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St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

Nov. 21 - Dec. 4, 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!



We Give Thanks

We gather together
for our Thanksgiving
Holy Eucharist and
Dessert Reception on

Tuesday evening, November 22, at 7:30 PM, to ask the Lord's blessings and offer our thanks for the abundance we share.

Immediately following, join us in our Parish Hall to share dessert and beverages. **Please bring your favorite pie** or other dessert to share. Also, please take the remainder of your pie home with you. A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

Stewardship Ingathering continues

Thank you to everyone who has returned their pledge. **Every pledge is VERY important to our mission and ministry in 2012!**

Current level (as of 11/17/11):
165 pledges - \$542,288



Remember, your Vestry will set the budget based strictly on pledges received now.

If you have not yet done so please consider making a pledge this year, even if you have not in the past. Please return pledges at worship or send to the church office. Forms are available at church.

See the Reflection on Pledging, page 4!

Advent Quiet Evening

Friday, December 2, 7-9 PM

The darkness is not something we often think of as positive but real life happens in the dark... seeds germinating in the soil lie buried in the darkness for a season before rising in the growth of spring... new life grows in the darkness of the womb before being ushered into the world. The prophet Isaiah proclaims: "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light." Our souls wait in the lengthening nights as we prepare our hearts for the Light of Christ to be kindled anew within us.

Come to the adult Parish Quiet Evening on Dec. 2. The theme of the evening is "Waiting in The Darkness." There will be meditations (some from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, modified for adults) followed by time for reflection with calligraphy, icons, walking the labyrinth, body prayer, and a Taize service. Light refreshments will be served. Childcare available by advance arrangement only - please contact the office by Nov. 30.

More for Advent, see pages 2 & 3!...

CHRISTMAS TREES & GREENS

Pick up times:

Sat., Dec. 3 (10am-2pm)
and Sun. Dec. 4 (1-2 pm)




First Sunday in Advent:

November 27

Advent wreath making for all ages!

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Thanksgiving Week Schedule

- No Wednesday Night Live on November 23. 
- The church office will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 23-25. Have a safe and blessed holiday!

Did You Know?

Did you know you can pay your pledge to St. Catherine's by simply setting us up as a company in your online bill pay system? For many of us this helps us manage our household cash flow while at the same time maintaining our pledge as current. Many folks at St. Cat's do this and you can, too.

HOLY BAPTISM

Next date: January 8

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

Waiting and Preparing

By Amma Susan

Advent is the season that begins the new year in the church calendar. For four weeks, November 27 through Christmas Eve, the dominant themes of this season are waiting and preparing; waiting and preparing for the second coming of Christ as judge in great majesty and glory even as we look forward to celebrating the first coming of Christ as our savior as a lowly infant at Christmas.

I don't know about you, but preparing is a lot easier for me than waiting. Just as we prepare our homes for the coming of a guest, giving it a good deep cleaning and an extra shine on the furniture, so too our hearts need to be prepared to be places where such a mighty guest may come and make His home. That takes some spiritual housecleaning and that's where the waiting comes in. In this day and time, waiting isn't something for which we are conditioned. We are accustomed to having what we want instantly: we prefer e-mail to snail-mail, microwave ovens make dinner appear almost instantaneously, newspapers struggle to survive as television and the web

allow us to see news as it is happening. We are not conditioned for waiting but getting our hearts ready for Christ's coming takes some very intentional waiting time. It means stepping back from the frenzied pace of the culture around us that has had Christmas decorations and muzak proclaiming that Christmas is upon us since before Halloween. It means allowing ourselves to remain in the open posture of waiting. Waiting gives our hearts the time they need to become receptive homes prepared for the Coming One.

I lift up to you four offerings to help with your waiting and preparing. On Nov. 27th during the church school hour, you will have the opportunity to **make an Advent wreath**. During Advent, the lighting of each candle, along with the reading of Holy Scripture and prayer help us to wait and prepare.

