



The Wheel

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Advent Lessons & Carols



Sunday, Dec. 5, 5 PM

All are invited to Advent Lessons and Carols on the Second Sunday of Advent.

This is a special celebration as we anticipate the coming of Christ through the reading of Scripture and reflection in song on the great words of the prophets, featuring our St. Catherine's choirs and musicians. Please bring family and friends for this beautiful service as the sun sets and the candles shine. Nursery will be available.

Christmas Pageant

"Our Gifts for Jesus"
Sunday, Dec. 12, 8:45 AM



Every child and youth are invited to participate! We will be writing our gift and making gift bags for Jesus, so please discuss with your younger children what they would like to give Jesus (they will only write this down—NOT make or buy the gift.)

Clothing: There will be no costumes this year. Instead please have your child wear an outfit with red, green or black.

Rehearsals: Come to ONE practice:
Wednesday, Dec. 8 6:15 - 7 pm
OR Saturday, Dec. 11, 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

Volunteers: Please sign up on the bulletin board beside the nametag stand.

Questions: Contact Stephanie Yucius, stephyucius@hotmail.com, or Lisa Spessard, linspessard@yahoo.com

Secret Santa Shoppe, Breakfast & Craft/Artisan Sale



Sat., Dec. 11, 9 am - 1 pm

Adults and children, please join us! Children ages 2-11 can shop the "Secret Santa Shop" in the youth house. Adults can enjoy breakfast and shopping among the fabulous artisans and vendors set up throughout St. Cat's. We currently have 18 vendors, many of whom are St. Cat's parishioners, with all kinds of wonderful gifts for family and friends. Breakfast is \$5/adult, \$2/children. Reservations for breakfast are available in your bulletin, or at the table in the foyer. **Supplies for the breakfast needed** - please take an ornament listing an item from the bulletin board near the name tag kiosk. For more information, contact Lee Ann Sherry at 770-815-5299 or leeannsherry@bellsouth.net.

GIVE—AND RECEIVE JOY!

◆ Giving Tree (by Dec. 19)

Each ornament on the Giving Tree in the foyer lists a gift for a child at Emmaus House. Simply take an ornament and sign the log book. Then bring back your wrapped gift by Sunday, December 19, with the ornament tag fastened to it. **Also Needed: Gift cards from Kroger, Publix, Target and Walmart.** Please place in an envelope marked "Outreach" and put in the Vestry Suggestion Box in the foyer.

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!

Vestry Elections Dec. 12

See candidates pg. 9-12!

MUCH MORE for Advent & Christmas page 4-5!



Year End, New Year!

- **All donations to the church for 2010** must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31.
- Please turn in any **invoices and requests for reimbursement for 2010** expenses by Dec. 31.
- **Annual Reports** — Now is the time to start thinking about annual reports. We will gladly accept them early. We really want to have all groups and ministries included in the report. The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 23. Please send them by email to rosewolfe@bellsouth.net

HOLY BAPTISM

Next date:
January 9

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

A Holy Conversation

By Father Jim

A conversation has begun between ten people who have agreed to journey together and with our congregation towards the future of St. Catherine's. Beginning in late September we have been meeting to find our way through a complex and stimulating process. We've shared our stories and reasons for being a part of this congregation. We've brainstormed our hopes and dreams for the years to come. We spent an afternoon in retreat at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens with the Fruits of the Spirit, wondering how those gifts manifest themselves in each of us and in the ministries of St. Catherine's. We've spent time with our vision statement and wondered what it means to "welcome, accept, nurture and serve all people." We've challenged our ability as a congregation to do this for "all" people and wondered what the word "all" means. In the midst of that conversation

we were reminded that Jesus himself called "all" people to himself when he told them, "Come unto me all ye who travail and are heavy laden."

Now it's time for us to invite you into this holy conversation. Over the next 2 months the "Holy Conversation Team" will be formulating ways to enter into conversation with you as part of the next phase of our work. We agree that we want to provide a variety of ways for that to happen and have asked a small sub-committee to devise those ways and report back to the Team. Our facilitator, Stephanie Yucius, will report to the Vestry in December and we'll all hear from her at the Annual Meeting in January. Until that time we ask for your prayers of support and discernment. We are excited about what lies ahead in our work and know that once you are involved, you will be too!

