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Stewardship: Why Pledge?

As we near the finish of our 2012 Stewardship Program and the **Ingathering on Sunday, November 6**, you may be wondering... What is this big deal about pledging? So why should I pledge? Well, let's first define pledge. A pledge is a written financial commitment to the church for the year ahead.

So why? Put simply – without your pledges we have no budget. Your pledge allows our Vestry, the church's governing board, to do for our parish community what you do for your household: develop a budget for the use of the resources you commit in support of the mission and ministry to which God has called us. The Vestry sets a budget

based on the total amount pledged to the church. While regular giving that is not pledged is important to the parish, your pledge lets the Vestry plan more accurately for the ministry we can accomplish. In 2011 your pledges made up 94% of our income.

So why? Pledging is a spiritual discipline representing your relationship with God. Spiritually, because stewardship concerns our relationship with God; it helps us understand that those things we call possessions are really ours in trust; it allows us the chance to let go of some of our earthly possessions and experience the joy that comes from sharing what we have been given and offering it back to God.

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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!

Fall Memorial Service

Sunday, November 6, 5:00 PM



Everyone in the congregation is invited to our semi-annual service in support of those in our parish who have lost friends and loved ones since our spring celebration. Please join us for this moving observance to offer love and comfort to those who grieve. If you have someone to be remembered at this service please send information by Sunday, Oct. 30 to Karen Manno, karen AT stcatherines.org

Reception help needed – A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Finger food donations are needed, please bring them (prepared and ready to serve) to the kitchen prior to the service. Help is also needed for set-up, serve and clean-up.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

Remembering, Rejoicing, Renewing

10:30 am worship service ONLY!
Church School: 9:00 am

Join us for a very special service of Remembering, Rejoicing and Renewing as we celebrate the culmination of our 50th Anniversary year. There will be one service time only this day at 10:30 am. Bishop J. Neil Alexander will join us this day and we will have special music from all our music teams – Adult Choir, Youth Choir, and Jubilate. A joyful reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall.

Please note that Church School will meet at 9:00 – 10:00 am this day, and breakfast will not be served.

Vestry Nominations due November 6

See inside, page 3!



All Saints' remembrances

The celebration of the Feast of All Saints falls on Sunday, Nov. 6 this year. On this date we would like to remember at the altar the saints in your lives. Please share with us both the names of people in your life who you have lost (whether last week or 25 years ago), and also those who grace your life in the here and now. Please write the names on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin or contact the church office by **Sunday, Oct. 30.**



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.

An invitation

By Father Jim

I attended a funeral not too many months ago at another Episcopal Church. It was a beautiful service made all that more beautiful by my delight in my relationship with the family in general and the deceased in particular. It was one of those times when you get lost in the liturgy being transported to that place where it could only be described as being between heaven and earth. I was called out of that place to yet a different place when we arrived at the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

The congregation sang it! And I joined in along with another parishioner who was with me – both of us holding hands as we celebrated the tradition of St. Catherine's as many of us do when worshiping with other communities of faith. The experience of singing the Lord's Prayer, a long standing tradition in the Episcopal Church, took me by surprise. It transformed my words of

prayer into an ever deeper experience of our Lord's command to pray in this way.

Beginning Sunday, October 23 we will introduce this tradition to St. Catherine's at our 11:15 am worship. The music is beautiful and the glory of it is that the prayer is sung by the congregation in a monotone with the organ adding the melody and allowing us to hold hands (no need to watch a hymnal with one note) as we sing which is such a rich tradition of St. Catherine's. It will take some practice as we will need to learn new phrasing (where you pause, take a breath and add emphasis). But not to worry: the choir has been practicing the piece for several weeks and will lead us – as they always do – capably into the joy of this tradition.

I invite you to experience this new tradition and hope you will enjoy it as much as I did when I first heard it.

