

The Wheel

50TH ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF

by John Brooks

This is a party you do not want to miss — our 50th Anniversary Kick Off will be **Saturday, November 6, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** at the back of the church (Youth House, parish hall, patio, and deck). It's a party for *everyone*, young and old, old timers and newcomers. Great music, good food, and activities for all— including face painting for the children and a Remember and Rejoice Wall—will mark the beginning of a twelve-month celebration, which ends with the church's 50th birthday in November 2011.

Local musician Jay Memory will begin playing for the kids at 4:15 and will continue until 8:00 p.m. Dinner—barbecued chicken and sides—will be served at 6:00 p.m. Adult beverages will be available—donations accepted! A special celebration will close the evening. **You must buy a ticket in advance. No walk ups!** Admission is \$10 per family. Tickets will be sold Sundays, October 24 and 31 in the foyer after the 8:45 and 11:15 services, and also at Wednesday Night Live. (If for some reason, you won't be in church these days, please contact the church office regarding tickets, 770-971-2839.) For more information, you can speak with one of the chairs of the 50th Anniversary Celebration: Marilyn Hunter, Ginny Lummus, and Lisa Spessard.

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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!

Stewardship meetings

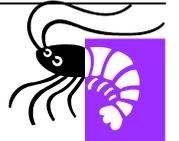


Get your heart in the game!

Everyone who's been so far says it's great fun! All adults, join us our entertaining small group meetings at church with a new and amazing simulation game to help us explore Stewardship in a new way. Dates remaining are Oct. 17, 20, and 24. All sessions are in the Youth House (except Oct. 20 in the Board/Conference Room) and last about 90 minutes. Sign up 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).

Stewardship Pledge Ingathering
Sunday, November 14

Low County Boil



Saturday, October 23

Guaranteed fun evening for all adults, with great food, drinks and dancing! Tickets on sale at church on Sundays, October 10 & 17 and at WNL, \$12.50 per person includes all you can eat, wine and beer provided.

Any helping hands are always appreciated for set up/ break down after the event. If you need more details please contact Bill Lee, 404-386-8908. See you there!

Fall Memorial Service

Sunday, November 7, 5:00 PM

Everyone is invited
see more on page 3 inside

Ministry Teams Quarterly Meeting



Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7 PM

All leaders and members of St. Catherine's ministry teams and committees, please mark your calendar and be sure to be at this very important meeting as we begin the 2011 budget process. Anyone who is interested in the ministry work of our church is welcome.

Flu shots

Sundays in October

Shots are available to anyone 18 and over every Sunday in October from 8:30AM until after 11:15 service. Cost will be \$25.00 and Medicare will be accepted with card.

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 Ultimate Gift

By Father Jim

The Men's Retreat used the movie, *The Ultimate Gift*, to ask the questions, "What are your gifts and how do you use them." If you have not seen the movie I recommend that the entire family take an evening or afternoon to view it and discuss it. It is a wonderful movie.

In the course of the weekend we examined 11 gifts portrayed in the movie. The gift of work, money, friends, learning, problems, laughter, dreams, giving, gratitude, perfect day, and love. Each of us took the time Sunday morning to rank each of the gifts in order of our desire to make some degree of change for ourselves in that particular gift. It was a fun exercise and one which had no right or wrong answer.

Upon reflection of the weekend, God gives us so many gifts in the course of our lives – indeed our very days. I have a tendency, as we all do I believe, to either ignore or discount many of those gifts. I came away from the weekend giving thanks for two profound gifts in my life: my family and especially over that weekend the gift of Matthew's (our son) presence with us and my vocation that continues to feed me in remarkable ways bringing me closer each day to who God calls me to be.