On December 2nd, from 7-9 PM, come to the **Parish Quiet Evening**. The theme of the evening is Waiting in The Darkness. There will be a meditation followed by time for reflection, body prayer, walking the labyrinth, and a Taize service. Childcare will be

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Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Madison Cox, Victoria Moon, James Day, Mary Ann, Jan Dennis, Laura Gary, Joe Cochran, Crystal Herman, Olivia Martin, Brian Lee, Kent Moss, James Ellis, Sandy Curran, Bill Straub, Anne Whittle, Teresa Witham, Neal Aimar, Paul Beswick, Sylvia Franks, David French, Barbara, Mike Barletta, Beth, Bebe, Roberta Abstein, Trisha & Bobby Bennett & their family, Jean Windrow, Kimberly Blythe, Anita Gardner, Alycen Whidden, Janet Wheeler, Selecia Culbreath, Stacey Davis, Lynn, Silas, Olivia, Barbara Markette, Judy Anderson, Rusty Phillips, Annie Lipsitz, Joe Tarentino, Pressley Shrader, Charlie Michaux, Toni, Alex Hill, Sam Agan, Susan, James Ellis, Anne Parke, Anna Jenkins, Jim Clarke, Beverly Fambrough, Bob Chadwick, Debbie Shelton, Ginny, Anne, Kevin, Jamie, Tommy, Ron & his family, Sharon Foster, Colleen Morich, Ashlee Wilson, Janet

Wheeler, Jim Greene, Fleming Rowell, Carmen Hawtin, Ann McBrayer, Joanne Pinkney, Ginny Lummus, Eva & Keith Estes, Judy Smith, Lydia Kedzierski, Winnie Sweetman, Katherine Sjoblom, Charla Colburn & parents Carl & Isabel Hill

Before Surgery

Jana Williams, 12/27/2011

For the Deceased

Jamey McIntire, friend of Bette Hamilton; Marshall Jones Bebe "Skip" friend of Bill Selby; Jeremy Sean Buchanan, Trisha Bennett's husband cousin

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(11/20) John, Fran, Patrick & Addison Brooks; Lani & Bailey Brooks, Malcolm & Morgan Haymes; Jennifer, Caitlyn, Connor & Lili Buckalew; Rick, Tracy, Kate & Clay Buckalew; Tom & Kathryn Burgher; **(11/27)** George & Marilyn Cain; Jana Caldwell & John Behunin; Cyrille, Courtney, Amelie &

Lucas Cardona; Doug, Katie, Nicholas, Elizabeth & Timothy Carswell; Joyce Carter

Birthdays

(11/21) Linda Carter, (11/22) David Carter, Barbara Cordery, Marcia Markette, Lauren Travis, (11/23) Claire Harrison, Jada Ellis, (11/24) Pam Phillips, Clark Remter, (11/25) Kimberly Blythe, (11/26) Evan Austin, Mike Reeves, (11/27) Barbara Barrington, (11/29) Alex Morris, Emily Schuring, Sam Schuring, Gracie Dover, (12/2) Gina Baumann, Paddy Phillpotts, Bill Lee, (12/3) Shelly Taylor, Eric Hollis, (12/4) Katie Carswell, Taryn Nienaber

Anniversaries

(11/21) Eric & Adam Handell; (11/27) Carla von Hoffmann & Rod Deutscher; (12/1) Jim & Donna Stephens; (12/2) Phil & Lisa Spessard; (12/4) Scott & Ginny Lummus

Diocesan Confirmation

You are invited to join us in support of our St. Catherine's parishioners who will be confirmed at the Diocesan Confirmation service, 4 pm on Sunday, December 11, at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Our candidates will make their adult affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of the lifelong relationship journey with our Lord.

Seasonal Donations



Each year we invite all to donate money for decorating our church for Christmas and for special music at Christmas Eve services. We remind you to insert your donation in the brown envelopes in your pews: remember to write in or on the envelope your name and who you would like your gift to be remembered in thanksgiving or memory of, by Sunday, Dec. 11 to be listed in our Christmas bulletins.

Waiting and Preparing

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offered (by advance reservation).

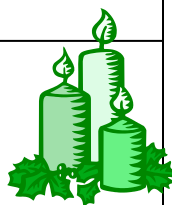
Tuesday mornings in Advent, beginning at 7 AM, will be Holy Eucharist and Study: **Rejoice! Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns.** The words and music of our hymns speak to the depths of our spirit and experience and will help us focus ourselves spiritually for the mystery of God's incarnation.