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Madison Cox, Victoria Moon, James Day, Mary Ann, Sally Shimell, Jan Dennis, Laura Gary, Michael Dillson, Joe Cochran, Crystal Herman, Olivia Martin, Brian Lee, Kent Moss, James Ellis, Sandy Curran, Bill Straub, Anne Whittle, Teresa Witham, David Sherry, Neal Aimar, Paul Beswick, Sylvia Franks, David French, Barbara, Mike Barletta, Beth, Bebe, Roberta Abstein, Trisha Bennett, Jean Windrow, Kimberly Blythe, Anita Gardner, Charlie Zimmerman, Grace Adams, Alycen Whidden, Janet Wheeler, Selecia Culbreath, Stacey Davis, Lynn, Silas, Olivia, Ashleigh Hungerford, Tony Amoruso, Ivan Cote, Barbara Markette, Judy Anderson, Lee FitzSimons, Rusty Phillips, Peter Morich, Annie Lipsitz, Joe Tarentino, Jim Greene, Ed Williams, Pressley Shrader,

Charlie Michaux, Toni, Nick Wolfe, Alex Hill, Wyatt Pitts, Sam Agan, Susan, James Ellis, Anne Parke, Anna Jenkins

Before Surgery

Jim Clarke, 11/1/2011

For the Deceased

Anna Pierotti, Taryn Nienaber's grandmother; Rex Whitehead, Judith Phillips' brother; Randy Bond, Jada Ellis' brother; Jack Kerr, friend of Richard Motter

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(10/23) Dwight & Dianne Blackwood; Paul & Karen Blakey; Kimberly, Stephenie & Justin Blythe; David & Rachel Bottoms, Kelly Beard; Bill & Martha Bowden
(10/30) Frances Bowden; Richard, Tanya, Alysia & Celia Bowers-Dean; David Bowman; Larry, Meg, Andrew & Catherine Boyd; Tim, Therese & Amanda Braman

Birthdays

(10/24) Ginny Acocella, (10/25) Anna McCoy, (10/26) Oak Martin, (10/27) Preston Paris, Devon Durbrow, Alex Shillington, (10/28) Doug Jenkins, (10/29) Susan Bayless, Sally Paris, (10/30) Alan Massey Keely Phillpotts, Marilyn Marcus, (10/31) Tracy Buckalew, Clarke Thomas, Mitch Dumke, Tom Blackstock, David Banko, (11/1) Clay Buckalew, Rachel Childs, Paul Acocella, Bob Jansen, (11/3) Cindy Tuemmler, (11/4) Deana DeLaBarre, Missy Greene, (11/5) Arlyn Cook, Colleen Morich, Christopher Scott

Anniversaries

(10/24) Christina & Joshua McLean, Claire & Rob Harrison; (10/25) Sue & Jason Snape; (10/26) Ron & Laura Dover; (10/28) Terry & Lezlie Degan; (11/6) Steve & Rosemary Wolfe

Ministry Teams Quarterly Meeting

**Tuesday, Nov. 1
7:00 PM**

All leaders and members of St. Catherine's ministry teams and committees, please mark your calendar and be sure to be at this very important meeting in the Parish Hall as we begin the 2012 budget process. Anyone who is interested in the ministry work of our church is welcome.

Parking help

We are recruiting a small crew to assist with parking for the anniversary celebration 10:30 am service on November 13. Please sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Al Jones, 4al AT bellsouth.net, 404-457-3658 to volunteer.

Anniversary Year of Celebration

• Gala at The Pavillion, November 11

Thank you to everyone who has registered for the 50th Anniversary Gala on November 11, we're looking forward to a wonderful evening. Space is full and we have a waiting list. **If you registered but will not be able to come please contact the office as soon as possible.** 770-971-2839, so we may offer your seat to someone on the waiting list. If you were not able to register before the deadline but would like to attend please contact the office.



• Sunday, Nov. 6: Rev. David Wayland

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

The Rev. David F. Wayland grew up in Crozet, Virginia, and currently lives back in his childhood home with Ginny, his wife. He was graduated from the University of Virginia and Virginia Theological Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. He has served churches in Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, and West Virginia, and is semi-retired after 39 years of parish ministry. David and Ginny have four grown children and five grandchildren. While also working part time at a Charlottesville church, David operates a small apple orchard and, with Ginny, a bed & breakfast.