The Ultimate Gift for me is the gift of giving – a willingness to give back to God and to others out of thanksgiving for those gifts in my life. My prayer is that I will continue to grow more selfless in my giving.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Eileen Motter, Vi Pratt, Joe Tarentino, Linda Smith, Ray Cole, Marilyn Bradbury, Jean Wintrow, Beatrice Ackenbom-Kelly, Sharon Parisi, Ingrid Carmines, Terry, Mike & Leah Gailliot, Alexandra Pepper, Joan, Madison Cox, Ethel Jane Blaske, Sylvia Nash, Alycen, Ann McBrayer, David Madison, Tim Seibert, Chip Madren, Margaret Bowman, Louise Huey, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Ted, Barbara Cordery, Matt Heil, Penny Harkey, Diane Blackshear-Wood, Nancy Mattox, Nancy St. Onge, Timothy Hewitt, Charlie Walton, Beryl Bestwick, Nancy Riley, Eric Layton, Lita DiPietrao, Richard Newton, Louise Taylor, T.P. Hall, Donna Woods, David Stone, Bryan M., Jean Huffstetler, Sami Stockton, Richard Mays, Jane Shumaker, Melissa Bryan, Bud Bryan, J.B. Denton, Lori Brown, Vera Bibbings, Margaret Cowart, Rosemarie Brickley, Jo Glidden, Joyce Jaeger, Cohen, Cindy, Jason, Eric, Kate & Eve Marshall

Before Surgery

Julie Brannock 10/18; Cary Phillips 10/18; Linda Smith 10/19; Lynne Chazanof 10/20

Deceased

Dan Omoto, friend of Arlyn Cook;

Kathy Snatchko, Larry Boyd's cousin; Jimmie Lee Dillard, added by Althea (Barry) Dillard; Idda Carozzi, added by Beatriz Montalvo

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(10/17) Mark, Shirley & Rachel Childs; Donald & Anne Clark, Manuela Luger, Alexandria Brooks; Jennifer, Chad & Kendall Cook; Kris, Lisa & Ethan Cook; Marion & Jason Cook, Amanda & Marshall Jones;
(10/24) Ron & Arlyn Cook; Sybil Coote; Edwina Tims, Brad Corbin; Barbara Cordery; David, Nisha, Kayla & Alex Daniel, Matthew Gottesman

Birthdays

(10/18) Bill Woods, Chandler Sherry, (10/20) Kevin Acocella, David Moore, Annelise Miller, Madeline Miller, Amelie Cardona, (10/21) Woodie Patrick, Charlotte Fox, (10/22) Gaston DeLemos, (10/23) Holly Krupp, Cody Ellis, (10/24) Ginny Acocella, (10/25) Anna McCoy, (10/26) Oak Martin, Davis Champion, (10/27) Preston Paris, Devon Durbrow, Alex Shillington, (10/28) Doug Jenkins, (10/29) Susan Bayless, Sally Paris, (10/30) Keely Phillpotts, Marilyn Marcus, (10/31) Eileen Motter, Tracy

Buckalew, Clarke Thomas, Mitch Dumke, Tom Blackstock, David Banko, (11/1) Clay Buckalew, Rachel Childs, Paul Acocella, Bob Jansen, (11/4) Deana DeLaBarre, Missy Greene, (11/5) Arlyn Cook, Colleen Morich, Christopher Scott, (11/7) Jerry Scott, Jason Gardiner, Olivia Shillington, Richard Bowers-Dean, Jackson Ragan

Anniversaries

(10/20) Rachel & Matt Hutton; (10/22) Tom & Maureen Donoghue; (10/23) Al & Sue Jones; (10/24) Christina & Joshua McLean, Claire & Rob Harrison; (10/25) Sue & Jason Snape; (10/26) Ron & Laura Dover; (10/28) Terry & Lezlie Degan; (11/6) Steve & Rosemary Wolfe, John & Libby Rouleau; (11/11) Jim & Dana Rawls

Special prayers

For the birth of Anne Whittle's great-grandson, Aubrey George Nall, on October 8, Parents are April & Matt Nall. Melissa, for strength, direction and guidance.

Transfers In

Sarah Jordan from St. Paul's, Newnan, Georgia

All Saints' remembrances

The celebration of the Feast of All Saints falls on Sunday, November 7 this year. On this date we would like to remember at the altar the saints in your lives. Please share with us both the names of people in your life who you have lost (whether last week or 25 years ago), and also those who grace your life in the here and now. Please write the names on the Opportunities for Ministry flyer in your bulletin or contact the church office by Sunday, October 31.



Vestry Nominations

The time is approaching for the selection of new vestry members. Start thinking now of someone you think would make a good vestry member (including yourself), and watch for announcements of nomination forms and the election schedule.

