

REMEMBER REJOICE RENEW

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MISSION & MINISTRY IN EAST COBB

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

June 20 - July 3, 2011

The Wheel

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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!

Vacation Bible School *for everyone!*



June 27 - 30, 1-4 PM

VBS this year is not just for children – there is a place for YOU in "Hometown Nazareth," our intergenerational Holy Land adventure. Activities will encourage all to see what life was like when Jesus was a child. We'll hear from Mary, as we explore Jesus' life and hometown through her eyes. Children and adults will discuss the Bible points each day and make connections to our modern lives.

Item donations needed – Please sign up now to donate a needed snack food or supply on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Register children now – Space is limited! Cost is \$35 per child if paid after June 10. Open to children ages 4 (by July 1) through rising 5th grade. Forms are available in the foyer or download from our website at www.stcatherines.org/forms/vbs2011-registration.pdf.

50th Anniversary Brickwalk

Be a part of our legacy and help celebrate our 50th anniversary! The Parish Administration and Facilities Ministry Team has undertaken replacing the asphalt under the Great Oak Tree with a brick walkway as the team's 50th Anniversary ministry focus. The bricks will be installed in an attractive design of approximately 250 laser-engraved 8" x 8" dark red bricks, surrounded by plain 4"x 8" sand color pavers. Sample bricks are on view in the church foyer.

You are invited to purchase one or more bricks engraved with your message of up to four lines (18 characters per line including spaces), such as family names, to honor a friend, a ministry, or as a memorial to a loved one. Cost is \$50 per brick (includes engraving, shipping & installation). A tax deductible contribution of \$30 may be taken for each.

How to Order

Use the easy on-line order form at: www.stcatherines.org/BrickWalk

We are using an online form to allow you to enter your message just the way you wish it, and avoid any possibility of error in recopying. You will not receive any spam or unrequested email by using this website. After you enter your message online, please send check or cash payment to the church (make checks to St. Catherine's and write "Brick Walk" on the memo line). All payments are due by August 15. If you are unable to order on-line or have questions, contact Jennifer Massey, massey.jm@gmail.com, 404-375-8327, or Bill Ivey, billivey@bellsouth.net, 770-953-2828. We are happy to assist you.

Installation help needed this fall – Volunteers are needed to help install the brick walk, contact Al Jones at 4a1@bellsouth.net or 770-565-1013.

Time for Time & Talent!

It is time for your 2011 Time and Talent Pledge! Please go online now to www.surveystcatherines.org, or you may obtain a printed form at church or by calling the office at 770-971-2839. This call for your pledge is part of our "Year-round Stewardship" process. We are now gathering your pledge for four of our ministry teams: **Christian Nurture & Development, Liturgy & Music, Parish Administration & Facilities, and Pastoral Care**. We will gather pledges for the others in the fall. (Using our online form will not cause any spam or unwanted email.) Thank you for making your commitment to the Mission and Ministries of St. Catherine's during the coming year.



'11-'12 plans needed!



by June 30!

Attention: all St. Catherine's groups and committees: Make sure resources and publicity will be available for your events! Send information on any and all activities, planned or tentative, for the coming year (now through May 2012) to Rose Wolfe, rosewolfe@bellsouth.net

Your church staff needs your information now for its summer planning session.

Office Schedule

The church office will be closed **Monday, July 4** for the Independence Day holiday. Have a safe and blessed weekend!

HOLY BAPTISM

Next date:
November 6 (All Saints)

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

Did you know this about your outreach?

By Father Jim+

Our Holy Conversations team is listening a lot these days and what they are hearing is very positive about our life together. There are many themes to the data but one that we are hearing loud and clear is our deepest desire to serve one another and our community. Certainly we will be bringing forth a goal or goals that speak to this desire.

So how are you doing as of right now? Well, here are some observations:

- The first Day of Service sponsored by the Vestry in May brought out 45 people to work two shifts at the MUST Ministries Donation Center. Over two shifts (morning and afternoon) you sorted clothes, sorted food, and packed food. You shared lunch together and made a name for yourselves in the amount of work you accomplished.
- You joined the Covenant Churches of East Cobb to design and prepare for a

Habitat-like build of a new building on MUST's Elizabeth Inn campus. You have contributed \$13,000 to that build and are now preparing for the sweat equity investment required to make it a reality.