The Waylands were here at St. Catherine's from 1977 to 1988. David writes: "During that time the decision was made to go against Diocesan advice to relocate the church. It was decided to 'bloom where we were planted,' and indeed that happened. The building was expanded twice; the chancel was redesigned, and the congregation grew steadily. A new Allen organ was installed, and the music program flourished. A second clergy staff person, Doris Smith, was called. Mothers' Morning Out became the Preschool, and always had a waiting list. A Boy Scout troop was organized. It wasn't perfection, but it sure was fun."

Vestry Nominations due NOVEMBER 6



Are you interested in serving as a member of the Vestry? Do you know someone you think would be a good Vestry member? The time for vestry elections is approaching. This year we will select persons to serve four 3-year positions and one 2-year position (to fill the recently vacant position).

You can nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission). Nominees must be a member in good standing of the parish. A list of eligible members and nomination forms are available in your bulletin and at church. The slate of candidates will be announced at the start of December. Elections will be held at all services on Sunday, December 11. Absentee ballots if needed will be available from the church office.

Serving on the Vestry is a very rewarding ministry that helps one see how the church can make a difference in people's lives. Contact Senior Warden Susan Jablonski or any Vestry member for questions or nominations.

Reflections writers wanted

A special annual tradition at St. Catherine's is our booklet of reflections on the seasons of Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners. Won't you consider writing for this year's collection? You will be assigned a Scripture passage on which to write a brief (1 or 2 paragraphs) meditation. Reflections will be due by Sunday, November 13.

Names are not attributed to individual writings, so only you (and the editors) will know which one is yours! Still hesitant? You can view last year's booklet to see what other contributions have looked like... go to www.stcatherines.org/reflections/advent.htm.

Please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Karen Manno at Karen AT stcatherines.org. We will be in touch with your assignment.



This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 10/24

Susan's Day Off

4:00PM CGS - Catholic
7:30PM 50th Anniversary
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 10/25

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
3:00PM Blood Drive
6:00PM MUST Laundry Team
6:30PM Jubilate
7:00PM Invitation Ministry

Wednesday, 10/26

5:30AM MUST Breakfast
9:00AM CGS Level 2 Training
9:30AM Bible Study
5:30PM The Journey
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Programs
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 10/27

9:00AM CGS Level 2 Training
6:30PM EFM
7:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM DOK Training

Friday, 10/28

Jim's Day Off

6:30AM Men's Bible Study
9:00AM CGS Level 2 Training
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
6:00PM Elizabeth Inn
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 10/29

Building/Grounds
Workday
9:00AM CGS Level 2 Training
9:00AM Stephen Ministry

Sunday, 10/30

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
8:45AM Blessing of Costumes
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
2:30PM Harpers

Why Pledge?

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So why? Your pledge is your commitment to our vision and the ministries that support it. By making a pledge to St. Catherine's we are affirming our Financial Stewardship in support of the continuation of our ministries and the realization of our mission "to welcome, accept, nurture and serve all people" in Christ's name. Last year 58% of us made a pledge to support the ministry that 100% of us share.

So why? Your pledge helps you establish a firm and manageable household financial plan.

Your pledge allows you to make intentional decisions about your financial giving. When

you plan ahead for your giving, you make conscious choices about spending your money in ways that reflect your faith and values.

So why? Your pledge represents a commitment to "just do it."

The amount of your first pledge is not nearly as important as your decision to make the commitment to God and to Christ's ministry. Getting on the journey of pledging is a decision each one of us has faced or will face as part of our spirituality and membership in a faith community. For those who have made the decision we hear often of the profound sense of joy and abundance in taking the step.

BrickWalk update

*By Bill Ivey***Tornadoes, Hurricanes and Floods, Oh My!**

The installation of our 50th Anniversary BrickWalk has been delayed due to forces beyond our control. After Hurricane Irene moved into the northeast, brick manufacturers' supplies were depleted as people began rebuilding homes damaged by the storm and ensuing floods. Additionally, our brick engraver in Ballground, Georgia suffered damage at his business as the remnants of Hurricane Lee moved through the state spawning tornadoes. Undeterred, our BrickWalk committee is moving forward with plans to install the bricks as soon we get them from the manufacturers. We most likely won't have them for the 50th anniversary celebration. When the time does come, we'll need help pulling up the old asphalt and laying the bricks. If you would like to help, please contact Al Jones at 4al AT bellsouth.net.