Career Ministry program year

Beginning October 21



If you or someone you know is on a career journey and could benefit from educational programs as well as emotional and spiritual support, and valuable resources, see what we have to offer through Career Ministry. We hold regular meetings fall through spring on the third Thursday, 7 to 9 pm in the Parish Hall. No fee, and programs are open to all in the community. You'll find a variety of information on the Career Ministry section of our website.

Time for Reflections

by Gail McGill and Karen Manno



A special annual tradition at St. Catherine's is our reflections on the seasons of Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners. Won't you consider writing something this year? You will be assigned a Scripture passage on which to write a brief (1 or 2 paragraphs) meditation. Still hesitant? You can view last year's booklet for examples... go to www.stcatherines.org/reflections.

Reflections will be due by Sunday, November 14. Please sign up now on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Karen at KarenATstcatherines.org.

Anniversary Memento

Order October 24 – November 7 only!

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of St. Catherine's, the Parish Life and Fellowship Ministry is selling a beautiful detailed replica by The Cat's Meow® of our church. The Cat's Meow® produces a well-known series of collectible, handcrafted miniature wooden buildings and accessories. We will be taking orders for the replicas for \$20 on **Oct. 24, 31 and Nov. 7**. This memento can only be purchased if pre-ordered! A sample will be available for view. They will be received before Christmas and would make a great gift!

2010 – 2011 Guest Speakers

- **Thursday, October 21:** Tom Lowry – “How to Handle Finances Especially Through A Crisis (Long Term / Retirement Transition)” — Tom Lowry, RFC, is President and Founding Principal of Georgia Financial Group, LLC, and Georgia Wealth Management, Inc. Mr. Lowry has been assisting those in or nearing retirement to achieve their financial objectives since 1989. He serves as Past-President of the North-Metro chapter of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) and is nationally recognized by the National Ethics Bureau as a Senior Insurance and Financial Advisor.
- Thursday, January 20: Tom Darrow – “Career Spa”
- Thursday, February 17: Peter Bourke, Author of “A Better Way to Make a Living... and Life”
- Thursday, March 17: Curtis Engelmann – “Boomer's Winning Job Strategies”
- Thursday, April 18: Jane Gentry – “Dare to be Remarkable®”

Fall Memorial Service and Reception



Everyone in the congregation is invited to our semi-annual Holy Eucharist and Memorial Service on Sunday, November 7, 5:00 PM in support of those who have lost friends and loved ones since our spring celebration. If you have someone to be remembered please send your information to Karen Manno, KarenATstcatherines.org by October 31.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Your donation of finger foods is greatly appreciated — please bring them (prepared and ready to serve) to the kitchen prior to the service. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve and clean-up. We will also meet at 4:30 pm on Nov. 7 to make finger sandwiches. Please contact Shirley Childs or reply on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin if you can help.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 10/18

Susan's Day Off

6:30PM Grief Group
7:00PM Kneeler Project
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 10/19

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic
6:30PM Jubilate
7:30PM Vestry
7:45PM Concert rehearsal

Wednesday, 10/20

9:30AM Bible Study
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Program
6:30PM Stewardship
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 10/21

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

Friday, 10/22

Jim's Day Off

22nd-24th Fall Youth Retreat
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 10/23

9:00AM Concert Rehearsal
7:00PM Low Country Boil

Sunday, 10/24

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
4:00PM Cobb Festival Concert
4:00PM Marietta Convocation
6:30PM FPU (Youth)

Parish Retreat in 2011

By Father Jim

St. Catherine's has a wonderful tradition of retreats which take us away for spiritual nourishment, fellowship, good food, and fun. A good example is the Men's Retreat just ended. Twenty-three men came away from a weekend of discussion thinking ever more deeply about the many gifts God has given us and what the Ultimate Gift might be. Similar stories can be told about women's and youth retreats. Indeed our youth are headed to North Carolina next weekend to experience their first retreat under our new youth director's leadership.

