



REMEMBER REJOICE RENEW

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MISSION & MINISTRY IN EAST COBB

# St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

Sep. 26 - Oct. 9, 2011

## The Wheel

### 50th Anniversary Gala Celebration

#### Make reservations by October 2

By John Brooks

Get out your party clothes and put a shine on your dancing shoes because St. Catherine's is having a celebration, the likes of which only happens every fifty years. Our 50th Anniversary Gala will be Friday, November 11, at The Pavillion of East Cobb at 736 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta (in Fountains of Olde Towne plaza), beginning at 6:30 p.m. Invitations have been mailed, so if you didn't get one call the church office right away. Reservation deadline is October 2, and payment is required—the cost is \$25 per person—at the time the reservations are made. Walk-ups are not permitted, and attendance is limited to just over 200 guests. For this reason, you'll want to make your reservations as quickly as possible.

Marilyn Hunter, Ginny Lummus, Lisa Spesard and members of the 50th Anniversary committees have planned what promises to

be a memorable and joyous evening of dining, dancing and fellowship. Special guests include Frank T. Griswold, 25th Presiding Bishop, Retired, the evening's speaker; our own bishop, J. Neil Alexander; and past clergy of St. Catherine's (from whom we are waiting to hear).

Dinner will be served at three progressive buffet stations, including a Carving Station, a New South Station and a Gourmet Station. A variety of non-alcoholic beverages will be provided throughout the evening, and alcoholic beverages will be available at a cash bar. Guests will toast the past and future of St. Catherine's with champagne.

Throughout the evening, *The Grapevine*, a 10-piece band from Macon, Georgia will provide music for entertainment and dancing. The band specializes in music from the late 60s to the early 80s. About the band, the word on the street: "They are fabulous!" The Gala will end at 10:30 p.m. We'll see you there!

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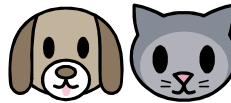
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THE PEOPLE OF ST. CATHERINE'S SEEK TO SHARE IN THE LOVE THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS FOR US AND THE WORLD BY WELCOMING, ACCEPTING, NURTURING, AND SERVING ALL PEOPLE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE WELCOME YOU!

### Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 22  
10:00 AM



**NOTE THIS DATE!** Bring your pet for a blessing under the Big Oak Tree. This day commemorates St. Francis of Assisi, who dedicated his life to peace, caring for the poor, and teaching respect for all God's creatures. St. Francis had a special affinity for animals. He reminds us of the importance of our relationships with all of God's creation.

This year please notice that, due to the construction of our Anniversary BrickWalk, we will have our observance a few weekends after St. Francis Day. We expect our usual delightful morning celebrating our animal friends and companions. Remember to bring your pet leashed or caged as appropriate. A few treats for dogs and cats will be provided.

### STEWARDSHIP 2011



"Stewardship is all that I do with all that I have after I say yes to God."  
- Carol Anderson

- **Time and Talent Pledge Ingathering** now through October 15
- **Resources Pledge Ingathering** Sunday, November 7

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## Blood Drive Tues., Oct. 25

**3:00-8:00 PM in the  
Parish Hall**

Give the gift of life at our next Red Cross blood drive! Reserve your time slot now, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the sponsor code: HOLTRC. Or you can call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Volunteers are also needed to help greet donors and help with set up and take down – please contact Jennifer Massey, [massey.jm AT gmail.com](mailto:massey.jm AT gmail.com) or 404.375.8327.



## 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.

## Joan retires

By Father Jim

Joan retires from WellStar Health Systems on October 14. She retires from health care after 42 years. She has spent the last 13 of those years at WellStar. I want to beg your patience as I honor her commitment in this space.