Wednesday Night Live

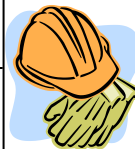
WNL continues each week with dinner and programs for all ages. We take a break for Thanksgiving on Nov. 23, then resume in Advent. Please make your dinner reservation on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin, or by calling the office at 770-971-283 by 5:00 pm on Tuesday before each date you'll dine with us.

Operation Christmas Child

Ingathering Nov. 6-13

Start filling your shoeboxes! Young Families Ministry is sponsoring this annual event and invites everyone fill a box with gifts that will bring delight to a needy child somewhere in the world. Bring your boxes to the collection point in the foyer Nov. 6 to 13. Instructions are available for pickup, or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org.

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. At press time the latest news is that foundations have been poured and a team will install the floor system on October 21. A website has been started for the project, see it at 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@hotmail.com.

Christmas Market coming December 10

By Tracey Pitts

Bigger and better than ever, our annual event benefiting our Youth is happening on Saturday, December 10 from 9 am to 1pm in the Parish Hall and adjacent areas. For a \$5 ticket (\$2 for those under the age of 12), you get a hot breakfast served between 9am to 12 noon. After eating, the kids can join one of our St. Cat's Elves for some Secret Santa shopping (for children ages 3 to 12, please). Meanwhile, adults can browse through over 25 vendors displays featuring pottery, crafts, jewelry, inspirational gifts and cards, organic artisan body products... here is our most recent list to whet your appetite:

Snape's Ridiculorum - Nonsensical cards, prints & drawings; Mel Paris Handmade Pottery; Miche Handbags - Barbara Barrington; Silpada Designs Jewelry - Lisa Cook; Busy Fingers Crafts by Sue Jones; Snape Stained Glass by Jim Snape; More Rich Relationships - Dr. Colleen Morich-children's books; Scentsy Candles - Ilene

Talley; Vicki Chase Studios -Handmade Aprons & Baskets; CK Designs-Unique Handmade Jewelry; Lemon Balm & Honeybees Painting; The Busey Family Handmade Crafts; Stories by Suz - Digital Scrapbooks, Gifts & Cards; Monogrammed Marketplace ; Culinary Classics Cookbooks - Benefiting the Center for Children & Young Adults ; The Permission List - Inspirational Gifts & Cards; Treasures from the Sea - Jewelry made from less than perfect shells; Purple Zebra Gifts - Eco Mugs, Eco Cups, Earbuds & Trendy Hairbands; Peace of Mine - Organic Artisan Soaps, Lotions & Butters; More Rich Relationships Co. books - children's book "Nonna Please!" illustrated by Owen Snape and an educational book, "Reviving Classrooms with CPR - Creating Production Relationships"

Artists, Crafters, Vendors wanted

Space is limited! We are currently accepting applications for vendors, \$50 per 8 ft. table. If you or any other artist/crafter/vendor you know would like to apply please pick up a form from the church office or preschool office, or contact Lee Ann Sherry, 770-815-5299.



This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 10/31 **Susan's Day Off**

4:00PM CGS - Catholic
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 11/1

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Jubilate
7:00PM Quarterly Ministry
8:30PM PA & F

Wednesday, 11/2

9:30AM Bible Study
10:00AM Preschool
12:00PM CN & D Team
5:30PM The Journey
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Programs
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 11/3

8:30AM Stewardship
6:30PM EFM
6:30PM Great Oak Fund
7:00PM Men's Bible Study
7:00PM DOK Training

Friday, 11/4 **Jim's Day Off**

4th-6th Diocesan Council @ Rome, GA
4th-6th Youth Retreat @ Monteagle, TN
6:30AM Men's Bible Study
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
12:00PM Preschool Hoe-Down
3:00PM Girl Scouts
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 11/5

9:00AM CGS Level 11 Course

Sunday, 11/6

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
5:00PM Fall Memorial Service
5:00PM Stephen Ministry

Hold This Date

- November 27 — First Sunday of Advent: Advent wreath making for all ages, 10-11 am!