Wednesday Night Live adult program during Advent will offer this study: **Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited**, through the eyes of Isaiah, John the Baptist, and Mary the mother of Jesus.

God be with you as you wait and prepare. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

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► Advent Wreath Making Sunday, November 27



Join us in the Parish Hall on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent, during the church school hour to make an Advent Wreath for your home. This is always a special time for families and friends to gather. We offer this time as a community event and so we encourage everyone – children, youth, and adults to join us. We can always use people who are willing to "tutor" one of our younger members in the making of the wreath or simply to be present to experience the joy of the first wreath or most creative one.

We need help on Saturday, Nov. 26 for room set up, and on Sunday for prep and for clean up. Please sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin, or contact Mary Catherine Schmitt, marycschmittAThotmail.com or 678.777.6566

► Advent Morning Eucharist & Study

We gather each Tuesday in Advent (Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20) for Eucharist at 7:00 am and a brief study following at 7:30 am., concluding promptly by 8:00 am. This offering is designed for the busy life where a one hour break makes a big difference. You are welcome to come for one or both offerings. Our study will be "Rejoice! Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns." Focusing on the ways in which words and music can speak to the core of our experiences, we will spend time

in reflection, conversation, and simple enjoyment of these beloved hymns of Christmas. The materials will be available in the foyer beginning November 27.

► Advent Resources

Look for our resource table in the foyer through Advent with materials for all ages. In particular, pick up our annual booklet of reflections on the seasons of Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners. And be sure to check for your "Reflection of the Day" on our website throughout the season.

► Christmas Pageant – Sun., Dec. 18

Children and youth are especially invited to participate! The Christmas Pageant will be Sunday, Dec. 18 at the 8:45 service. "Jesus Born into the World Today" has these opportunities for participation: Costumed Non-Speaking Roles – Angels (4), Shepherds (3), Sheep (2), Mary (1), Joseph (1), Innkeeper (3), Wise Men (3). Please sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin, or contact Stephanie Yucius, stephyuciusAThotmail.com if your child would like one of the above roles. There are also an unlimited number of Non-Costumed Non-Speaking Roles – Seated Listener to the story, Practice will be **Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10 am** in the Sanctuary.

Pageant Contributor: This year we are demonstrating Jesus born into the world today with not only the reenactment of the Nativity story but the gifting to others. We are donating to MUST Ministries: Canned Meats (tuna, salmon, etc.), Jelly, Breakfast Foods (cereal, pancake mix, powdered milk, grits, oatmeal), Boxed Meals, Canned Meals (spaghetti-oes, ravioli, etc.), Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauces, Disposable razors, Deodorants, Canned Fruits; and to Emmaus House: laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, bath soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, hand lotion, towels, paper, pens, pencils, notebooks. Bags will be available during Advent for you to make your donations.

► Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, Dec. 18, 5 PM

We will gather on to decorate the church for Christmas. When the work is complete, we will gather in the parish hall for a light supper. Dinner will be followed with the singing of Christmas carols in the church. Please bring some cookies to share after caroling.

Bricks Are Coming



By Al Jones

We're getting closer to our new brick walk. Our bricks are being delivered to the engraver on November 22. He will be ready to deliver them to us the following week.

So, we plan to remove the asphalt from beneath the Great Oak **the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 25**, starting about 9:30 am. There will be a dumpster to hold the paving we remove, and there will be enough sand to spread about 2 inches over the previously paved area to protect the roots and provide a place to lay the bricks. The following **Saturday, Dec. 3**, starting about 8:00 am we will smooth the sand and install the bricks. If you would like to participate please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Al Jones, 4ALAT@bellsouth.net. Your help will be appreciated, and you'll get a nourishing lunch.

Ministry Focus: PL&F

Under the "Parish Life & Fellowship Ministry Team" umbrella are many events which nourish our community throughout the year. In the month of November, we will host Thanksgiving Eucharist & Pie on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm. December's activities include the Hanging of the Greens (with soup dinner) on Sunday, December 18 at 5:00; and receptions following the 5:00 and 10:30 Christmas Eve Services.