I honor her because for 42 years she has focused on one thing in her career—the patient in the bed in a hospital. She did this, of course, in her early years as a unit nurse but later in a variety of administrative roles. On her most frustrating days I would say to her—why not do something else? Her answer was always the same. Leaving her vocation, she believed, compromised the quality of health care she so believed people wanted and deserved when they entered the hospital environment and for which she devoted long hours every day. When she wasn't directly involved in delivering high quality care in a hospital environment I could see she was not happy. I kid about what people should do if they see Joan approaching with a needle after all

these years away from the bedside, but the honest truth is that you could not be approached by a more caring and conscientious nurse.

I honor her because for 40 of these 42 years she has willingly and joyfully put her career in a secondary position as she's followed me around first with Procter and Gamble and then with the church. And she has never complained even when dealt some very strange hands in the job game. She has always had time to encourage me and to comfort me when I needed it most. I can only hope in the end I have done the same for her.

So October 14 will come and it will go and Joan will have the time to do what she wants when she wants to do it. Praise God! But the health care industry will lose someone who for 42 years has never forgotten why she became a nurse and why she has labored so many long hours – the person in the bed, sick and ailing, and longing to know they will receive the highest quality care.

## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Lillian Vu, Madison Cox, Victoria Moon, James Day, Mary Ann, Sally Shimell, Jan Dennis, Laura Gary, Michael Dillson, Jack Kerr, Joe Cochran, Anna Pierotti, Crystal Herman, Olivia Martin, Brian Lee, Sylvia Franks, Kent Moss, James Ellis, Joan Schlesinger, Sandy Curran, Jenna Gardiner, Bill Straub, Susanne Muckerman, Marion Cook, Marianne Mighton, Dale Buran, Jordan Brinson, Anne Whittle, Teresa Witham, David Sherry, Neal Aimar, Sydney, Paul Beswick, Sylvia Franks, Lita DiPietrao, Jill McNeal, Melvin Knight, Bill Acree, Doris Samples, Sharon Foster, Barbara, Jonathan Hart, Rev. Steve & Dorrie Dean, Anthony Amescua, David French, Bill Brinson, Dean Donald, John Hurd, Mit FitzSimons, Lee FitzSimons, Mike Barletta, Fran Coraggio, Beth, Bebe, Katherine Pierce, Roberta Abstein, Trisha Bennett, Jean Windrow, Margaret Ivey, Kimberly Blythe,

Anita Gardner, Dallas Ryder

### Before Surgery

Annie Lipsitz, friend of Susan Bayless

### For the Deceased

Shannon Bennett, added by Tracey Pitts

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(9/25)** Chuck, Michelle, Charlie & Maddie Zimmerman; Paul, Ginny, Kevin, Corey & Kerry Acocella; Frank, Ellen, Alison & Grace Adams; Norma & George Alexander; Joe, Tina, Claire & Trevor Atchison

**(10/2)** Rachel & Vincent Bagby; Ray, Nancy, Katie, Becky & Jonathan Ban; David, Molly, Leah & Spencer Banko; Curtis, Karley & Lauren Barber; John, Barbara, Riley, Katie, Mary Alice & Thad Barrington

### Birthdays

(9/26) Mel Paris, (9/27) Susan Martin, Farrell Martin, Katherine Tanner, Elizabeth Lee, Justin Alexander, Stephenie Blythe, Justin Blythe, Eric Ragan, (9/29) Peter Morich, Trenholm Fahy,

(9/30) Robbie Selby, Henry Gary, Bryce Pyburn, (10/1) Julia Denton, Nathan Tomchik, Cole Nabinger, Richard Pearson, (10/2) Ansley Bayless, Sue Jones, David Yucius, (10/3) Andrew Benton, (10/4) Rusty Bird, Abby Baumann, Allison Dupuis, (10/5) Palmer Bayless, Matt Greene, Mason Smith, Baylee Heil, Ryan Ordway, (10/6) Richard Motter, Kaitlin Thomas, Geoffrey Gardner, Stuart Gardner, Tom Donoghue, (10/7) Kevin Sluss, (10/8) Aubrey Nall, (10/9) Tom Hunter, Justin Baker

### Anniversaries

(9/30) Ed & Tracey Pitts; (10/2) Jim & Laurie Dirksen; (10/4) Edwina Tims & Brad Corbin; (10/5) Amy & Jim Hunkler

### Special Prayers

+ We thank you Lord, for the blessings we receive through the mission and ministry of our Youth Christian Nurture Ministry Team, especially as they contribute this month to our celebration of our 50th Anniversary.