Next year we plan to add (or as some will remember, resurrect) another kind of retreat — a Parish Retreat. This is a retreat for all in the congregation no matter your age or numbers in your household. We have done this in the past and there are many fun memories of model airplane flying in fields, hikes to waterfalls, birthday cakes and all kinds of fun and fellowship. The retreat is planned for Labor Day weekend and we are working hard to identify a retreat place that both provides lots of activities and affordability.

We are aware that this will mean setting aside some of our family budgets for the retreat. We intend to help by being sure that we don't schedule any other church retreats to compete for your hard earned income. Therefore there will be no Men's, Women's or Youth Retreat in 2011. They will resume in 2012 and every other year afterwards. We hope that the Parish Retreat will occur every other year as well in place of the individual retreats.

We hope you will mark 2011 Labor Day weekend and look forward to the fun announcements which will tell us where our retreat will be held and what we can expect to happen over the weekend.

Operation Christmas Child

Ingathering: November 7 through 14

Start collecting for your shoe box! You and your family can share love and hope with a needy child in countries around the world. Operation Christmas Child is an easy project that

children and adults alike enjoy participating in by filling a shoe box with small gifts and toiletries. For complete details of what to pack (and what not to pack), pick up an Operation Christmas Child brochures in the foyer. This activity is sponsored by St. Cat's Young Families group, and everyone is invited to participate. Information about Operation Christmas Child is available on the website at www.samaritanpurse.org.

Save the date for "A Christmas Carol"

Sunday, November 21, 3-4pm

Mark your calendar now for a delightful seasonal treat! During his lifetime, Charles Dickens presented readings of "A Christmas Carol" before audiences hundreds of times. Now, Roy Lantz, an internationally sought-after keynote speaker, seminar leader and author, using Dickens' own annotated text, will present a dramatic reading of "A Christmas Carol" here at St. Catherine's. Sunday, November 21 from 3 - 4 p.m. No charge. This fun event is for your whole family and your friends, sponsored by Cats on Wheels. For information about this presentation visit www.achristmascarolreading.com



Gobble Jog 2010

By Karolyn Olliffe

It is almost time for the Gobble Job at the Marietta Square, the annual MUST Ministries benefit featuring a 10K run/walk, 5K, a 1K, and Tot Trot. The Olliffe family has made this an annual event on Thanksgiving morning. You will still have plenty of the TV parade to watch and have more room for all that yummy Thanksgiving feast. Come join us with many other St. Cat's members for a fun time and great fundraiser for MUST. Find out all about it at www.GobbleJog.org or 678-218-4521.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 10/25

Susan's Day Off6:30PM Grief Group
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 10/26

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic
6:00PM Adult Ed.
6:00PM MUST Laundry Team
6:30PM Jubilate
7:00PM Holy Conversation

Wednesday, 10/27

7:30AM MUST Breakfast
9:30AM Bible Study
11:00AM Preschool Board
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Program
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 10/28

6:00PM Elizabeth Inn
6:30PM EFM
7:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM Website committee

Friday, 10/29

Jim's Day Off10:00AM Women's Bible Study
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 10/30

Sunday, 10/31

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
1:00PM The Journey
3:30PM FPU
5:00PM Stephen Ministry
6:30PM FPU (Youth)

Holy Conversations

By Stephanie Yucius

As we approach the beginning of our 50th anniversary year, we will reflect on the people we are, the work we have done, the ministries we have served, the fellowship we have shared and the call to God's work that we have answered. Alongside this year of reflection and celebration there is a team that will be in holy conversations together and with you.

The Holy Conversations team gathered for their first meeting on September 30.

Those gathered were Father Jim, Stephanie Yucius, Tim Braman, Betsy Broda, Ash Gale, Jeff Harris, Bill Ivey, Tam Mace, Jennifer Massey and Jason Snape. We reviewed the qualities of the people that are wanted on the team, and the qualities that are not desired, established by a brainstorming session with the Vestry in July.

We reflected on the scriptures of 1 Corinthians 7:7, 1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Peter 5:2-3. These words remind us that God has given each of us unique gifts that we are to serve others with.

So what is it that we are going to do?? To be quite honest, I don't know what we are to accomplish, I don't know how we will accomplish it. But this is what I do know: God has a plan for us and this gathered

team to continue God's work at St. Catherine's. I do know that He will lead us if we listen. He has already done that for me in the 5 months since I agreed to lead the team. So we will gather, listen for God's plan and use our unique tools to discover, ponder, communicate and formulate the work that God calls St. Catherine's to do.