A **Ladies' Night Out** is scheduled for January 21 followed by a **Men's Poker Night** on January 28. Of course, Breakfast Angels faithfully serve breakfast on Sunday mornings, Coffee Hour/Lemonade Brigade provide refreshments every week, Foyers Groups meet monthly in parishioners' homes, Cats On Wheels schedules outings throughout the year; bi-annual Memorial Services are held to remember and celebrate our loved ones; receptions are prepared following funeral services; and Young Families meet for fellowship during the year. As you can see from the many events, we are always looking for helpers... We love to serve and we'd love to have you serve with us.

Eleanore Pearson and Pat Pepper
Co-Conveners of Parish Life & Fellowship
Ministry Team

CHURCH BUDGET NOTICE

As of the end of October, we have collected only 97% of our budgeted pledges to date. If this trend holds through December, we will end the year with a revenue shortfall of approximately \$24,000. We do not want to cut back on any of the wonderful ministries our parish has to offer, so we urge everyone to honor and/or increase their weekly contributions over these next two months. If you have any questions about the church finances, please contact Tom Hunter, finance committee chairman, or Tom Blackstock, parish treasurer.



Beer Tasting evening

Saturday, Dec. 3... RSVP by Nov. 30

In the spirit of the annual wine tasting, we invite all adults to the first Beer Tasting event at the home of Suzanne and Will McGhee (1680 Holcomb Lake Rd, Marietta 30062). Festivities begin at 7 pm on Saturday, December 3. Please join us for an "Intro to Good Beer" tasting led by Adam Schurknight of Savannah Distributing Company. Please bring an appetizer to share. The cost is \$10 per person and we ask that you RSVP by Wed., Nov. 30 so we have enough tastings to go around. This event is sponsored for everyone by Young Families Ministry. Sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or email mdbanko@comcast.net or willandsuz@comcast.net.

Vestry Elections



NEW DATE: Sunday, December 18

Each year at this time we elect new Vestry members. This year we will elect four new members to three-year terms and one member to fill the recently vacated two-year term. The slate of candidates will be published in the next *Wheel* newsletter and in Sunday bulletins December 4.

The election will be held at all services on Sunday, December 18. If you cannot be present this day, you may vote by absentee ballot - contact Rose Wolfe in the office, 770-971-2839, for a form which must be returned by 5 pm on Friday, December 16.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 11/21

Susan's Day Off

21st-25th **Preschool closed**
4:00PM CGS Catholic
7:00PM Kneeler Group
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 11/22

12:30PM Staff Luncheon
6:00PM MUST Laundry Team
6:30PM Jubilate
7:30PM Eucharist & Pie

Wednesday, 11/23

23rd-25th Church Office Closed

Thursday, 11/24

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, 11/25

Jim's Day Off

6:30AM Men's Bible Study
9:30AM BrickWalk workday
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 11/26

Sunday, 11/27

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Advent Wreath making
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist



Christmas Market coming December 10

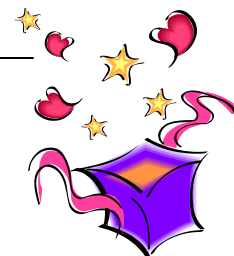


- Holiday shopping with a wide selection of artisans, crafters and vendors
- Secret Santa Shop for children ages 3-10
- Delicious hot breakfast

Enjoy a relaxing breakfast and a huge variety of shopping among our featured vendors while your little ones do all of their Christmas shopping. Adults can browse through over 25 vendor displays featuring pottery, crafts, jewelry, inspirational gifts and cards, organic artisan body products plus much

more! Meanwhile, our youth will lead children through the "Secret Santa Shop" full of (inexpensive) goodies for all the special people on their shopping list. After shopping, they'll be assisted in wrapping their gifts. Breakfast reservations are now being accepted, \$5 adults/\$2 children. Please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or look on our website. All proceeds benefit St. Cat's Youth Program. For more information, please contact Lee Ann Sherry at 770-815-5299.

Note: Artisans & vendors – Thank you all, we have now confirmed all vendors for this event and are no longer accepting applications.



Outreach opportunities this holiday season

By Nancy Denton

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be back in the foyer beginning November 20, and we're gathering gifts for the 700+ children who come to Emmaus House for festivities on Christmas Eve morning.