## Get your new St. Cat's shirts!

### Order by October 3

For wearing in our anniversary year and beyond! As their 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration project for September, the Youth are offering new-design St. Catherine's shirts. Each comes in an attractive medium blue and features the St. Catherine's logo. Choose from regular cut T-shirts for \$10 each (\$15 for plus sizes), ladies' cut T-shirts for \$15 each (all sizes), and embroidered polo shirts for \$30 each (\$35 for plus sizes). Order now by going to the website, or pick up an order form at church!

- **Regular cut T-shirt** – order at [www.customink.com/signup/9lipjco](http://www.customink.com/signup/9lipjco)
- **Women's cut T-shirt** – order at [www.customink.com/signup/9lq8oem](http://www.customink.com/signup/9lq8oem)
- **Regular cut polo shirt** – order at [www.customink.com/signup/9lrx4yz](http://www.customink.com/signup/9lrx4yz)

Payment can be made by check or cash to the church (make checks to St. Catherine's with "T-shirt" on the memo line). Pick up will be at church. For questions contact Youth Director Mike Peterson, [mike.peterson@bellsouth.net](mailto:mike.peterson@bellsouth.net), 770-971-2839.

## Call for Memorabilia!



We're not quite sure what we want—or exactly how we might display it—but if you have some St. Catherine's memorabilia, such as t-shirts, mugs, old bulletins, directories, or anything else you can think of, the Anniversary Gala Committee would like to borrow it for a display at the Gala. If you can help, please email Lisa Spessard, [lnspessard@yahoo.com](mailto:lnspessard@yahoo.com) or John Brooks, [johnbrooks@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnbrooks@bellsouth.net) and briefly describe the article and its history. Lisa or John will make arrangements to retrieve and return the items selected. **Please note:** We have all the photographs we can use.

## Visiting Clergy for 50th Anniversary

### Sunday, Nov. 6: Rev. David Wayland

For our 50th Anniversary celebration we have invited former clergy of St. Catherine's to join us to preach and celebrate with us. Former rector The Rev. David Wayland will join us on November 6. We hope you make special plans to be with us this day to greet him.

The Very Rev. Hazel Smith Glover preached and celebrated with us on September 18. After serving as associate rector at St. Catherine's from 1996-2002, Hazel was called and is currently rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Carrollton, Georgia.

**If you missed Hazel on September 18, you can listen to her recorded sermon on the Rector's Page of our website!!**

## Wednesday Night Live

WNL is every week with dinner at 5:45-6:30 pm and programs for all ages 6:30-7:30 pm. Dinner prices are \$3 children, \$7 adults, \$20 family maximum. Please make your dinner reservation on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin, or call the office, 770-971-2839 by 5:00 pm on Tuesday before each date you'll dine with us.

Our adult offering for fall is a video series, "Father Matthew Presents," a light-hearted yet educational tour of the sacraments of the Episcopal Church and Christian teaching & practices.

## December trip to the Biltmore

### Register by October 2

This trip will be December 6-8 and is open to all in the parish (sponsored by Cats on Wheels). The \$275 cost includes: round-trip transportation by St. Catherine's van, 2 nights lodging in Asheville, 4 meals including 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and 1 Dinner, candle-light Christmas evening at the Biltmore House, historic trolley tour of Asheville, NC, daytime visit to the Biltmore Estate, including the Biltmore House, Antler Village, Biltmore Gardens and conservatory, and Biltmore Winery, visits to the Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site, the famous Folk Art Center, the magnificent St. Lawrence Basilica, and the Grove Park Inn to see the Christmas Gingerbread House displays.