So what is there for you to do?? I believe that God will be talking to all parishioners of St. Catherine's when they are prayerfully listening. If you have something to share with the team, please do. Their names are listed above or email holyconversations@stcatherines.org. The other very important role you play is to pray for God's guidance throughout this journey. We will be communicative throughout our process, but do understand that we are not setting a formal timetable to this. We will be patient with our work, so we ask for your patience as well.

The initial homework assignment for the Holy Conversations team was to consider the following: *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.* Consider this vision. Are we doing what we say? Is it enough? Can we go deeper? Where does God's plan take us with this vision? Again, we welcome your thoughts.

Preschool Silent Auction

*By Karolyn Olliffe*

It is time for the Preschool Annual Silent Auction! The preschool silent auction raises funds to enhance our facility and update our curriculum. We will kick off the event on November 10th during preschool hours and will conclude at noon on Wednesday, November 17th. Your support of donating goods or services and bidding on items is greatly appreciated! Last year church members helped make our auction a huge success. We will have the auction open everyday during preschool hours! Please contact Karolyn Olliffe at olliffekarolyn@hotmail.com or Beth Thomas at stcats_beth@bellsouth.net to give donation details. We can also be reached at the church at 770-971-2839. Thank you for your support!

Crafters, Artists, Vendors wanted!

St. Cat's Youth will hold the annual Secret Santa Shop and Craft Sale on Saturday, December 11, 9 am to 1 pm. As children ages 3-11 find gifts for their loved ones, adults will enjoy breakfast and time to shop our craft sale.

Craft/vendor tables are \$50; our annual attendance is 200+. Please pick up an artisan/vendor form in the foyer or preschool office, or contact Lee Ann Sherry, leeannsherry@bellsouth.net, 770-815-5299. All proceeds go to benefit our Youth program.



Bulletin Boards

We have established some simple rules as of October 1 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.

Thanksgiving Eucharist & Reception

Please join us Tuesday evening, November 23 at 7 PM. Bring your family, your friends, and your favorite pie or other dessert to share!

October Ministry Focus: Financial Resources

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Financial Resources Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact con-vener Tom Blackstock.

Diocesan Council



By Father Jim

The governing body of the Diocese of Atlanta – The Council – meets for its 104th meeting Friday, November 12 through Saturday, November 13. Your delegates to Council are Fr. Jim, Amma Susan, Ann Snead, Bettye Harris, Joyce Hendricks, Juan Sandoval, and Sally Powers. Deborah Hurd is an alternate.

Council is an opportunity for reunion with old and new friends, to catch up on the “goings-on” in the Diocese, to make some decisions, to elect various officers and representatives of the Diocese, and to hear our Bishop’s reflections on the state of the Diocese. This year there will be some particular highlights as we gather:

The President of the House of Deputies (one of the two governing Houses of the Episcopal Church) Bonnie Anderson will be with us to share in the joy of our Diocese and to bring greetings from the Presiding Bishop.

We will elect four clerical and four lay Deputies to the 2012 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church to held July 4-12, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN.

We will consider legislation in response to 2009 General Convention’s Resolution A177 creating a single insurance pool for both lay and clergy employees of the Church and requiring equality in access to that pool for all persons employed 1500 hours or more in the church.

We will consider legislation amending the Canons of the Diocese of Atlanta to be consistent with Title IV revisions made by General Convention in 2009. Title IV has to do with the way we discipline clergy in the church thus “The Disciplinary Canon.”

It should be an interesting Council which most are. If you have any questions concerning any of the above legislation we invite you to speak to anyone who has been elected as your representative to Council. You can also review all of the above at the Diocese of Atlanta’s website www.episcopalatlanta.org/Content/Annual_Council_2010.asp.

Turkey Pilgrimage

One of the exciting things about our upcoming pilgrimage to Turkey is our time in the Cappadocian region of Turkey. In addition to the history and foundations of the early church, we’ll see the beauty of this area, both natural and manmade. We will have the opportunity to take a balloon ride (not included in the cost of our trip) for those who want to survey the landscape from the air (see details at kapadokyaballoon.com). Deadline for registration and the payment of the final trip cost is December 15. For complete details please pick up a brochure at church or visit worldwidepilgrimage.com/itineraries/DT11003.html.