We ask that you shop for boys and girls ages 9 to 16 years. Some suggested gifts include: portable CD players with batteries, back packs, sleeping bags, books, videos, socks, gloves, sports equipment, watches, CDs, sunglasses, playing cards, cologne, and manicure sets. A more complete list of suggestions and instructions can be found at the outreach table in the foyer. We ask that you attach the tree ornament securely to your gift before delivering it to the church by December 16.

Secret Santa items: We are also collecting items for adults: scarves, slippers, hankies, socks, soap, shampoo, cologne, shaving cream and razors, gloves, billfolds, decorative items, costume jewelry, watches for the Emmaus House Secret Santa Shop to be held on Sunday, December 18. After the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service, children visit the Secret Santa Shop to buy gifts for their parents and grandparents. All items are priced at 10 cents. Please deliver these donations for Secret Santa to the Giving Tree by December 11.

More Needs:

Gift cards from Kroger and Publix. These can be placed in envelopes marked "outreach" and put in the basket on the outreach table in the foyer.

Winter wear – Large adult winter outerwear such as jackets, hats, scarves and gloves. These items may be placed in the box provided, in the narthex.

If you have any questions about these Outreach opportunities, please contact Nancy Denton, ndenton3A@aol.com or 770-428-6058.

Children's Christmas Festival at Emmaus House

For the past few years, several of us have gone to Emmaus House on Christmas Eve morning to be "elves", helping to distribute presents to 700+ smiling faces, and escort the guests to the various events. It's a wonderful activity, guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit, and we would love for you to join us! If you're interested in this opportunity, please on the Opportunities For Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Gina Bauman, tabby257A@aol.com, 770-977-4971.

Thank you for your support of St. Catherine's outreach ministries!

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 11/28 **Susan's Day Off**
4:00PM CGS- Catholic
6:00PM Elizabeth Inn
7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713

Tuesday, 11/29
7:00AM Advent Eucharist & Study
10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Jubilate
6:30PM Polar Express

Wednesday, 11/30
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, 12/1
6:30PM HR Committee
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 12/2 **Jim's Day Off**
2nd-4th **Jr. DYC @ Camp Mikell**
6:30AM Men's Bible Study
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
10:00AM Folders
3:00PM Girl Scouts
7:00PM Advent Quiet Time
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/3
8:00AM BrickWalk workday
10:00AM Christmas tree pickup
7:00PM Beer Tasting @ McGhee's

Sunday, 12/4
7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
1:00PM Christmas tree pickup
5:00PM Stephen Ministry

Blood Drive

Next date:
Tuesday, Dec. 27



Save the date!
The holidays and winter months are a difficult time for blood collection. The Red Cross will have a gift for all who participate in our drive on December 27, a FREE Soup Mug & special TV Chef Cat Cora Recipe Card. As promised, we will have **NUTTER BUTTERS!!**

Diocese of Atlanta Bishop Search

The application period has closed and the candidates and the Nominating Committee have begun a time of mutual discernment. During the next several weeks, we ask that you continue to hold the candidates and the committee daily in your prayers. A Prayer for Our Candidates for the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta and Our Nominating Committee: *O God, we lift up each candidate for 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta as well as each member of the Nominating Committee for your blessing. Open all hearts and minds to the guidance of your Holy Spirit.*

On Pledging

By Marcia Markette

Nearly ten years ago, life was in a nice flow. Good job, comfortable life, secure future. Pledging was a part of it, the right thing to do. I know now that I pledged an amount I knew I could honor, but not a reach. Then, my life changed—radically. For the first time ever, no part of it was comfortable. I still pledged for a few more years, then gradually reduced the amount, then just kind of drifted away from the commitment.

Last year I made a conscious decision not to pledge at all. Realistically, why would I

pledge? I was unemployed, each day a struggle. Since I had nothing to offer or contribute that would make any difference, I decided to just leave it. Then, my epiphany. *It's not about the amount.* That part doesn't matter. It's about just doing it. It doesn't matter if it's \$2.00. The only part that matters is my personal commitment.

End of story: I pledged an incredibly small amount of money. I trusted that even that small amount would be there. To date, I've kept my pledge and guess what? I'm ahead of my committed teensy amount. I have one area in my life I absolutely know I can do. It's not about how much. It's the freedom and strength that came to me when I chose.