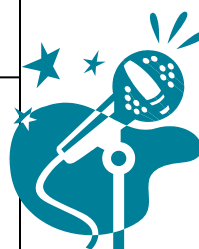


A non-refundable deposit of \$150 (Biltmore Christmas in the memo line of your check please) holds your reservation for this delightful trip. Places are filling quickly so sign up soon. The deadline to reserve your place is October 2nd. Contact Amma Susan for more information.

## Trivia Night

### Saturday, October 8

By Maureen Donoghue



On Saturday, Oct. 8 from 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall, the Invitation Ministry Team is holding a free Trivia Night for all ages from kids to seniors as our event to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. There will be a Gourmet Coffee/

Dessert Bar, Ice Cream Sunday Bar and prizes for the top 3 teams. If you are a single or a couple, we will put you with others to make a team.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a fun evening. RSVP on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Maureen Donoghue, [georgiadonoghues@comcast.net](mailto:georgiadonoghues@comcast.net).

**This week at St. Catherine's**

Monday, 9/26 **Susan's Day Off**  
 10:30AM Preschool  
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 9/27  
 10:00AM Morning Prayer  
 10:30AM Staff Meeting  
 10:30AM Preschool program  
 6:00PM MUST Laundry Team  
 6:30PM Jubilate

Wednesday, 9/28  
 5:30AM MUST Breakfast  
 10:30AM Preschool program  
 5:45PM WNL Dinner  
 6:00PM Elizabeth Inn  
 6:15PM Youth Choir  
 7:30PM Adult Choir  
 6:30PM Programs

Thursday, 9/29  
 10:30AM Preschool program  
 6:30PM EFM  
 7:00PM Men's Bible Study  
 7:00PM DOK Training

Friday, 9/30 **Jim's Day Off**  
 6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
 10:00AM Women's Bible Study  
 10:30AM Preschool program  
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 10/1  
 Brick walk preparation

Sunday, 10/2  
 7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
 8:00AM Breakfast  
 8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist  
 10:00AM Church School  
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist

## Elizabeth Inn

Thank you all for your ongoing heart for and support for the Outreach ministry commitments to MUST and Elizabeth Inn. Special appreciation goes to our Youth and their leaders who provided and served dinner last month on August 28.

St. Catherine's serves dinner at the Inn on the 28th of every month, and provides laundry assistance on the fourth Tuesday and fifth Wednesday. Next dates to serve will be Tuesday, October 25 for Laundry Team, and Friday, October 28 for Dinner Team. To volunteer for dinner, please contact Tracy Buckalew, [tracyklpc AT peoplepc.com](mailto:tracyklpc@peoplepc.com), or Connie Bergeron, [connieb AT mindspring.com](mailto:connieb@mindspring.com), 404-819-0891. Laundry Team is the fourth Tuesday and fifth Wednesday, contact Fred Massey, 404.731.4466 or [f\\_massey2 AT hotmail.com](mailto:f_massey2@hotmail.com).

## J. Philip Newell Conference at Cathedral

### Register by October 2

October 2nd is the deadline to sign up for the J. Philip Newell "New Harmony" conference, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 8 at St. Philip's Cathedral, 9 am to 4 pm. Registration cost of \$43.75 includes lunch. To sign up to go as a group from St. Catherine's, go to [www.stphilipscathedral.org/Content/J\\_Philip\\_Newell\\_Conference.asp](http://www.stphilipscathedral.org/Content/J_Philip_Newell_Conference.asp), then click on "group registration" and follow the directions for payment. There will be a St. Catherine's table at the conference. Scholarships are available. For additional information please contact Amma Susan, 770-971-2839.

## Letters & Notes



... Members of St. Cat's,

Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card for college. It was a stretch to come to Appalachian State University so the gift card has really helped purchase books! I hope all is well in Marietta and I'll be sure to visit when I return home throughout the semester.