Letters



Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your work to redecorate my office during my time in Maine. It has brought a brighter dimension to my time in the office, to my work space and hopefully to the work that is done within it. Everyone who comes to visit with me is complimentary of your work.

It’s difficult at times to find words that seem more adequate than a simple “thank you.” Yet that very thing will have to suffice in this case. I recognize your work in some ways as sacramental – even the ceiling “shave” Fred started – meaning that the work is an outward and visible manifestation of the love that we share together in this place. After twelve years as your Rector I have this sense that the office “make over” gracefully and lovingly ushers in a new era. Thank you so very much!

In Christ’s love,
Fr. Jim+

In The Community

Spanish Classes for Adults — At Holy Innocents’ Episcopal in Sandy Springs. Fall session Nov. 1–Dec. 15. Tuition is \$210. Introduction to Spanish Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm; High Beginning Class Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm; Multi-Level Conversation Class Mondays & Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am. To register contact Holly Patrick, hpatrick@teslgeorgia.net, 404-531-4155.

Young Families activities

Contact Molly Banko or Suzanne McGhee to get on the mailing list for this group!

Martinis & IMAX at Fernbank — Friday, November 12 at 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. fernbankmuseum.org.

Youth

- **Join the St. Cat's Youth Group on Facebook**

If you have a Facebook account, you can join us on the St. Catherine's youth Facebook group — search for the Facebook group name "St. Catherine's Youth Group — Marietta".

- **Rite 13 Youth trip to Corn Maze**

will be on Sunday, October 17 — look for our pictures coming in the November 5 Wheel!

- **Time to order Christmas trees?**

Here's a "scary" thought: **October 31** is the start date for ordering Christmas trees and greens. But don't be afraid — our trees are fresh cut by our supplier in North Carolina and rushed to you for pick up on the first weekend of December. We get comments every year on how nice the trees are. All proceeds will benefit our Youth program and we thank you.



The Catechesis Atrium

By Stephanie Yucius

On Sunday mornings, the children of St. Catherine's are invited into a sacred space specially prepared for them called the atrium. With 126+ children shuffling through the lobby and down the hallways, one might wonder what is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and why are children eager to go to their atria?

I, too, wondered the same and was fortunate enough to have a 3 year old child entering the Young Lambs atrium so I volunteered to assist and then took the Level 1 training. With that experience I began a journey of discovery into a deeper relationship with The Good Shepherd.

Have you ever been washing dishes at night at the end of the day and your mind starts to wander? Or perhaps you are working in the yard and you reflect upon situations in your life while your hands are busy. As adults in our active lives, we may find we have less and less time to ponder, wonder and explore our thoughts and listen to our hearts, but it is in meditative work that our mind has a chance to think freely and even be prayerful.

This opportunity to wonder and explore for children starts with practical life work in the atrium, in the form of pouring beans or water, sorting beads or colored gems, watering a plant, polishing brass, or sewing. These activities are arranged in each atrium as appropriate for the children



there. As they do this work, the children are learning to quiet their bodies and becoming more meditative. They are preparing to listen for the Word of God that will be proclaimed to them from their catechist.

The children discover their prayer life through the work of their hands, through song, and by hearing proclaimed what is most essential about our Christian faith. They learn about life in the church, its signs and symbols such as the liturgical calendar, articles used on the altar, the vestments, and several gestures used during the Eucharist. They explore the geography of the Bible and listen to the prophecies of the Messiah and the narratives of the birth and infancy of Jesus. They are invited to ponder the parables of the Kingdom like the mustard seed, the pearl of great price and more. They hear about the gifts they receive at Baptism and discover how Eucharist began with Jesus at the Last Supper. They ponder and explore the Paschal Mystery. They celebrate Christmas, Epiphany, Liturgy of the Light, and Pentecost and with each feast, the children are invited to enjoy the love The Good Shepherd, Jesus, has for them.

For the children who come to the atrium each Sunday, this is the beginning of many discoveries about who God is and who they are in relationship with God.