- You have together served 5 dinners at MUST, 5 breakfasts and done laundry. You have contributed to making a bad situation a little better for those who depend on Elizabeth Inn for emergency shelter.
- You have mentored students in our own congregation, at East Cobb Middle School and through the Communities in Schools program led by our very own Carol Fey.
- You have collected and delivered day-old bread each month from Publix and other stores in our area.
- You have collected and distributed nearly \$22,000 in special offerings to support The Extension, MUST Ministries, Episcopal Relief and Development, financial relief for

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Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Joe Tarentino, Madison Cox, Alycen, Felicia Murray, Ashley, Victoria Moon, Olivia, James Day, Mary Ann, Sally Shimell, Jan Dennis, Gordon, Dustin Meineke, Laura Gary, Michael Dillson, Althea Dillard, Michael, Beth Sarc, Lois, Jack Kerr, Dot Diefender, Susan, Karen Stickel, Ray Mitchell, Riley & Cindy Young, Jennifer Bean, Virginia Bauman, Charles Lum, Wil Fambrough, Ginger Russell, Doug Simmons, Sally Acker-Moon, Petty Partridge, Joe Cochran, Anna Pierotti, Dick, Bud Bryan, Sari Chism, Erica Edwards, Sam Betor, Edward, Marcia Markette, Pressley Shrader, Jenny Brown, Robbie Roy, Crystal Harmon, David Moore, Anne Whittle, Colleen Morich, Chuck Treece, Pia Johansen, Diane Waller Evans

Before Surgery

Roberta Abstein, 6/15/2011

For the Deceased

Ernest Loyd, Emily Gale's brother-in-law; Betsy Bix, friend of Melinda Stuk

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(6/19) Mike Peterson; Cary & Pam Phillips; Judith Phillips; Vic, Paddy, Ian, Keely & Quinn Phillipotts; Ed, Tracey, Cody & Wyatt Pitts
(6/26) Rod, Nadine & Zach Pope; Chris, Jan & Eugene Potter, Arthur & Kelly Weissinger; Sally Powers; Steve, Harriett, Connor, Bryce & Christina Pyburn; Monica, Travis & Marc Rader

Birthdays

(6/20) Carroll Mitchell, Jim Rawls, (6/21) Frederick Tuemmler, (6/23) Anna Rouleau, Eva Snape,, Beverly Denney, (6/24) Lynn Heath, Nancy O'Neill, Michael Paris, Jack Rouleau, Bill Fambrough, Lilibet Goldman, (6/25) Kevin Keith, (6/26) Karen Tindall, John Nabinger, (6/27) Kris Cook, (6/28) Anne Whittle, Ava Farmer, (6/29) Daniel Dover, (6/30) Amy Hollis, Danielle Parker, Matthew Phillips, Rachel Tomchik, Lisa Cook, Robin Kiefer, Logan Paris, (7/1) Spencer Banko, (7/2) Ron

Motter, Donna Stephens, (7/3) Melissa Wolfe, Anne Clark

Anniversaries

(6/21) Michelle & Scott Paris; Steve & Kitty Diffley; (6/22) Linda & Richard Carter; (6/23) Kathy & Keith Solomon; Rick & Tracy Buckalew; (6/24) Tim & Caroline Brennan; Michael & Mel Paris; (6/25) Paul & Karen Manno; (6/26) Greg & Margaret Caudle; Amy & Chris Morris; (6/27) Bill & Barb Selby; Claire & Brian Paglia; (6/28) Hale & Diane Sanders; (7/2) Steve & Cindy Tuemmler; (7/3) Kelly Beard & David Bottoms

Special Prayers

We thank you Lord, for the blessings we receive through the mission and ministry of our Parish Administration and Facilities Ministry Team, especially as they contribute this month to our celebration of our 50th Anniversary. For God's grace to guide Catie & Matt Nelson on their mission trip to Cambodia this summer.

Newcomer & Visitor Breakfast

**Sunday, June 26
9:15-10:15 am**

All newcomers and visitors at St. Catherine's are cordially invited to a "get acquainted" session over breakfast in the Parish Hall, with conversation about our programs, services and ministries. This is a social as well as informative gathering. Clergy and lay leaders will be present to answer any questions you may have. Please join us!