Diocesan Council

By Tom Hunter

Annual Council of the Diocese of Atlanta made it clear that our diocese is alive and well. Three themes dominated this year's council, 1) our people's passion for the mission of this church, reaching out in shared ministry through the Church of the Common Ground, our companion dioceses and in Tanzania; 2) the passion for social justice—the resolutions concerning the impact of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Enforcement act of 2011, a halt to the death penalty and the resolution opposing human trafficking; and 3) our call to love our neighbor in the constitutional change to allow campus ministry student representation at council and in the resolutions passed on suicide prevention, parental leave for the birth or adoption of a child, and the Nets for Life ministry.

Sitting on a cold metal chair, shuffling papers, listening to reports on diocesan finances, audit practices, and budget reports can make one wonder why we volunteer to go. Reminiscent of past councils, this year's had talk of indulgences, fools, and Pelagius. Pelagius did not get a reprieve from his status as a heretic of the 400's. Strangely there was more heated discussion about him than there was about opposing the death penalty or Georgia's immigration law.

There was even an "altar call" to provide funding for the Church of the Common Ground. Many of us found it disturbing as delegates lined up to make pledges for their congregations. We felt we did not have that authority and we agreed with the Chair of the Diocesan Budget Committee that

"heroic giving is no way to fund an ongoing ministry." We will try to help through our own Outreach budget.

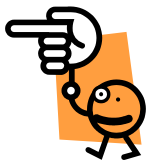
Then, things picked up. There was a report from a missionary to Tanzania and the Rev. Claiborne Jones spoke about the wonderful work continuing at Emmaus House. There was a presentation of the fabulous summer programs at Camp Mikel and improvements to those facilities, we learned about the NETS initiative (you can save lives in Africa with only a \$12.00 donation for a mosquito net), and finally, we were all moved by a teen (absolutely terrified to speak to all of us old people) who spoke about the impact Kids4Peace has made in her life and all the youth in our diocese (including our own Katie Barrington) who have participated, and the youth from Jerusalem and Palestine who got to know each other through this initiative sponsored through our diocese.

The undercurrent was the knowledge that this was the last annual council over which Bishop Alexander will preside. The Bishop made it clear that he does not see the diocesan train slowing down in the waning months of his days in office, and he asked that no special emphasis be put on the remaining days. However, in the response to the Bishops' address, the council took the opportunity to express through our applause our appreciation.

For many reasons, we saw how very important it is for us at St. Catherine's to be a part of the "big picture"; how we can participate in these larger ministries that we cannot do on our own, how hard working and dedicated our diocesan staff is, and what a wonderful thing it is to be part of the Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Atlanta.

St. Catherine's shirts pickup

If you have not received your order please contact Mike Peterson, mike.petersonATbellsouth.net or 770-971-2839. A limited number of standard cut tshirts are still available for \$15.



Great job, Keely

St. Catherine's youth member Keely Phillpotts organized a 5K walk on Saturday, November 12, through the Indian Hills community to raise funds for the Fragile Kids Foundation. Keely interned with the foundation as part of her Wheeler High School Senior Project. The Fragile Kids Foundation aids medically fragile children in need of medical equipment they cannot afford and is not covered by Medicaid or insurance. You can see the November 16 article about her project with photos on the East Cobber website at www.eastcobber.com.

Youth

By Mike Peterson

• WNL program feature on Cambodia mission

On November 2, the Youth Program had the pleasure of welcoming Catie and Matt Nelson (Claudia and Ellis Kilgore's daughter and son-in-law) to Wednesday Night Live for a fantastic presentation on the mission work that they did for ten weeks last summer in Cambodia. Matt and Catie will be returning to Cambodia in January for a two-year stint of working to improve the quality of living for highly impoverished communities, developing foundational relationships with the members of these communities, and sharing the love that Christ has for all of us. I cannot do justice to all that Matt and Catie shared with us, but it was truly inspiring to hear both of them speak so openly about living their lives as apostles and truly responding to Jesus' command to make disciples of all people. Please pray for Catie, Matt, and the people who love them as their walk in faith and discipleship leads them back to Cambodia!