Shepherds and Porch Visitors



Are you available for a few minutes after the service? Why not be a Shepherd and greet our newcomers at the Welcome table? Or if you have time on Sunday afternoon or Monday, we need volunteers to take a loaf of bread to our newcomers. If interested in finding out more, check the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Maureen Donoghue, georgiaddonoghues AT comcast.net.

50th Anniversary Ministry Focus for October: Invitation Ministry Team

In October as part of our 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration we celebrate the life and work of our Invitation Ministry Team, which includes committees for Bread Makers, Getting to Know You, Greeters, Shepherds, Porch Visitors and Newcomer Coffees. Their special event was great fun at the Trivia & Dessert Night on Oct. 8. To find out more please contact convener Maureen Donoghue.

Men's Book Study starts new book

The Men's Book Study will start a new book at their November meeting: "Radical: Taking back your faith from the American Dream" by Davis Platt is currently a New York Times Bestseller. In "Radical," David Platt challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated the gospel to fit our cultural preferences. He shows what Jesus actually said about being his disciple—then invites you to believe and obey what you have heard And he tells the dramatic story of what is happening as a "successful" suburban church decides to get serious about the gospel according to Jesus.

The study meets on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm for dinner and fellowship followed by our time of study. Our next meeting is scheduled on November 14 at Keith Dumke's home. All men are invited, if you are interested in joining the group contact Tom Hunter at thunter41 AT bellsouth.net.

Elizabeth Inn

For more than 25 years!

St. Catherine's serves dinner at the Elizabeth Inn homeless shelter on Cobb Parkway in Marietta on the 28th of every month, and provides laundry assistance on the fourth Tuesday and fifth Wednesday. Dates to serve in November will be Tuesday, Nov. 22 AND Wednesday, Nov. 30 for Laundry Team, and Monday, Nov. 28 for Dinner Team. To volunteer for dinner team, please contact Tracy Buckalew, tracykl AT pcpeoplepc.com, or Connie Bergeron, connieb AT mindspring.com, 404-819-0891. To volunteer for laundry team contact Fred Massey, 404.731.4466 or f_massey2 AT hotmail.com.



Preschool Silent Auction

It is time for the Preschool Annual Silent Auction! The preschool silent auction raises funds to enhance our facility and update our curriculum. We will kick off the event on Monday, November 14 during preschool hours and will conclude at noon on Friday, November 18. Your support of donating goods or services and bidding on items is greatly appreciated! Last year church members helped make our auction a huge success. We will have the auction open every day during preschool hours!



Auction items

needed! Please contact Karolyn Olliffe at olliffekarolynw AT hotmail.com to donate an auction item. We can also be reached at the church at 770-971-2839. Thanks for your support.

Bishop Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is continuing its meetings around the Diocese as part of its discernment process. The Diocese Profile and Application are now posted on the Committee's website, www.atlbishopsearch.org. Please talk with those who may be called to be the Tenth Bishop of Atlanta and direct them to the website to review the application process. Completed applications are due by October 30. Thank you for your participation in this important process.

— The Nominating Committee

Prayer of the Diocese of Atlanta: *O God, you lead your Church into all truth: Give the guiding presence of your Holy Spirit to those who have dedicated themselves to your service in our search for the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta. May our prayers and discernment be in accord with the mission you have given us to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. May our next bishop be a person of prayer who is present to us as pastor and teacher while prophetically calling us to the ministry of justice, peace, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We come bearing Gifts



We will introduce a new tradition to St. Catherine's on Sunday, November 13 at our Anniversary Celebration. It is the ministry of gift bearers. The gift bearers will present the wine and bread to the priest for consecration. The ushers will continue to present the monetary offering. The honor of being a gift bearer requires no special skill or permanent ministerial duty, yet, is a beautiful and significant part of the Eucharist performed by lay people.

Our ushers each Sunday at the 8:45 and 11:15 am worship service will ask parishioners if they would "present the gifts today." The gift bearers will gather at the rear of the Sanctuary during the offertory. When the ushers have gathered the offering they will join together in bringing the offering, the bread and the wine to the altar. After leaving the altar, the gift bearers will return to their seats for the Eucharist.