WELCOME

Country Fair in August

We will sponsor a Country Fair Event during August as a way for us to reconnect after a summer filled with vacations, camps, weekend getaways and all those ways we find time to be re-created. We will gather on August 7, 14, and 21 with an outreach focus for adults, youth and children alike. Look forward details in the coming weeks and be sure to mark them on your calendar for each Sunday, 9:15 to 10:15 am.

Deacon Ordination

Saturday, August 6

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Nadine; fill her with grace and power, and make her a deacon in your Church.

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Juan; fill him with grace and power, and make him a deacon in your Church.

Join with the people of the Diocese of Atlanta on Saturday, August 6 at 2:00 pm as we gather at the Cathedral of St. Philip to ordain and consecrate to the glory of God our newest deacons including our very own Nadine Pope and Juan Sandoval. We congratulate both of them, look forward to their ministry amongst the people of this Diocese, and let them know of our deep and abiding prayer for them as they begin this new phase of their lives.

Your outreach (cont'd)

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some of your own parishioners, relief for earthquake devastated Japan and your own neighbors in Alabama and Georgia after killer tornadoes.

- Through May, you have given away nearly 10% (\$31,642.86 or 9.6% to be exact) of the church's 2011 income to support many ministries in your community and throughout the world.

I'd say you're doing quite well – keep up the good work!

70 years celebration

Former parishioners Joe and Dorothy Hill were long-term members of St. Catherine's. They moved away a few years ago to be closer to their families. They celebrated 70 years of marriage on June 8 and their family had an anniversary party on June 18 in Maplewood, Minnesota where they currently reside. If you would like to send them greetings and congratulations you can write to them at 1200 Lakeview Commons, Apartment 301, Maplewood, Minnesota 55119.

Financial Peace University (FPU)

By Peter Morich

We are pleased to announce our fifth adult FPU class starting August 14. Previews will be held Sundays starting July 24 through August 14 at 9:30 am, see Peter Morich or Phil Spessard in the foyer.

You've heard about FPU for the last three years and have wondered... "should we really take the class and is now is the right time".... Well, Fred and Jennifer Massey, recent graduates said "Make time, this will change your life!".

FPU is the most important step to changing your financial future. It is your Total Money Makeover Program. It takes the knowledge from God and turns it into real action in our lives through a step-by-step process taught by best-selling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey. FPU is a 13-week life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more!

Who is Financial Peace University for? It's for EVERYONE!...from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Over 1 million families have attended Financial Peace University – 62 from St. Catherine's. On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91-day program!

All St. Catherine's couples and singles are invited to take the class. The registration fee is only \$150, covering all materials and program costs. The Fall 2011 classes will be Sundays at 3:30 pm on: Aug 14, 21, 28, Sept 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Nov 6, 13. Sign up at our table in the foyer or contact Peter and Colleen Morich at 770-424-9054, or Phil and Lisa Spessard at 770-565-8244.

Testimonials from recent FPU-St. Catherine's graduates say it all: "Success - got control - cut up credit cards - don't overdraft accounts anymore and now paying off cars. Increased 401K savings from 6% to 10% of my income already."

"FPU has given us vision, goals, accountability, discipline, patience, unity. Thank you."

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 6/20 **Susan's Day Off**
 19th-24th Youth Week @ Kanuga
 20th-24th Ballet Camp
 9:30AM CGS Materials
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 6/21
 10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 7:30PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 6/22
 5:30AM Breakfast @ MUST
 9:30AM Bible Study
 5:45PM Youth WNL

Thursday, 6/23

Friday, 6/24 **Jim's Day Off**
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 6/25
 2:30PM Cats on Wheels @ Theater
 on the Square

Sunday, 6/26
 7:30AM Coffee Time
 8:00AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00AM Breakfast
 9:15AM Newcomers/Visitors
 10:00AM Praying for Pars
 10:30AM Holy Eucharist
 4:00PM Listening Session
 5:00PM Stephen Ministry

Praying for Pars

Join us for a golf date any or all of these Sundays:

July 17; Aug. 14; Sept. 11.

We'll go to the early church service and eat breakfast, before a 10 am tee time.

Confirm by the Sunday one week before each outing, on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Walt McGill, wsmcgill@att.net, 770-971-8890.