Much love,  
*Alex Lewis*

Dear St. Catherine's,

Thank you so much for the book money and all your prayers and support over the years. It means so much to me to have this church family supporting me as I start college. I still feel your love and encouragement ever when I'm away.

*Emma Markette*

### IN THE COMMUNITY:

• **Simple Needs GA Bowling Event** — Have you signed up yet for the Simple Needs GA Bowling Event? It will be held at Brunswick Zone XL (Formerly U.S. Play, 775 Cobb

Place Blvd. Kennesaw) on Sunday, October 2, 2 - 4 pm. Donation is \$20 per person for 2 hours of bowling. The mission of Simple Needs GA (SNGA) is to help those experiencing, and emerging from, homelessness, as well as those in critical need, seeking to meet the other needs that may prevent an individual from accessing the mainstream support network. To register for this event or for information about SNGA visit [www.simpleneeds.org](http://www.simpleneeds.org).

• **Cathedral Flower Festival Oct. 5-6** — A traditional English flower festival at the Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta. The festival will feature an internationally renowned floral designer, floral demonstrations and workshops, and flower displays created by more than 30 southeastern churches and garden clubs, including **our own Flower Guild of St. Catherine's**. For complete schedule and registration, visit [www.stphilipscathedral.org/Content/Flower\\_Festival.asp](http://www.stphilipscathedral.org/Content/Flower_Festival.asp).

• **Cathedral Book Store volunteers** — If you are interested in volunteering your time and you are an individual who is People Oriented, Patient, Flexible, has Desire to Learn, Dependable, and Interested in a Ministry, please contact Sue Tierney, Book Store Manager, at 404-237-7582 to arrange an interview.



## Stewardship

### -> Resources Pledge Ingathering Sunday, November 7

Each fall we focus on our Stewardship of Resources. In the coming weeks, you will receive a pledge card from St. Catherine's enclosed with a personal note from a fellow parishioner. We ask you to take time to read, pray, and consider how you will respond with a gift of resources to God's call in your life. Ingathering Sunday will be November 7. The following week we will be celebrating 50 years as a parish. We hope you will join with the rest of St. Catherine's in joyous celebration of both our individual and collective blessings of the past, but also looking to the future and how we may continue to do God's work in the world.

### -> Time & Talent Fall Pledges now

The Stewardship Committee wants folks to complete the Time and Talent pledge form to pledge their time and talent for Financial Resources Ministry, Invitation Ministry, Outreach Ministry, and Parish Life & Fellowship Ministry. St. Catherine's wants to know

where your abilities are and to which you can spend time in ministering to the congregation and the world. The way to do this for these four ministry areas now is to complete the pledge card by going to the internet site [www.surveystcatherines.org](http://www.surveystcatherines.org).

If you are involved, we want to know if you want to continue to be involved. If you are not involved, we want to know if you want to get involved. Or, if you are not involved and would like more information before you get involved, we want to know that so that a person on the Ministry Team can contact you.

Please complete the form as an individual, as a couple, or as a family. You will not receive any spam or unrequested email by using our online form. If you prefer to use a printed form please pick one up at church or call the office at 770-971-2839. Please reply by October 15 so that we can gather this information and provide it to the various ministry teams so they can contact you.

In Christ,

*The Stewardship Committee  
Therese Braman, Alison Harris, Tom Snead*

#### This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 10/3 **Susan's Day Off**  
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 10/4  
10:00AM Morning Prayer  
10:30AM Staff Meeting  
6:30PM Jubilate

Wednesday, 10/5  
12:00PM CN & D Team Meeting  
5:45PM WNL Dinner  
6:15PM Youth Choir  
6:30PM WNL Programs  
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 10/6  
8:30AM Stewardship  
9:00AM CGS Level II  
1:15PM Preschool Staff Meeting  
6:30PM EFM  
7:00PM Men's Bible Study  
7:00PM DOK Training

Friday, 10/7 **Jim's Day Off**  
Oct. 7-9 National Acolyte Festival,  
@ Washington DC;  
New Beginnings @  
Camp Mikell  
6:30AM Men's Bible Study  
9:00AM CGS Level II Training  
10:00AM Folders  
10:00AM Women's Bible Study  
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 10/8  
Brick Walk Installation  
9:00AM CGS Level II Training  
7:00PM Trivia Night

Sunday, 10/9  
7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
8:00AM Breakfast  
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist  
10:00AM Church School  
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist  
5:00PM Stephen Ministers

#### Hold These Dates

- November 11 ...  
50th Anniversary Gala
- November 13 ...  
50th Anniversary  
celebration worship —  
10:30 am service only  
this day!