Gift bearers – while we need two – need not be scheduled or, for that matter, trained. They need not be from the same household but might be friends together. Gift bearers need not be just two people if a mom and dad and children want to come to the altar as a family.

When, on November 20 (gift bearers will be assigned on the 13th) the ushers approach you to be a gift bearer we encourage you to joyfully respond yes. Whether you are an usher who is designated to ask parishioners to present the gifts or you are a parishioner who is asked to do this honor perhaps a pause and reflection before speaking might be:

If the three wise men had said "no" and decided not to follow that star, would we be telling the wondrous story about the gifts of; gold, frankincense and myrrh presented to the Lamb of God?

We are all "one body" whether we are involved in some type of full time parish activity or ministry or maybe none at all. However, there is one time during the Eucharist that an individual, when asked, can actively take part in a beautiful and special moment of honoring our Lord and that is to become like one of the three magi by bearing gifts.

Blessing of the Costumes

**Sunday,
October 30**



Children are invited to wear their costumes to the regular 8:45 am Family Eucharist service on Sunday, October 30 for the Blessing of Costumes, with prayers for a safe and fun holiday. Why bless costumes? Because we want our children to know that we care about what they do and that we support them and want them at all times to be safe. Costume or not, our blessings overflow and so all children will be welcome at the front of the church. We will also have some special treats following our worship as we make our ways to our church school classes and atriums.

Events for Young Families

- **Saturday, December 3** – 7:30pm – Adults only event! Join us at the McGhee's for a beer version of our annual wine tasting event. Watch for announcements coming soon. For information about this group contact Molly Banko mdbanko AT comcast.net or Suzanne McGhee willandsuz AT comcast.net.

Youth

Time to order Christmas trees?



Here's a "scary" thought: October 30 is the start date for ordering Christmas trees, wreaths and garland. But don't be afraid – our trees are fresh cut by our supplier in North Carolina and rushed to you for pick up on the first weekend of December. We get comments every year on how nice and fresh the trees are. All orders will be due by Sunday, November 20. Proceeds benefit our Youth program and we thank you.

Walk The Road

By Mike Peterson

On the beautiful Sunday afternoon of September 25 the St. Catherine's youth enjoyed the pleasure of returning to take part in Emmaus House's 6th annual Walk the Road event. This event, sponsored each year by Emmaus House, provides local churches, groups, or interested individuals the opportunity to learn about the many ministries of Emmaus House and the community of Peoplestown that they serve as

well as to help stock their food pantry, make sandwiches that are handed out throughout the year, play some fun and educational games that illustrate the difficulty of poverty and the unpredictability of life, and enjoy delicious cook out food.

This year we took 14 people from St. Catherine's, roughly the same size as last year's group. Unlike the previous Walk the Road Sunday when it rained mightily on us all afternoon, the weather was beautiful, which enabled us to do some gardening and yard work help we had been unable to do before. As the name of the event implies, we also walked the neighborhood and had the pleasure of viewing some of the tremendous strides Peoplestown has made in the last year, especially in the form of a very large and very impressive community park that sits on what was once a hazardous (and, as it turned out, highly flammable) landfill. It was educational and inspiring to us all to see a committed group of people take such pride in their community and dedicate so much of themselves to it. It is also always a pleasure to be reminded of the myriad ministries that Emmaus House runs and the role it plays in this community.

If you would like to learn more about Emmaus House, please visit their website at www.emmaushouse.org.

Letters



Dear St. Catherine's Family,

Thank you so much for the altar flowers – they're lovely – and also for all the well-wishes as I retire. I'm so blessed to be part of such a loving and supportive community.

Thank you!
Joan Nixon

CLE Youth Group – Entertainment by Faith Lutheran schoolchildren. Sponsored by Faith Ladies Guild/Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. For information visit <http://faithcraftshoppe.tripod.com> or call 770-973-8877.