**Stewardship:
 What's in YOUR lesson plan?**

By Margaret Shaw

There are two things I am sure of about stewardship:

- 1) We are all stewards!
- 2) God wants to teach us to be better stewards!

We are all stewards. Dictionary.com gives a pretty good definition: "a person who manages another's property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another or others." In our role as God's stewards we have each been entrusted with gifts and talents, time, and treasure by the Owner of all creation—Almighty God. We do not own our talents, we do not own our time on this earth, and we do not own treasure. We only use them and manage them as God's agent. What an exciting and at the same time frightening

thought: GOD has trusted me (ME!?) with HIS talent, HIS time, and HIS treasure! How do I manage all this so that God will see me as a good steward, and not a bad one?? HELP!!!

God wants to teach us to be better stewards! This is a very comforting and calming realization—I'm not in this stewardship job all by myself. God is not a "hands off" owner; He wants to teach me how to better manage what he has entrusted me with. And the really wonderful news is the more time I spend with God learning about stewardship, the more I move deeper into the loving relationship with God that sustains me, strengthens me, and brings me peace and deep joy.

So: you're a steward! Would you consider asking God to teach you the next thing you need to know about Stewardship? You will have the best teacher—guaranteed—and your lesson plan will be tailored just for you!

Blood Drive



Tuesday, June 28, 3-8 PM

Our next Blood Drive is Tuesday, June 28, 3 pm to 8 pm in the Youth House. The American Red Cross values your commitment to their life-saving mission of ensuring that an adequate supply of blood and blood products is available for the patients in our community. Schedule your appointment time now by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Volunteers are also needed to help with set up, clean up and greeting donors, to help contact Jennifer Massey at jmmassey@att.blackberry.net, 404.375.8327.

Summer shortage — Blood donations often drop to low levels during the summer and all types are needed. Type O negative is in particular demand because it can be transfused to patients with any blood type, especially in emergency situations. O Negative donors can make a big impact in the summertime shortage. For all blood donors, if you are not able to make our June date, we encourage you to visit your closest Red Cross blood donation center soon.

Letters

Dear Father Jim,

I would like to thank St. Catherine's for the beautiful floral arrangement which I received on Sunday. It made me feel special and helped to brighten my day. I am feeling much better and am thankful for all your prayers. I feel truly blessed that I have St. Catherine's in my life, and also in the life of my extended family.

Sincerely,
 Erica Edwards



On behalf of all of the families participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on Catholic Tuesdays — Thank you!

— Note and cash gift from the families participating in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's Christian formation program on Tuesday afternoons for members of Catholic churches in our community

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 6/27 **Susan's Day Off**
 27th-30th VBS
 6:30PM CGS Materials
 7:30PM 50th Anniversary
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 6/28
 10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 3:00PM Blood Drive
 6:00PM Elizabeth Inn
 6:00PM MUST Laundry

Wednesday, 6/29
 9:30AM Bible Study
 5:45PM Youth WNL

Thursday, 6/30

Friday, 7/1 **Jim's Day Off**
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 7/2

Sunday, 7/3
 7:30AM Coffee
 8:00AM Eucharist
 9:00AM Breakfast
 9:15AM Summer Church School
 10:30AM Holy Eucharist

Hold These Dates

- July 31 ... Summer Parish Meeting
- Aug. 7, 14, 21 ... Country Fair
- Aug. 26-28 ... Parish Retreat
- September 11 ... Ministry Fair/Rally Day
- November 11 ... 50th Anniversary Gala
- November 13 ... 50th Anniversary celebration worship

Visiting Clergy for 50th Anniversary

A part of our 50th Anniversary celebration is to invite former clergy of St. Catherine's to join us this summer



and fall to preach and celebrate with us. We are also inviting them to our Gala Celebration on Friday, November 11.

To date the **Rev. Jim Clarke** has accepted our invitation and will be with us August 7 and the **Rev. David Wayland** will be with us November 6. Both Jim and David will also be with us November 11. We thought you'd like a bit of history concerning both of them.

In 1962, the present land of approximately 10 acres was acquired for a four-phase building program at a cost of \$12,500. By 1967, St. Catherine's had grown to 95 communicants and the Rev. James Clarke was appointed as a part-time vicar. Construction of the second sanctuary was begun in 1968. The first service was held in March, 1970 and Father Clarke became the full time vicar.