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Vi Pratt, Joe Tarentino, Linda Smith, Ray Cole, Marilyn Bradbury, Jean Wintrow, Beatrice Ackenbom-Kelly, Ingrid Carmines, Sharon Parisi, Alexandra Pepper, Joan, Madison Cox, Alycen, David Madison, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Barbara Cordery, Diane Blackshear-Wood, Charlie Walton, Nancy Riley, Lita DiPietrao, Richard Newton, Louise Taylor, T.P. Hall, Donna Woods, Bryan M., Jean Huffstetler, Melissa Bryan, Bud Bryan, Lori Brown, Vera Bibbings, Cindy, Jason, Eric, Kate & Eve Marshall, Tommy Williams, Jim Robertson, Carol Whitney, Marguerite Greene, Raymond, Guy, William Gaines, Annie Lipsitz, Rex Whitehead, Elaine D'Aubert, Howard Sherman, Page Loyd, James, Day, Lou Capiello, Marilyn Holmes, Jed & Ashley Minyard, Julie Brannock, Arlene Brooks, Rachel Tezza, Ann Rowland, Sherri Cromer, Hugh Webb, Joe & Cheryl, Clifford Nesbitt, George Lindley, Felicia Murray, the Robinson

Family, Dick Kareken, Michael Dillson, Oliver Mosier, Jack Drinkwater, Virginia Chandler, Greg Lavigne, Jim Morrison, George Williams, Freddie Williams, Katherine Hilliard

Before Surgery

Carol Crosslin, Ann & Tom Snead's daughter on 12/9

Deceased

Eileen Motter; Rosemary Brickley, friend of Alison Harris's family

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(12/5) Mit FitzSimons; William & Eileen Forrester; Ben, Molly, Claire & Ben, Jr. Frost; John & Julie Fulcher; Sarah Fulton;
(12/12) Nelson & Emily Gale; Jodi & Wayne Gammon; Jason, Suzanne, Jenna, Stephanie & Julian Gardiner; Art, Anita, Geoffrey, Stuart & Caroline Gardner; John, Barbara, Matthew & Patrick Garner

Birthdays

(12/6) Christina McLean, Alysia Bowers-Dean, Reese Maier;
(12/7) Peggy Towery, Luke

Mikkelsen; **(12/8)** Gail McGill; **(12/9)** Katie Lowry, Gene Carter, Sebastian Hutton; **(12/10)** Ann Snead, Barbara Perry, Nicky Muckerman, Megan Shannonhouse; **(12/11)** Bobbye Greene, Margaret Caudle, Chandler Parker, Christopher Rader, Elaine Krupp; **(12/11)** Chris Kiefer, Lee Stuart, Jackson Miller, Gladys Ragan; **(12/13)** Terry Sheehan, Ben Frost, Jr.; **(12/14)** Ken Denton; **(12/15)** Jennifer Massey, Kevin Manno; **(12/16)** Kayla Daniel, Vann Bartlett; **(12/18)** Thomas Bird, Charlie Tanner, Riley Yucius; **(12/19)** Catherine Boyd, Christopher Nesbit

Anniversaries

(12/6) Joe & Pat Tarentino; **(12/12)** Roy & Susan Johnson; **(12/18)** John & Fran Brooks

Transfers In

Betsy Broda, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, New York, NY; James Nesbit, Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island, SC

Seasonal Donations

DUE DEC. 12 —

We invite all to donate toward decorating our church for Christmas and for special music for Christmas Eve services. Please insert your donation in the brown envelopes in your pews or send to the church office: Please write on the envelope your name and who you would like your gift to be remembered in thanksgiving or memory of.



Marriage Journey

Kickoff Luncheon Sunday, Dec. 12.

Marriage Journey is for married and soon-to-be married couples looking for an exciting, growth-provoking adventure that could help your relationship grow richer and deeper. Please join us for a Informational Kickoff Luncheon 12:30-2:30 in the Parish Hall. Pre-registration required. Child care provided, no charge. Please fill out the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin, sign up in the foyer on Sundays through Dec. 5 or contact Colleen Morich for information.