## MUST building progress

### See their website for photos & news!

St Catherine's is at work now with other Cobb County churches to construct a new building for MUST Ministries. A website has been started for the project, see it now at [www.mustbuild.org](http://www.mustbuild.org) for what's happening now and pictures of work underway! Get on the volunteer list by signing up on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Fred Massey/ 404.731.4466 / [f\\_massey2 AT hotmail.com](mailto:f_massey2@hotmail.com).

Here are bulletins on some of the recent work ... think of it as a "blog" by participants...

**Sept. 16** — With persistent effort by a number of people, we have gotten the Grading permit and the Foundation permit! Fred Massey will arrange for the foundation work to begin as soon as possible; hopefully early next week. At the same time we will continue to pursue the Building permit.

Please check your work schedule to recalculate where we are... We continue to make progress!! Keep Praying.



**Sept. 20** — Dear God, now that we have our foundation permit we could really use some clear weather as we need to pour our footings this Thursday and then pour our walls either Saturday or early next week. We will need to dig out the center after that and nice weather would help make that job easier. Once we dig out inside the foundation we can pour our 10 piers that will hold the two floor beams. We will need a team to seal the foundation-water proof, so we'll need good weather then and also when we install the posts and beam. Once the beam is in place and the outside is water sealed we could use clear weather again to install our floor system on Saturday October the 8th. (And yes, that weekend is a TECH home game and I know it never rains on a Tech home game but I thought I'd ask just to be safe)...

## Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King (DOK) is planning to offer classes this fall for women interested in joining. Members pledge themselves to a vow of prayer and service dedicated to building up Christ's Kingdom. We welcome you! Please contact Barb Selby, theselbys AT bellsouth.net for additional information.

## BrickWalk success!

Thank you for supporting and participating in our 50th Anniversary project to build the BrickWalk under the Big Oak Tree. We have orders for nearly 250 bricks and will begin the installation promptly in October.

If you'd like to help in the project to remove the asphalt and lay the BrickWalk under our great oak, please contact Al Jones at 4al AT bellsouth.net. Work is scheduled to begin on October 1.

## On Stewardship

By Bill Lee



Stewardship is not easy for me although it was at one time. My parents raised me to give and eventually to pledge my allowance. My home church had neat little envelopes. Each Saturday night, at my parents guiding, I would put my quarters in the envelope and then use my pencil to place check marks on the appropriate boxes on the front before sealing the flap. On Sunday morning I would then participate in the ritual of placing my envelope and passing the plate myself. Proud and happy to be part of the church.

Every year we would fill in a pledge card and walk it down the center aisle and place it in a little replica of our church that sat in front of the altar. As a child it was exciting to be a part of this process. The best part came a month later when we received the new envelopes. I'd have a whole box of envelopes and each envelope would have my name on the front and the date on top. It was fun to receive these each year and work through the box throughout the year, watching it slowly empty. I have good memories of giving as a child.

Somewhere along the way stewardship stopped being fun and became difficult. Somewhere along the way the envelopes began to take on a different meaning. Somewhere along the way the quarters turned into checks. That 'somewhere' coincided with my first mortgage, first car and first child. Stewardship became a bill to pay, an item to budget and debit to schedule. Even if I still had the little envelopes it was not fun anymore. The priorities of home and family were overwhelming at times and required me to make sacrifices. Stewardship was one of the sacrifices. Rationalization came easy as I compared the relative needs of my family and church. Somewhere along the way I forgot about faith.