The Rev. David F. Wayland came to us from Covington, Kentucky in May, 1977. Our tradition of holding hands at the Lord's Prayer came from Fr. David. Stephen Ministers, a lay ministry group who are trained to minister to folks in need of pastoral care as suggested by the rector came about this time. Under Fr. David's leadership the Vestry on September 6, 1980, after a retreat for discussions and prayer, advised the Bishop that we would stay on Holt Road. Our theme and slogan became "Bloom Where You Are Planted." Father Wayland left in January 1988 to go back to his family homestead and take care of his apple orchard, and became the priest at two small Episcopal Churches in Virginia.

We hope you will be with us both on August 7 and November 6 to greet Fr. Jim and Fr. David and to thank them for the foundations they each help lay that allows us to be the people of God we are today.

Cats On Wheels**Luncheon Saturday, July 16**

We will have our next bi-monthly Dutch-treat luncheon on July 16. Join us this date at the Rose and Crown Tavern on Powers Ferry Road south of Windy Hill (1931 Powers Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30339

www.roseandcrowntavern.com, 770.933.5595). Get on the mailing list for all our activities for active senior adults by contacting Alan Certain, 404-661-2200, st.cats.on.wheels@gmail.com.

Eyeglasses/hearing aids to help those in need

By Richard Carter

Do you have eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids that you no longer use? You can make a difference in someone's life just by putting those items in the Lions collection box now in the church foyer. They will be sorted and delivered to the Lions' Lighthouse for the Blind in Decatur, where they will be examined and classified, repaired and refurbished as needed. They will then be distributed at no cost to those who need them, particularly in developing countries. And you will have brought the gift of sight to someone.

The East Cobb Lions Club, who provided the collection box and will deliver glasses and hearing aids to the Lighthouse, is an affiliate of Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world with 1.35 million members in 206 countries. Particular emphasis, though not all, is on aiding those with sight problems. Our local Lions Club provides vision screening, eye exams and eyeglasses in Cobb County; the Lions Lighthouse provides those services as well as eye surgery and hearing aids to uninsured and low-income Georgians throughout the state; Lions International carries on humanitarian work all over the world. These and other projects are supported by local fundraising, and all funds generated go to projects and programs; operating expenses are all paid for by club dues. The Lions motto is "We Serve." You can help us by putting your used eyeglasses, eyeglass parts, and hearing aids, no matter what their condition, in the blue and white box.

Join the book study blog



This summer our Stephen Ministers are trying some creative ways for continuing education for Stephen Ministry. One is to read a book together and then interact on a Internet blog. Our book is *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Harold Kushner. Any who might want to follow and/or contribute to the conversation is invited to join us at www.stcatsstephenministry.blogspot.com.

50th Anniversary June focus: PA&F

This month as part of our 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration we celebrate the life and work of our Parish Administration and Facilities Ministry Team. The team is sponsoring the 50th Anniversary BrickWalk as its anniversary project (see page 1). For more information about this ministry team please contact convener Al Jones.

The Journey

By Amma Susan+

"A calling is where our joy meets the world's need." — Frederick Buechner

St. Catherine's has just completed the first year of *The Journey*, our process that prepares adults for baptism, confirmation, reception or reaffirmation of their baptismal vows. The Journey has provided a safe place where people hungering to know God and seeking a church home were able to explore their faith in community with members of St. Catherine's, catechists and sponsors who shared that faith journey with them. This has been a marvelous experience and has borne wonderful fruit. We have studied and prayed together, laughed and cried together, and formed community and new members of Christ's body together. Two adults were baptized at The Great Vigil of Easter and fifteen adults were presented to the Bishop for confirmation on June 5.

The success of The Journey lies in its lay leaders, who have a very special voice that needs to be heard every bit as much as, and sometimes more than, the one coming from the person wearing a clergy collar. Following this article are a few comments made by this year's catechists about their experience of The Journey.

We are now recruiting people to serve as catechists (teachers and small group leaders) for The Journey, meeting on Wednesday evenings in the next school year. If you are a good listener and can maintain confidentiality, if you enjoy working with groups of

adults and are a team player, and if you can speak about your faith journey while accepting others where they are in their faith journey, then you have the gifts needed to be a catechist. What gives you joy has the opportunity to meet the world's deep hunger. In fact, God may be calling you to this ministry. To learn how you can respond to God's call by becoming a catechist in The Journey please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or speak to Amma Susan+.