Career Ministry

SPECIAL DATE Tuesday, Dec. 7

Dave Ramsey On Stage! "Your Job and You" — A 50 minute video presentation at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Come see what this famous radio talk show host and creator of Financial Peace University has to say about being out of work, how to find your next job, and learn how to LOVE yourself while searching for the RIGHT career! Programs open to everyone in the community, pass the word! Visit our Career Ministry page at www.stcatherines.org/career_ministry.html

Letters

The Holy Spirit is alive and well at St. Catherine's. I thank all of you for the love and care you have given me during my recent surgeries You prayed for me, called me, sent cards, delivered flowers, food and communion and comforted me in pre-op. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Barbara Cordery

What a great honor to have St. Catherine's Cook Book dedicated to Bill and me and all the founding members of St. Catherine's. All members, clergy and staff since the beginning of St. Catherine's to the present time continue to make St. Catherine's who we are today. All those persons who spent numerous hours to make this cook book possible are to be commended. You did a great job. Thank you so much.

Ginney Linstrom

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child outreach project! Thanks to church and preschool families, we were able to send 60 gift-filled boxes, which will be used to make Christmas brighter for needy children all over the world.

Molly Banko and Suzanne McGhee

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Preschool Silent Auction in November, by donating items or making bids. Our event was very successful and proceeds will be used toward our curriculum, and to improve our facilities to the benefit of all in the school and church who use them.

St. Catherine's Preschool

Cat's Tales: Some History of St. Catherine's

A Visit by Andrew Young

by Rev. David Wayland, former Rector of St. Catherine's

The visit to St. Catherine's and Cobb County by Andrew Young, then Mayor of Atlanta, drew a lot of attention and attendance in 1986. A group of clergy and laity in Cobb County from several different churches and denominations had been pushing for a Human Rights Council in Cobb, and I had become its spokesperson. We had appealed to the county officials time and again to set up such a group to deal with racial disharmony in the area. Blacks in particular were being harassed and homes vandalized in the county, and our inter-racial group thought a Human Rights Council could address and head off some of the attacks.

Doris Graf Smith, St. Catherine's Assistant Rector, had good connections with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, and her husband Archer was an attorney for the Center. We were able to contact Andrew Young, and much to our delight he agreed to speak at an evening service at St. Catherine's. We put out publicity and a large crowd attended. Mayor Young said to us that he never dreamed he would be invited to (conservative) Cobb County to speak, and he was delighted to be here. State police and other police were everywhere, and it was quite an event. The church was packed. Despite Andrew Young's appeal, we never in those days succeeded in getting a Human Rights Council established, but I believe later one was formed.

More remembrances by Rosemary Wolfe

A choir from a local African-American church joined our own adult choir for the occasion. Another memory – all of those in attendance picked up on our tradition of holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and people moved into the center isles to hold hands as well as those having to stand on the side. It was a powerful celebration in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr.

Note: This is believed to have occurred in 1986 – Can you verify this? If you have remembrances of any of our history together, please send to Karen Manno, KarenATstcatherines.org.

Advent and Christmas at St. Catherine's



This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 12/6

Susan's Day Off

7:00PM CGS Leaders
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 12/7

7:00AM Eucharist & Book Study
10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic
7:00PM Career Ministry

Wednesday, 12/8

9:30AM Bible Study
12:00PM CN & D
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM DOK
6:30PM WNL Programs
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 12/9

12:00PM Preschool Program
6:30PM EFM
7:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM Preschool Program

Friday, 12/10

Jim's Day Off

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
7:00PM Staff Christmas Party
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/11

9:00AM Secret Santa
6:30PM Phillips Party

Sunday, 12/12

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist/
Christmas Pageant
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
12:30PM Marriage Journey
1:00PM The Journey
5:00PM Stephen Ministry
5:30PM Eagle Court

- Dec. 7, 14, 21 – Advent Eucharist & Study, 7:00-8:00 am
- Dec. 8, 15 – Wednesday Night Live dinner & programs
- Dec. 11 – Secret Santa Shop, Breakfast & Craft Sale, 9 am to 1 pm
- Dec. 12 (Advent 3) – Christmas Pageant during 8:45 service; Seasonal donations due; Vestry Elections at all services
- Dec. 16 – Senior adults holiday Eucharist & Lunch
- Dec. 19 (Advent 4) – Hanging of the Greens, 5:00-8:00 pm; Giving Tree ingathering
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: Worship with special music, followed by Festive Receptions
- Family Holy Eucharist - Worship begins at 5:00 pm
- The Christ Mass - Special music prelude at 10:30, procession begins at 11:00 pm
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am
- Dec. 26 – Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY, no Church School or Breakfast
- Jan. 2 – Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY, no Church School
Rector's Open House, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Christmas Eve Receptions

Festive receptions follow the 5:00 and 11:00 Christmas Eve services. We invite you to donate finger foods for the reception, please bring them to the Parish Hall prior to the service you attend this night.