The unquestioning faith I had as a child as I walked down the aisle with my pledge card,

trusting that what I was doing was right and was good, got lost on my way to adulthood. The faith I had as a child was based largely in a belief that what my parents did was good and right. I was emulating them and knew that what I was doing was good and right. As I matured I developed my own ideas of what is good and what is right. Many of my ideas, rightly so, were about how to best provide for my family. These ideas required little faith. The connection between my income and my family was obvious, unlike placing a check in an offering plate. Providing for my family and home are things I could do and they were good things. The envelopes were all too often left in their box. Stewardship and faith were left behind. What I was missing was that it was never about what was in the envelope, it was about the faith required to seal that envelope, carry it each Sunday and drop it in the plate. Letting it go, having faith.

Each Sunday as we pass the plate and it weaves its way around the pews, our hands carrying it, we are all participating in an act of faith. For each of us, stewardship is a deeply personal decision. It is a decision that leads to an act of faith that we all share in each Sunday. It takes stewardship off of the kitchen table or desk where we struggle with the day to day challenges of finances and connects it with the community of faith. No longer is it about how I will better control my spending or plan my retirement. It is about joining with this community of believers knowing that what we do together is good and right. It has been this act of faith that has brought me back to the joy of stewardship. I am blessed to be in such a wonderful community as St. Catherine's with so many good reasons to give. Our impact on the community and world are things to be proud of as a parish. Another reason for stewardship is that it gives me a way to truly, simply, participate with others, in a joyous act of faith.

## CHOIR WANTS YOU

Rehearsals are underway and we would love to add more singers any time during the year:

**Youth Choir** — Contact director Martha Bowden, martha\_bowden@bellsouth.net.

**Adult Choir** — Contact director Brian Williams or speak to any choir member.

**Jubilate Music Team** — Instrumentalists and singers: contact Jeff Harris, Susan Jablonski, or Jason Gardiner. **Sound techs and road crew** — Contact Bill Ivey

# Youth

## Events for Young Families

By Molly Banko

We hope you and your family can join us ...

### • Halloween Movie and Pizza – Saturday, October 15 – 5:30 pm.

Come dressed in your PJs and join us in the Parish Hall for a Movie, Pizza and Popcorn Picnic. Bring your blanket and we'll gather around the big screen with pizza, drinks, popcorn and some "scary" treats as we watch a fun Halloween movie (TBA). We'll start serving the food at 5:30 with the movie beginning at 6:00. \$10 per family.

### • Operation Christmas Child Ingathering November 14-21 –

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

### • Beer Tasting Saturday, December 3 – 7:30pm –

Adults only event! Join us at the McGhee's for a beer version of our annual wine tasting event.

For information about the Young Families Ministry, contact Molly Banko mdbanko AT comcast.net or Suzanne McGhee willandsuz AT comcast.net.

## • Youth Retreat!

**When:** November 4-6

**Where:** DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle, TN

**Who:** Anyone in Grades 6-12 from St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Marietta, GA, Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Atlanta, GA, Calvary Episcopal Church, & Church of the Holy Communion in Memphis, TN. Friends are welcome to join!

**How Much:** The cost is \$100, which will cover lodging, transportation, meals, and programming. Youth should bring money for lunch on the road on Sunday. Confidential scholarships are available upon request.

**Registration:** Reserve your spot by turning in permission forms and a \$50 deposit to Mike Peterson by Monday, October 17. For further information, contact Youth Director Mike Peterson at mike.peterson AT bellsouth.net or (770) 971-2839.

### • 50th Anniversary Ministry Focus for September: Youth

This month as part of our 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration we celebrate the life and work of our Youth Christian Nurture committee, part of Christian Nurture & Development Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please contact Youth Director Mike Peterson.