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Mark Your Calendars

- WNL each Wednesday
- 10/24, 31..... Flu shots
 - 10/22-24 Youth Retreat
 - 10/24 .. Low Country Boil
 - 10/25... Festival Singers concert
 - 10/26 .. Elizabeth Inn laundry
 - 10/28 .. Elizabeth Inn dinner
 - 10/31 .. Tree sales begin
 - 11/2 ... Ministry Teams Quarterly
 - 11/6 ... 50th Anniversary Kickoff
 - 11/7 ... All Saints Sunday; Memorial Service

The Wheel

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Daylight Savings Time ends

November 7
(All Saints Sunday)



FALL BACK 1 hour and sleep in an extra hour on the morning of the first Sunday in November, and we will see you at church on Eastern Standard time.

Blood Drives

*Due to a scheduling issue the Red Cross has **cancelled** the blood drive which was to be held on October 26.* Please be sure to save the date for our next drive on Tuesday, December 28.

Remember to join us at St. Catherine's for our blood drives throughout the year. Upcoming dates: December 28, February 22, April 26, June 28, August 23, October 25, December 27. All drives will be on Tuesdays, 3-8 PM in the Parish Hall. For questions or to volunteer to help please contact Jennifer Massey, jmmassey@att.blackberry.net, 404.375.8327.

Benefit Concert

Sunday, October 24

The Festival Singers will present a Benefit Concert supporting the Rwanda Widows and Orphans Relief Fund at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. The performance will feature the William Baker Festival Singers under the direction of Dr. William Baker to open their 26th concert season, and the Cobb Festival Singers, opening their 2nd concert season under Music Director and Conductor Lynn Swanson.

The 90-minute concert will include performances in English, Latin, French, Spanish and Korean. Classics include compositions by Faure, Mathias and Lauridsen, in addition to folk songs from the American South and South Korea, and rousing spirituals and gospel songs.

Admission to the concert is free, donations will be received to benefit the Rwanda Widows and Orphans Relief Fund. All expenses of the performance are covered by the Choral Foundation enabling 100% of donated funds to benefit the Fund. For information visit www.FestivalSingers.org.

STEWARDSHIP 2011 – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Christian Stewardship?

Christian stewardship is using the gifts God has given us to do the work God is calling us to do. All that we have in this life is a gift from God: our time, our talents and our treasure. Part of being a good steward is giving back to God some of what we have been given, in loving gratitude for God's many gifts to us.

Although money is an important aspect of stewardship, it is not the only one. Many Episcopalians today have more money than they have time. Please consider all aspects of stewardship in your own life and how you can be a good steward of the time and talents that God has given you.

Why does the church ask for money?

As Christians we are called to be charitable. The church is not some remote and inhuman organization. The church is us, all of us. Like any organization, the church needs funds to operate and maintain the buildings, pay our clergy and staff and pursue Christian activities within the church and in the community. We, the members, contribute the money which the church must have to do all these things.

Why should I pledge to St. Catherine's?

One of the special gifts that God has given us is the vibrant community of St. Catherine's. Through its many opportunities for worship and service to others and through its ministries of fellowship, education, and spiritual growth, St. Catherine's nurtures and sustains each of us in numerous ways. By giving back to the Church, you help to ensure that these ministries will continue to reach many people both close to home and far away.

To sustain and strengthen St. Catherine's, the Vestry and Stewardship Committee ask every parishioner to pledge for the coming year. If you have pledged before, we ask you to continue your commitment to this congregation and prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. If you have not pledged before, we ask you to join in our mutual commitment to maintain and strengthen this Christian community for the future.

What is a pledge and why is it important?

A pledge is a spiritual decision and a spiritual discipline. It is a joyful thanksgiving for God's grace in our lives and our way of doing God's work at home and in the world. Pledge income is essential to the ministries of St. Catherine's - staff, worship and education, and the operation and maintenance of our buildings and grounds. In 2009, pledges accounted for more than 85% of our operating budget, and all annual giving accounts for 95% of our operating budget.