The Journey – A catechist's view

by Tom Hunter

When I was first asked to be a catechist for *The Journey*, I didn't have a clue. When I then found out that a catechist was a teacher and The Journey was an in-depth course to prepare people for Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church, my confusion turned to apprehension. I certainly didn't feel qualified. But I agreed anyway. (Amma Susan can be very convincing.) I soon found that my role was actually more that of a facilitator and a fellow pilgrim on the path to deeper faith. I learned a lot from the discussions on the Bible and the Church and on the sacraments spiritual disciplines, but even greater were the deep lessons I learned from the enthusiasm of new Christians and the life wisdom of those who were in the process of changing their lives. I clearly saw God at work in our lives and my own faith grew as a result. If you want new friends, greater knowledge and a deeper faith, I highly recommend The Journey.

MUST building Be a part



By Fred Massey

St Catherine's is teaming up with other Cobb County churches to construct a new building for MUST Ministries. The Outreach committee has authorized a financial contribution of \$13,000 toward this \$90,000 project. All the money has been raised and now we are getting close to starting the build. This building will be similar in size and design to our Youth House, built Habitat-style.

Volunteers will be needed to assist in everything from assembling the frame work to

painting. If you would like to participate in this vital project contact me as soon as possible and I'll put you on our emailing list. You'll receive updates regarding timing, progress, voluntary needs, and work to be done. You can volunteer for a few hours, a couple of days, specific tasks, or help in any capacity as you are able. We will need volunteers six to seven days per week. We anticipate starting this project sometime this summer (permit permitting). Our own Roger Motter and Ken Miller (from Habitat) will be directing the work at the site on most days.

Thank you for your consideration.
Fred Massey / 404.731.4466 /
f_massey2@hotmail.com

Youth WNL

All summer!



Wednesday Night Live continues for all youth each week all summer long. Meet at 5:45 for dinner and program 6:30-7:30 pm. **Dinner volunteers are needed** to provide the meal for the group one evening, if interested please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Mike Peterson, 770-971-2839, mike.peterson@bellsouth.net.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Every baptized person is called to ministry. Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program of the University of the South which provides the education to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. We meet on Thursday evenings beginning in the fall. There is a fee (with some scholarships available). We would love to have you! Please contact Chris or Jan Potter, cpotter@gmail.com or cdpotter@bellsouth.net or 404-444-8627 (Jan) or 404-376-7430 (Chris).

I Said Yes

By Jason Snape

This brief note is about a decision I made two years ago to say 'yes, thank you,' when it seemed perhaps wiser to say 'no, thank you.' Amelia Arthur (our Youth Director before Mike Peterson joined us) asked me to become a leader for the Rite-13 group of our Journey to Adulthood (J2A) youth program. The J2A program is very impressive, powerful, and meaningful. I believe in it. I believe that it can improve some of the things that are awry in our culture.

I gave Amelia a hesitant 'yes, thank you.' Hesitant because of my commitment to other passions and priorities. But if Sue believed I could re-prioritize for two school years, so did I. I was also hesitant because of my lacking theological qualifications and Biblical knowledge. But I'm a good listener. I draw and write easily. I wonder a lot. I'm in awe a lot. And, I seek out opportunities to learn new things about myself and my relationship to God. I'm not fearless, but in that small way, I feel like I'm brave.

Rite-13 is comprised of 7th and 8th graders, roughly 12 to 15 years old. It is an age I had not been around since middle school. Would they listen? Would they be able to sit still? Would they share their thoughts? Would I get beat up after school? I remember a prayer I wrote at the beginning of the class, for God to help me to be trusting in my intentional presence, to help me overcome my anxiety and fears about leading discussions about prayer, about God, about our selves and our strengths and weaknesses. I didn't mind not knowing all the answers, but hoped God could help me not feel like throwing up before each class.

It all worked out. It always seems to, if I'm not particular. Our Rite-13 class consisted of about fifteen very regular attendees who were involved, companionable, fun, silly, thoughtful, and caring. We shared the ups and downs of our week. We made our room into our own unique spiritual place. We grew to trust and respect each other. We were sometimes too loud, too energetic, too interrupting, too messy, too distracted. Sometimes we discussed what we'd hoped. We discussed the many types of prayer; Millennium Development Goals; social, health, and economic issues in the world; how we see God; how we relate to both relatives and peers; what book reports still need to be finished; what we wore to the dance; where we're going for summer vacation; who we are and how God sees us.