## Coming up for Youth

A brief look at this fall for the youth program! Please be aware that this calendar is subject to additions and changes -- follow the Youth email for updates:



- Oct. 7-9 – New Beginnings
- Oct. 28-29 – Happening Training
- Nov. 6 – Christmas Tree Sales at both services through Nov. 20
- Nov. 13 – 9 AM Church School; 10:30 AM 50th Anniversary Eucharist
- Nov. 18-20 – Happening
- Nov. 23 – No WNL
- Nov. 27 – No Church School; Advent Wreath Making
- Dec. 2-4 – Jr. DYC
- Dec. 3 – Christmas Tree Pick-Up/ Distribution
- Dec. 4 – Christmas Tree Distribution
- Dec. 10 – Christmas Bazaar
- Dec. 18 – 8:45 AM Christmas Pageant
- Dec. 21 – No WNL
- Dec. 25 – No Church School
- Dec. 26-Jan. 1 – Winterlight at Kanuga
- Dec. 28 – No WNL
- June 17-22 – Youth Week at Kanuga

## Parish Retreat Reflections

A great time was had by everyone at the Parish Retreat in August! Here are a few reflections from the participants – read more coming in the next issue of The Wheel ... and mark your calendar now for the next parish retreat booked for Labor Day Weekend 2013, we have reserved the entire facility of Lake Logan!

*"How often do we get a chance to get away - with no agenda - and just enjoy fellowship with one another while taking in the beauty of God's creation? Our family made some wonderful memories over the weekend that we will always treasure." -Lisa*

*"What a hoot to see multi age activities and everyone involved. Meeting new St Cats members and deepening other relationships was great. Saturday program offered much food for thought and spiritual growth." -Carla*

*"What a special weekend! I loved seeing all the generations having a great time together-- we are truly the St. Cats family." -Ann*

*"Good!" -Abby*

*"I loved the ease and flow of the weekend and that all ages were present. The afternoon by the lake "burning bush" moment was awesome!!!" -Gina*



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### Mark Your Calendars

- 9/28, 10/5, 12, 19, 26 – WNL
- 10/2 – Gala reservations due; Biltmore trip registration due
- 10/3 – Shirt orders due
- 10/6 – Trivia Night
- 10/15 – YF movie & pizza
- 10/22 – Blessing of the Animals; Cats On Wheels @ Scarry-etta Tour
- 10/25 – Blood Drive; Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 10/28 – Elizabeth Inn dinner

### *The Wheel*

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### Flu shots in October

Flu shots will be offered following services at St. Catherine's on these Sundays in October: 9, 16, 23 and 30. Cost is \$25, Medicare will be accepted if card is presented. Blood pressure checks will be offered at the same time.



### Church School offerings for fall



#### CHILDREN

**Infants** – Nursery care is available for infants through age four, from 8:30 AM through the 11:15 AM service.

**Children's Chapel** – Children may leave the 8:45 am Sunday service during the Sequence Hymn to hear and respond to the Gospel of the day in a "child friendly" setting, and then return at the Peace. The age range is from three to nine years old.

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** – Christian formation for children ages 3½ through 12:

- Level I Atrium – 3½ years old through Kindergarten
- Level II Atrium – 1st through 3rd grades
- Level III Atrium – 4th through 6th grades

#### YOUTH

**"Journey to Adulthood,"** a program of spiritual formation for young people that provides a liturgical framework for their experience in our modern culture, celebrates their individuality and their creative potential, and instructs them in skills needed for successful adult participation in church and society. **Rite-13** (6th-7th grades); **J2A** (8th-9th grades); **YA - Young Adults** (10th-11th grades); **Senior Church School** (12th grade)

#### ADULTS

- **"Coffee and NOOMA"** – Facilitator: The Rev. Susan Johnson
- **"The Lectionary"** – Facilitated by Tom Snead, Jim Mattox and Randy Satterfield
- **Rector's Forum: "Everyday Theologians"** – Facilitated by The Rev. Jim Nixon
- **"Singing in the Lifeboats: Biblical Stories with Happy Endings"** – Facilitated by Ginny Accolla