Reflection of the Day

A special annual tradition at St. Catherine's is our booklet of reflections on Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners. Copies are available at church, and be sure to check on our website throughout the season for your Reflection of the Day!

Seniors Holiday Lunch

Jim & Joan Nixon and Susan & Roy Johnson invite all senior adults to Holy Eucharist and luncheon at 11:00 am on Thursday, December 16 in the sanctuary. We'll also have some very special entertainment. RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 12.

Advent Eucharist/Study

Tuesdays 7-8 AM through Dec. 22 – During Advent we gather at 7:00 AM for a Eucharist followed by a brief study. By 8:00 AM you'll be off to your day's plans. Join us for worship, study, or both.

In The Community

Annual Pottery Sale by Mel Paris – Dec. 4-5 at the home of Mel & Michael Paris, 2937 Gant Quarters Circle, Marietta, GA 30068, 770-509-0161. All pottery is oven, microwave, dishwasher and freezer safe. Hours are Saturday 10-5; Sunday noon - 5.

Christmas with the Georgia Boy Choir – Dec. 17 and 18, 7 pm at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, 3180 Peachtree Road, Atlanta, 30305. Parishioners Oak Martin, Ben Martin and Patrick Garner are members of this outstanding group. Tickets at www.georgiaboychoir.org.

"A Very Merry Holiday Pops" – With Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and the Walton and Lassiter High School Choruses. Dec. 17, 8 pm, and Dec. 18 2 and 8 pm. Special discount tickets \$25 Floor Seats | \$18 Second Balcony Seats – contact Nellie Cummins, 404-733-5278 or nellie.cummins@woodruffcenter.org.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 12/13

Susan's Day Off

6:30PM Men's Book Study
7:00PM Women's Bible Study
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 12/14

7:00AM Eucharist & Book Study
10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis - Catholic
7:00PM CGS Leaders
7:00PM Mothers & More
7:00PM PL & F
7:00PM Youth Ministry

Wednesday, 12/15

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, 12/16

11:00AM Seniors Eucharist & Luncheon
5:30PM Finance
6:30PM EFM
6:30PM Preschool Staff
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 12/17

Jim's Day Off

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
10:00AM Folders
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/18

10:00AM Acolyte Practice

Sunday, 12/19

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
2:00PM DOK Open House
5:00PM Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, Dec. 19, 5-8 PM**

As Advent draws to a close and the joy of Christmas is just around the corner, we will gather to decorate the church for Christmas. This is always a special time filled with laughter, joy, and a little labor. We can use every hand!

Please bring a finger dessert to share. Be sure to bring your friends, your visiting family, your joy and laughter. This is an evening for every member of the congregation (nursery available for little ones during the work time).

We will begin at 5:00 PM to decorate the church, parish hall, youth house, atrium, and outside. At 6:00 we'll break for a light supper. We'll return to a decorated and candle-lit sanctuary at 7:00 to sing some carols and play the bells. We'll finish the evening with dessert. See you there!



December Blood Drive canceled

by Jennifer Massey

Due to shortages in Red Cross staffing over the holidays our Blood Drive scheduled for December 28 has been canceled. We thank all of you who give unconditionally to the Red Cross and would like to encourage you to continue to do so by visiting www.givelife.org or going to the American Red Cross Donor Center at East Lake Shopping Center in Marietta. To make an appointment call 1.800.RED.CROSS (733.2767). You don't need a special reason to give blood, you just need your own:

- *Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend.*
- *Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood some day.*
- *Some believe it is the right thing we do.*

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important. And you'll feel good knowing you've helped change a life. Mark your calendars for 2011 giving at St. Catherine's as follows: February 22, April 26, June 28, August 23, October 25, December 27.

Give — and receive Joy!