- **Visit Epiphany's Nativities**

For the fourteenth holiday season, The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany presents an exhibit of over 250 nativity scenes from around the world on Saturday, November 26 and Sunday, November 27 and from Wednesday November 30 through Sunday, December 4. Many of the nativities are accompanied by scriptural quotes and hymn texts. Admission: \$5.00 for adults; \$4.00 for Seniors & Students, Children under 12 free. For a brochure or more information call 404.373.8338 or visit www.epiphany.org.

In the community

- **Faith's Craft Shoppe**

Saturday, November 12, 9-5 at Faith Lutheran Church and School, 2111 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta, GA 30068. Unique, affordable hand-crafted items – Over 25 vendors – Bake Sale – Food Court by CIR-



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Mark Your Calendars

- 10/26, 11/2, 9 – WNL
- 10/25 – Blood Drive;
Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 10/28 – Elizabeth Inn dinner
- 10/29 – Stephen Ministry
- 10/30 – Blessing of Costumes
- 11/1 – Quarterly Ministry Teams
- 11/4-6–Diocesan Council, Rome
Youth Retreat, Monteagle
- 11/6 – DST ends; All Saints
Sunday; Memorial Service
- 11/11 – Anniversary Gala
- 11/13 – Anniversary worship
10:30 am ONLY;
Stewardship Ingathering;
OCC Ingathering

The Wheel

Next Publications:
Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2
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Daylight Savings Time ends

November 6 (All Saints Sunday)

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



Blood Drive Oct. 25

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

Give the gift of life at our next Red Cross blood drive! Reservations are helpful to get you in and out in the shortest time, but not needed – all donors welcome the day of the event. 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@gmail.com) or 404.375.8327. **NEXT BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, Dec. 27!**

Thanksgiving Eucharist & Dessert Reception



Tuesday, November 22 7:30 PM

Mark your calendar and plan to bring your family and your friends as we gather together to give thanks! Please join us Tuesday evening, November 22 at 7:30 PM. Please bring your favorite pie or other dessert to share.

Gobble Jog 2011

Time to start planning for the Gobble Job on Thanksgiving Day morning, the annual MUST Ministries benefit featuring a 10K run/walk, 5K, a 1K, and Tot Trot. It starts and ends at the Marietta Square. Join many other St. Cat's members and the community for a fun time and great fundraiser for MUST. You will still have plenty of the TV parade to watch and have more room for all that yummy Thanksgiving feast. **Can't run?** Support the event as a "phantom runner" and get your well-deserved race shirt by mail! Find out all about it at www.GobbleJog.org or 678-218-4521.

STEWARDSHIP 2012 – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Christian Stewardship?

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

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

Why does the church ask for money?

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

Why should I pledge to St. Catherine's?

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

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

What is a pledge and why is it important?

A pledge is a spiritual decision and a spiritual discipline. It is a joyful thanksgiving for God's grace in our lives and our way of doing God's work at home and in the world. Pledge income is essential to the ministries of St. Catherine's - staff, worship and education, and the operation and maintenance of our buildings and grounds. In 2011, pledges account for more than 94% of our operating budget.

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

Does the Vestry have priorities for budgeting the increase in giving for 2012?

An increase in giving in 2012 will be directed towards achieving the first steps of our planning work known as Holy Conversations. The work, while still in preliminary form, is focused on six goals in two broad areas: Missional and Foundational. An increase in giving in 2012 will enable your Vestry to move deliberately toward the initial phases of achieving these goals.

Is my pledge confidential?

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

How much should I pledge?

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

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

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

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

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

A pledge pyramid has also been constructed below for 2011. For some, this pyramid is a helpful starting point of comparison with others who have pledged to St. Catherine's.

Pledge Range	Number of Pledges	% Total Number of Pledges	% of Total Income
12,000-\$24,000	3	<1%	7%
\$6,000-\$11,999	27	12%	37%
\$3,000-\$5,999	33	19%	24%
\$2,100-\$2,999	27	12%	11%
\$1,200-\$2,099	42	19%	11%
\$600-\$1,199	33	15%	6%
\$240-\$599	31	13%	3%
<\$239	22	9%	<1%
Total Pledges:	218		
Total Amount	\$645,276		

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

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

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

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

How can I fulfill my pledge?

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

Where can I get information on budgeting issues?

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