Acolytes sign-up

By Bob Olliffe and
Barbara Barrington

Would your son or daughter like to become an acolyte? We are looking for young members of our congregation who are willing to serve in this wonderful ministry. The requirements are few for such a rewarding experience. While there is no specific minimum age, typically the youngest are 8 or 9 years old when they start as torch bearers. As long as they can meet the following basic qualifications, they are welcome to join:

- Sit quietly and attentively during the service
- Follow the bulletin and fully participating in the service
- Have a personal desire to serve in this position

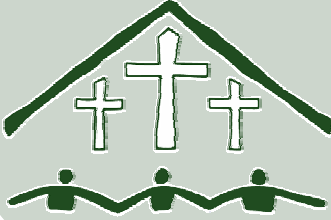
Written instructions as well as walk-through training are provided. If you have questions or would like to sign your child up, please contact one of the Acolyte Co-Masters, Barbara Barrington or Bob Olliffe. We look forward to hearing from you!

Bob, 770-377-0137, olliffe@bellsouth.net /
Barbara 770-906-8746,
barbbarring@yahoo.com

I learned volumes, mostly about myself and God, and about who our youth are, both as individuals and as a group. I'm thankful for this opportunity I had, and hope that others see it similarly – as a chance to grow both within themselves and within St. Catherine's.

Why am I not continuing with the other leaders, following these great young men and women on their journey? It could sound as though there's something wrong, something didn't go right, something needs fixing, or, horrifically, that I don't care deeply for this Rite-13 group. But it's none of those, it's just where my path is going – I've already committed to other roles. And there are other opportunities that I would like to try, seeking God in other forms and dynamics, for the joy of discovery and for my growing confidence that if I follow my heart, it will unfailingly lead to God.

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Calendars**

- 6/19-24 – Youth Week @ Kanuga
- 6/ 22, 29, 7/6, 13 – Youth WNL
- 6/25 – Cats on Wheels @ Theater on the Square
- 6/26 – Newcomer/Visitor Coffee; Praying For Pars; Listening Session
- 6/27-30 – Vacation Bible School
- 6/28 – Blood Drive; Elizabeth Inn laundry & dinner
- 7/3, 10, 17, 24 – Church School Forums

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July Sunday Forums

This summer you are invited to join Fr. Jim in the Board Room to discuss some contemporary questions in the life of the church. These “church school” sessions will be **9:15 to 10:15 am on Sundays, July 3, 10, 17, and 24**. You may attend any or all. For elementary age children we will provide a fun program during this time.

Our four topics will introduce some “hot button” issues in the life of our church and/or society. These forums are designed to give us practice in the skill of discussing issues on which we might disagree yet at the same time work to respect the opinions as well as dignity of each other.

- *Spiritual, but Not Religious?* – Let’s take a look at what these terms mean and why so many people are claiming that they are spiritual, but not religious.
- *White Privilege* – Is there such a thing as white privilege? If so, what can we as Christians do to level the playing field?
- *Same-Sex Marriage* – For better, for worse?
- *The Anglican Covenant* – Does the Anglican Covenant strengthen or weaken the Anglican Communion?

**Bishop Nomination
Listening Session**

Sunday, June 26, 4 PM

The Committee for Nominations for the 10th Bishop of Atlanta has scheduled listening sessions around the diocese this summer to gather material for a written profile that describes the diocese to applicants. You are invited to sessions on a number of dates, one of which will be at St. Catherine’s on Sunday, June 26, 4:00 pm.

Listening sessions will allow the committee to learn what Episcopalians—laypeople, priests and deacons—have to say about the diocese. The sessions will seek discussion and responses to some general questions including: What is going well in the Diocese of Atlanta? What are the challenges in the Diocese of Atlanta? What are the characteristics you seek in our next bishop? How do you see the spiritual nature of the diocese changing? What kind of diocese do we need to become?

The special election for the Bishop is scheduled for June 2, 2012, at the Cathedral of St. Philip. For information throughout the coming year, visit www.AtlBishopSearch.org.