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◆ **Be an Emmaus Elf** — Now our annual tradition, we will go to Emmaus House on Christmas Eve morning to be "elves" at the annual Christmas Festival. We will serve refreshments in addition to hosting the crowd of hundreds as they enjoy activities, including a magician, storyteller, and a visit to Santa and Mrs. Claus. We always have lots of fun, and it's guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit! Please sign up in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Nadine Pope, 770-973-9057 or ronaza@mindspring.com.

There are many, many opportunities to make the holidays special for our brothers and sisters in need, in Marietta, across the world, and every place in between. If you have particular gifts you would like to share, or a select group you would like to be involved with but aren't certain how, let us be of assistance! Please contact Nadine Pope, ronaza@mindspring.com or 770-973-9057.

Special Christmas Fund

Each Christmas our parishioners give to create a Special Christmas Fund, used for members of this congregation who have suffered in any number of ways, to support them at a time of year when limited resources are painfully evident. The Rector, in consultation with the staff, makes the decision as to how this fund will be used. If you would like to give to this fund simply write a check to St. Catherine's and clearly mark it for the Special Christmas Fund. Any amount is gratefully accepted.

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. Thank you.

Cookbook pickup continues

If you need to pick up a PREPAID copy, please see Ginney Linstrom in the main office, and please INITIAL that you received yours. To purchase more books contact Amy Morris, amymorris73ATyahoo.com or Sally Powers, sallyp30ATcomcast.net to make arrangements..

Hold The Date: Sat, January 22

- **Soup for Emmaus** — Join us for lunch. Chef Sue Snape will prepare different soups and we will collect canned goods for Emmaus House. Tickets available in January. To help contact Sue 770.971.0236, yummyATleafandloaf.com.
- **The Gospel of Mark** with Fr. Joseph Morris. The Liturgy and Music Ministry Team will sponsor his presentation at 7:30 pm this day.



December Focus: Parish Life & Fellowship

By Pat Pepper

The mission of the Parish Life and Fellowship Ministry Team is to provide leadership for planning St. Catherine's community events and opportunities that foster fun and fellowship.

Remember

The Fellowship Committee was started in 1999 by Joan Nixon at the request of the Senior Warden at that time, Liz Rea. When the Fellowship Committee was formed, the team was responsible for receptions, starting a coffee time after church, and the group that was then called "Seniors on the Go." After construction of our new building facility in 2004 Fr. Jim formed the ministry teams, and the Fellowship committee became the Parish Life and Fellowship Ministry Team. PL&F Ministry Team became the group that was responsible for the fun and fellowship activities of St. Catherine's. Joan Nixon was the first convener followed by Diane Sanders for two years, and then back to Joan's leadership. The current conveners are Eleanore Pearson and Pat Pepper.

Rejoice

Since that formation 10 years ago the work of this team has grown and we have added many specific ministries. Just to give you a glimpse of the work of this dedicated team we will start with Sunday — Starting early, every Sunday morning, the **Breakfast Angels** are hard at work scrambling eggs and cooking bacon. Enjoying breakfast in the summer may be a group of people that have attended early service and want to have a good meal before joining the **Praying for Pars** group for a round of golf. On the heels of the Breakfast Angels, the **Coffee Hour** or

Lemonade Brigade arrive to make and set up coffee for before and after the principal worship services. That night a **Foyers** group may be meeting to have dinner in a members home with 7 or 8 other Foyers Group members. Wednesday night you can come and eat a wonderful dinner at **Wednesday Night Live** which has been prepared by PL&F volunteers from St. Catherine's. On Saturday at lunch time, provided you're old enough to have an AARP card, you can go out to a local restaurant with the **Cats on Wheels** group, or you might join them and go to a local museum or an afternoon at the theatre. Saturday night it is back to the church for a **Low Country Boil**, or an **Appetizer Tasting** for more good food and fun fellowship. Holidays bring **special receptions, homemade soup at Hanging of the Greens, and champagne Christmas Eve. Throughout the year the Women's Retreat, Men's Retreat or the Family Retreat are also being planned** by this committee. Twice a year this team also hosts a reception following the Memorial Service. And in the background behind all of the delicious food and festivities PL&F is also maintaining the **kitchen**, and keeping the cupboards filled with **supplies**.

Renew

Our mission continues to foster fun and fellowship and we invite you to come and join this special group of people the second Tuesday of each month as we meet to plan and implement events that are inclusive and foster community.

This month as part of our Anniversary Year of Celebration we celebrate the life and work of our Parish Life & Fellowship Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin, or contact conveners Pat Pepper and Eleanore Pearson.

