from the Inside Out: Raising Principled, Purposeful Kids in a Complex World"** featuring John Rosemond and Stacey Dewitt. Admission varies with date and location. For information and tickets go to www.connectwithkids.com:
Sat., Oct. 2, 1:30-5 PM at South Forsyth High School;
Sun., Oct. 3, 1:30- PM at Marist School;
Mon., Oct. 4, 6:30-9 PM at Mount Paran Christian School
- **Dave Ramsey Live in Atlanta** — Saturday, October 2 at The Arena at Gwinnett, Duluth, 1:00 - 6:00 PM. Total Money Makeover LIVE Event by the author of our Financial Peace University and Generation Change programs. Admission starting at \$39. For details and tickets go to www.daveramsey.com.

Youth

"Welcome Mike" Party



All parents of Youth and our Youth Leaders are invited on **Saturday, October 9** to the Donoghue's for a "Welcome Mike" party at 6pm. Please bring an appetizer to share. Beverages will be provided. RSVP in the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or GeorgiaddonoghuesATcomcast.net.

Sound Crew needed

Set-up help needed for Jubilate Choir's sound equipment — great opportunity for a young person or anyone who likes to be active! If you'd like to be involved but don't sing or play instruments, contact Bill Ivey, billiveyATbellsouth.net.



Youth Program Report: Some New Beginnings

By Mike Peterson

As the youth of St. Catherine's begin their new year, many things have changed since they got out of school last spring: Everyone is in a new grade, some are even in new schools. Cobb County students are on a completely different schedule than any they have had in the past. The Young Adults are still glowing and growing from their pilgrimage to Costa Rica in June.

The St. Catherine's Youth Program also begins this year with a new Director of Youth Ministries. Over the course of several months this past summer, the Youth Search Committee, under the leadership and guidance of Father Jim and Keith Dumke, filtered through over 20 resumes, conducted numerous phone interviews, and engaged in two face to face interviews. Out of this prayerful and intensive process, I was blessed enough to receive the call (both

literally and figuratively) to relocate to Marietta to join this vibrant and beautiful congregation and make St. Catherine's my new parish home.

As we begin this new year in our youth program, many exciting things lie ahead: Thirteen young people (and counting) have signed up to attend our **Fall Youth Retreat on October 22-24** in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. We are actively searching for new and different opportunities to act as servants to the community in which we live. We are adding a greater musical component to our various gatherings. We join the rest of St. Catherine's in preparing to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this church. We will continue to build on the wonderful traditions this youth program has come to embrace. I cannot say with certainty everything that will come about for the youth program this year, only that we will all be partners in making it happen. I have already found an abundance of support from parents, volunteers, the youth themselves, and the congregation as a whole. I am very excited to see where this path takes us!

- **Fall Youth Retreat October 22-24 — deposit due by Sept. 26!**

It is not too late to sign up (or bring a friend). The fall youth retreat will be held at Earthshine, a retreat center in Lake Toxaway, North Carolina (www.earthshinelodge.com). A \$75 deposit is due ASAP, total cost will be \$175 per person.

Young Families activities

by Molly Banko

Suzanne McGhee and I have recently taken over leadership for the Young Families Ministry. We welcome all ideas, suggestions, feedback and assistance. Contact us to get on the mailing list for this group!

- **Babysitter Directory**

Hot off the presses is the much anticipated Babysitter Directory of babysitters in our parish. Contact Suzanne McGhee if you'd like a copy, willandsuzATcomcast.net.

- **Picnic at East Cobb Park**

Sunday, October 3 4:00-7:00pm
Join us at the pavilion and playground by the upper parking lot. Pack a picnic dinner and drinks.

- **Martinis & IMAX at Fernbank**

Friday, November 12 7:00 pm
Adults only event! Join us in the Fernbank Café for live music and a casual dinner and drinks at 7:00pm followed by an IMAX presentation. Film and time TBA. Tickets are \$12 and dinner and drinks are purchased in the Café. Purchase your tickets before you meet us by calling: 404.929.6400. Fernbank Museum of Natural History is located at 767 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30307. www.fernbankmuseum.org.

- **Operation Christmas Child**

Ingathering November 7-14
This annual service opportunity is a great and simple way to teach kids about the importance of giving. Start collecting shoeboxes and toys now to make a child's Christmas special. Look for packing instructions and labels in the preschool and at church in October.



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Mark Your Calendars

- WNL each Wednesday
- 9/27 ... Caregiver Support Group
- 9/25 ... Cats on Wheels @ Mary Mac's
- 9/26 ... "The Journey" begins; Stewardship Game meetings begin
- 9/28 ... Elizabeth Inn dinner AND laundry
- 10/1-3 ... Men's Retreat
- 10/2 ... Blessing of the Animals
- 10/3-31 ... Flu shots on Sundays
- 10/4... Grief Support Group begins

The Wheel

Next Publications:
Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 5
Deadline for articles:
Wednesday before

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Food collection for MUST Pantry



MUST Ministries' food pantry for the needy in our Cobb, Douglas and Cherokee communities is extremely low. St. Catherine's Outreach will collect these foods all during the month of September, please bring donations to the Outreach Corner (in the foyer across from the Parlor): Canned chicken, canned ham, tuna, canned salmon, protein of any kind, jelly, oatmeal, grits, dry milk, flour, instant potatoes, tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned or dry beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned spaghetti meals, rice, boxed dinners, mac & cheese dinners

Flu shots coming in October

Flu shots for anyone 18 and over will be offered every Sunday in October from 8:30AM until after the 11:15 service. The cost will be \$25.00 and Medicare will be accepted with a Medicare card.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 6, 4:00 to 8:00 pm

Mark your calendar! That's the date of the Kick-Off of our 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration. There will be music, food and fun for the entire family. More details to come!

7 - Number of weeks to the start of 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration

Join Grounds Team/ Church Gardens



Celebrate fall by joining St. Cat's Grounds Team (lawn care) or Church Gardens Team (flowers and shrubs). Both groups will welcome your help in keeping up that all-

important first look of our church for visitors and parishioners to enjoy. Contact Ron Brannock (Grounds) or Gail McGill (Gardens).