Our vision of our ministry at St. Catherine's is to "welcome, accept, nurture and serve all people in the name of Jesus." Your annual pledge helps us extend that welcome to all. And your pledge tells us, "I am part of this community, and I want to show that this church and its vision are important to me." Pledging is considered to be an important part of membership at St. Catherine's.

Does the Vestry have priorities for budgeting the increase in giving for 2010?

Yes, the Vestry has established two priorities. We want to increase our staff wages in 2010. Our staff have not received increased compensation since 2007. We value their work and their families and we want to show that appreciation through an increase in their compensation. We also want to continue to restore the level of giving to our vibrant ministries which in 2008 received 11% of our funds and in 2010 5.6%

Is my pledge confidential?

Pledges are completely confidential. Only a very few trusted people ever see pledge data with names attached. That data is always treated confidentially to preserve the privacy of the individual.

How much should I pledge?

The biblical injunction to tithe, to give one tenth of our income, is a familiar benchmark for many. Others may be familiar with the concept of proportional giving; making a commitment to give a specific percentage of your income to the Church.

We believe that if each household made a pledged commitment to St. Catherine's it would allow this community to fulfill the many needs of our many vibrant needs not just at a level of survival but a level where growth and maturity would encourage every one of us and those yet to arrive at our doors to grow more into the likeness of Jesus. The following table provides weekly giving levels corresponding to certain percentages at several income levels:

Income Level	Tithe	5% of Income	2% of Income
\$50,000	\$96	\$48	\$19
\$100,000	\$192	\$89	\$38
200,000	\$385	\$192	\$77
\$400,000	\$770	\$385	\$154

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Why is proportional giving better than agreeing to give a flat dollar amount?

Stewardship should be intentional. Committing to a percentage helps us focus on our relationship with God by reminding us that "All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given Thee." We make a decision about the level of financial support we will work towards, and then reaffirm that commitment every time we give. Proportional giving also has built-in flexibility for any ups and downs in our personal situations. As we prosper, we give more. If our income is lower, we give less in dollars while maintaining a percentage.

A pledge pyramid has also been constructed below for 2010. For some, this pyramid is a helpful starting point of comparison with others who have pledged to St. Catherine's.

Pledge Range	Number of Pledges (2010)	Percent of Total Number of Pledges	Percent of Pledge Dollar Amount
\$12,000-\$24,000	6	3%	14%
\$6,000-\$11,999	20	9%	28%
\$3,000-\$5,999	40	18%	28%
\$2,100-\$2,999	27	13%	11%
\$1,200-\$2,099	38	18%	11%
\$600-\$1,199	35	16%	6%
\$240-\$599	23	11%	2%
<\$239	24	12%	<1%
Total Pledges:	213		
Total Amount	\$634,460		

This has been a difficult time for me financially. Why is St. Catherine's asking me to increase my pledge amount?

Most of us have been negatively impacted by the economy and the poor stock market performance over the past few years. The needs of the church continue to increase despite the state of the economy as we grow and take on more projects, particularly related to community outreach and children and youth programs. Those of us who have the means to contribute need to support these programs as much as possible.

Why is pledging better than just making a weekly donation in the offering?

Pledging allows the Vestry and staff to plan for the future and be good stewards in making budget decisions. Anticipating financial resources is necessary to set priorities for the vital decisions that are made for our mission and ministry. Our ministries depend on your pledge, and every pledge matters.

How can I fulfill my pledge?

Most parishioners pledge by giving money on a weekly or monthly basis, while others make a one-time gift. In some cases, pledges are pre-paid for the next year in whole or in part for tax planning purposes. Some also meet their pledges by donating appreciated stock directly to St. Catherine's. You can give electronically using electronic bank transfers. For information on e-giving, speak with Rosemary Wolfe our parish administrator at rose-wolfe@bellsouth.net, 770.971.2839.

Where can I get information on budgeting issues?

You may attend the meeting of any ministry in which you are interested. In particular you are always invited to attend the Vestry meeting (the third Tuesday of each month except July) at 7:30pm and/or the Finance Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm on the Thursday evening preceding the Vestry Meeting. You also may ask any Vestry Member (names listed in the Sunday bulletin or online at www.stcatherines.org) to help you locate someone to talk to about budget issues. Inquiries and inputs from church members are most welcome.