Turkey Pilgrimage Registration deadline Dec. 15

Reminder — Final registration and payment is due by December 15 for "The Second Holy Land: Paul's Missionary Journeys" pilgrimage to Turkey, March 26 – April 8, 2011, led by Father Jim. For complete details please pick up a brochure at church or go to the trip website at www.worldwidepilgrimage.com/itineraries/DT11003.html.



Flowers & Candles

The 2011 schedule is now available in the foyer for you to sign up to dedicate altar flowers or candles in memory of thanksgiving for a loved one.



And, please remember if you signed up for 2010 to send your payment to the church office ASAP if you have not yet done so. Flowers are \$60 per vase and candles are \$20 each. Thank you!

When is your special day?

The calendar each month in *The Wheel* lists all known birthdays and wedding anniversaries. If you would like to share this information please send your name and date information to the church office.

Youth News

By Mike Peterson

Advent is truly one of my personal favorite times of year. The weather reminds us that Winter is upon us (whether we want it or not!), decorations appear in yards and living rooms everywhere, Advent candles are lit each Sunday, beautiful Advent and Christmas music plays everywhere we go, and we do our best to make room for the imminent coming of Jesus in our hearts and our lives.

This is certainly a very busy season for the St. Catherine's Youth Program as well! Following a very successful trip to the Diocesan Happening youth conference at Camp Mikell at which St. Catherine's was very well represented by 14 youth and adults, we leapt straight into Thanksgiving week. Upon return from Thanksgiving we immediately began preparations for Christmas Tree distribution followed the weekend of December 11 by our annual Secret Santa

event. In the Christmas spirit of giving, many youth and adults are generously giving their time to load and unload trees and help distribute them as well as engage in the huge array of preparations necessary for Secret Santa. We are very grateful to everyone who bought trees and wreaths from us, and we hope to see everyone at the Secret Santa breakfast on Saturday, December 11 from 9-12. Please be aware that while this event does offer a great deal to parents with young children, it is open to everyone and we would love to see you in your best Christmas spirits. Please see the article on page 1 for more information on this event.

The youth of St. Catherine's look forward to joining with all of you to share the Christmas spirit at these events, Sunday morning church, WNL, the Christmas pageant, the hanging of the greens, and all of the other wonderful shared activities through which we celebrate this beautiful season!

WELCOME

New Faces at St. Cat's

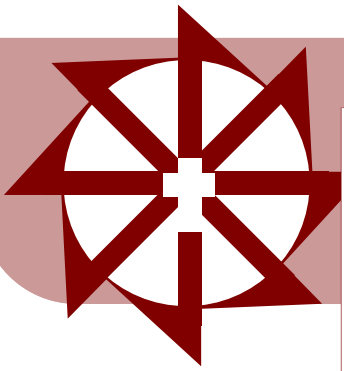
By Sally Powers

Several new friends have been visiting with us this fall. Please look for our guests and let them know how glad we are they're here visiting frequently with us. Let's show them a real St. Catherine's welcome.

Rachel, Matt, Sebastjan, and Zoey Hutton: The Huttons are returning after a few years away from St. Cat's and are glad to be home at least for a few years. Sebastjan is attending elementary school and loving it. He is also working on his green belt in karate/tae kwon do He loves singing, playing guitar and drums and reading to his sister, Zoey. Matt has one hobby and that is guitar. He plays a lot of classical acoustic. Rachel loves to sing and hopes to get back into helping out with the nursery. The Huttons are all very excited to be back with church and family.

Beatriz Montalvo, Peter Jones, Sofia and Natalie Gratas, Sofia and Daniella Jones: Beatriz, Sofia, and Natalie Gratas moved to Marietta this summer. They are new to the Episcopal Church, having come from a Congregational church. The family enjoys all outdoor activities and music. Peter is an avid guitarist. The girls want to know more about the confirmation process and Beatriz and Peter want to know more about Foyers.

Mary Bess Dubose: Mary Bess graduated from Centre College in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and majored in English. After graduation, she spent a year working in retail and then moved to New Orleans where she worked for a year rebuilding houses damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Currently, she lives in Marietta and works with the St. Catherine's Preschool in the one year old classroom. She has also spent some time working with the youth group at St. Catherine's. Mary Bess usually attends the 8:45 church service.