• Youth Retreat

Over the weekend of November 4-6, twelve St. Catherine's youth and two chaperons joined up with the youth groups from Atlanta's Holy Innocents' and Memphis's Holy Communion for a combine youth retreat at the DuBose conference center in Mon-

teagle, Tennessee. The fourteen of us had a wonderful opportunity to enjoy each other's company, make some wonderful new friends, and celebrate the beauty of God's creation. We also observed the All Saint's weekend by talking about how awesome the New Orleans Saints are... er, I mean, by talking about many of the Saints throughout history along with the many saints in our lives. The weekend also included lots of games, singing, fellowship, worship, a gorgeous mountain hike, a visit to the giant cross at Sewanee, a bonfire, and a chance for those who were interested to watch the 9-6 barn-burner between LSU and Alabama. We all had a wonderful trip from which we returned with several new friends and a great deal of pictures!

• Winterlight —

Are you in 9th-12th grade? Do you enjoy things that are AWESOME?? Would you like to meet lots of other cool people your age from all over the country? Does a weekend never feel long enough for a youth conference? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then Winterlight is right up your alley. Winterlight just might be the best youth conference, nay, the best week of the year, and I want you to be part of it! There's no better place to ring in the New Year than the Kanuga Conference Center in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina! Take a look at the link or contact me for further information. Remember, confidential scholarship is available. If you want to go, we WILL make sure that you are able! www.kanuga.org/conferences.

Trivia Night Fun

By Al Jones

The Invitation Ministry held the first Trivia/Desert Night in October. It was designed to appeal to all ages and my family ages 5-71 thought it was great. There were questions for each generation, an ice cream sundae bar, a gourmet coffee bar, and homemade desserts. The Invitation Ministry Team wants to host events that have appeal not only to our parishioners but also neighbors and friends. Reaching out to the community around St. Catherine's is one way to tell them how wonderful our church is. If you missed the fun, we plan to do this again next spring. Bring your family. Invite a friend. You'll be glad you did.

MUST building progress

See their website for photos & news!

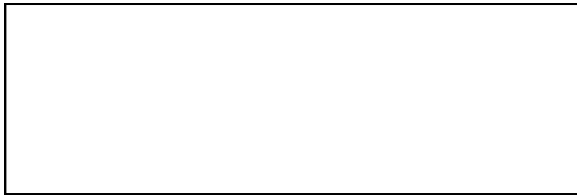
St Catherine's is at work now with other Cobb County churches to construct a new building for MUST Ministries. See the website at www.mustbuild.org for news and pictures of work underway! Get on the volunteer list by signing up on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin or contact Fred Massey, 404.731.4466, f_massey2AThotmail.com.





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Mark Your Calendars

- 11/30, 12/7,14,21 – WNL
- 11/22 – Elizabeth Inn laundry; Thanksgiving Eucharist & Pie
- 11/23-25 – Office closed
- 11/25 – BrickWalk workday
- 11/27 – Advent wreath making
- 11/28 – Elizabeth Inn dinner
- 11/29, 12/6, 13, 20 – Advent Eucharist & Study
- 11/30 – Elizabeth Inn laundry
- 12/2 – Advent Quiet Evening
- 12/3 – Christmas trees pickup; BrickWalk workday; Beer Tasting @ McGhee's
- 12/4 – Christmas trees pickup; St. Nicholas Day

Gobble Jog for MUST

Sign up now or just show up on Nov. 24! The Gobble Jog is a benefit for MUST Ministries on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, featuring a 1K, 5K, a 10K run/walk and the Tot Trot (for kids 5 and under). It starts and ends at the Marietta Square. **Can't run?** Sign up as a "phantom runner" and get your well-deserved race shirt by mail! Get details at www.gobblejog.org.

New Facebook pages!



If you're active on Facebook please "Like" us to keep up to date with news and photos:

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Current budget figures

Anticipated October Contributions	\$63,476.84
Actual October Contributions	\$56,825.44
Actual Monthly Expenses	\$57,299.71
Overage/Deficit	(\$474.27)
Anticipated Year To Date Contributions	\$584,566.80
Actual Year To Date Contributions	\$566,266.78
Actual Yearly Expenses	\$585,259.10
Overage/Deficit	(\$18,992.32)

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