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Mark Your Calendars

- 12/5 ... St. Nicholas celebration; Advent Lessons & Carols
- 12/7, 14, 21 ... Tuesday morning Eucharist & study
- 12/8 ... WNL; Pageant rehearsal
- 12/11 ... Secret Santa Shop; Pageant rehearsal
- 12/12 ... Christmas Pageant; Vestry Elections; Marriage Journey lunch
- 12/15 ... WNL
- 12/16 ... Senior adults luncheon
- 12/19 ... Hanging of the Greens; Giving Tree gifts due

The Wheel

Next Publications:
Dec. 17, Jan. 7, Jan. 21
Deadline for articles:
Wednesday before
Editor: Karen Manno
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[KAREN@STCATHERINES.ORG](mailto:karen@stcatherines.org)
Phone: 770-973-8668

Christmas trees & greens

Saturday, Dec. 4 – 1:00 to 2:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 5 – 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Pick up times have changed as above for Christmas trees and greens orders. All items will be in the back parking lot of the church. If you plan to pick up on Saturday please be aware of traffic arriving for the funeral, loading will end at 2:00. Thank you for your consideration, and your support of our Youth program!



Elizabeth Inn

Next dinner date: Tue., Dec. 28
Next laundry date: Tue., Dec. 28 AND Wed., Dec. 29

Laundry team has two dates this month – please consider joining us for either Tuesday or Wednesday, December 28th and 29th – Contact Fred Massey, 404-731-4466 or f_massey2@hotmail.com. We also prepare and serve dinner on the 28th of every month – contact Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609.

Stewardship Ingathering continues



We thank everyone who has returned their pledge. If you have not yet done so please consider making a pledge – even if you have not in the past. Return your pledge at worship services or send to the church office (mailing address: 571 Holt Rd., Marietta GA 30068). **Remember, your Vestry will set the budget for 2011 based strictly on pledges received for the coming year.** Please visit our website to complete the Time and Talent Pledge Card and to download the 2011 Giving Card, OR printed copies are available at church.

Time for Time and Talent!



The Time and Talent Form is up and ready for your input! Please take a few moments reply with your offering of your time and talents for St. Catherine's. This fall survey covers our opportunities in the areas of Outreach, Finance, Parish Life, and Invitation Ministries. GO NOW TO www.surveystcatherines.org or see the link on our website at www.st.catherines.org.

Vote for Vestry Sunday, December 12th at All Services

2010 Vestry

Tanya Bowers-Dean
Eric DeLaBarre
Dani Dickson *
Susan Jablonski, *Jr. Warden*
Jennifer Massey *
Al Maxwell
Bruce Perry *
Vic Phillpotts
Sally Powers
Robbie Roy
Bill Selby, *Sr. Warden* *
Harry Tear

*Retiring Members

We will elect FOUR new members

Register for Absentee Ballots by calling the Parish Office. Absentee Ballots are available in the church office the week of December 6th and are due in the church office by Friday December 10th at 5pm.



Nancy Denton

Years at St. Catherine's: 29

Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's—Altar Guild, Sonshine, Daughters of the King, Stephen Ministry, Church School Teacher, Rite 13 Leader, Habitat for Humanity, Greeter, Breakfast Angel, Native American Ministry, Needlework Brigade, The Coracle, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Education for Ministry, Vestry Member, Altar Bread for Church of Common Ground

Occupation—Preschool Teacher—1st Presbyterian Church, Marietta

Biographical Information— I have been married to Ken for 35 years and have 2 grown daughters, Sarah and Julia. I've been a preschool teacher for the past 5 and a half years and love the simplicity and honesty of 3 year old children. I am a cradle Episcopalian and love the liturgy of the Episcopal Church. I first came to St. Catherine's 29 years ago thinking I would try different churches in the area but never left to try and find another church.

Since I have been here, I have been through many life changes and St. Catherine's has been an important part of my support through those changes. Having experienced that support has given me an inner peace and strength. Serving on Vestry, I would hope that I could continue to be that support for you.



Steve Diffley

Years at St. Catherine's: 25

Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's—Lay Reader Trainer & Coordinator, Lay Eucharistic Ministry Coordinator, Vestry, Stephen Minister, Liturgy & Music Ministry Team Convener, Bible Study, Education for Ministry Graduate

Occupation—Retired Teacher & Coach

Biographical Information— I am married to Kitty, who has 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. I enjoy fishing, gardening and traveling.

St. Catherine's has been good to Kitty and me and I would like to repay the church by serving of the Vestry. I have the time and desire to use whatever talent I may have to help St. Catherine's continue to grow.

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Deborah Hurd

Years at St. Catherine's: 9

Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's—Outreach, Friendship Council at Holy Comforter, Diocesan Council Delegate/Alternate, Lay Reader, Advent & Lenten Reflections, Altar Guild, Stephen Ministry,

Occupation—Self-employed/Graduate Student

Biographical Information—I was born in Marietta and grew up in the Church of Christ, but have been an Episcopalian longer. I have been married to John for almost 4 years, and though we haven't been blessed with children yet, I enjoy working with young people. Before we married, I worked as a technical editor at a pharmaceutical company during the day and as a tutor of children who were in foster care at night and on weekends. I currently teach defensive driving and DUI classes and have started offering prevention classes primarily aimed at helping parents and youth avoid problems. I have degrees in Biology and Technical Writing, a Masters in Information Technology and I'm working on a Masters in Chemistry. I believe I would be a good member of Vestry because I care deeply about God's work here. I try to live my life faithfully and with integrity and in keeping with the Scriptures and have knowledge about a broad range of subjects.



Bill Lee

Years at St. Catherine's: 3

Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's—Adult Choir, Parish Life & Fellowship Committee, Habitat for Humanity, Marriage Journey, Financial Peace University, Men's Bible Study, The Coracle

Occupation—Engineer with Hewlett Packard

Biographical Information—Beth and I have been married for 29 years—we were high school sweethearts. We have three children, Will (26), Hannah (23) and Davis (20), we also have a niece Emily and grand niece Lizzy that have been living with us for the past year.

My work provides me with opportunities to travel around the world and I enjoy seeing and sharing my travel experience. But mostly, I enjoy being at home, tinkering in my shop, reading and being outdoors.

Beth and I have been life long 'church goers' and have enjoyed serving in many roles. We are new to the Episcopal Church and are deeply grateful to St. Catherine's for their guidance, love and friendship. St. Catherine's has become a sacred place for me and I am glad to serve and offer my talents as best I can.

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Gail McGill

Years at St. Catherine's: 15

Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's—Lay Reader, Create & maintain the church gardens, Grief Support Groups, Vestry, Church School Teacher, Education for Ministry Mentor

Occupation—Chaplain with VistaCare Hospice

Biographical Information—I have been married to Walt for 34 years and we have 3 adult children who are all married. I enjoy gardening, reading, walking and playing with our dogs, Chewy and Angel.

I have a caring spirit, a sense of humor and an ability to assess group dynamics. I organize family reunions and other family gatherings and make sure that everyone has a good time.

I am interested in being on the Vestry to support people at St. Catherine's in their ministries. I believe that everyone's voice should be heard to create change and open the lines of communication. I want people to grow in the love of Christ.



Bob Pepper

Years at St. Catherine's: 3

Activities, positions held at St. Catherine's—ESL Teacher, Greeter, Marriage Journey, Adult Catechumenal "The Journey" Planning Committee—Substitute Facilitator—Sponsor, Parish Life & Fellowship Committee, Wednesday morning Bible Study, Foyers, Habitat for Humanity, Flood Clean-up in Austell

Occupation—Retired. Substitute Teacher in Cobb County.

Biographical Information—Pat & I have been married for 44 years and have two adult children, Shawn McLeod & Cliff Pepper and 3 grandchildren, Ian, Ren & Alexandra. I enjoy boating, crabbing and shrimping at our vacation home on the GA coast. I'm fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time and enjoy their activities with our children and grandchildren. I have a real passion for substitute teaching and find it more rewarding than the 37 years I spent in the business world. I enjoy traveling and look forward to the Turkey Pilgrimage with Fr. Jim. I was not raised in a "church-ed" family but as a child attended the Presbyterian church on special holidays. After moving to Ohio we joined a Presbyterian Church where my spiritual journey began. When we moved to GA we became active members of Sandy Springs Christian Church for 25 years.

When we first walked into St. Catherine's we knew this was home. Here is where my faith has come alive and if I'm elected to serve on Vestry I would hope to "pass it on"